

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Pursuant to the law, the Atchison County Commission Board met in Regular Session at 1:00 PM on the 1st floor of the courthouse, 423 N 5th St. Atchison, KS. A link to the meeting was made available to the public prior to the meeting. In addition, public attendance was available for the Commission meeting via the Zoom platform by visiting the Clerk's Office on the 1st floor of the courthouse, 423 N 5th St., Atchison. Chairman Jack Bower called the meeting to order with Commissioner Eric Noll, Commissioner Casey Quinn, and County Counselor Patrick Henderson present for the meeting. County Clerk Michelle Phillips recorded the minutes.

The Board recited the pledge of allegiance to start the meeting.

***Public Comment:**

There were no public comments.

***Reading and Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of the April 13, 2021 meeting were reviewed with no corrections noted. Commissioner Noll made the motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote. The motion passed 3-0.

***Commissioner Comments and Committee Reports:**

There were no Commissioner Comments or Committee Reports.

***New Business Before the Board:**

The EMS Commission Report for March 2021 is available on the website.

Kim Pruet, Joint Communication Director, previously presented the Board with a purchase order payable to Mid-America Regional Council (MARC), in the amount of \$5,133.77. This was for the 911 network, tower maintenance, coordination for FY2021, and capital projects. Commissioner Quinn made a motion to approve the purchase order. Commissioner Noll seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

Martha Smith, Office Manager for Northeast Kansas Environmental Services, along with Logan Bousch, Environmental Health Specialist for Northeast Kansas Environmental Services (NEKES), appeared before the Board via the Zoom platform and presented a summary of their activities from 2020. During 2020 there were 23 new wastewater permits (down from 31 in 2019), 23 completed wastewater systems, and 9 property resale wastewater system evaluations. Mr. Bousch discussed nuisance investigations that he has been monitoring. Ms. Smith told the Board that NEKES is moving forward with the consideration of certain modifications to the Atchison County sanitation codes. The Board

has received a copy of the codes with hopes of setting a meeting in the near future with the selected stakeholders. Once the Sanitation codes are approved by the Board, they will be sent to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE).

Joe Snyder, Road & Bridge Superintendent, previously presented the Board with a purchase order payable to We-Mac Manufacturing Company, North Kansas City, MO, in the amount of \$7,695.00. This will be to purchase a 750-gallon tank with 12" Hatch and Baffle on a trailer. This will be used to transport oil from Kansas City for the Durapatch system. Commissioner Noll made a motion to approve the purchase of the oil tank trailer. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Quinn mentioned that this trailer will cut down on the number of trips needed for the Durapatcher.

Superintendent Snyder presented the Board with a purchase order payable to Foster Ford Inc., Holton, KS, in the amount of \$40,430.00 for the purchase of a 2022 Ford F-550 truck cab and chassis. Commissioner Quinn made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2022 Ford F-550. Commissioner Noll seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Superintendent Snyder told the Board that this would not be purchased through a lease-purchase option. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

Superintendent Snyder presented the Board with a purchase order payable to American Equipment Co., Kansas City, KS, in the amount of \$14,317.00 for the purchase of a Rugby 11' Eliminator Dump Bed with fixed sides. The bed was originally priced at \$13,298.00, but will have an increase due to an upgrade to the floor and corner strobe lights for safety. Commissioner Noll made a motion to approve the purchase of the truck bed. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

Superintendent Snyder presented the Board with a purchase order payable to Terracon, Lenexa, KS, in the amount of \$17,700.00. The purchase will be for the boring of Bridge No. 520, F.0-12.4, and H.1-13.4 at a cost of \$5,900.00 each. Commissioner Quinn made a motion to approve the boring projects. Commissioner Noll seconded the motion. Superintendent Snyder told the Board that the boring would be for the geology reporting, as well as, notifying the county of potential rock beds. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

Superintendent Snyder asked the Board for approval of \$14,600 for a change order on bridge No. 270 per recommendations of McAfee Henderson Solutions, Inc. Commissioner Quinn made a motion to approve the additional cost due to the change. Commissioner Noll seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Quinn read a letter of support for the Atchison County Community Schools Education Foundation Board for the Community Tax Credit Program for the addition of a multipurpose room to the Junior/Senior high. Commissioner Quinn moved to have the Board sign the letter of support. Commissioner Noll seconded the motion.

Discussion was held. Commissioner Noll mentioned that he has been aware of this project and feels it will be a very good cause. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

Michelle Phillips, County Clerk, presented the Board with a letter received from Kansas County Association Multi-Line Pool (KCAMP). KCAMP offers periodic appraisals of the buildings owned by the County. Since the County owns buildings of a historical nature, KCAMP is offering a "reproduction cost valuation" instead of the commonly used replacement cost basis valuation at a cost of \$300.00 per building. The Courthouse and Memorial Hall have had these appraisals in the past. Commissioner Noll made a motion to approve the "reproduction cost valuation" appraisals for the Courthouse and Memorial Hall. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

***County Counselor Updates:**

Patrick Henderson, County Counselor, stated that he along with Commissioner Noll has been meeting with the cities of the third class to talk to them about the Neighborhood Revitalization Program that is set to expire in October 2021. They both met with the Lancaster City Council. Lancaster is currently not involved with the program. Counselor Henderson met with Huron City Council.

Counselor Henderson told the Board that there was a court hearing on one of the nuisance cases on Ottawa Road this past week and there was sentencing done. Counselor Henderson expects to see more action on the nuisance cases around the county.

Counselor Henderson mentioned that the tax sale is scheduled for tomorrow, April 21, 2021, and will be held at the Memorial Hall starting at 10:00 am. Registration needs to be completed prior to the sale date, due to the approval process. There are roughly 45 properties that are unredeemed and set to be sold, and about 50 people registered at this time. Counselor Henderson thanked all those that have helped with the process, and feels that we are ready. If you need more information, go to www.atchisoncountyks.org.

***New Business Before the Board:**

Commissioner Quinn asked if there could be a special meeting with all the cities to provide one meeting for the presentation of the Joint Communication and Solid Waste budgets. Chairman Bower mentioned that he would like to have a conversation on an interlocal agreement with the cities. Commissioner Quinn has been in contact with the City of Atchison and has set a tentative date for a budget presentation meeting. She will further discuss this to add the agenda item of the conversation about the interlocal agreement.

***Public Comment:**

There were no public comments.

Bills were presented to be signed.

Add, abate, escapes for real estate and personal property taxes were presented to be approved.

Commissioner Quinn made the motion to adjourn at 1:55 pm. Commissioner Noll seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

*Note: Once approved these minutes will be the official minutes of the Board of County Commissioners. Regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners are video-recorded. The video of these meeting is generally available for supplementation of the minutes. The videos can be located under the Government tab at www.atchisoncountyks.org.

Attest: Michelle Phillips, County Clerk