

## **Tuesday, August 31, 2021**

Pursuant to the law, the Atchison County Commission Board met in Regular Session at 1:00 PM at the Emergency Operations Center, 10443 US Hwy 59 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 at the Emergency Operations Center, 10443 US Hwy 59 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 was no public comment.

### **\*Reading and Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of the August 24, 2021 meeting were reviewed with no corrections noted. Commissioner Noll made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

### **\*Commissioner Comments and Committee Reports**

Commissioner Quinn stated that on Wednesday she had taken part in a staff meeting with Atchison Senior Village staff along with Mark Hastings, Anew Healthcare. On Thursday, she met with constituents that had concerns on the decision to go into contract with Anew Healthcare.

Commissioner Quinn stated she appeared at a meet and greet and luncheon at Elizabeth's with the current Secretary of State, Scott Schwab.

Commissioner Quinn stated has been working with the Road and Bridge Department on some projects.

Commissioner Quinn wanted to thank the County Health Department for putting together a weekly. NEK Multi-County Health Department has a position opening for a "Medical Professional" Board Member and will take letters of interest until September 3, 2021.

Commissioner Quinn wanted to send condolences to the family of Gary Hosier on his passing. He was a heavy equipment operator for our Road & Bridge Department for over 45 years.

Commissioner Noll mentioned that there was a ranking available from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment on the COVID-19 cases and vaccine rates.

**\*New Business Before the Board:**

Staci Waggle, Solid Waste Manager, appeared before the Board with a purchase order to replace the North door under the chute which hasn't worked properly for years. The purchase order was made payable to Weaver Overhead Door of St. Joseph, MO, in the amount of \$11,939.00. Commissioner Noll moved to approve the replacement of the door in the amount of \$11,939.00. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

Manager Waggle also presented a purchase order payable to Skyview Equipment of Hiawatha, KS in the amount of \$9,900.00. This will be to purchase a Gravely PT460 Mower to be used at the Effingham site. Commissioner Quinn moved to approve the purchase of the mower in the amount of \$9,900.00. Commissioner Noll seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

The Board was previously presented with a purchase order payable to KHP Partner Program of Topeka, KS, for a 2022 GM Equinox AWD. This vehicle will be purchased by the Appraiser's Department. The purchase will be in the amount of \$22,873.50. Commissioner Noll moved to approve the purchase of the 2022 GM Equinox in the amount of \$22,873.50. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

The Board listened to two presentations in regards to Atchison Senior Village Management. Mid- America Healthcare Consulting Company of Liberty, MO, was represented by Lamont Cook and Michael Hammond. Amberwell Health of Atchison, KS, was represented by Jeff Perry, Dr. Leck, and other support staff.

Commissioner Quinn thanked both companies for appearing and expressed how she wished these conversations would have taken place months ago. Clarification of the process that had taken place with Anew Management was given in which she feels we should continue to address.

Commissioner Noll also thanks both of the companies for their time; however, he didn't feel that this was the correct time to have these discussions.

Michelle Phillips, County Clerk, presented purchase orders for the final payments of the appropriations for the 2021 budget year. The total of the payments will be \$235,290.00. The appropriations were originally approved through the budget process. No motion was needed since there were no changes made.

The Board decided to table discussion on the CDBG Grant.

**\*County Counselor Updates:**

There were no counselor updates.

**\*Executive Session**

Commissioner Noll moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into executive session at 2:19 pm to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, as allowed by K.S.A. 75-4319(b) (1), and that the purpose of the closed session is to protect the privacy rights of the employee, and that the Board come out of the executive session at 2:34 pm, in the Emergency Operations Center. Those present will be: the Commissioners; Counselor Henderson; Kim Glover, R&B Office Manager; and Jodi Moore, HR Director. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0. There was no action taken during the executive session.

**\*Public Comment:**

Bills were presented to be signed.

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

Commissioner Noll made the motion to adjourn at 2:35 pm. Commissioner Quinn 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](http://www.atchisoncountyks.org).

Attest: Michelle Phillips, County Clerk