

**Tuesday, January 18, 2022**

Pursuant to the law, the Atchison County Commission Board met in Regular Session at 12:00 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 Eric Noll called the meeting to order with Commissioner Jack Bower, Commissioner Casey Quinn and County Counselor Patrick Henderson present for the meeting. Kalee Vanderweide, Deputy County Election Officer 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 January 10, 2022 meeting were reviewed with no corrections noted. Commissioner Bower made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman Noll called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

**\*Commissioner Comments and Committee Reports**

Commissioner Bower stated that he has a Project Concern meeting on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 12:00 pm.

Commissioner Quinn stated that she met with Mark Jirak, Atchison County Extension Chair, last week and they talked through some of the items they are currently working on and some of the things they are looking for.

Commissioner Quinn mentioned that on January 26, 2022, from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm the YMCA is holding a retirement celebration for Diane Nielson.

Commissioner Quinn stated she had a meeting last week with Mindy Young, Membership Director for Atchison County Farm Bureau.

Commissioner Quinn stated she read through the City of Atchison's legislative policy. Commissioner Quinn feels that for Joint Communications, that public safety needs to be prioritized over politics.

Chairman Noll stated he had a Northeast Kansas Environmental Services (NEKES) meeting last week. Discussion on updating Atchison County's Sanitation Codes was discussed.

Chairman Noll stated he has a NEK-Cap meeting on Thursday, January 20, 2022 via Zoom.

Chairman Noll announced that the County Commission meetings will start being held in the basement of the courthouse beginning next week, January 25, 2022.

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

Keith Rickard, Atchison Guidance Center, appeared before the Board to introduce Dr. Adam Buhman-Wiggs, who is the new Clinical Director. Dr. Buhman-Wiggs will be training under Mr. Rickard to transition into the Executive Director role when Mr. Rickard retires in February 2023. Mr. Rickard presented a proposed contract for 2022 between the Atchison Guidance Center and the County. Mr. Rickard discussed that the Board of County Commissioners appropriated money for a Crisis Stabilization Center, which is still in the planning stages. Mr. Rickard asked the Board whether the Board wanted to suspend payment until September 2022, when they would request one-quarter of the 2022 Crisis Stabilization Center appropriation, or whether the Board wanted to allow the Guidance Center to use all of the appropriation to help with start up costs. The Commission stated that they will discuss the matter in coming weeks.

Kim Pruett, Joint Communication Director, appeared requesting approval on two purchase orders from the Board. The first purchase order was for the Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) annual software maintenance-Intellicomm, in the amount of \$4,000.00. Commissioner Bower made a motion to approve the payment for the annual software maintenance, in the amount of \$4,000.00. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman Noll called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0. The second purchase order was to Mid America Regional Council (MARC), a monthly invoice for 911 services, in the amount of \$5,252.85. Commissioner Quinn made a motion to approve the payment for the monthly invoice, in the amount of \$5,252.85. Commissioner Bower seconded the motion. Chairman Noll called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

Debbie Thompson, County Appraiser, appeared before the Board on the Zoom platform for a purchase order to Postalocity, for bulk mailing of the 2022 Change of Value Real Estate Notices-Print Services, in the amount of \$3,005.75. This balance is due before the file is submitted to print, with a remaining balance of \$2,003.83 to be paid after the file is printed. Commissioner Quinn made a motion to approve the payment for the 2022 Change of Value Real Estate Notices-Print Services, in the amount of \$3,005.75. Commissioner Bower seconded the motion. Chairman Noll called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

Wes Lanter, Emergency Management/IT Director appeared before the Board with a purchase order payable to Best Buy in the amount of \$509.99 for a HP Laserjet Pro M283fdw All-In-One Laser Printer for the Commission room. Commissioner Quinn made a motion to approve the payment for a Laser Printer, in the amount of \$509.99.

Commissioner Bower seconded the motion. Chairman Noll called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

A representative with KAIR Radio, on the Atchison County Minute time slots, sent a quote to Michelle Phillips, County Clerk, for more spots to get the voice heard. Commissioner Quinn stated a quote was given for 6 spots per week, 4 on Friday and 2 on Saturday, for \$55.75 per week. Currently the County is paying \$30.00 per week for 2 spots. Commissioner Bower made a motion to approve the change for the Atchison County Minute to \$55.75 per week. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman Noll called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

### **\*Executive Sessions**

Commissioner Quinn moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into executive session for consultation with an attorney for the public body which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, as allowed by K.S.A. 75-4319(b) (2), and that the purpose of the closed session is to protect confidentiality of the discussion, and that the Board come out of the executive session at 2:10 pm, in the Emergency Operations Center. Those present will be: the three commissioners; Patrick Henderson, County Counselor; and Kim Pruet, Joint Communications Director. Commissioner Bower seconded the motion. Chairman Noll called for a vote. All voted aye, the motion passed 3-0.

### **\*Public Comment:**

There were no public comments.

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

Bills were presented to be signed.

Commissioner Quinn made the motion to adjourn at 2:11 pm. Commissioner Bower seconded the motion. Chairman Noll 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: Kalee Vanderweide, Deputy County Election Officer

