

**Tuesday, April 12, 2022**

Pursuant to the law, the Atchison County Commission Board met in Regular Session at 1:00 PM at the Atchison County Courthouse, Lower Level, 423 N 5<sup>th</sup> 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 at the Atchison County Courthouse, Lower Level, 423 N 5<sup>th</sup> St., Atchison, KS. Chairman Eric Noll called the meeting to order with Commissioner Casey Quinn, Commissioner Jack Bower, and County Counselor Patrick Henderson present for the meeting. Michelle Phillips, County Clerk, 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 5, 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 asked for everyone to continue to pray for everyone in Ukraine.

Commissioner Quinn has been contacted by a constituent in regards to recording the morning work sessions and asked for the opinion of the other Commissioners. Chairman Noll noted he would not be in favor of recording the work sessions as it has a chilling effect on the department heads, and could hinder what is said or discussed. Chairman Noll also stated that the meetings are open to the public and anyone can attend in person if they wish. Commissioner Bower mentioned that it should be up to the Departments heads if they wish it to be recorded or not.

Chairman Noll stated he had a Multi-County Health Board meeting last week and has a Northeast Kansas Environmental Services meeting coming up.

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

Jessica Gigstad, resident of Atchison County, appeared before the Board with concerns regarding wind turbines being constructed in the county. Mrs. Gigstad presented the Board with some handouts and asked if they had any previous discussions or plans to set guidelines and permits to be proactive in the matter. Roger Denton, GIS Coordinator,

appeared to offer assistance in the matter with mapping. The Board thanked Mrs. Gigstad for appearing and assured her that they have all done research and have spoken to some neighboring Commissioners of neighboring Counties about the issues. No formal action was taken.

Kim Pruett, Joint Communication Director, appeared before the Board via the Zoom platform for approval of a purchase order payable to Midwest Mobile Radio of St. Joseph, MO, in the amount of \$16,440.00. This requisition was budgeted for the 2022 year for yearly maintenance of all radios. Commissioner Bower made a motion to approve the requisition payable to Midwest Mobile Radio in the amount of \$16,440.00. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman Noll called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

Kim Glover, Road & Bridge Office Manager, appeared before the Board for a sealed bid opening on a Monroe 12' snow blade that was listed as surplus property located at the Road & Bridge Department. There was one bid received in the County Clerk's Office before the deadline. The bid was received from Wes Lanter, in the amount of \$50.00. Commissioner Quinn made a motion to approve the sealed bid purchase to Wes Lanter, in the amount of \$50.00. Chairman Noll seconded the motion. Chairman Noll called for a vote, all voted. The motion passed 2-1, with Commissioner Bower voting nay.

Michelle Phillips, County Clerk, presented the Board with information on a special election being held by the Kansas Association of Counties to allow the Kansas County Human Resources Association (KCHRA) to transition from an Associate member of the KAC to an Affiliate member. KAC previously held a special election for this purpose in January 2022; however, there was not a quorum present to meet the voting requirements of the KAC bylaws to call the election valid. Commissioner Bower made a motion to allow Michelle Phillips, County Clerk and voting delegate for KAC, to cast an affirmative vote on behalf of the County. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman Noll called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Quinn mentioned that she was approached to find out if the Board would be willing to provide the use of one of the County's roll-off dumpsters to the Atchison County Extension Board for clean-up of the existing extension office located in Effingham. The Extension Board would pay for the dump fees. Commissioner Bower made a motion to allow the Extension Office to use one of the County owned roll-off dumpsters for cleanup of the building. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman Noll called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Quinn told the Board that there are clean up sessions scheduled for every Saturday starting April 23<sup>rd</sup> through May 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm for anyone interested in helping.

**\*County Counselor Updates:**

There were no County Counselor updates.

**\*Executive Session:**

Commissioner Quinn moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into executive session at 1:39 pm 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 1:54 pm, in the commission room, lower level, courthouse. Those present will be: the three commissioners and County Counselor Patrick Henderson. Commissioner Bower second 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 Bower made the motion to adjourn at 1:56 pm. Commissioner Quinn 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: Michelle Phillips, County Clerk