



Atchison County Commission Meeting

Atchison County Courthouse
423 North 5th St
Atchison, Kansas 66002
September 29, 2020
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Chairman Jack Bower, 1st District

Commissioner Eric Noll, 2nd District

Commissioner Henry W. Pohl, 3rd District

1. ZOOM MEETING ID # 952 8985 8027
2. Call To Order
The County Commission is called to order by the Chairman
3. Pledge Of Allegiance
4. Public Comment
5. Reading And Approval Of Minutes
Approval of Minutes from Last commission meeting
- 5.1. Approved 9/29/2020 Atchison County Commission Meeting Minutes
Documents:
[09-29-2020.PDF](#)
6. Commissioner Comments And Committee Reports
7. Reports Of Elected Officials And Department Heads
8. New Business Before The Board
- 8.1. Wes Lanter, Emergency Management/IT Director
SPARK Grant
9. Old Or Unfinished Business Before The Board
10. County Counselor Updates
11. Executive Sessions (Time Reserved For Executive Sessions)
12. Presentation And Approval Of Claims
13. Presentation Of Petitions, Memorials, And Remonstrances

14. Introduction And Consideration Of Resolutions
15. Notices And Communications
16. Public Comment
17. Adjournment
18. Zoom Details

Atchison County will be limiting public access to all Atchison County departments and offices to take preventative measures designed to reduce the spread of the Coronavirus illness. We are making arrangements to adjust services to be in the best interest of the employees and citizens of Atchison County and following the interim guidance as provided by KDHE and the CDC. The Atchison County Board of County Commission meetings will be utilizing Zoom to meet the Kansas Open Meetings Act. Members of the public can connect to the meetings via smart phone, or computer connections. The meeting ID number will be listed on the corresponding agenda. Members of the public can attend the BOCC meeting in-person; however, we urge and encourage all citizens to take active steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19. If you have any symptoms similar to the flu, including fever, cough or shortness of breath, please do not attend until symptoms have subsided and you have been fever-free for 24 hours.

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Pursuant to the law, the Atchison County Commission Board met in Regular Session at 1:00 pm. Each of the Commissioners appeared by video conferencing using the Zoom platform. A link to the meeting was made available to the public prior to the meeting. In addition, public attendance was available in the Commission meeting room 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 Bill Pohl, and County Counselor Patrick Henderson present for the meeting. Deputy County Election Officer Kalee Vanderweide recorded the minutes. All participants attended via Zoom due to the EMERGENCY ORDER OF THE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER 2020-11 prohibiting mass gatherings.

Commissioner Noll recited the pledge of allegiance to start the meeting.

***Public Comment:**

***New Business Before the Board**

Wes Lanter, Emergency Management/IT Director appeared before the Board for the SPARK grant proposed awarding. Grants came in with \$1.9 million requested of which \$725,000.00 can be given out. Grant applications were divided into three different buckets: COVID Expenses, Lost Profit/Lost Revenue, and Economic Development. Director Lanter presented a spreadsheet of proposed awarding and a public hearing will be held on October 6, 2020, during the commission meeting; for any changes, concerns, and/or questions. The spreadsheet will be posted on the County website.

Chairman Bower stated that someone needs to be appointed as the voting delegate for KAC. Commissioner Noll nominated Chairman Bower as the voting delegate. Commissioner Pohl seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

Chairman Bower nominated Commissioner Noll as the alternate voting delegate. Commissioner Pohl seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

Corey Scott, Emergency Medical Services Director, appeared before the Board to discuss the CARES Act money of \$61,051.54 for expenditure. Director Scott wants to use 1/3 of the money for COVID hazard pay at \$0.50/hour worked retro to the first case of COVID, dating to March 29, 2020, in Atchison County through December 31, 2020; 1/3 of the money to hire one full time EMT through the remainder of 2020 and shall be retained through 2021; and 1/3 of the money to offset operational shortfalls due to COVID. Commissioner Noll made a motion to approve CARES Act expenditures. Commissioner Pohl seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote, all voted aye. The motion passed 3-0.

Minutes of the September 22, 2020 meeting were reviewed with one correction noted. Commissioner Pohl made the motion to approve the minutes as amended. Commissioner Noll seconded the motion. Chairman Bower called for a vote. The motion passed 3-0.

***County Counselor Updates:**

Patrick Henderson, County Counselor, had discussion on the structure of public meetings, including public comment sections. Counselor Henderson indicated a written policy needs to be done.

***Executive Session:**

Commissioner Noll moves that the Board of County Commissioners recess into executive session at 1:30 pm for consultation with an attorney for the Board, Patrick Henderson, County Counselor, which consultation would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship; and that the executive session is necessary to protect the attorney-client privilege. The executive session will be conducted in a "Breakout Room" using the Zoom platform. The Board will come out of the executive session at 1:45 pm, either on the Zoom platform or in the commission room, 1st floor, courthouse in open session, and those present will be the County Commissioners and County Counselor Patrick Henderson. Commissioner Pohl 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:**

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 approved.

Commissioner Noll made the motion to adjourn at 1:45 pm. Commissioner Pohl 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: Kalee Vanderweide, Deputy County Election Officer