

Atchison Co Commission Seat Set To Be Filled

(KAIR)--The selection of a new First District Atchison County Commissioner is set to happen next week.

That follows the resignation of current Commissioner Jeff Schuele, who announced his decision to resign April 13, due to additional business responsibilities.

Atchison County Republican Central Committee Chairman, Derek Franklin, tells MSC News filling the vacancy will happen Tuesday evening at 6:30, in the County Commission Room at the Atchison County Courthouse.

There, the Republican Precinct Committee Chairpersons will ultimately decide upon a qualified candidate to fill Schuele's unexpired term. "A registered Republican, that lives within that district, that's interested, would speak to the county precinct chairpersons that are eligible," Franklin says. "There's three precincts in that district so there's six people that will make this determination, so they will address those six. Then, there is a secret ballot. The secret ballot is then counted. If no candidate receives a majority of all votes cast, the candidate receiving the fewest number of votes will be removed from the ballot, and then additional rounds of voting will take place, following the same procedure, until one candidate receives the majority of all votes cast."

The names of that selected candidate will then be forwarded to the office of Kansas Governor Sam Brownback, who will formally appoint the selection to the open seat.

The unexpired term runs through January 14, 2019.

Whoever is selected would then decide whether or not seek election to the seat.

The public is welcome to observe Tuesday's evening's convention proceedings.

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