

Nursing home future to be explored Wednesday

(KAIR)--Wednesday's special meeting of the Horton City Commission, focused on the future of the city's lone nursing home, will begin with an executive session.

According to Horton Mayor Bryan Stirton, the unrelated closed-door portion of the meeting is expected to last around 30 minutes, meaning the nursing home discussion will begin around 5:30 Wednesday evening.

In a social media post, Stirton said holding the executive session first will allow extra time for community members to arrive at the meeting.

The City is strongly encouraging attendance, and participation, by those interested in the future of the nursing home.

The scheduling of the special meeting, at the Blue Building in Horton, follows the announcement of the planned closing of the nursing home.

A letter from the Mission Village Living Facility Board of Directors, dated April 4 and directed to employees of the facility, states that "the board has strived to keep the facility open as long as possible but due to low cash reserves and declining census, the facility is not able to create a sustainable future."

The letter announces a planned closing date of June 8, and states that employees should "be assured" that "there will be no interruptions in payroll."

The letter is signed by Board President Dave Thompson and Board Member Tom Kidwell.

According to a news release from Horton City Administrator John Calhoon, the City is "actively working on keeping Mission Village Living Facility open," which is the reason behind Wednesday's special meeting.

The nursing home, formerly known as the Tri-County Manor, is a 35-bed long term care facility that has been in operation since 1975.

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