

Atchison Hospital plans expansion

(KAIR)--Due to growth in one of its divisions, the Atchison Hospital is planning an expansion.

To do so, the hospital will use the City of Atchison's bonding authority to issue hospital revenue bonds, but the responsibility of payment will fall to the hospital.

Atchison Hospital CEO John Jacobson was in attendance during Monday's meeting of the Atchison City Commission. He explained that expansion of the Advanced Health Services division has led to the need for more room. "They are packed in there like sardines," Jacobson told the Commission. "When we moved in 10-years ago we had a staff of four. We now have a staff of ten in the same square footage."

Jacobson told the Commission the actual physical structure of the hospital will be expanded as part of the \$2.5 million dollar project. "We're going to expand it on the north side [at physician office building number 2] [which will] expand it out to the parking lot."

The Commission, following Jacobson's explanation, approved unanimously a resolution of intent to allow the Atchison Hospital to issue the bonds in the amount of \$2.5 million.

Final approval will come at a later date.

Mayor Shawn Rizza recused himself from the vote because of his marriage to Advanced Health Services Physician Dr. Pam Rizza.

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