

New Hiawatha city administrator hired

(KNZA)--The former city manager of Atchison has been hired as the new Hiawatha city administrator.

The Hiawatha City Commission Monday evening approved the hiring of Becky Berger for the position, and authorized Mayor Bill Collins to sign an employment agreement.

She was interviewed by the Commission during a special meeting October 26.

Berger served as Atchison city manager for 4 years before resigning in August 2021. Prior to that, she served as assistant city manager and finance director for 5 years.

Berger is currently serving as Interim Assistant County Administrator for the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas.

She began her career in Cherryvale, Kansas in 2007 as assistant city administrator/city clerk.

Berger will begin her new job in Hiawatha on December 5 at an annual salary of \$100,000.

The position came open following the resignation of former city administrator Mike Nichols in April.

Larry Paine has been serving as interim city administrator since that time.

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