Office move approved by commission

(KAIR)--A move is approved for the Atchison County Noxious Weed Office.

The issue, which has been under review, was addressed during the December 26 meeting of the Atchison County Commission.

Commission Chairman Eric Noll spoke in opposition to the plan, as presented by Atchison County Noxious Weed Director Seth Howard. "This is being done under the auspice of tax savings, which I am all for, but I don't think we're there yet," Noll said during the meeting. "It's always been discussed that we will pursue this when we have a facility, which we are far from having. I don't think the current facility will handle the traffic...I am not in favor of it at this time."

Despite Noll's reservations, he was outvoted, with his fellow Commissioners Jack Bower and Bill Pohl voting in favor of the move, securing its approval.

The noxious weed office is currently located in Effingham, at 506 Howard Avenue.

However, with approval of the Commission, it will now move to Atchison, being housed in the Atchison County Road and Bridge Facility, located at 613 South 22nd Street.

According to a press release issued by Howard, "the transition will take effect as of February 1, and will better serve" the residents of Atchison County "with more hours of service for sale of chemicals, as well as help in cost saving."

The release notes that the operating hours, at the new location, will be from 7:30 a.m to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Howard said anyone with questions should call 913-804-6120.

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