Listen: Controversial sales tax earns new discussion

(KAIR)--A joint meeting between the cities of Atchison County, and the Atchison County Commission, focused on the proposed budget for the Solid Waste and Joint Communications, was held Monday evening.

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Third District Atchison County Commissioner Casey Quinn provided what she called a rough draft of a possible interlocal agreement regarding distribution of the generated funds of the long-controversial, voter-approved, 1% county-wide sales tax to fund solid waste and joint communications.

About 45-minutes into Monday evening's meeting, held at the Atchison Event Center, discussion took a turn, with Atchison City Manager Becky Berger saying the City of Atchison is not interested in moving forward with the current process of including solid waste into the equation.

Quinn discussed the County's possibility of placing the matter into the hands of voters, with Berger saying the City has considered a vote to do away with the current sales tax.

Following a request for the City's timeline for putting the matter up for a vote, Berger said there's still room for discussion.

At the meeting's conclusion, Berger credited Quinn with the work she's done on the matter, with both sides to continue discussion in an effort to reach a conclusion and put the long-discussed matter to rest. Many Signals Communications