

Walnut Township recall coming; Friday mtg erupts in arrest

(KAIR)--Advance in person voting begins today, Monday, April 29, 2024, at the Atchison County Clerk's Office, located in the Atchison County Courthouse, for those Walnut Township voters being asked to decide the fate of a recall election. Those voters are being asked if Duane Boldridge should be recalled from the office of Walnut Township Treasurer in the Tuesday, May 7 recall election.

In person votes can be cast weekdays, Monday through Friday, in the office of the County Clerk from 8 am to 5 pm, from today until 12 noon, Monday, May 6, with the township voters who don't vote early to then go to the polls, on election day Tuesday, May 7, from 7 am to 7 pm that day.

The recall election against Boldridge is one part of what might be called the overall drama that regular observers of Walnut Township meetings, both in person and online, experience, including in-fighting, fractionalization, and accusations of wrongdoing.

The ongoing drama was on display during Friday's meeting, as Committee Chair Gary Servaes was attempting to procure, and sign bills, from fellow members, when an altercation between two trustees broke out, apparently regarding an accusation of theft, as can be [heard](#) on the video of the meeting, as Greg Gehring stood above a sitting Bill Pohl, shouting and then shoving and grabbing at Pohl.

An Atchison County Sheriff's Deputy was viewed by attendees escorting Gehring away from the meeting, which was held in the Atchison County Courthouse. According to Atchison County Sheriff Jack Laurie, the 68-year-old Gehring, of Atchison, was arrested at the courthouse on a charge of battery, then released with a notice to appear in court.

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