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YMCA Demolition Plans Advance

(KAIR)--Demolition plans are moving forward for the future expansion of the Atchison Family YMCA.

The issue was discussed during last week's meeting of the Atchison County Commission, with Y representatives requesting that the tipping fees be waived at the Atchison County landfill. That's where the rubble of the demolished buildings, which will clear the way for the expansion, will be taken.

According to the unofficial minutes of the meeting, detailed discussion regarding the request was had, with Commissioner Eric Noll saying he wants the County to gain money from the demolition, saying that tipping fees are needed because Solid Waste is not funded the way it should be.

Ultimately, it was decided that the fees would be waived up to \$15,000. If that amount is exceeded, the YMCA would pay the difference. The Commission also decided to provide an additional \$10,000 to the expansion project.

Commissioner Noll cast the lone no vote, as his fellow Commissioners, Chairman Bill Pohl and Jeff Schuele both voted in favor of the plan.

Groundbreaking for the expansion of the YMCA was held last month.

The 30,000 square foot project is expected to be completed in 2017.

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