

New road and bridge head considered

**(KAIR)--The hiring of an individual to fill a vacant Atchison County leadership position is on the horizon.**

**That comes as the County works to fill the role of Atchison County Road and Bridge Superintendent.**

**According to Atchison County Counselor Patrick Henderson, the County is currently in negotiations with a candidate for the position.**

**While the person has verbally agreed to fill the role, Henderson said a formal written agreement is forthcoming. According to Henderson, that is likely to be announced at the September 17 meeting of the Atchison County Commission.**

**The candidate is not from the local area.**

**He would replace Seth Howard who was terminated in April.**

**As the process of filling the position moves forward, the Commission is also assessing possible changes in the operations of the road and bridge department.**

**County Human Resource Director Jamie Madison told MSC News the goal is to have one person serve as the director/manager of the office, handling mostly administrative responsibilities. A second individual would provide oversight, guidance, and assistance during projects and handle some of the day to day scheduling of the employees of the department.**

**Madison said no official changes have been made as the process moves forward.**

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