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Calhoon seeks comeback as Atchison Co Sheriff

(KAIR)--A former Atchison County Sheriff is seeking election to regain the seat he once held.

According to Atchison County Clerk Michelle Phillips, John Calhoon filed by petition March 24. The petition has been verified, and Calhoon's name will be added to the 2020 election ballot.

Calhoon, who filed as a Democrat, is the first challenger to file against incumbent Jack Laurie, who is seeking re-election as a Republican.

Calhoon was defeated in 2012 by Laurie, ending Calhoon's bid for re-election to a fifth term to the office he was appointed to in 1994.
Calhoon currently serves as both Chief of Police and City Administrator for the City of Horton.

Calhoon, in a virtual press conference with Atchison media on Friday afternoon, said he decided to enter the race because of requests made of him to do so. "I wasn't actually planning on returning and seeking the office of Sheriff, but over the last year, or better, I've been approached many times, requested repeatedly, and I've been persuaded by other leaders within public safety agencies and organizations within, and surrounding, Atchison County. I just think from what I'm hearing, they very much are enticing, and welcome me to come back and give it another run," Calhoon said during the online news conference.

Candidates have until noon, June 1 to file.

The 2020 primary election is set for August 4, while the general election will be held November 3.

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