

Horton Hospital ownership remains undertermined

**(KAIR)--Ownership of the Horton Community Hospital remains up in the air following a continuance in the proceedings by the bankruptcy court.**

**The decision had been scheduled to be made Thursday.**

**Horton City Administrator John Calhoon on Thursday told MSC News the court has continued the sale confirmation hearings until January 16. At that time, it will be decided if the Atchison Hospital is the owner of the property.**

**The ownership of six other facilities, all previously owned by EmpowerHMS, will also be determined on that date.**

**The Atchison Hospital purchased the Horton Community Hospital during an auction held December 19 in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Atchison Hospital was the successful bidder after bidding \$270,000. However, all such sales are final only after approval by the bankruptcy court.**

**Atchison Hospital leadership has not publicly stated what future plans have been put in place for Horton healthcare.**

**The Horton Community Hospital closed its doors in March, following a period where employees went unpaid.**

**The auction was held as part of a bankruptcy action taken by CAH Acquisition Company.**

**The Kansas Attorney General's Office confirmed in March it was conducting an investigation into the hospitals, which were once run by EmpowerHMS.**

**EmpowerHMS, and the company's former leader, Jorge Perez, were named in a federal lawsuit alleging he and his company were part of an illegal billing scheme.**

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