Atchison building nominated for historic register

(KAIR)--A downtown Atchison structure has earned the approval of a state board for nomination to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review, operating under the Kansas Historical Society, approved last month the nomination of the A.J. Harwi Hardware Company Building, located at 832 Commercial Street.

The Board, comprised of 11 professionals from various fields, meets quarterly to review and recommend nominations to the National Register of Historic Places and the Register of Historic Kansas Places.

Approval to recommend the Atchison structure happened during the Board's February 6 meeting.

The A.J. Harwi Hardware Company Building, according to the nomination application, "retains a high level of historic integrity as an early twentieth century warehouse in Atchison," as "the building remains in its historic location within a commercial setting [and] retains a large degree of historic material including interior structure and finishes, a majority of historic windows, elevator, and stair."

The application lists the period of significance for the building as between 1907 to 1934.

According to a release from the City of Atchison, being listed on the National Register of Historic Places "has a series of benefits including eligibility for both the State of Kansas Historic Tax Credit Program and the Federal Historic Tax Credit Program."

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