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Mental exam for accused council member

(KAIR)--The Huron City Council member, facing numerous charges stemming from alleged attacks on law enforcement, has only attended one meeting since she gained the seat.

According to a report from the Associated Press, Carol Fowler faces removal due to her lack of attendance, according to fellow council member Paula Clem.

According to Atchison County election documents, Fowler was elected to the council in November by only two write-in votes.

On June 29, Fowler is accused of resisting Sheriff's deputies, leading to the use of a stun gun to subdue her.

On July 2, as Atchison County jail staff finalized the booking process, Atchison County Sheriff Jack Laurie said Fowler turned violent, biting the thumb of a correctional officer, which sent him to the hospital for treatment.

Atchison County Attorney Jerry Kuckelman says Fowler is charged with felony battery on a law enforcement officer, misdemeanor battery on a law enforcement officer and misdemeanor interference with a law enforcement officer in connection with the June 29 altercation.

Charges filed in connection with the July 2 attack include felony battery on a correctional officer.

Kuckelman tells MSC News Fowler is undergoing a mental health evaluation at Larned State Hospital, and a new court date won't be set until that is completed.

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