Atchison names new HR Director (KAIR)--The City of Atchison's Finance Clerk has been named as the City's new Human Resources Director.

Laura McNemee was chosen to fill the role following what a news release from the City calls "an intense application and interview process."

McNemee will fill the role currently held by Lori Moore. Moore, in the spring, announced her plans to retire, following 42-years employed by the City. She began working as a finance clerk in 1977 and began serving as Human Resources Director in 1981.

McNemee, who began working as the City's Finance Clerk in 2014, will officially begin her new duties December 16. She has been working alongside Moore in preparation for her new role.

In the release, City Manager Becky Berger calls the position of HR Director "a key role," adding that McNemee is a "natural fit" who "will be an ideal advocate" for the City's more than 100 employees.

McNemee, in the release, said she's ready to move into the new role, calling her time with the City "incredibly rewarding."

A resident of Atchison for 12-years, McNemee holds an associate degree in accounting from Highland Community College and a bachelor's in business administration from Kansas State University.

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