

**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2013**  
**16TH DAY JULY ADJOURNED**

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on September 10, 2013 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

At 1:00 p.m., Commissioner Thompson and Commissioner Adams met with James Snyder, Fire Chief of the Eastern Rural Fire District; Randy Behrens, Fire Chief and Haz-Mat Response Team Coordinator for the City of Kirksville; and Danny Hartig, Forestry Regional Supervisor for Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC). Commissioner Pickens was not present for the meeting.

As a result of extreme dry weather conditions, the purpose of the meeting was the suggestion to establish a Burn Ban Ordinance for Adair County. Mr. Snyder stated that rural fire departments had a minimal budget for operating expenses. It was expensive to operate the equipment and gave the example of the \$525.00 fuel cost to respond to the recent fire on Clay Way. The fire departments are in need of recouping some of their expenses. The trend over the last five years, shows there are 46% less fire district members. Mr. Snyder stated that we had to curtail the open burning because it was not affordable to go on this way. He suggested a penalty for not complying with the burn ban. Mr. Behrens stated that the City of Kirksville would also support the burn ban.

The Commission was in favor of establishing a burn ban and Mr. Hartig stated that he could help supply verbiage for the ordinance. Once the ordinance was in place, Mr. Snyder said his department would evaluate the necessity to enact the burn ban, contact the Commission who in turn would ask the State Fire Marshall to institute the burn ban. Mr. Snyder said he had a good working relation with the media to get the notice out to the public that the burn ban was in effect.


Commissioner Thompson thought it was a good idea to get the community involved in this situation.

The Commission spent the rest of the day attending to County business.

The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on September 10, 2013.

IN REF. ORDER NO 16 Adair County Sheriff Fees for August, 2013

ATTEST:

  
County Clerk

  
Presiding Commissioner