

**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2014  
12TH DAY JULY ADJOURNED**

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on August 27, 2014 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

At 9:00 a.m., the 2014 tax hearing was held in the Commissioner's Suite. No one from the public attended the hearing. Commissioner Thompson moved to set the General Revenue Tax levy at 0.00%. Commissioner Adams seconded with all in favor. Commissioner Thompson moved to set the tax levy for the Road and Bridge Fund at 0.2757%. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion with all in favor.

At 10:00 a.m., the Commission met with several members of Sheriff's Department for a six month budget review of the department. Present were Adair County Sheriff, Robert Hardwick; Operations Section Chief, Bill King; Finance Coordinator; Dave Hurt; and Senior Detention Officer, John Axsom. Also present was Jerry Caldwell of Security Services.

Sheriff Hardwick presented the Letter of Amendment from the Northeast Regional Blueprint Committee of the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety to provide enforcement through our jurisdiction from July 1, 2014 unit June 1, 2015. The grant is in the amount of \$3,000.00.

The Sheriff discussed the continued increased water usage at the jail. He stated that the water bill had doubled and the back flow unit was running all the time. The unit can either be rebuilt or replaced. Mr. Caldwell said it was a State law to contain backflow and it was leaking into the city water supply. His recommendation was to replace it. Several quotes were presented showing costs of rebuilding vs. replacing. They have utilized the County's maintenance staff to its extent. After discussion, it was unanimously agreed upon by the Commission and the Sheriff that the back flow problem needed to be fixed.

The Sheriff continued stating there were multiple issues going on and things were wearing out at the jail. Heavy rains had caused the roof to leak and trash cans were needed to catch the rainwater. At this time, there was one inoperable hot water unit. We said we have a jail in need of repair and these need to be addressed. A quote was presented to replace the water heater.

Commissioner Adams stated that it had been budgeted this year to upgrade the Sheriff Department's existing radio system. Sheriff Hardwick said they were still working on the situation and was going to meet with the City of Kirksville in the near future to agree on a Memo of Understanding to use their tower to install equipment for the upgrade. The four entities that will benefit from the upgrade are the Fire Department, Adair County Ambulance District, Police Department and the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Hardwick stated it was a slow process. He also wanted to know who should bear the responsibility of the cost of replacing the equipment. He felt it should come from somewhere other than the Sheriff's budget. He would provide a cost analysis of items that will be needed for the upgrade. Sheriff Hardwick asked the Commission if they would consider a joint meeting with the City of Kirksville to discuss radio situations.

Mr. Axsom then discussed the need for updated jail radios and the replacement of motorized lock mechanisms within the jail.

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ATTEST:

  
County Clerk

  
Presiding Commissioner