

**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2017**  
**12TH DAY OCTOBER ADJOURNED**

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on November 28, 2017 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present. Commissioner Thompson will continue to be acting Presiding Commissioner during the absence of Presiding Commissioner Pickens.

At 10:30 a.m., the Elected Official's monthly meeting was held in the Commissioner's Suite of the Courthouse. Attending the meeting were Adair County 1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner, Bill King; Adair County 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner, Mark Thompson; Adair County Presiding Commissioner, Stanley Pickens; Adair County Clerk, Sandra Collop; Adair County Recorder, Pat Shoush; Adair County Collector, Sonja Harden; Adair County Assessor, Donnie Waybill; Adair County Public Administrator, Rhonda Noe; and Adair County Sheriff, Robert Hardwick. Those absent were Adair County Treasurer, Lori Smith; Adair County Circuit Clerk, Linda Decker; Adair County Prosecuting Attorney, Matt Wilson; and Adair County Coroner, Brian Noe.

Mr. Waybill reported that there were 13,000 Board of Equalization cases filed with the State of Missouri for tax year 2017. He stated that the tax books were closed and they would begin working on Personal Property valuations in the near future.

Commissioner King reported that the 2018 budget process had begun. Figures will be reviewed and returned to the Elected Officials beginning next week. He also mentioned a controversy with property owners and tree trimming. The County has started contacting property-owners near right of ways before the trees are trimmed. If the property owner refuses to have the trees trimmed, the responsibility will fall back to the property owner.

Sheriff Hardwick discussed ambulance fees, taping commercials, trash problems at the Sheriff's department, housing 62-63 people in the jail daily, getting quality food to prisoners, female population increasing throughout the State, and board bills still being forgiven by the court system.

Mrs. Harden stated that tax statements had been mailed and the Collector's office was collecting tax payments. Walk-in traffic had been steady.

Commissioner Thompson stated that there is legislation to promote lettered roads being maintained by Counties as opposed to the State.

Mrs. Shoush stated her office is conducting 40 year searches on each track of land that Ameren is inquiring about. The company proposing wind power in Adair County have signed approximately 80 people for land easements. Ameren will be filing approximately 100 easements.

Mrs. Noe is preparing the "Tree of Blessing" for approximately 90 of her clients. She currently has 115 open cases. She will host an annual open house at the Adair County Annex on December 15, 2017 from 2:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. All Elected Officials are encouraged to attend. Mrs. Noe also discussed the need for legal representation to be provided for her office as well as to all public officials.

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Mrs. Collop reported that Ameren had pledged \$1000 toward lights to decorate the downtown area as well as the Courthouse. The Commission indicated they would be willing to also supply lighting for such a project, but did not have the necessary equipment to assist with installation of the lighting. It was suggested that Ameren or local entities donate services to provide the installation and the County would then consider their participation in the project.

Presiding Commissioner Pickens had nothing to report.

Commissioner Thompson stated that the Commission had approved a 2% cost of living allowance for all Adair County employees and Elected officials and the mileage reimbursement for 2018 will remain at 50 cents per mile.

Mrs. Collop added that the 2018 holiday schedule had been approved by the Commission. The 2018 blue sheet schedule and payroll schedule would be completed in the near future.

The meeting ended at 12:00 p.m.

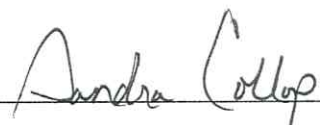
The Commission spent the remainder of the day attending to County business.

The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on November 28, 2017.

**Unscheduled Public Walk-Ins and other Non-Agenda Items for Tuesday, November 28, 2017:**

None

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