

# ADAIR COUNTY 2018 BUDGET MESSAGE

Now on this 29th day of January, 2018, comes Sandra Collop, Clerk of the County Commission, as budget officer and presents for the records of the County Commission, information and estimates for the year 2018 as required by The County Budget Law (Sections 50.525 to 50.745, RSMo.) being in words and figures as follows:

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The County of Adair is presenting this 2018 Proposed Budget which has been prepared by the County Commission and the Clerk of said Commission. The budget process factored in the current economy, historical data and trends, and the objectives of the elected officials. Adair County Sales Tax Revenues increased \$95,115.98 which represents a 6% increase from 2016. The Use Tax, which helps fund the Road and Bridge Department, increased \$59,466.00 which represents a 19.5% increase from 2016. Property Tax Revenues increased \$52,000 which represents a 7% increase from 2016. Low interest rates continue to be paid on fund balances.

On April 4, 2017, the voters passed a ½% sales tax for the purpose of funding City parks and recreation. The City of Kirksville intends to use the sales tax solely for local parks of the City to construct, maintain, improve and manage parks, trails, playgrounds, park parking lots, bathrooms, aquatic facilities, cemetery, and other natural lands and facilities primarily used for recreational purposes. The City has hired Rodney Sadler as the new Parks and Recreation Director. The tax will generate about \$1.2 million per year for the City's parks and programs for the next fifteen years.

A new Hobby Lobby store opened in Kirksville with a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday, September 4, 2017. The store is a 55,000 square-foot retail facility at the intersection of North Baltimore Street and Highway 6 West and will employ between 35 and 50 full-time and part-time employees. The store is located in an area known as Kirksville Commons.

Building plans have been filed with the City of Kirksville for a new Marshalls store. Marshalls would be located at the Kirksville Commons shopping center on North Baltimore Street. Those plans also indicated a new PetSmart store would be built between the new Marshalls and the existing Hobby Lobby at Kirksville Commons. City officials are now in the process of looking over the plans for Marshalls. No dates have been proposed to begin construction.

On September 5, 2017, the Adair County Commission granted assent to Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI) for the purpose of constructing and operating a 345-KV electric transmission line in Adair County, Missouri. The project will utilize existing right-of-way owned by the Northeast Electric Power Cooperative and Ameren Missouri for about 90 percent of the project. The 100 mile transmission line will stretch from Palmyra, Mo., west to Kirksville, and then north to the Iowa border. ATXI will invest approximately \$250 million in the project. Construction is set to begin in May of 2018 with an in-service date set for December, 2019. About 31 miles of the transmission line will be in Adair County.

With approval of the ATXI Transmission Line, Terra-Gen announced plans to build a wind farm in Schuyler and Adair Counties. Two other wind energy companies have also shown interest but have not committed at this time.

The Kirksville Livestock Market expanded due to a growing livestock demand.

Arby's has confirmed a location to build in Kirksville. The restaurant will be located at 2600 North Baltimore Street. A construction date has not yet been announced.

A new multi-million dollar housing complex known as Baltimore Meadows Senior Community is currently under construction along North Baltimore in Kirksville. The project got started in early October 2017. The housing complex will consist of eight buildings consisting of one and two bedroom units. The target completion date is mid- to- late September 2018 and will range in cost from \$4 million to \$6 million.

The new Holiday Inn Express & Suites opened Oct. 26, 2017 at 2523 S. Franklin St. in Kirksville. The hotel holds 76 rooms and offers free hot breakfast, a state-of-the-art fitness center, indoor pool and conference/meeting room. The Holiday Inn Express was previously located across the street at 2703 S. Franklin St. That hotel has been rebranded to the University Inn & Suites - Kirksville. The University Inn & Suites - Kirksville will remain under the same ownership and will undergo a complete renovation according to hotel staff.

White Oaks Wedding Barn and Event Venue held a ground breaking ceremony on October 30, 2017. White Oaks Barn will be a rustic, timber-frame structure designed to seat up to 400 guests. Inside, it will have a caterer's kitchen, full bar, bride and groom dressing rooms, floor and loft seating and center stage. The event venue is located at the junction of Highway 11 and 63 in Kirksville. It is scheduled to open in June, 2018.

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The Hampton Inn remains under construction on the north side of Kirksville behind Ruby Tuesday. The hotel will have 70 rooms and is scheduled to open in 2018.

The City of Kirksville opened a new asphalt plant. The plant came with a price tag of \$1,139,200. The plant was delivered and crews worked to assemble it and hook up utilities. The plant began making asphalt in mid-July, 2017. The plant will be used to improve and repair city streets and have the ability to build a better product to meet specifications with a 40-percent reduction in costs.

Menards has broken ground on a large home improvement store in Kirksville. The 200,000 square foot building is located on Baltimore Street between Home Depot and Kirksville Motors. Menards expects to employ between 150-200 people, with a mix of part and full-time positions, and anticipates \$30 million in sales in the first full year of the store's operation. The store is scheduled to open in the summer of 2018.

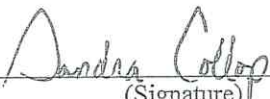
In the spring of 2017, Twin Pines Adult Care Center in Kirksville broke ground for a new facility. The Adair County Nursing Home District was awarded an \$11 million loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the funding of the project. The new one-story, 45,000 square-foot building will feature six wings and two entrances on two streets. It will offer the modern concept of 'neighborhoods' for the residents, giving a more home-like experience, according to a press release from USDA Rural Development. The 90-bed facility will have a unique rehab environment for inpatient and outpatient use. Construction on the new facility is expected to take about 18 months and will be located near the Adair County Family YMCA. The new care center is replacing the current structure which is about 50 years old.

Kirksville's Kraft Heinz production facility is currently up to 900 employees which has doubled its employment number from this time last year. The majority of the multi-million dollar expansion project, which began construction in 2016, is complete. The Company, however, plans to renovate the older section of the building in late 2018. The plant is the sole bologna producer for the company in North America. It also includes the production of cotto salami, round white turkey, and square-cut ham.

The Adair County Commission and the Adair County Clerk want to thank the Elected Officials and their staff for all their efforts in compiling the 2018 budget.

**Reminder:** Fund 907 – Juvenile Justice Center is not included in Adair County's main budget document. The budget for the Juvenile Justice Center is included separately at the beginning of the budget document. Adair County is a pass thru for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit and Juvenile Justice Funds to merely expend revenues deposited with the County Treasurer. These funds are not included in the operating budget of Adair County.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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(Signature)

Adair County Clerk and Budget Officer