

ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2019
14TH DAY JULY REGULAR

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on July 30, 2019 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

At 10:00 a.m., the Commission met with Pat Williams, Court Services Administrator Second Judicial Circuit of Missouri. Also present, was Adair County Clerk, Sandra Collop. Mr. Williams wanted to begin discussion with the County regarding the Settlement Agreement with the Second Judicial Circuit. The Agreement will end on December 31, 2020. Mr. Williams wanted to make sure that everyone was on the same page as the discussion begins on how to move forward after the Agreement has expired. He wants the Agreement to be re-negotiated and flow smoothly into the years there after.

Mr. Williams handed out documentation addressing what the Circuit believes to be key points of discussion for a new agreement. He also addressed the Findings and part of the Conclusions of Judgement (Case No. 14AR-CV00603 dated 12/16/2014) associated with the Settlement Agreement.

Mr. Williams spoke of priorities outside of the Settlement Agreement. This included additional staff, office space, and spending down the Circuit's reserves. He has made a 5 year budget that he wants to share with the Commission. He wants to begin setting money back for capital improvements on the building which houses the Juvenile Center. He spoke of a new roof, new vehicles, and what he projects for the future of the Circuit.

Mr. Williams stated that 60% or \$400,000-\$500,000 of revenue has been generated each year on the residential side of the Juvenile Center. Their residential population was changing. He spoke of mental health issues becoming more prevalent and the need to retrofit the building for that purpose. He has a CPA that looks over his monthly operation costs, but wants oversight of their budget from the County.

Mrs. Collop requested that any future meeting should also involve the Treasurer of Adair County. All agreed to her request. She said the current Agreement was working fine and did not want to co-mingle money or pay their expenses.

Commissioner Thompson asked why they had an adult drug court center. Mr. Williams felt there was a direct impact on kids from the parents. Commissioner Thompson was not in favor of an adult drug court as the Juvenile Center was to support the needs of children.

Mr. Williams said there is currently an employee position for the adult drug court, but it is not funded by the State of Missouri. The State determined there was not enough of a case load to warrant an employee. As a result, the Circuit is paying for the salary of the \$50,000 plus position. The \$20,000 - \$25,000 participant fees collected by the drug court program merely offsets the operational costs of the position. Judge Reddington oversees the position. Mr. Williams stated that we needed to outline how we go forward. He reminded the Commission that the Counties would be paying the State mandated Maintenances of Effort payment directly to the Circuit once the building was paid off. He asked the Commission if they wanted to share in the new amount of revenue that the Circuit could possibly be stock piling.

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Presiding Commission Shahan asked Mr. Williams how he felt about paying rent as he seemed very concerned on how the building would be maintained after the current Agreement had ended. Commissioner Shahan thought that would be one way to obtain monies to help with maintenance costs. Mr. Williams said it could be called capital improvement money, but was hesitant as to whether or not that idea needed to be pursued.

Mr. Williams wants everyone to get together again in a couple of weeks while these ideas are fresh in everyone's mind. He will provide the Commission with his 5 year budget projection and will work with Mrs. Collop to schedule another 1 – 1 1/2 hour meeting with the Commission.

The meeting ended at 11:30 a.m.

At 1:30 p.m., the Commission met with Bray Ray of Sprocket Technology. Mr. Ray wanted the current status, as a whole, of the Courthouse. He was unsure as to how to move forward with his service. He more than likely was not going to bid the Request for Proposal (RFP) the County was pursuing.

The issue of a new server being needed in the Assessor's office was discussed. Mrs. Collop stated that the Assessor asked her why the server had just been taken out of the office without any warning or consultation. Mr. Ray said that's what we were paying him for – to take care of what needed to be done. He didn't think he needed to correspond with each office holder. It was his responsibility to take care of the domain and that's what he was doing.

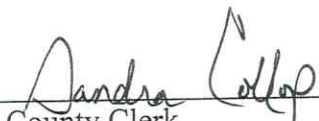
Mr. Ray suggested that the Assessor's office purchase a new server as it was no longer backing up information. He gave the Assessor a quote for \$3,000 - \$4,000 but never heard from him. He was, however, contacted by the Assessor's software company. Mr. Ray believes the Assessor thinks the information is being backed up by the software company which he says is not correct. Commissioner King asked if we had any old servers that we were not using and could use one of them. Mr. Ray said changes could be made with the network to perform backups on the Courthouse server, but there could possibly be a monthly charge for that.

Again, he said he was more than likely not going to bid the RFP. He did not believe in charging people lots of money for equipment they don't need. He just wasn't that way. He feels that he has been made out to be the bad guy. He asked if anyone had heard that he was not responsive to people's calls. Mrs. Collop and Mr. Thompson both said they had heard that from office holders.

Mr. Ray said if he got a call at 12:00 at night, then he would be there at 12:30. He could make a ticket when he received a call that way it could be tracked. The County could also log-in and track the ticket to see how it was progressing. Mrs. Collop said the County was not aware of this and asked why he hadn't informed them of the "ticket" system. Mr. Ray said because the County didn't ask for the ticket service, we didn't have it. E-mail was used. He wanted to keep the Courthouse's business, but if he has lost their trust he doesn't want to work like that. He said his company is growing. He now has more people and someone to answer the phone. He was just too busy before to take care of everything. He has lost some business because of that, but recently RAIL had come back to him for services.

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Mr. Ray again said that the back-up in the Assessor's office was an urgent matter and needed to be taken care of. He wanted a point of contact with the County instead of different people calling or e-mailing him. Mrs. Collop said she preferred that her office not be the point of contact as it once had been. The Commission stated that Heather Kelly could be the point of contact. She will see that a "ticket" is generated and then log into the portal and track its progress.

Mr. Ray brought the contract with him that he has with the County. It states that 90 day notice be given to cancel the contract. He said that he would provide a letter dated today starting the 90 day period to end the contract. Again, he just wanted to make sure everyone was on the same page. He will look into making a network change to back-up the Assessor's information on the Courthouse server. He may not charge for that and just cover the cost.

The Commission thanked Mr. Ray for his information.

Presiding Commissioner Shahan moved to allow Joni Perry, Grow Counseling, to use the courthouse lawn for a gathering. Commissioner King seconded the motion. Commissioner Thompson was not in favor as he needed more information regarding the event. Presiding Commissioner Shahan and Commissioner King voted "Yes" in favor of the motion. Commissioner Thompson voted "No". Motion passed. The event will take place on Wednesday evening, July 31, 2019.

The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on July 30, 2019.

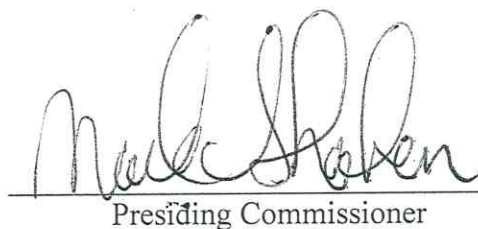
Unscheduled Public Walk-Ins and other Non-Agenda Items for Tuesday, July 30, 2019:

Dave Davison – Tiger Lane

Bob McCartney – Desota Lane

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