

## **ADAIR COUNTY 2020 BUDGET MESSAGE**

Now on this 27th day of January, 2020, 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 2020 as required by The County Budget Law (Sections 50.525 to 50.745, RSMo.) being in words and figures as follows:

### **BUDGET MESSAGE:**

The County of Adair is presenting this 2020 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 \$134,390.07 which represents a 7.79% increase from 2019. The Road and Bridge Use Tax increased \$101,085.87 or 25.17%. Property Tax Revenues increased \$10,594.74, an increase of 1.27%.

The north/south section of the Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI) 345-KV Mark Twain Transmission line was energized during the summer of 2019. The east/west section was placed in service in December 2019.

In late 2019, the TG High Prairie, LLC began construction to build a wind farm in northern Adair County and southern Schuyler County. The High Prairie Wind Project is a utility scale wind energy generation facility that includes an underground 34.5-KV collection system. The project will also include a 345-KV Gen Tie to interconnect the wind farm with the Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois's (ATXI) 345-KV Mark Twain Transmission line.

In the April Municipal Election, the citizens of Adair County voted to impose a monthly fee of \$1.00 on a subscriber of any communications service that has been enabled to contact 911 for the purpose of funding 911 services in the County. The fee will be imposed until October 1, 2023 or until a 911 sales tax is approved by the voters whichever comes first.

Construction of the Sue Ross Arts Center is underway in downtown Kirksville. The center will be the new home of the Kirksville Arts Association. In December, 2016, a fire broke out in the Kirksville Arts Center and destroyed the home of the Kirksville Arts Association. The completion date for the new center is scheduled for the spring of 2020.

The County Commission initiated a "tree plan" for the Adair County Courthouse lawn. The plan was made possible by input from Yvette Amerman of the Department of Natural Resources and

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Tim Frevert, Community Forestry Consulting, from Jefferson City, Missouri. The plan, which will evolve over a number of years, will enhance the beauty of the Courthouse.

New guttering was installed on the Adair County Courthouse.

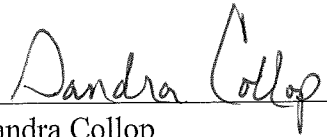
Over the past several years, Main Street Kirksville along with other various partners raised funds to purchase heavy duty lights for the downtown area. In August, lights were installed around the perimeter of the Adair County Courthouse. The lights will be illuminated during the holiday season and for special events to help create a more festive atmosphere downtown. Main Street Kirksville also hopes to install similar lights around the downtown square businesses.

The Adair County Commission is optimistic for continued growth throughout the community.

The Adair County Commission and the Adair County Clerk want to thank the Elected Officials and their staff for everyone's efforts in compiling the 2020 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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Sandra Collop  
Adair County Clerk and Budget Officer