

**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020**  
**6TH DAY APRIL ADJOURNED**

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on May 13, 2020 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

At 9:00 a.m., Sheriff Hardwick came to the Commissioner's office to continue discussion from the meeting yesterday concerning Courthouse security. He stated that three people needed to tend to each courtroom pursuant to Chapter 57 and that was just in the courtroom. That would be him, Deputy Salsberry and the bailiff. They must do anything the Judge wants them to do during court. The corrections officers can bring up the individuals from jail. The whole process will be slowed down. Concerns are the times for people to be here and the volume to be here. There are 50-60 cases in the morning with 30-40 people. The State court is 30-40 cases and the afternoon is the same way.

Presiding Commissioner Shahan said everyone needed to try to schedule better. Sheriff Hardwick said that according to Judge Redington, no more than 10 could be in the room and that includes the judge. That is what he allows in his courtroom. Kevin Locke thinks the family should be there. It will have to be on a case by case basis and try to do as much as possible with the webcam.

Commissioner King thinks the State needs to take care of the costs. The judge needs to call Jim LeBaron and get input from him. Presiding Commissioner Shahan said the second floor of the courthouse is closed and open by appointment only.

Sheriff Hardwick said everybody must change and apply accordingly. Presiding Commissioner Shahan said it would cost a lot of money to secure the Courthouse. Commissioner King said everyone wanted the Courthouse locked down. June 1<sup>st</sup> we will go into Phase I, but the State will be at Phase II. The Sheriff said it is better to be criticized for doing more instead of less.

Commissioner Thompson asked about moving Municipal Court back to City Hall. Commissioner King said we are not required to have Municipal Court in the Courthouse. The Sheriff stated that most of the traffic on Wednesday is the higher number of cases from the City. Commissioner King said it was changed due to convenience for Judge Swaim. The Sheriff said that some change process. He will not shut anyone down – it is called the Constitution. Rules and policies are different from laws. Who has the right to pick and choose?

Commissioner King then said that coronavirus testing began at Smithfield Foods on Monday. There have been four cases in Sullivan County, one in Adair County, and three cases in process.

At 3:00 p.m., the Commission awarded the Adair County Logo Contest winner to be Erica Speiser. The new logo will now be used to identify the County. She is currently employed at the Kirksville Housing Authority. Ms. Speiser was awarded a check in the amount of \$250.00 that was donated from an anonymous citizen.

The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on May 13, 2020.

**Unscheduled Public Walk-Ins and other Non-Agenda Items for Wednesday, May 13, 2020:**

None

ATTEST:

  
County Clerk

  
Presiding Commissioner