

ADAIR COUNTY 2019 BUDGET MESSAGE

Now on this 30th day of January, 2019, 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 2019 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 2019 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 decreased \$25,985.38 which represents a 9.75% decrease from 2018. This decrease can be attributed to the manner in which the State disbursed monies to counties during the latter part of 2017. The Road and Bridge Use Tax increased \$36,434 (+9.09 %) increase. Property Tax Revenues increased \$48,324 (+ 9.42%) and the re-instated General Revenue Property Tax generated \$37,975.63 for 2018.

Adair County completed a required two year financial audit for the 2 years ending December 31, 2017. The audit was conducted by Daniel Jones & Associates, Certified Public Accountants. For the County of Adair, there were no financial statement findings for the years ended December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016. Regarding prior year financial statement findings for the County of Adair, there were no financial statement findings for the years ended December 31, 2015, and December 31, 2014.

The Missouri State Auditor's Office audited certain operations of Adair County in fulfillment of duties under Section 29.230 RSMo. The scope of the audit included, but was not necessarily limited to, the year ended December 31, 2017. The objectives of the audit were to evaluate the County's internal controls over significant management and financial functions; evaluate the County's compliance with certain legal provisions; and evaluate the economy and efficiency of certain management practices and procedures, including certain financial transactions

The overall rating of Adair County was "Good". The audit results indicated Adair County is well managed. The report contains few findings, and Adair County has indicated most or all recommendations have already been, or will be, implemented. In addition, if applicable, many of the prior recommendations have been implemented.

In conjunction with the State of Missouri four year audit, the Commission re-instated the General Revenue Property Tax Levy to maintain adequate funding for the County's General Revenue Fund.

The Hampton Inn by Hilton opened its doors in 2018 on the north side of Kirksville behind Ruby Tuesday. The 70 room hotel features modern décor and one king or two queen-sized beds per room. It offers an indoor pool and 24 hour Sweet Shop.

On April 23, 2018, the Adair County Commission granted assent to TG High Prairie, LLC to build a wind farm in northern Adair County and southern Schuyler County. They intend to construct the High Prairie Wind Project that will be a utility scale wind energy generation facility and related equipment, including an underground 34.5-KV collection system of electric conductor. It will also include a 345-KV Gen Tie to interconnect the wind farm with Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois's (ATXI) 345- KV Mark Twain transmission line.

The new Menards Mega Store at 3309 N. Baltimore officially opened its doors on June 11, 2018 and shoppers across Northeast Missouri took notice. The store is enormous. The interior is about 200,000 square feet, the outside warehouse is another 175,000 square feet, and there is also the outside yard and garden center. The home improvement store carries all variety of tools, materials, supplies. There are also appliances, lawn and garden supplies, indoor and outdoor furniture, lawnmowers, home organization units, cleaning and vehicle supplies, light fixtures, and a complete line of grocery items. Menards is a family-owned company that started in 1958. The Kirksville location joins more than 300 Menards stores across the Midwest.

DRM, Inc. opened the doors to the Kirksville Arby's on June 18, 2018. The fast food restaurant located at 2607 N. Baltimore was built with the newest Arby's building design and multi-media charging outlets. Three picnic tables are outside for the warmer months. The 3,000 square foot restaurant seats 72 guests, offers a drive thru, family style catering and employs around 50 people.

A new Marshall's store opened its doors on August 9, 2018. The new store is located at 2319 N. Baltimore and joined the 100,000 square foot retail center known as Kirksville Commons Shopping Center. The retail center is made up of four national tenants anchored by existing Hobby Lobby, Pet Smart which opened August 18, 2018, Marshalls and Shoe Sensation that moved from its southern Kirksville location.

Baltimore Meadows Senior Community opened its doors in October, 2018. The 55+ senior independent living community consists of 48 single story apartments. The community building includes an on-site management office, furnished gathering spaces, a computer center, and a fitness center. Residents will be able to enjoy a picnic area, walking paths and green spaces. The development is conveniently located across the street from a Wal-Mart Super Center, pharmacy, restaurants, gas stations, medical offices, and other retailers.

The White Oaks Wedding Barn and Event Venue held its Grand Opening on November 10, 2018. This family-owned and operated venue provides couples with a picturesque rural setting in which to exchange vows and enjoy the celebration of a lifetime. Built by the Amish, the barn's

wood detailing and fine craftsmanship affords guests a taste of cozy and inviting luxury. White Oaks Barn is a unique, two-story timber frame peg barn with seating capacity for up to 400 guests. The event venue is located at the junction of Highway 11 and Highway H in Kirksville.

On December 20, 2018, newly elected and re-elected County Officials were sworn-in by Adair County Clerk, Sandra Collop. Newly elected Presiding Commissioner, Mark Shahan, replaced Stanley Pickens, who served the County for eight years. Kent Bryant replaced Donnie Waybill as Assessor. Mr. Waybill took office on September 1, 2005 and retired on November 9, 2018. Mr. Bryant had been appointed by the Adair County Commission to serve as interim County Assessor until the Governor's appointment was announced. Mr. Bryant was appointed by the Governor on December 20 as well as sworn-in with all Elected Officials who were successful in the November 6, 2018 election. Re-elected County Officials included Lori Smith, Adair County Treasurer; Sonja Harden, Adair County Collector; Pat Shoush, Adair County Recorder; Matt Wilson, Adair County Prosecuting Attorney; Linda Decker, Adair County Circuit Clerk; Kristie Swaim, Adair County Associate Circuit Judge; Sandra Collop, Adair County Clerk..

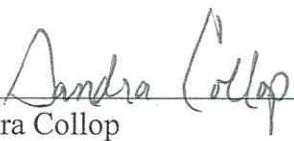
For 2019, Adair County anticipates the north/south section of the Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI) 345-KV transmission line to be in service during the spring of 2019. Also, the Adair County Commission will be placing an issue on the April 2, 2019 Municipal Election ballot to help fund E911.

The County is optimistic that growth will continue in our northeastern area of the State.

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 2019 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 2nd 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,



Sandra Collop

Adair County Clerk and Budget Officer