

ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2014
25TH DAY JULY ADJOURNED

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on September 30, 2014 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

At the request of the Adair County Assessor, Commissioner Thompson moved to transfer \$85,000 from General Revenue – Transfers Out – Assessment Fund (101-5-025-500.000) to Assessor – Transfer In from General Revenue (202-4-000-700.100) to cover expenses due to State reimbursement cut backs. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion with all in favor.

At 10:30 a.m., the Commission met with the Adair County Humane Society at the Adair County Annex. Several citizens of the public were in attendance along with KTVO Television.

Commissioner Adams began the meeting by thanking Kathryn Jackson, Humane Society Member, for contacting the Commission in an effort to discuss possibilities relating to Shelter animals. Ms. Jackson stated that many situations had developed with the shelter which included the shelter running out of money. The shelter was low on donations, had raised their prices, the pool of adoption was smaller, and the cost to adopt was \$120.00. She wanted the County Commission to be involved financially and was asking for commitment from them by their attending a task force meeting and be a part of the discussion.

Commissioner Adams said he was unable to attend the October 16th meeting of the task force and could not speak on behalf of Mr. Pickens or Mr. Thompson. He felt that the smaller communities within the county should also be involved and invited to the task force meetings. He knew that Jeff Dodson, Mayor of Novinger, was willing to pay for animals but had been turned away. Commissioner Adams said that the County was now taking animals to other Counties.

Ms. Jackson wanted one of the Commissioners to attend the meeting. Commissioner Pickens stated he had already obligated himself to another commitment.

Bob Russell, City Council Member, said he would like to have a veterinarian on staff, separate pens for sick animals, and an area where the shelter could expand. He was hopeful the two organizations could try to meet each other in the middle.

Police Chief, Jim Hughes, wanted to change the date of the task force meeting. It was agreed that the meeting would be changed to October 15th at 5:30 p.m. and the availability of the County Annex building would need to be verified. He wanted the Commission to invite other people within the County.

Commissioner Thompson then showed a picture of his grandson who had to have stitches due to a vicious dog.

Ms. Jackson said there was currently not a time frame as to how long they kept an animal. The shelter just had two dogs adopted that had been at the shelter for 7 years.

Commissioner Adams stated there had to be a place for them to go. He said the budget line was no longer in place and there was nothing available this year as far as financial aid from the County.

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ATTEST:


County Clerk


Presiding Commissioner