

**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017
8TH DAY APRIL REGULAR**

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on April 18, 2017 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. Commissioner King and Commissioner Thompson were present. Commissioner Thompson will be acting Presiding Commissioner during the absence of Presiding Commissioner Pickens.

At 9:00 a.m., the Commission met with Mary McIntosh of the Records Retention section of the State of Missouri. Also present were Pat Shoush, Adair County Recorder; Sonja Harden, Adair County Collector; Lori Smith, Adair County Treasurer; and Sandy Collop, Adair County Clerk.

Mrs. McIntosh wanted to address the County regarding the severe mold problem at the County storage building located at the Road and Bridge Department. She stated that the building smells like mold and there are moldy Juvenile records and furniture in the front part of the building. She had been inside the building in December and it was damp. She had hoped that in January the mold would go into remission due to cold weather, but that did not happen as the weather remained mild.

Mrs. McIntosh revisited the building about 1 ½ weeks ago. There appeared to have been a leak possibly on the north side of the building. There were dried water marks on the floor and the 2 X 4's that records were stored on remained wet. The boards had soaked up the water and she wasn't able to determine how deep the water had gotten in parts of the building. The mold is now quite bad.

The Circuit Clerk as well as the Collector have files stored inside the building that need to be permanently retained. Mrs. McIntosh reported the situation to the State. The State told Mrs. McIntosh that anything that had been stored inside the building should under no circumstance be brought back into the Adair County Courthouse. This included other items being stored there beside records which included air conditioners, furniture, mowing equipment, and tools.

Mrs. McIntosh was instructed by the State to inform the County that no one should enter the building. It could lead to a person contracting mold poisoning that could go into the bloodstream. Lung problems may also be an issue. Mrs. McIntosh recommended that the County contact a mold remediation company, fix the leak, and get fresh air into the building. An air purifier may work if the environment was sealed.

Names were provided regarding clean up procedures that other Counties had used for similar situations. She thought that most of the records were recoverable at this time. Mrs. McIntosh's boss said he would not allow any State employee to re-enter the building. If anyone did enter the building, perhaps to obtain information for a Sunshine Request or for Court records, they should be fully clothed in a hazmat suit with a mask.

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ATTEST:



County Clerk



Presiding Commissioner