

ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
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The condition of the Courthouse lawn was discussed. Grass is sparse in many areas and the yard's appearance detracted from the appearance of the Courthouse. If a good stand of grass could be obtained, then the Friday night concert on the square would not damage the grass from the weekly event as originally perceived. Commissioner Adams stated he would check into the cost of having the lawn professionally fertilized and seeded as past maintenance efforts had not shown any improvement.

Mrs. Harden attended the Missouri Association of County Collector's annual training last week and received her continuing education certificate. She is preparing for the back tax sale and has sent notices out two months earlier than last year. This was an attempt to collect delinquent taxes before the parcels were sold on the Courthouse steps. She had also been speaking with vendors in regards to changing the computer operating system within the Collector's office. Her goal was to have the change completed by next year.

Mrs. Harden suggested that the hours of operation be posted on the doors of the Courthouse. Many citizens do not realize the Courthouse officially closes at 4:30 p.m. while the Court system closes at 5:00 p.m.

Sheriff Hardwick arrived at the meeting, but did not have any information to discuss at this time.

Commissioner Thompson spoke of the "Scrap Tire Roundup" at the Adair County Road and Bridge Facility on Potter Trail on April 9th. He estimated that 15,000 tires were dropped off over the six hour time frame. The Missouri Vocational Enterprise (MVE) of the Department of Corrections will provide semi-trailers to transport the tires to the MVE's tire processing facility near Jefferson City. The tires will be shredded into fuel for power plants. During the event, Commissioner Thompson stated he heard several comments from the public expressing their support of the County not participating in the construction of a parking lot for the Kraft/Heinz project.

He then reported that the controversy between Neighbors United and ATXI (Ameren) to build a transmission line across the County continued to be on hold. He stated that all counties involved in the project had written resolutions in opposition of the transmission line. He emphasized the counties involved had to give permission for ATXI to build the line and they did not have that permission at this time. He talked about surveyors trespassing on private property to flag underground utility lines and how Ameren said it was not their problem. Commissioner Thompson said there were bad tempers over this situation and was concerned how it would be handled by property owners and the utility workers out in the field.

Commissioner Thompson then discussed meetings the Commission had been attending in Jefferson City with Missouri Rural Crisis. The State of Missouri wanted to take over County control of certain areas like Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO's). Many companies that are in favor of this legislation were shell corporations. It would be very difficult to exercise legal proceedings against these companies, if needed, as these corporations did not contain assets. It had been suggested that rural Commissioners speak with urban Commissioners to obtain support against this measure.

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ATTEST:


County Clerk


Presiding Commissioner