

**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
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Judge Steele stated that Judge Alberti and Judge Westhoff both voted to relinquish Mrs. Decker's duties to Mr. Holt. He stated that Judge Swain did not vote. All are Judges of the 2nd Judicial Circuit.

Mr. Holt was now in charge and as a result, he needed a place within the Circuit Clerk's office where he could perform his duties confidentially. That was the reasoning for Mr. Holt to have Mrs. Decker vacate her office for his use. Judge Steele again stated that Mrs. Decker does not have the authority, He merely wanted to talk with the Commission so they would understand his decisions.

Mrs. Decker asked Mr. Wilson, as a concerned citizen, why he had attended this meeting. Mr. Wilson stated he wanted to be involved and just wanted to see what was going on.

Commissioner Adams stated that the Commission had notified the Missouri Association of Counties (MAC) about the situation and was waiting for direction from them. He reminded Judge Steele that he was told that when the Commission spoke with him last week when the Commission was in his office. Judge Steele wanted to know when they expected an answer from MAC. Commissioner Adams stated he was not going to argue with him about this situation. They had notified MAC and they were going to wait until they had received information as to whether or not the Commission was required to relinquish Mrs. Decker's office space to Mr. Holt.

Judge Steele stated that the Commission was interfering with his ability to do his job. Judge Steele then wanted to know if they had told Mrs. Decker she could remain in that office regardless of what he wanted. Commissioner Adams responded "No." Judge Steele then wanted to know who Commissioner Adams had talked with at MAC. Commissioner Adams stated that he wasn't going to argue with him and MAC had not given the Commission a recommendation yet.

Judge Steele said he wanted a phone number to MAC to see if he could get hold of the person Commissioner Adams had spoken with. Mr. Thompson provided Judge Steele with a phone number. He again told the Commission "you have an obligation – I have the authority."

Judge Steele then stated he wanted to have a discussion on keys. Apparently, Larry Lowe, a locksmith, had been sent to the circuit Clerk's office by Judge Steele to change all of the locks. During the course of changing the locks, Mr. Lowe was instructed by Mrs. Decker, per the Commission, that the locks were not to be changed. As a result, Mr. Lowe had given Judge Steele's key to Commissioner Adams. Judge Steele confirmed that Mr. Lowe took his key and he wanted it back. Judge Steele continued the discussion by saying he would like to be able to use the space downstairs in the Courthouse. Commissioner Adams stated that per electrician, Kenny Jackson, there were structural issues within the space and circuits were tripping. Commissioner Adams didn't know if it had anything to do with the air conditioner or not. Also exhaust from the air conditioner was causing the ceiling to peel above the ceiling tiles. Judge Steele commented he felt the ceilings were eye soars. Commissioner Adams then gave the key back to Judge Steele.

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ATTEST:

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