

ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2012 13TH DAY JULY ADJOURNED

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30a.m. on August 29, 2012 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

The Commission met with Carolyn Chrisman, Director of Economic Development for the City of Kirksville. Also present were Kirksville City Manager, Mari Macomber; Assistant City Manager, Melanie Smith; Adair County Assessor, Donnie Waybill, and a representative of KTVO Television.

Mrs. Chrisman stated the meeting was to discuss the enterprise zone that supposedly had expired in 2008. She was looking for clarification of the old enterprise zone and the new enterprise zone. The old zone was the County enterprise zone which the County had authority over. Mrs. Chrisman then stated that the local incentive within this zone was still available.

Mr. Waybill explained that the Ken Read property had been removed from the old enterprise zone. Mr. Read then contacted the Missouri State Tax Commission (STC) for assistance. The lawyer for the (STC) ruled that Mr. Read was entitled to the 10 years referred to in the old agreement regardless of the time and year prior to the expiration of the zone. Mr. Waybill stated that his interpretation of the enterprise zone in March of 2008 led him to believe that Mr. Read was not entitled to the tax abatements of the zone. This, however, proved to be inaccurate. Mrs. Macomber, on the other hand, had always been in agreement with Mr. Read that he was entitled to the tax abatement. Mr. Waybill concurred that Mr. Read should not have been removed and was therefore eligible for the tax abatement. The Reliant property was also unclear regarding abatement. This had been negotiated during Phil Tate's employment as Economic Development Director. It was agreed, however, that it was very clear that the Presiding Commissioner of the County (currently Stanley Pickens) was the administrator of the new Enhanced Enterprise zone.

Mr. Waybill said he would return the Reliant and Maritz properties to the 50% tax abatement of the earlier enterprise zone. He will need to re-open the Board of Equalization to lower the assessed valuation to the original valuation. This will be verified with the STC. Mr. Waybill tentatively plans to close the tax book on September 20, 2012. Mrs. Macomber and Mr. Waybill have also discussed the Weaver Development tax abatement and are checking into the specifics.

Mrs. Macomber informed the Commission that Bluebird Communications were doing fiber improvements within the County. In some instances, they were paying franchise fees to counties for the use of right-of-way. This is currently being done in Green County and St. Louis County.

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Presiding Commissioner

ATTEST: Sandra Collop

County Clerk