

**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2013**

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When Mrs. Collop arrived, Judge Steele was discussing the renovation taking place on the ceiling of the third floor of the Courthouse. He stated he wanted Restoration Rebuilders to do the job because they did really good work. Commissioner Thompson then said he wanted it to go on record that it was not their attempt to undermine his authority. Judge Steele stated that he was in charge of the Court system. Commissioner Adams stated that the whole deal this morning was a health issue. Judge Steele said Mrs. Gall was sent downstairs because that was where the records were. It would be best for microfilming and efficiency. He felt productivity in the Circuit Clerk's office was more like a sorority house and he wasn't running a sorority house. It was his authority to appoint anyone he wanted to run that office. Judge Steele stated that the only reason they came down to talk with the Commission was to divide and conquer. He felt if they could get the Commission on their side they would have a better chance of winning their support. Judge Steele said it was his authority to appoint anyone he wanted to run that office. The Commission stated that they wanted to talk with him to avoid a potential lawsuit from a health issue.

At 1:00 p.m., the Commission met with Josh Stewart of Benton & Associates to discuss a cost overrun for additional piling needed for the bridge on Normandy Way. After discussion, it was determined that the paperwork approving the cost overrun, also included the cost of a road tube. The tube had been requested by property owner, Jack Winkleman, for a second entrance into his field when it flooded. Mr. Stewart stated that Bleigh Construction, the contractor building Normandy Way Bridge, had already completed the dirt work at the location for the new tube and had ordered the tube as well.

The Commission stated they would not be responsible for the payment of the tube and requested that Mr. Stewart amend the cost overrun paperwork eliminating the cost of the road tube. Mr. Stewart stated he would make the changes and return the amended paperwork to the Commission in the next few days. If Mr. Winkleman decided not to purchase the tube himself, then the dirt that had been hauled to the new location by Bleigh Construction will need to be removed.

Later in the afternoon, Pat Thomas, Office Administrator for Senator Brian Munslinger's office, called. She stated that she was aware of a situation in Adair County regarding personnel. She suggested that the Commission contact the Missouri State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations for advice on the situation. She stated that Senator Munslinger's office was not happy that Mrs. Gall had been placed on administrative leave with pay. State taxpayer money was now being used to fund a paid administrative leave.

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ATTEST:

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