

**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2013
3RD DAY JULY ADJOURNED**

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on August 7, 2013 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. Presiding Commissioner, Stanley Pickens, and Commissioner, Carson Adams, were present. Commissioner Thompson was not present until early afternoon.

The Commission met with Amy Crawford, Area Engineer, North Region, for the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT). Mrs. Crawford wanted to give the Commission an update on projects with MoDOT. The Commission inquired about asphalt prices and whether or not a County could purchase asphalt directly from MoDOT. She stated that in some instances it may be possible.

Adair County Robert Hardwick met with the Commission to discuss Missouri House Bills 404 and 614 that would be going into effect on August 28, 2013. He distributed copies of the House Bills and a copy of the Employee Benefits section of the Administrative Policy Manual for the City of Kirksville. The Sheriff then shared a story that recently happened involving his deputies and the gruesome sights they encountered during their service to the County. He stated he would like to see something added to the employee manual regarding mental and post-traumatic stress disease counseling. He asked if we could check with our health care provider to see if this coverage was available and would the Commission agree to add it to our policy.

Commissioner Thompson stated he appreciated what the deputies go through regarding pressures from everyday life as well as the pressures holidays can bring. An employee assistance program (EAP) was also discussed. They will contact Mike Deren of Group Benefit Services, the County's health care provider, regarding Sheriff Hardwick's request.

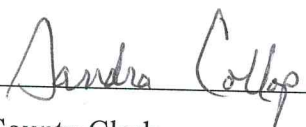
Commissioner Adams stated that Matt Holt, Drug Court Administrator, had requested a key to the Courthouse. He felt this was needed due to his spending more time in the Circuit Clerk's office. Tonya Lutz, Secretary to Presiding Circuit Judge Russell Steele, arrived later and picked up the key for Mr. Holt.


The Commission contacted Ivan Schraeder, Attorney for the Missouri Association of Counties, regarding the ongoing situation in the Circuit Clerk's office. They wanted to discuss with Mr. Schraeder certain events that had transpired over recent weeks regarding county operating procedures as well as the deteriorating relationship involving the 2nd Judicial Circuit Judge and the Adair County Circuit Clerk. Mr. Schraeder asked the Commission to provide documentation for their concerns. He would then address them to the Office of the State Courts Administration (OSCA) along with issues he had been informed about from other counties. He is scheduled to meet with OSCA on August 27, 2013.

At the suggestion of Mr. Schraeder, the Commission posted signs outside of the door of the office space assigned to Mrs. Gall. The signs read "This office is not to be inhabited by order of the County Commission.

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ATTEST:


County Clerk


Presiding Commissioner