

ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2020
1ST DAY APRIL REGULAR

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on April 1, 2020 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

At 10:00 a.m., the Commission conducted the 1st reading of the petition to close Cedar Hills Trail 500 feet north off of State Highway HH. Commissioner Thompson reported that he had notified the landowners of the petition. Commissioner King read the petition aloud. Both Commissioners said they would schedule the second reading of the petition to close State Hwy HH going north on Cedar Hills Trail 500 feet north in three months. It was noted that no one attended the road closure reading or telephoned to inquire.

At 3:00 p.m., City of Kirksville Manager, Mari Macomber, asked the Commission to participate in a zoom meeting for a COVID-19 update. Members participating in the zoom meeting along with Mrs. Macomber and the County Commission were Jim LeBaron, Adair County Health Department; Stewart Blessing, Administration for Adair County Health Department; Tom Rohn, Missouri State Highway Patrol; Sheriff Robert Hardwick,, Adair County Sheriff; Steve Farnsworth, Kirksville Chief of Police John Slavin, City of Kirksville Attorney; Matt Wilson, Adair County Prosecuting Attorney; Jon Cook, Fire Chief - Kirksville Fire Department; Justin Jones, Deputy Chief - Kirksville Police Department; and Sandra Collop, Adair County Clerk.

Mr. LeBaron stated that he had received the Knox County Ordinance pertaining to the COVID-19 situation. Mrs. Macomber wanted to know what the County was doing regarding issuing an ordinance acknowledging COVID-19. Mr. LeBaron stated that as of today there were five cases of COVID-19 reported with three of them at Manor Care Nursing Home there had been a sixth case, but that individual had since recovered. He had just put out a press release with that information.

Commissioner King wanted to know what we were doing. He stated that Mr. Wilson had started to write an ordinance for Adair County but had questions and wanted some feedback. Questions included how to enforce the ordinance and would it be City or County enforcement. Knox County's ordinance is the same as the Governor. Knox County was social distancing and Adair County was social distancing today too. Mr. Wilson had reviewed the Knox County ordinance and it was consistent with the Center of Disease Control (CDC).

Mr. Wilson said that Adair County's ordinance was short. The difference is the definitions. Mr. LeBaron wants something that the public can understand. This is new and needs to be geared toward public use. There should be several exemptions beyond what is already out there. Mr. Wilson agreed with him. The County ordinance will mirror federal exemptions and feels it is clear what and what is not allowed.

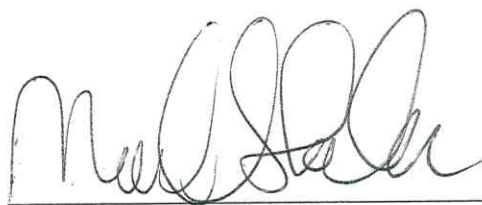
Mr. LeBaron asked how you hold the population accountable to do the right thing. He feels hand to hand touching is where there could be concerns. We really needed social distancing. As many as 95% of the people inside the City have been very reasonable and protective. Mr. Wilson wanted to limit one person per family to be able to go to the grocery store. There were also law enforcement questions as how to enforce the ordinance. Mr. LeBaron thought if everyone stayed home the better off we would be.

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Commissioner Shahan wanted to know who made the rules for protective gloves. Mr. Stewart said you did not have to use gloves. Contamination was low for containers; however, the County could be more restrictive.

It was mentioned that one of Senator Cindy O’Laughlin’s key points was for more day cares. Mrs. Macomber stated that Carolyn Chrisman with K-REDI was trying to find more day care for workers at the Kraft/Heinz plant. She also said members of the City Council have not had any discussion on any of the topics discussed today.

Commissioner King wanted to know why they were there to discuss everything now if the City Council was not going to meet today until 5:00 p.m. Mr. LeBaron again said he was in favor of something for social distancing. To go beyond this would be a total shut down. He said you cannot please everyone. Things could change in the next 24 hours.

Mr. LeBaron wanted unification between the City and the County. He felt that encouragement and education would put the public in the correct frame of mind.

Mr. Wilson said they could still have hearings by video and teleconferencing.

Mr. LeBaron wanted the ordinance of the City and the County to mirror each other. It was suggested that Mr. LeBaron read and encourage the City Council to adopt his recommendations at the meeting this evening. Mr. Wilson will condense the wording in the County ordinance and put in the State regulations.

Commissioner King said we were trying to be unified with the City and do this jointly.

Commissioner Shahan said we want to act and felt we need to do something soon. We do not want confusion with the public and must act together. We would like to pass the ordinance and if everyone agrees give 24-hour notice. We can wait until Friday. Mr. Wilson will make changes to the County ordinance and then e-mail to everyone.

The meeting ended at 4:10 p.m.

The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on April 1, 2020.

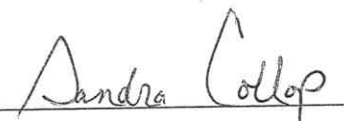
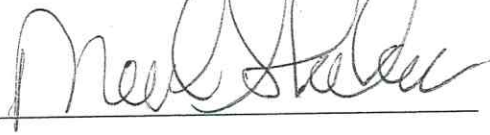
Unscheduled Public Walk-Ins and other Non-Agenda Items for Wednesday, April 1, 2020:

None

IN REF. ORDER NO 1 Adair County Clerk Fees for March 2020

IN REF. ORDER NO 2 Add-Ons and Releases for March 2020

IN REF. ORDER NO 3 Adair County Collector Fees for March 2020

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