

ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019
12TH DAY APRIL REGULAR

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on April 24, 2019 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

At 11:00 a.m., the Commission met with Emmitt Morris, Partnership Specialist with the Chicago Regional Census Center. Also attending was a member of KTVO Television. Mr. Morris has met with over 40 Missouri counties including Putnam, Livingston, and Grundy to speak with County and City officials in order to partner with them for the upcoming 2020 Census.

He asked the Commission to **No. 1** help with recruitment by spreading the word that Census takers would be needed from August – October, 2020 to verify master address lists. This would require little interaction with the public. He asked that the Commission to **No. 2** persuade the public to participate. Trusted voices within the community do matter.

The public may ask “What’s in it for them?” Census information has a monetary funding meaning. There are over 50 uses of census data that can help communities maintain or get funding for services that affect their daily lives. This includes improvements to roads, water, community services as well as representation to congress.

This will be the 24th time the census has been conducted since its beginning in 1790. He stated they are wanting to involve historically known non-responders to the census. These groups include veterans, seniors, millennials, renters, college students, farmers, poverty people, plus “hard to count people” living in gated communities and in multiple housing.

James Madison was the author of the long form and in 1960 self-response forms were introduced. Questions have evolved over time. The forms will be mailed out in Mid-March of 2020. A reminder will be mailed approximately one week later. You can go online to complete the questionnaire that will be available in English and Spanish. You can also phone in your responses which will be available in 13 different languages. You need to count where you physically are on April 1, 2020.

There will be up to six times non-response follow-ups by address canvassers by knocking on someone’s door. They need dependable people and want to hire locally if possible at \$14.00 per hour. Individuals will be given 58 cents per mile is sent out of town. In Missouri, they are anticipating 74% mail back participation with 26% being non-response follow-ups. March 31, 2021 will be the date that all redistricting information must be to the State of Missouri.

No. 3 is the Commission’s help with using all resources and available opportunities to insert the Census into that situation. For example, integrate the message into existing community programs such as Kiwanis Club, educate through the school system, and form committees to help with the Census process. Use any means possible to slowly get the message out.

The Commission thanked Mr. Morris for his dedication to the Census process and will help in any way they can to get the word out to the community.

Commissioner King moved to approve the 2019 Local Emergency Planning Committee Promulgation Statement and Hazmat Plan. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Presiding Commissioner Shahan concurred. All voted in favor of the motion.

The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on April 24, 2019.

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ATTEST:


County Clerk


Presiding Commissioner

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ORDER No 11 Certificate of Training for Adair County Public Administrator, Rhonda Noe



ATTEST:

Dandra Collop

County Clerk

Mark Staker

Presiding Commissioner