

**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021**  
**10TH DAY APRIL REGULAR**

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on April 27, 2021, in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

At 10:00 a.m., the Elected Official's monthly meeting was held in the Adair County Annex to practice social distancing due to the coronavirus. Attending the meeting were Adair County Presiding Commissioner, Mark Shahan; Adair County 1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner, Bill King; Adair County 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner, Mark Thompson; Adair County Clerk, Sandra Collop; Adair County Treasurer, Lori Smith; Adair County Assessor, Kent Bryant; Adair County Public Administrator, Rhonda Noe; Adair County Recorder, Pat Shoush; Adair County Associate Circuit Judge Kristie Swaim; Adair County Circuit Clerk, Linda Decker; Adair County Prosecuting Attorney, Matt Wilson; and Adair County Sheriff, Eldon Grissom. Absent was Adair County Collector Sonja Harden and Adair County Coroner Brian Noe.

Presiding Commissioner Shahan spoke of the ¼ cent sales tax proposition to renovate the Courthouse that was passed on April 6, 2021. He asked that the Elected Officials compile a list of needs they feel are important to the upcoming project. The second week of May, he would like the Elected Officials to meet with Elle Blankenship, the Coordinator of the project, to discuss their suggestions. They are to submit their ideas to the Commission who will forward them to Ms. Blankenship. That will give her an opportunity to review them before the meeting.

Commissioner Shahan then discussed removal of six ash trees from the Courthouse lawn. The trees had fallen victim to the Emerald Ash Borer and their life expectancy was limited. The guidelines of the Adair County Tree Plan will be followed when the trees are replaced after the Courthouse renovation.

Mrs. Decker stated she has rented the Reiger Armory from the City of Kirksville who has temporarily leased the facility from the Kirksville RIII School District. Rental will be June 22-June 25, 2021, to conduct a jury trial. The third floor Courtroom is not large enough to accommodate all attendees for social distancing. The price will be \$70.00 per day which will cover cleaning costs of the facility. The Armory will statutorily revert to the school district now that it has been vacated by the State. The building can only be released through legislation. The City of Kirksville is trying to purchase the Armory. It has been appraised for \$600,000 of which \$450,000 is the land value and \$150,000 the building value.

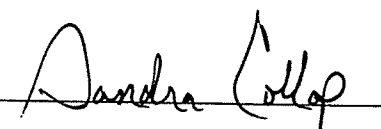
Foundation issues regarding the Courthouse were discussed as well as the possibility of asbestos within the structure. There were concerns as to whether a thorough inspection for asbestos had been performed as Ms. Smith said no one had inspected her office. It was discussed that the employees of the Courthouse may need to relocate during construction as many other County employees did when renovations on their county buildings was performed.

Commissioner Shahan stated they hoped to begin outside work in June. There was discussion as to benefits of the elevator reaching the fourth-floor attic as well the bats being eliminated on that floor.

Mrs. Decker is concerned about the weight her vault contains especially since it is above the Recorder's vault on the second floor and the Division One courtroom on the first floor. The Commission will check that out. She also suggested separate heating and air conditioning controls for each office. Getting bids for construction and financing were also discussed.

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Sheriff Grissom stated that the security system needs to be improved and could provide suggestions. Mr. Wilson suggested a public entrance as well as an employee entrance for the Courthouse. The current COVID Check employee position was discussed as well as security concerns within the building. Mrs. Shoush expressed the need to exit the building from the upper floors. Mrs. Noe suggested a security assessment. Commissioner Thompson suggested Wi-Fi on all three floors.

The Commission plans to implement a yearly maintenance plan once the building is completed so repairs can be completed on a timely basis and more economically instead of waiting which causes additional problems. They are also looking at storage systems and a designated private area for the Human Resource employee.

Judge Swaim said she was in favor of as much security and technology as possible. She is in favor of only one public door with all employees having access to all doors and a permanent metal detector. She thanked the Commission for constructing a tent area in the parking lot for individuals waiting for court, but feels it is no longer needed. The Commission will remove the tent and replace it when needed.

The meeting ended at 12:00 p.m.

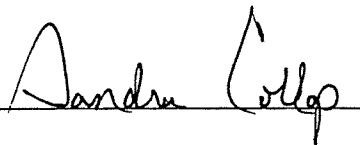
The Adair County Commission signed the 2020-2021 Chemical Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) application. It will be sent to the Missouri Emergency Response Commission (MERC) for review.


The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on April 27, 2021.

**Unscheduled Public Walk-Ins and other Non-Agenda Items for Tuesday, April 27, 2021:**

None

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