## ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021 7TH DAY JANUARY ADJOURNED

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on February 16, 2021 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present. The Adair County Courthouse was closed on Monday, February 15, 2021 in observance of President's s Day.

At 10:00 a.m., the Commission discussed an appointment to the SB40 Board due to the death of board member, Jo Hall. Commissioner Thompson moved to replace Jo Hall with Latricia Hicks. Commissioner King seconded the motion. Presiding Commissioner Shahan concurred. All voted in favor of the motion.

The Commission met with David Krueger, hand radio operator, regarding the ability to pass messages at a high rate of speed. He said that when all forms of communication are taken into consideration, shared resources would be the mode of communication to use. It is grant supported.

Mr. Krueger wants the Commission to give EOC permission for the FCC to issue him a permit. So, he is requesting a letter of support from the Commission to apply for a permit to the FCC.

He also spoke of service by the Federal government recognizing the use of volunteer resources. This is a no cost option that frees up employees through a shared resource system for emergency communication. The system could provide communication due to freezing or any type of lost services. It would provide an option to bridge email over radio when not available by any other means. Federal channels are available at no cost to agencies. The County would need an equipment storage rack at a cost of approximately \$3,000 to \$4,000. It is a system you hope you never need but will have if it is needed. You have a station call sign plus a portable call sign. It is fail-safe. There are over 3,000 agency sites, mostly counties, that are involved in this. It is the last resort used to send e-mails from a disaster that takes out communication. It is dependent on radio waves - there is always a pathway,

The Commission thanked Mr. Krueger for the information.

The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on February 16, 2021.

<u>Unscheduled Public Walk-Ins and other Non-Agenda Items for Tuesday, February 16, 2021:</u>

None

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Presiding Commissioner, Mark Shahan

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