

**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019**  
**2ND DAY JANUARY REGULAR**

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on January 7, 2019 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

At 9:00 a.m., the Commission met with Dave Hurt, Finance Coordinator for the Adair County Sheriff's Department to discuss the Sheriff's budget for 2019. Also present, was Adair County Clerk, Sandra Collop, and Deputy Clerk, Tammy Miller. Mr. Hurt was concerned that estimated expenses for the Sheriff's Department in 2019 were going to exceed estimated revenues. Several issues had still not been addressed and the funding did not appear to be adequate for what had already been proposed. These issues included computer purchases, operations training, radio system upgrade, jail repair/maintenance, and a request to install a fence within the jail for the safety of prisoners.

Options and concerns were discussed on ways to provide additional money for the department. The County Commission will take the ideas into consideration as the budget process continues.

At 10:00 a.m., the Commission met to conduct the second reading of the petition to close Deerwood Trail. Present at the meeting were Andy Whittom, Lisa Whittom, and Cole Scruggs. Mr. Scruggs stated that after the first reading of the petition he attempted to obtain an easement for a portion of Deerwood Trail that was in dispute. However, he was told an easement could not be obtained in his name until the road had been officially closed. Then he could proceed. Until that time, it was considered a County road.

Mr. Scruggs wanted to have the road closed so he could install a gate to the entrance of his land to deter people from dumping trash. Mr. Whittom requested a 40 foot easement forever when the road was closed and two double gates in order to gain access to his land. The other landowner involved, Shawn Baker, was against closing the road unless gates and rock were installed to his specifications. Mr. Baker was unable to attend the meeting but had texted Mr. Whittom who shared the information with everyone. Mr. Scruggs said he has made several attempts to contact Mr. Baker with no success. He also said that the required notice posted to close the road had been removed. Mr. Scruggs stated that he was at a standstill.


Commissioner Thompson acknowledged that there was not a consensus today among the landowners to the future of the road. He asked Mr. Scruggs to investigate minimum easement requirements. Mr. Scruggs said he was open to the idea of double gates and would seed down the area into grass to help with muddy conditions. He also stated that the road had been bladed recently by the County Road and Bridge Department.

The third and final reading of the petition to close Deerwood Trail will be held on the first working day in April, 2019. The petition will be tabled until then. The meeting ending at 10:30 a.m.

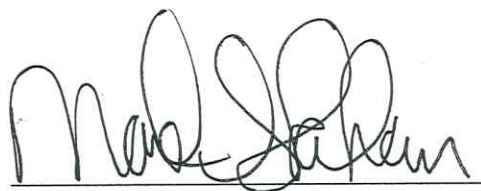
Presiding Commissioner Shahan signed the Novinger Community Center Lease Agreement in order to obtain permission to use the facility for election purposes on Tuesday, April 2, 2019.

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The Commission spent the rest of the day reviewing preliminary budgets submitted by County office holders.


The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on January 7, 2019.

**Unscheduled Public Walk-Ins and other Non-Agenda Items for Monday, January 7, 2019:**

None

IN REF. ORDER NO 5 Adair County Sheriff Fees for December, 2018

ATTEST:



County Clerk



Presiding Commissioner