

**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019
4TH DAY JANUARY REGULAR**

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on January 9, 2019 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

The Commission met at 3pm with representatives of the E-911 Board. Those in attendance were Presiding Commissioner Mark Shahan; 1st District Commissioner Bill King; 2nd District Commissioner Mark Thompson; Don Crosby E911 Board Chairman; Mary Macomber, City of Kirksville Manager; Lacy King, City of Kirksville Finance Director; Larry Burton, Executive Director ACAD; Jim Hughes, Kirksville Police/Fire Chief; Jon Cook, Kirksville Deputy Fire Chief; and Brad Ray with Rural Fire.

Don Crosby –Chairman of the E-911 Board, presented the Commission with a unanimous resolution as they requested. He said the resolution was to replace the existing land line fee with a device fee and has a sunset included. They would be forming a panel to see which one would be the best option at that time, either the fee or a sales tax.

Presiding Commissioner, Mark Shahan, asked about how the tax ID would be used to collect this fee, if the Board had its own ID?

Mr. Crosby said he didn't understand the question.

1st District Commissioner, Bill King, said that Lori Smith, Treasurer and Sandy Collop, County Clerk, had voiced their concerns about a sales tax collected under the County's tax ID would fall under the Hancock Amendment.

Mary Macomber (Kirksville City Manager) said that Hancock was so that you can't raise taxes arbitrarily, they just have to be voted on but there isn't a limit. This is for fees that aren't under Hancock. 911 is not a stand-alone entity, it is a dedicated fund under the City of Kirksville. The agreement can be modified so management can change if needed, but the City contributes resources to the Center, above the annual payment.

Mr. King said he was confused how the County could pass it, but it goes to the City.

Mrs. Macomber said it will run through the County like the existing fee does, it will come from the State instead of the telephone companies.

Mr. Crosby said that the way he understands Hancock is that voter approval would make it okay.

2nd District Commissioner, Mark Thompson, asked about the amount that would be produced with the fee or sales tax. How much per person would the sales tax be?

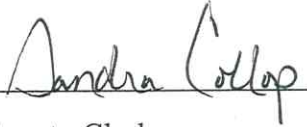
Brad Ray said that the sales tax would be \$36 per resident average, not counting the out of county shoppers. The fee is assessed by phone number.

Tammy Miller-Deputy County Clerk, asked what about tablets that are through wireless providers. They have a phone number, but are unable to make calls. Nobody was able to answer that question.

Mr. Crosby said the fee is less. It has become more burdensome with cell phones. Instead of one land line call coming in when there is an accident, now they get 20 cell phone calls, creating more work and the need for more efficient equipment to handle the increased calls.

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Mr. Thompson asked if they had looked into a CDBG grant. The state lady said there was potential of funding a building, its own center, 100% funded. It is a special program for 911 administration.

Mr. Crosby stated that they would continue looking at all of the options, building, and such.

Mr. Shahan said they would still need to touch base with Ms. Smith and Mrs. Collop about the tax base effects and especially the auditors. They just need more information.

Mr. Thompson informed the group that they were currently in Jefferson City.

Mr. Crosby said it was a brand new tax and nobody knows the ramifications yet.

Ms. Miller stated that the ballot language in the resolution didn't address the fee that was already being collected.

Mr. King said that has already been resolved. The statute only allows one at a time so the other one would automatically come off.

Mr. Thompson said that Scotland County had mentioned wanting Adair County to take over their 911 calls and asked if this would help make that possible. And if the amount they paid for the service would help offset any of the costs? He also inquired about a regional center, which the State is trying to get people to move in that direction.

Mr. Crosby said that they would have to make sure it was feasible and then maybe plan for that in the future.

Mr. Thompson asked how much the per device fee would add up to. This would only apply to devices with Adair County accounts, not the college students that have accounts at home.

Mr. Crosby said nobody knows yet, the information is not available on the number of devices. The money isn't needed yet for the day to day operations, but will be needed for improvements and to look at the future of the call center. This is just the first step.

Mr. Thompson asked how it would affect the amounts that the entities pay.

Mr. Crosby stated everyone will still pay, it may adjust it or not with the fee. The sales tax should fund it 100%.

Mr. Thompson asked why they didn't go with the sales tax initially.

Mr. Crosby said to him personally, the fee is more appealing and they were not sure if the voters would approve a sales tax.

Mr. Thompson said that this was a change in environment for the City and the County to a positive working environment.

Jim Hughes (Fire/Police Chief) asked the Commission, assuming that the information they get back is not adverse, what would they support?

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Mr. Shahan said that if they got positive feedback they would be able to move forward and come to a consensus within the Commission.

Mr. King said they do need to move forward, but it would be based on the answers to their questions.

Mr. Thompson said this was a positive step but they were not committing until they hear back.

Mr. Hughes told them that just because nobody has done it before doesn't mean they don't need to do it. Somebody has to be first.

Mr. King said this was not the case.


Mr. Thompson pointed out that Adair County was the first County to appoint an Elected Official after a change in statute. We are able to take the growing pains.

The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Unscheduled Public Walk-Ins and other Non-Agenda Items for Wednesday, January 9, 2018:

Jessica Karins – E-911

ATTEST:



County Clerk



Presiding Commissioner