

ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020
6TH DAY JANUARY REGULAR

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on January 15, 2020 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. Presiding Commissioner Shahan and Commissioner King were present. Commissioner Thompson was attending a County Commissioner's Association of Missouri meeting in Jefferson City, Missouri.

The Commission met at 10:00 a.m. with members of Kirksville Regional Economic Development Incorporated (KREDI). Also attending were KREDI members Carolyn Chrisman, Matt Herron, and Sean Bonnell.

Mrs. Chrisman expressed a desire to strengthen their partnership with the Commission. She understands that they have not always gotten along but would hope that they could do an agreement similar to the one they have with the City. This would get the County more involved. The Commission was presented with a draft version of what the agreement would be. The annual amount is not set, it is based on what the County can afford in their budget and can fluctuate year to year.

Many of our surrounding counties have agreements with their local organizations and KREDI is planning on expanding their reach to some of the other counties that do not have economic development in place. By expanding, it would help build up the foundation for the region to benefit everyone.

The Commission asked about their willingness to give tax abatements and incentives, which decreases the benefit and necessary funding for the infrastructure and schools to support their increased needs.

Mrs. Chrisman did agree for the need to have the EEZ board to have meetings with all the entities about abatements and specifically wind farms. There needs to be more communication, so everyone understands the process. You can bring the businesses into the county and collect 50% or you can lose the business to other counties that are willing to give the incentives and collect nothing.

With the wind farms coming into the county and the rise of green industries and corporations, they are hoping to use third party certification as a marketing tool to attract more business.

The meeting ended with everyone agreeing to work on more open communication and continuing to work towards the betterment of the community.

The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on January 15, 2020.

The Adair County Courthouse will be closed on January 20, 2020 in observance of Martin Luther King Day. The Adair County Commission will reconvene on Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

Unscheduled Public Walk-Ins and other Non-Agenda Items for Wednesday, January 15, 2020:

Keith Hammons

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Presiding Commissioner