

ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020
19TH DAY APRIL ADJOURNED

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on June 16, 2020 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. Commissioner King and Commissioner Thompson were present. Presiding Commissioner Shahan was absent.

9:30am

Attendees: Stephanie McGrew, Mark Thompson, Bill King, and Heather Kelley

Stephanie McGrew, Kirksville small business owner, introduced herself and told Commissioner Thompson and Commissioner King that she has been in Kirksville since 2004 and started her first business in 2013. She owns a personal training business, renting a location behind the Ice House. She also has a Yoga studio on Washington Street and recently bought the Escape Room business right before the Covid shut down.

Ms. McGrew stated that all her businesses have been hit hard due to Covid. Ms. McGrew's purpose in talking to the Commission was to see if the county would be providing grants to small businesses with the CARES Act funding. Ms. McGrew said she plans on staying in Kirksville and as a minority business owner feels like it's important for her to remain present and visible. She stated that all her bookings for the Escape Room is from out of town groups and these customers eat out in Kirksville before their Escape Room event bringing in extra revenue to the community. Ms. McGrew also wanted the commission to know that because of her businesses she was able to start a non-profit called 2315 E.L.M. (Education Leadership Management).


Ms. McGrew told Commissioner King and Commissioner Thompson that she tried to get funding already through other CARES Act programs and was denied several times. She said that she is a small business owner with no-full time employees and only has contracted employees. She stated that she has also applied for 20 other grant opportunities, through private corporations, and was not able to get any funding from these entities either. Ms. McGrew said that prior to Covid she had between 40-50 personal training clients and pretty much none of these clients have returned. She has also tried on-line services and people seemed interested in a couple of weeks and then just quit that as well.

Ms. McGrew talked to her landlords and they need to pay their bills too, so they were unwilling to work with her on her rent payments through the Covid crisis. Luckily though her insurance company is allowing her to defer her insurance payment for 3 months.


Commissioner King stated that Adair County is talking to other counties and that they are moving slow because the Commission wants to make sure they are doing it right. Commissioner King said that they had discussed having a local group help administer the CARES funding but realized these people might be the same people wanting to apply for funding so the decision was made to use the Regional Planning Commission to help oversee the process. Commissioner King said Adair County hopes to have the funding application by the end of this week or the beginning of next week. The Commission is also looking to establish a local work group to help advise in the allocation of money. Commissioner King said that governmental agencies would be looked at first, but some of them might not be eligible because they may have received money from other CARES programs. He also said that if Adair County gets a surge in more Covid cases at the end of the year, the Commission would like to have some of the money left to address that.

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Jeanne North, Volunteer at Take Root Café, asked the Commission for use of the courthouse north parking lot (east end only) on July 4, 2020. The non-profit restaurant plans on serving ice cream sundaes as a fund-raising event. They plan on asking for free-will donations.

Commissioner King motioned to approve Take Root Café's use of the Courthouse north parking lot (east end) on July 4, 2020.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.

Discussion was held. Commissioner King stated that Take Root needs to coordinate their event with the Kirksville Kiwanis Farmer's Market which currently uses part of the north parking lot every Saturday. Commissioner King said he would contact the Kiwanis and provide them if Jeanne North's contact information so they could coordinate.

Vote was taken to approve Take Root Café's use of the Courthouse north parking lot (east end) on July 4, 2020:

Commissioner King: Yes

Commissioner Thompson: Yes


Motion approved.

The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on June 16, 2020.

Unscheduled Public Walk-Ins and other Non-Agenda Items for Tuesday, June 16, 2020:

Steve Sanders – Terra -Gen

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