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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Ms. McGrew asked Commissioner King if there would be money for small businesses. Commissioner King said they are looking into money for small businesses. He said that the guidance has been confusing on just how the money can be used. The commission hopes that there will be enough to go around and that the money will probably have to be used for mortgage payments and insurance.

Ms. McGrew said it's been stressful not knowing. She has had to pick up extra jobs to keep her businesses afloat and that if she loses her businesses then she will probably not stay in Kirksville. She also said she knows at least six other businesses that fell through the cracks and did not get any CARES Act funding. Ms. McGrew feels better that maybe she can get a grant from the county.

Commissioner Thompson reiterated that Adair County needs to make sure we are spending the money correctly. He said that when the county is audited, we need to be in good shape to avoid lawsuits. Commissioner Thompson stated that the Health Department has yet to receive any additional funding and that some places are asking for \$600,000. He also stated that the county would be looking to use FEMA/SEMA funding so the CARES Act funding can go to other places in the community.

Ms. McGrew thanked the Commission for its time. Meeting adjourned at 9:50am

10:30am

Approval of Contract with Regional Planning Commissioner (RPC) to administer CARES Act Funding

Attendees: Bill King, Mark Thompson, Mark Shahan, Heather Kelley

Commissioner Thompson made motion to hire RPC to administer CARES Act funding for Adair County. Commissioner Shahan seconded the motion.

Discussion was held. Commissioner Shahan stated that if Adair County tried to find someone local to administer the funding, they may want to apply for funding so going through the RPC was the right thing to do and to make sure Adair County was doing it right.

Vote was taken to approve signing a contract with RPC to administer CARES Act funding:

Commissioner King: Yes

Commissioner Thompson: Yes

Tie breaking vote by Commissioner Shahan not needed, motion approved.

Meeting adjourned 10:38am

1:30pm

Meeting with Take Root Café regarding use of the Courthouse north parking lot.

Attendees: Bill King, Mark Thompson, Jeanne North, Heather Kelley

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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:

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Presiding Commissioner