

ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020
16TH DAY APRIL ADJOURNED

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on June 9, 2020 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

At 1:00 p.m., the Commission conducted a zoom meeting with members of the Adair County Health Department. Participating were Jim LeBaron, Director; Ron Stewart, and Lori Guffey, RN Clinic Supervisor.

Mr. LeBaron stated he realized that certain parts of government were considered as priority to receives money from the CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.). Commissioner Shahan stated that the Health Department and first responders were at the top of the list and wanted to know if he had read the guidelines. Mr. LeBaron said he had limited information but wanted to purchase equipment for the Health Department. They needed materials for regular flu which included replacements for refrigerators and a shelter to be driven thru for disasters.

Mr. Stewart said they had approached the Fair Board about driving thru the multipurpose building with the use of plywood, but they felt it was not feasible. In January and February there will be mass dispensing for COVID-19, and they were trying to get prepared. They must use full personal protective equipment (PPE) while working for the clinic as well as clothing to keep warm when outside.

Mr. LeBaron said that with the CARES money he could distribute PPE and stockpile it then he would not be dependent on the DHHS (Department of Health and Senior Services). He wants to start ordering now due to possible back order situations. He wants the support of the County Commission. Everything will be costed out. He also wanted to talk about salaries later. Mr. LeBaron wanted approximately 20% of the 2.9 million allotted to Adair County. He will give them paid invoices and documentation of purchases.

Commissioner King cautioned him to watch what he was spending the money for. It must be for things not already budgeted for. Mr. LeBaron felt that the flue clinic has a direct response to COVID.

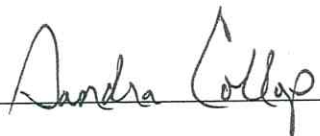
Mrs. Guffey said it is a top priority. The symptoms are so close to COVID. The vaccine will need to be stored and transported and feels equipment is vital for this purpose. It would make means to let everyone get back to their normal lives. They want to be able to serve patrons. They promote health and protect the public. She said that she was a nurse 1st. The equipment would be used again and again. Mr. LeBaron said he wanted a commitment on actual salaries for his staff and the equipment

Commissioner Shahan said the guidelines were for things that had not already been budgeted. He could not get things until they were approved.


Mr. LeBaron asked about the commitment. Commissioner King said only if it was over what he had already budgeted for this year. He should try to be careful as some things may not be covered under the CARES Act.

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Mr. LeBaron wanted to know if salaries were allowable over what was already budgeted. Like overtime.

Commissioner Shahan said "yes, but not base salary". All counties are different. Small businesses are not included. Commissioner King said it changes every day.

Mr. LeBaron said, "so PPE and equipment would be allowed?" Commissioner Shahan said that was a true statement. Mr. LeBaron said, "so you advise us to get equipment?" Commissioner Shahan and the other Commissioners all agreed he could get the equipment.

Mr. LeBaron then asked about a UV light system. Mr. Stewart said it helped to identify germs after washing. The Ambulance District has small UV lights to do this. He will send information on the new lights to Commissioner King.

Discussion continued about researching for a vaccine. Mr. Stewart will also forward that information to Commissioner King as well. He said the CDC (Center for Disease Control) wanted to push it out there. In the past, they usually administer 1400-1500 doses regularly but could raise to 2000 when the fall comes due to information from the CDC.

Mrs. Guffey really wants to do the flu shots, so we do not have any deaths. CDC recommends all immunizations.

Mr. Stewart thought all health providers and the court system should be vaccinated. Approximately 10% of the population could be considered critical infrastructure personnel or essential. He will forward that information too. He said hospitals will receive it first, then clinics, then the general population. It is a two-dose requirement.

Commissioner King said he did not want anyone to get into a financial bind.

Mr. LeBaron then recapped the conversation: 1) Salaries are up to interpretation, 2) things are allowable for the drive-thru regular flu clinic and 3) equipment has a green light. OK? "Yes" said Commissioner Shahan.

Commissioner King said they were working on an advisory board. We must prioritize and there is not enough guidance. If additional money, it will be for small businesses - only for those that have fallen thru the cracks.


Mr. LeBaron has a problem with the CARES Act ending at the end of the year. He will convey to the Health Department board that he has the green light on the equipment.

They thanked the Commission for their time and the meeting ended.

The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on June 9, 2020.

Unscheduled Public Walk-Ins and other Non-Agenda Items for Tuesday, June 9, 2020:

None

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