

**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021  
19TH DAY JANUARY ADJOURNED**

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on March 23, 2021 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

At 10:00 a.m., the Elected Official's monthly meeting was held in the first-floor Division 2 Courtroom to practice social distancing due to the coronavirus. Attending the meeting were Adair County Presiding Commissioner, Mark Shahan; Adair County 1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner, Bill King; Adair County 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner, Mark Thompson; Adair County Clerk, Sandra Collop; Adair County Treasurer, Lori Smith; Adair County Assessor, Kent Bryant; Adair County Public Administrator, Rhonda Noe; Adair County Prosecuting Attorney, Matt Wilson; and Adair County Sheriff, Eldon Grissom. Those absent were Adair County Coroner, Brian Noe; Adair County Recorder, Pat Shoush; and Adair County Circuit Clerk, Linda Decker.

Presiding Commissioner Shahan passed out copies of a completed informational flyer encouraging everyone to vote YES on April 6, 2021 for a ¼ cent sales tax to fund renovations to the Adair County Courthouse. He said flyers and yard signs to promote the sales tax were available at the Adair County Historical Society. The Commission has been attending organizational club meetings to answer any questions the members may have. Tonight Larry Evans, a member of the Committee to Restore Historic Adair County Courthouse, has been invited by the Chamber of Commerce to speak at the candidate forum for Adair County Health Department Board of Trustees candidates. He will be allowed 3 minutes to discuss the project. Presiding Commissioner Shahan said there has been positive feedback regarding the renovation project. Commissioner Thompson added that 82% of the sales tax received in the County is from outside areas of the community.

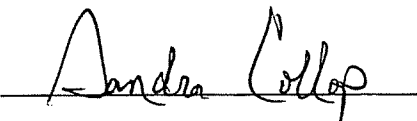
Presiding Commissioner Shahan also shared that the County will once again receive County funding due to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Adair County will receive nearly 5 million dollars with one half of the money being sent to the County in the very near future. The second one half will be sent 12 months later. There will be a joint meeting with several counties along with area Representative and Senator Cindy O'Laughlin to learn more about the "American Rescue Plan Act."

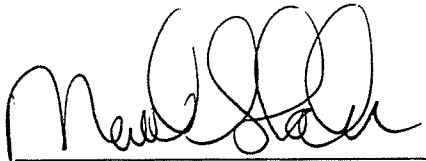
Mrs. Harden reported that the Collector's office was getting ready to compile information for the Back Tax Sale. They will work with the Recorder's Office and the Assessor's Office to obtain as much information as possible to contact the owners of the delinquent properties. They will also be sending out additional delinquent notices for 2020 real and personal property.

Ms. Smith, who is currently the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President of the Missouri Association of Counties (MAC) Board, reported on legislative items. She spoke of disgruntled law makers and the difficulty to get things accomplished. She reported there will be a MAC Legislative Day on April 19, 2021 in Jefferson City, Missouri. The 2020 Legislative Day was cancelled due to the coronavirus. Updates will be given by legislators on proceedings from current legislative sessions. Topics tentatively include issues regarding transportation, the State budget, local public health ordinances, elections, responsibilities of health departments, Wayfair and online sales tax, local government issues, and CARES funding. An honored guest to be in attendance is The President of the National Association of Counties (NACO).

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Ms. Smith stated that the fall MAC Annual Conference will once again be held this year after being cancelled in 2020. It will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the organization. They are needing topic suggestions. She encouraged everyone who wanted, to get involved. They want to gain more representation throughout elected positions within the State.

Mr. Wilson stated he is discussing bids with two different contractors to finish renovations to his office. He anticipates in person court appearances to begin as early as next week. The court system has been closed for several months due to the coronavirus. Due to the duration of the court closure, some jury trials are being placed on the docket beginning February and March 2022.

Mr. Wilson said the City is experiencing transitioning to a new Chief of Police due to the sudden death of Chief Steve Farnsworth last fall. The Kirksville Police Department is also experiencing officers leaving the area. A meeting is scheduled this afternoon to discuss the situation. He also spoke of difficulties with social media posts and breaking civil law. They are time consuming and are filtering into his personal life.

Sheriff Grissom spoke of success in breaking up crime cells within the area. Adair County partnered with the Columbia Police Department and Knox County Law Enforcement. The Sheriff's Department will begin a new food service contract in April. The biggest problem they face are inmate complaints about the food. It is hard to keep employees when there is so much animosity within the jail. It affects everything and this will help the whole system. Once the contract begins, the inmates will be served 2 hot meals and one cold meal per day.

Sheriff Grissom had suggestions brought to his attention for improvements to the Courthouse. Installing cameras in the second-floor atrium was one suggestion. Another, to implement a full-time bailiff to secure the court system upon an individual's entrance into the Courthouse.

It was agreed by all that security needed to be a top priority whether the sales tax passed. There should be always a presence of security with the building. Commissioner King said it had been considered keeping only one entrance available to the public even after the threat of COVID has passed.

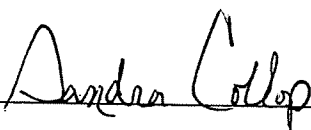
Mr. Bryant thought a roaming officer would provide a security presence within the Courthouse. He then reported that assessment sheets had been mailed out and a flyover of the County would be performed to update topography. The mapper for the Assessor's office will be retiring on July 1. The position will be filled in house.

Commissioner Thompson stated that online training is available now and until the end of June for Commissioner's to complete their required annual training. Approximately 81 new Commissioners attended Statewide training in person two weeks ago. He also stated that people were discussing problem areas on the roads.

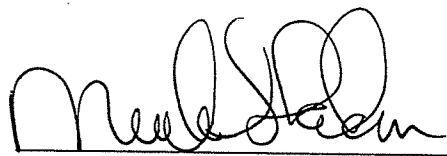
Mrs. Collop encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming April 6, 2021 election. She also discussed information received from the National Association of Counties (NACO) regarding training seminars for Elected Officials.

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Commissioner King discussed pending legislation in the House and Senate. It is still early in the process as to which bills will be approved. He also mentioned that the Veteran's Administration will be moving out of the Courthouse to Moberly Area Community College (MACC) in Kirksville.

At 1:30 p.m., the Commission met with members of Older Adult Transportation Services (OATS) Committee for a check presentation to their organization. Present were Peggy Garrett, Kim Kriegel, Stella Patinio, Gloria Kwok, and OATS Regional Director, Sherry Webb. Discussion was held of the reliable transportation they provided during 2020 and will again in 2021 to the citizens of Adair County.

The Commission presented a check in the amount of \$3,000.00 (\$1,500.00 for 2020 and \$1,500.00 for 2021) to the members.

The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on March 23, 2021.

**Unscheduled Public Walk-Ins and other Non-Agenda Items for Tuesday, March 23, 2021:**

None

IN REF. ORDER NO 26 Agreement for Services between Adair County and Adair County  
O.A.T.S.

**AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES**

This Agreement entered this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2021 by and between the County of Adair, State of Missouri, and the Adair County O.A.T.S. Committee.

WHEREAS, the Adair County Commissioners are interested in making sure that the disadvantaged citizens of Adair County have available to them reliable transportation; and

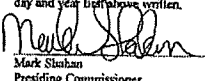

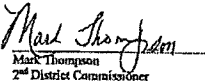
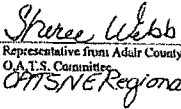
WHEREAS, the Adair County O.A.T.S. Committee is committed to providing reliable transportation to disadvantaged citizens of Adair County, Missouri.

WITNESSETH:


Now THEREFORE, for the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, Adair County and Adair County O.A.T.S. Committee agree as follows:

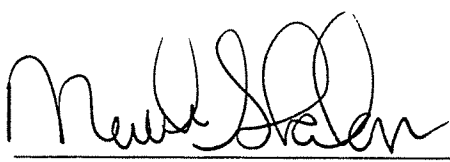
1. Adair County O.A.T.S. Committee provided reliable transportation for disadvantaged citizens of Adair County during 2020 and will again in 2021 at times set by the Committee.
2. In exchange for the Adair County O.A.T.S. Committee providing the reliable transportation as stated above, Adair County promised to pay County O.A.T.S. Committee the sum of \$3,000.00 (\$1,500.00 for 2020 and \$1,500.00 for 2021).
3. The parties agreed and acknowledged that this Agreement for Services was a memorialization of an oral agreement made and entered into by the parties on January 28, 2020.
4. The Adair County O.A.T.S. Committee further acknowledges receipt of \$3,000.00 from the Commissioners of Adair County, Missouri presented on behalf of the County of Adair on March 23, 2021.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hands to the Agreement on the day and year first above written.

 Mark Shahan Presiding Commissioner	 William King 1 <sup>st</sup> District Commissioner
 Mark Thompson 2 <sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner	 Sherry Webb Representative from Adair County O.A.T.S. Committee OATS, INC Regional Director

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