

ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2021
20TH DAY JANUARY ADJOURNED

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on March 24, 2021 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present. Presiding Commissioner Shahan was absent in the afternoon.

At 10:00 a.m., the Commission met with Carolyn Chrisman, Executive Director Kirksville Regional Economic Development, Inc. (K-REDI). Also present was Adair County Assessor, Kent Bryant.

Mrs. Chrisman had been contacted by Paul Bocci, a financial individual from Lake Ozarks. Heya Wellness has been granted a permit to build a marijuana manufacturing facility in rural Adair County. The facility would grow and process marijuana products near Hazel Creek. The company was ready to move forward with the project and wanted to use industrial revenue bonds to fund the project. Mrs. Chrisman thought the County should obtain the bonds, as opposed to the City, as the facility would be in the County. Banks are currently not loaning money on projects as such as this right now.

She stated that a company like Gilmore & Bell would issue bonds to the County. In turn, the County would advance the money to the manufacturing facility. The County would be the owner of the facility until Heya Wellness retired their debt with the County on the bonds. Mrs. Chrisman said it was a financial mechanism for the facility. They would receive all tax exemptions (including property taxes) and use the County's sales tax-exempt number to avoid paying sales taxes. She is not exactly sure how everything would work. She merely was doing an icebreaker for Mr. Bocci to see if the Commission would speak with him.

Mrs. Chrisman suggested the Commission speak with other counties as marijuana facilities would be built around the State. It would be a trade-off as far as jobs, wage rates, and if it were worth the give and take.

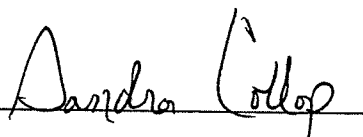
Presiding Commissioner Shahan stated that the County receives Federal funding. He did not want to jeopardize that as marijuana was considered illegal by the Federal government. He would seek legal counsel on the matter. Mrs. Chrisman said you could always use the reason of percentage of voter turnout as justification as well as job growth. They also could pay in lieu of taxes. Commissioner Shahan said they would listen to Mr. Bocci but needed to do their homework.

Mrs. Chrisman will contact Mr. Bocci to help set up a meeting with the Commission. She will e-mail everyone involved as a follow up of today's discussion.

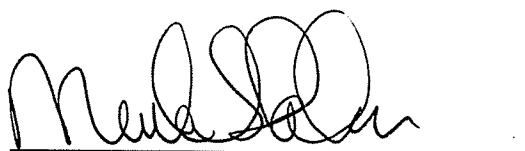
Discussion then turned to the Property Accessed Clean Energy (PACE) program. The Commission stated the County would not be participating in the collection of any funds related to the program. Also discussed were wind farms, solar farms, and enhanced enterprise zones (EEZ). Mrs. Chrisman will forward a webinar she will be attending soon regarding the PACE program to the Commission.

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At 2:30 p.m., the Commission acted on applications from organizations within Adair County for funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Commissioner King moved to approve an application from Kirksville Allergy & Asthma, LLC in the amount of \$25,000.00 (Application #170). Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Both voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner King moved to approve an application from Take Root Café in the amount of \$2,408.26 (Application #168). Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Both voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner King moved to approve an application from Shawn's Bridal and Formal Shoppe in the amount of \$14,764.86 (Application #177). Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Both voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner King moved to approve an application from Complete Family Medicine in the amount of \$47,297.22 (Application #173). Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Both voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner King moved to approve an application from Wooden Nickel in the amount of \$25,000.00 (Application #169). Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Both voted in favor of the motion.

The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on March 24, 2021.

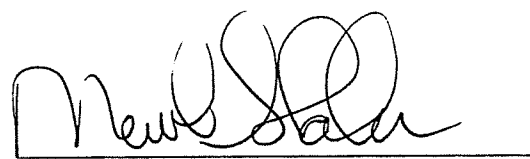
Unscheduled Public Walk-Ins and other Non-Agenda Items for Wednesday, March 24, 2021:

None

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