## ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2019 8TH DAY OCTOBER ADJOURNED

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on November 26, 2019 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

At 10:00 a.m., the Elected Official's monthly meeting was held in the Commissioner's suite of the Courthouse. Attending the meeting were Adair County Presiding Commissioner, Mark Shahan; Adair County 1st District Commissioner, Bill King; Adair County 2nd District Commissioner, Mark Thompson; Adair County Treasurer, Lori Smith; Adair County Assessor, Kent Bryant; Adair County Recorder, Pat Shoush; Adair County Collector, Sonja Harden; and Adair County Clerk, Sandra Collop. Those absent were Adair County Public Administrator, Rhonda Noe; Adair County Circuit Clerk, Linda Decker; Adair County Sheriff, Robert Hardwick; Adair County Coroner, Brian Noe; and Adair County Prosecuting Attorney, Matt Wilson.

Mr. Bryant discussed problems with tax bills.

Commissioner Thompson said that RTS Waste management was going to set up a transfer station on Highway 11 West. That will mean more assessment dollars for the County. The company will be able to run small trucks.

Presiding Commissioner Shahan stated that the stumps left from tree removal on the Courthouse lawn were ground out and filled in with dirt. Mrs. Shoush asked why trees were being removed. He explained the County now had a tree plan for the Courthouse lawn. A person recommended by the Missouri Department of Conservation provided guidance with the plan. He also stated that downspouts on the Courthouse had been replaced with open faced downspouts. Gutter issues were discovered during the downspout replacement and a determination will be made as to the repair. The chimney is being taken down as it is no longer used and could have fallen. Solar lights have been installed on the back side of the Courthouse. He had also attended the annual Missouri Association of Counties (MAC) meeting and congratulated Mrs. Smith on being elected to the MAC board.

Ms. Smith thanked everyone for helping write letters, pass out stickers, and their encouragement as she campaigned for the MAC Treasurer's position. He added that it was an interesting experience. At the MAC meeting, she attended the Deputy Salary Fund meeting. There are many problems with the fund. She also spoke of Forfeiture Funds being placed in the School Reading Fund. The money is at the State and not being dispersed to the schools. Another meeting she attended, highlighted the Veteran's Memorial in Perryville, Missouri. The 45 acre, \$25 million dollar project was financed with private funds. It is an exact replica of the Vietnam Wall. The project was opened in May, 2019 and is seeing approximately 100 visitors a day. She thought the opening speaker was awesome. She enjoyed the program honoring veterans, especially Commissioner Thompson and Mr. Bryant, with lapel pins by Governor Parson.

Mrs. Shoush said she was looking into going on-line with the information in the Recorder's office. Her office receives lots of calls which takes time. She has a meeting with the Commission and Fidlar Technologies that handles all Adair County contracts of potential buyers of information from the Recorder's Office.

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Commissioner Thompson thanked Clint Tracy and Governor Parson for the Veteran's recognition at the MAC meeting. He served at the same time in criminal investigation in Germany. He also mentioned that the County was working on negotiating a new Settlement Agreement with the Second Judicial Circuit. Ms. Smith added that Lewis County wanted to be included in all Settlement Agreement conversations. He said elevator parts were also going to be replaced in the near future.

Mrs. Collop reminded everyone that there will be three additional pay periods in 2020 as opposed to the normal two. This occurs approximately once every 8-9 years. This will cause a slight change in the amount of a salaried employee's check as their annual pay will be divided by 27 payrolls as opposed to 26. Hourly employees will also receive an extra paycheck so Elected Officials should budget payrolls accordingly.

Commissioner King stated that all topics seemed to have been covered.

The Adair County Commission spent the rest of the day attending to County business.

The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on November 26, 2019.

<u>Unscheduled Public Walk-Ins and other Non-Agenda Items for Tuesday, November 26, 2019:</u>

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