

**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020
4TH DAY OCTOBER REGULAR**

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on October 13, 2020 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present. The Adair County Courthouse was closed on Monday, October 12, 2020 in honor of Columbus Day.

At 1:30 p.m., the Elected Official's monthly meeting was held in the third-floor courtroom to practice social distancing due to the coronavirus. 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 Clerk, Sandra Collop; Adair County Treasurer, Lori Smith; Adair County Collector, Sonja Harden; Adair County Assessor, Kent Bryant; Adair County Sheriff, Robert Hardwick; Adair County Circuit Clerk, Linda Decker; and Adair County Prosecuting Attorney, Matt Wilson. Those absent were Adair County Coroner, Brian Noe and Adair County Recorder, Pat Shoush.

Presiding Commissioner Shahan gave an assessment of the Courthouse. A company from St. Louis, CTS, has been awarded the bid to access the Courthouse for repairs and renovation. CTS presented to the Commission that the roof leaks, the sandstone on the exterior of the building is deteriorating and absorbing moisture. There are also issues with heating, electrical and lack of air conditioning for climate control. The repair/renovation would take millions of dollars and could be funded with a successful vote of a ¼ cent sales tax on the April 2021 ballot. He just wanted everyone to be aware that this issue was being considered. He also mentioned issues with the elevator. It will cost approximately \$125,000 to update the mechanics and interior of the elevator.

Commissioner Thompson spoke of possibly charging rent for the use of the Juvenile Justice building. Adair County now owns the building as of June 2020. Presiding Commissioner Shahan stated the County wanted to establish a capital improvement fund for repairs and upkeep to the building.

Sheriff Hardwick stated that it was expensive to maintain aging buildings. He said, in the case of the jail, it could cost as much as \$150,000 per year for routine repairs. It all adds up. He also suggested that the flag flying at the Courthouse be lowered to half-staff to honor Police Chief Steven Farnsworth. Chief Farnsworth died unexpectedly on October 11, 2020.

Presiding Commissioner stated there had been a positive COVID case within the Courthouse. Mr. Wilson said there possibly could have been a HIPPA violation on the way in which the matter was handled. We needed to be more consistent with protocols and do cleaning every day.

The meeting ended approximately 3:00 p.m.

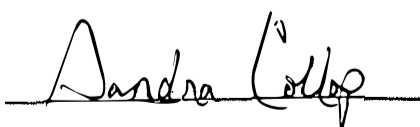
When discussing CARES funding later in the day, it was noted that CARES Application #52 from October 7, 2020 from the NE Missouri Community Action Agency (NEMCAA) had been denied.


The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on October 13, 2020.

Unscheduled Public Walk-Ins and other Non-Agenda Items for Tuesday, October 13, 2020:

None

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ATTEST: 
County Clerk


Presiding Commissioner, Mark Shahan

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IN REF. ORDER NO 9 Certificate of Training for Adair County Assessor, Kent Bryant



ATTEST:

Dandra Collop

County Clerk

Mark Shahan

Presiding Commissioner, Mark Shahan