

ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019
15TH DAY JULY ADJOURNED

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on September 9, 2019 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

At 9:00 a.m., the Commission met with Jeffrey Lashley, President of Moberly Area Community College (MACC); Jo Fey, Dean of Workforce Development and Technical Education; Derek Weber of the Northeast Regional Planning Commission; and Carolyn Chrisman, E.D., EDFP; Executive Director--Kirksville Regional Economic Development, Inc. (K-REDI).

Mr. Weber wanted to give the Commission an update to a grant application they had approved on March 26, 2019. They were in favor of applying for a request for Proposals for the Work Force Training Initiative Grant thru the Missouri Department of Economic Development on behalf of MACC. Since the original application, the scope of the grant had been broadened that now included the ability to serve low to moderate income applicants. Today, they merely wanted to make sure the Commission continued to be on board with the grant. An updated application would need to be completed.

Ms. Fey stated it would be a two year grant for individuals to get a Mechanics and Wind Degree. After the grant, cross training of positions would continue within the course. There was a similar program that was working well in Columbia, Missouri and another beginning in Mexico, Missouri. These opportunities offer short term degrees for good paying jobs.

Mr. Lashley added this would be an opportunity to meet the needs of the area. Before now, start-up costs had been prohibitive. Now, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) would be the start-up costs for the Kirksville programs and their sustainability. He feels the programs will continue to be relevant to the area.

They have 9 letters of support. These include support from Kraft Heinz, Western's Meat, Hollister Incorporated, Senator Cindy O'Laughlin and several school districts. Partnerships are the way we can get things done. We need to get the word out and wants people to come to the program as he they thinks there is a need. This will be great for rural areas. We have the space and the curriculum. Northeast Regional Planning Commission can be the fiscal agent. The timeline for the application is September 30, 2019. They will be notified in approximately 2 months whether or not the grant is awarded. The goal is to begin classes at Moberly Area Community College (MACC) in August, 2020.

They will return in approximately two weeks to obtain signatures for the application.

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 September 9, 2019.

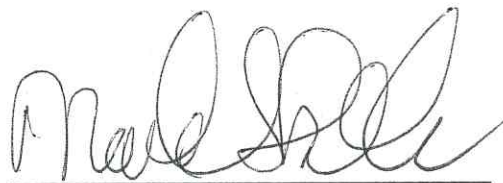
Unscheduled Public Walk-Ins and other Non-Agenda Items for Monday, September 9, 2019:

Lora Lang – Wind farm

ATTEST:



County Clerk



Presiding Commissioner