

ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019
17TH DAY APRIL ADJOURNED

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on June 12, 2019 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. Presiding Commissioner Shahan and Commissioner King were present. Commissioner Thompson was absent.

At 10:00 a.m., the Commission traveled to The Pines nursing home facility located on Jamison Street in Kirksville. Also present at the meeting were, Adair County Public Administrator, Rhonda Noe; Adair County Clerk, Sandra Collop; and Pat Selby, Director Heartland Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). Representing The Pines were Jim Richardson, Administrator, and Wendy Besler, Nursing Director at The Pines Adult Care Center; and J.D. Smiser, Legal Counsel since 2001.

As The Pines is a taxing entity within the County, they receive tax monies based on a yearly levy. Presiding Commissioner Shahan said there had been several questions posed to the Commission asking "What does Adair County get for the taxpayers money?" Mrs. Noe stated that she has been unable to make any Adair County resident placements within the facility. Adair County resident are having to go out of County to utilize other nursing home facilities.

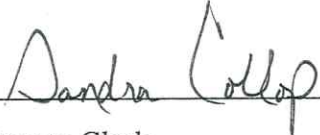
Mr. Richardson stated that there is no easy answer for healthcare. They receive approximately \$485,000 in taxes from the County each year which represents approximately 7 – 8% of their total revenue. He said the admission process is complex. There are three components to admission: 1) Financial – How are they going to get reimbursed? He stated the facility was in financial trouble when he became administrator and changes had to be made. Now, residents are private pay until Medicare is involved. If the resident becomes Medicare approved, then they will be reimbursed. In some instances, individuals are not approved. This insures The Pines can cover expenses incurred by the resident. All beds are certified for Medicaid. 2) Clinical – History, physicals, and meds are reviewed by Wendy and another nurse to take into consideration the resident's diagnosis, co-amenities, and resources available to meet their needs. They want to have appropriate players to manage their situations including behavioral issues. In other words, so they can manage the individuals' employee wise. 3) Acuity Level – Only 15% of their population walk thru the door. They have to be able to balance their staff and the condition of the patient. Mr. Richardson stated that staff can be trained "in house", but right now he does not have the staff to do that. The facility can't afford to make mistakes. There is a \$10,000 per day fine if the facility is cited for a Class 1 violation from Health and Senior Services. We are trying to do the right thing. It is incredibly challenging in this day and age. We are not a behavioral facility. We have 4 neighborhoods each with individual models.

Mrs. Noe asked what she could do. She stated it was hard to manage her clients. At least one time per year or even one time per quarter, her clients are not eligible to use The Pines. She is just trying to understand. Mr. Richardson said the criteria is not cut and dried. Mrs. Noe wants The Pines to take her clients and if it doesn't work, then she would move them.

Mrs. Selby asked about admission criteria. Mr. Richardson said that the resident needed to be 1) private pay; 2) Medicaid approved (all their beds are certified for Medicaid) or 3) Medicare approved. A resident will not be admitted if they are Medicaid pending or have no money to write a check. Mrs. Selby asked why the money they received from taxpayers couldn't be used for that purpose. Mr. Richardson said that tax money is not earmarked for anything special. Mrs. Selby said it was exasperating for the family that doesn't have any money.

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Mr. Richardson stated The Pines is licensed for 132 residents and the census was now 60. He said they did not have the staff for more. She asked what would happen if they didn't have the \$485,000 from property taxes. He said it would be a Board decision. Room rates could go up if the tax money went away. He said that \$485,

000 divided by 60 people could raise room rates about \$15 per person per day. He said there is no preference for Adair County residents.

Mr. Richardson said they were trying to guide toward the future. He is enforcing policy and taking Medicare. It was suggested that they work with Mrs. Selby on how to figure out the application process. It was worth looking at. Mrs. Selby would like to have a matrix for acuity. Mrs. Besler said they look at each individual issue.

The meeting ended at approximately 12:00 p.m.

At 1:15 p.m., the Commission met with Pat Williams, Court Services Administrator - Second Judicial Circuit of Missouri. Mr. Williams wanted to explain the billing of the residential DVR replacement at the Juvenile Justice Center. Two bills had mistakenly been added together. They have now been separated. Ultimately the cost to the County was \$4,898.40. He stated they will be replacing more in the near future as there are still areas not able to be monitored. The cost will be approximately \$4,700.

Mr. Williams spoke of the Settlement Agreement between the Second Circuit and the County. His intent was to create a transition plan from the current agreement to a new agreement. The current agreement will expire December 31, 2020. He wants to meet with the Commissioners and Clerks of the 3 counties that make up the Circuit - Adair, Knox, and Lewis. The State of Missouri feels the Juvenile Office is a valuable facility in this area. He stated the operation can sustain itself. He wants to address a 5 year plan he has created which targets items such as the HVAC units and the roof of the facility. It is approximately 20 years old now. Mr. Williams also mentioned that all of the fluorescent lights had been changed to LED bulbs.

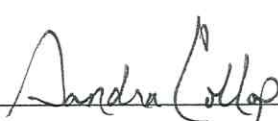
The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on June 12, 2019.

Unscheduled Public Walk-Ins and other Non-Agenda Items for Wednesday, June 12, 2019:

Wendell Lee – Road Tube

Randy Martin – Glacier Rd. Bridge

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