ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018
1ST DAY JANUARY ADJOURNED

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on February 5, 2018 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

At 1:45 p.m., Commissioner King moved to approve the request of the Kirksville Arts Association to use the Courthouse lawn and bathrooms for the Red Barn Arts and Crafts Fair on September 29, 2018. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Presiding Commissioner Pickens concurred. All voted in favor of the motion. This will be the 44th anniversary for the event.

At 2:00 p.m., the Commission met with Matthew Muir, Regional Field Director, for Coalition Against Bigger Trucks (CABT). Mr. Muir was there to discuss weights of trucks. He stated that a small amount of large companies were pushing to have truck weight limits increased from 80,000 to 91,000 pounds. Two of these companies were Anheuser-Busch and Campbell's Soup. With increased weight limits, they could haul additional goods resulting in higher profits. His organization was not opposed to companies making a profit.

Mr. Muir stated there were many problems associated with heavier trucks on the roads. If weights increased, so did the potential severity of a crash with more serious injuries and/or resulting in fatalities. Heavier trucks were more likely to roll over due to a higher center of gravity from additional weight being stacked vertically; increased weight causes additional wear and tear to safety components of trucks such as brakes with increased brake violations; and heavier trucks would cause significant infrastructure damage to Missouri's roads and bridges many of which are in poor to mediocre condition. This would also increase costs for county roads.

Mr. Muir stated that increasing weight limits for trucks was currently being debated in the Missouri legislature. A bill had not yet been cleared or given a number, but was highly speculated to be voted on or considered this session. Counties would be notified before a vote was taken. Seventy-five percent of the public did not like the idea of raising weights on trucks.

He was meeting with municipal governments to encourage their support that it was not the time and was not a good fit for the County. He could supply information and a template if the Commission would like to contribute to this opposition. Mr. Muir stated a need to balance wear and tear on roads and bridges, with economics.

The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on February 5, 2018.

Unscheduled Public Walk-Ins and other Non-Agenda Items for Monday, February 5:

Frank Pickens – Wind Mills
Harold Truitt – Trees in fence
Franklin Wheeler – Asking about bridge

IN REF. ORDER NO 1 Adair County Clerk Fees for January, 2018

IN REF. ORDER NO 2 Add-Ons and Releases for January, 2018

IN REF. ORDER NO 3 Adair County Collector Fees for January, 2018

ATTEST: Sandra Collop — County Clerk

Stanley Pickens — Presiding Commissioner