

ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2018
8TH DAY JANUARY ADJOURNED

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on February 26, 2018 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

At 9:30 a.m., the Adair County Commission hosted a public hearing to discuss the AM Business Plan to establish a homeless shelter within Adair County. Those attending included AM Housing board members Rev. Anders Edstrom, Rev. Jeff Arp, Steve Xander, Kim Baker, Tracy Francis, and Tamarr Maclin; Adair County Public Administrator, Rhonda Noe; Adair County Prosecuting Attorney, Matt Wilson; Victim Support Services, Kim LeBaron; Jeanie Smallwood and Mindy Garrett, Community Action Partnership of Northeast Missouri; Glen Moritz; Jennifer Jones, public citizen; and Adair County Clerk, Sandra Collop. KTVO reporter, Ashley Hoak, was also present. The hearing was conducted at the Adair County Annex building.

Mr. Moritz thanked everyone for attending the public hearing to discuss a homeless shelter for Adair County. He expressed his appreciation to AM Housing for naming the organization after his deceased son, Andrew Moritz. A fundraising kickoff was scheduled to begin on April 24, 2018 to help support the shelter. He wants to show that there is a problem in this area with homelessness as well as couch surfing which creates no change in life or life style.

Mr. Maclin runs a homeless shelter in Milan, Missouri that houses 17. He stated there was more homeless in that area than they could provide for. He feels Kirksville is a "hub" for Northeast Missouri and it would be a good place for individuals needing help to figure out what they need, stabilize their lives, and get them off the street.

Mr. Moritz stated it would be true habilitation; he has visited several shelters. Currently people are staying at the Budget Host Inn via support from local churches. He hopes they will continue with their support. The help of churches, along with applying for grants and donations, are ways in which to help fund the shelter.

Mr. Moritz stated that not all grants would accommodate their project as some came with restrictions. Mr. Maclin stated that a great deal of the grant funding for the Milan shelter comes from the Missouri Housing Trust Fund. A restriction for that grant funding includes being homeless for over a year. Most from that area are not truly "homeless", but living on people's couches. Therefore, it is hard to produce documentation for this time frame.

Mr. Moritz stated that people are caught in a cycle. We need to look toward them and not down on them. They have not settled on a building yet, but were looking at two different buildings on the north side of Kirksville.

Mr. Maclin wants to make fewer problems for society. The shelter will keep track of the individuals which, in turn, could save tax dollars if people take care of themselves.

Mr. Wilson didn't disagree there is a need and thinks the idea of a shelter is good. However, he has questions. He agrees that the Kirksville area is a "hub" and provides more opportunity, but is extremely limited in mental health care. Since the resources are very limited in this area, he asked if there is a resource to get people to the facility, provide health coverage, or obtain information as to where they need to go.

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Ms. Francis stated that Preferred Family Healthcare is in the process of opening a facility to deal with mental health issues. She thinks they can get them into Preferred Family as they have agreed to help. Preferred Family can be a support for them in the beginning stages; it would be a direct line for someone to listen.

Mr. Wilson said that when Kallyn Heights Apartments came to Kirksville, it brought increased criminality into the community. These people had no ties here before and only came because of the apartments. He wanted to know if they had seen additional individuals coming into the community. There also was concern regarding increases in theft and domestic violence. Mr. Maclin addressed the concerns saying that stuff already was going on in the community. They did not want to bring more "bad" people into the community. They would be doing drug testing.

Mr. Maclin said he has a good relationship with the Milan Police Department and thought a similar relationship could be established here. He said they would try to create more leaders within the people they were trying to help and then they could police themselves. He wants to build up their mind, body, and soul and try to teach them to provide for themselves. He has worked at the shelter in Milan for 15 years. He didn't know how it would go in Kirksville, but these people needed someone or some place that would be a safety net. They need to address health concerns first which includes Medicare, Disability, and Medicaid.

Mr. Wilson said he was not against the shelter, just wanted to ask questions. As far as logistics, these people will need an address and phone number and asked if the shelter would provide this. Mr. Maclin said it was open for discussion to their board as to what to do with this people.

Mr. Moritz asked the County if they are going to give them any money. Mr. Wilson said that will be the decision of the County Commission. Mr. Moritz wants 24 hour staffing and will be hands on with the project. He will be providing a van for transportation for these individuals.

Mr. Maclin has seen where this kind of an opportunity has gone. He thinks the shelter can help as Kirksville is a "hub" for this area. Ms. Garrett wanted to know how they intend to fund the project. Mr. Mortiz said that Preferred Family would help, they would apply for grants (lots of private grants), constantly do fund raising, hope that churches would band together to give assistance, and from private donors.

Mrs. Noe asked how much it would cost to keep one person for one day or one month. Mr. Maclin thought the cost may be \$1000 per person per person. Mrs. Noe has researched this and reported that the cost would be \$2000 per person per month. She asked if they had a budget. If something was going to be started, they wanted to be able to do a good job with the project.

Mr. Maclin stated the shelter in Milan served 23 people last year. The facility holds 17 people with the most in need getting a room. There are 55-60 people in Milan still waiting for housing. They are from several different counties as well as from three states – Iowa, Kansas, and Illinois. The Milan shelter has been in operation for 15 years. We would have to take this new shelter "slow". It was not an open invitation; however, it will get bigger.

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Mrs. Noe asked who they will be targeting and how they will identify who is going to get help. Mr. Maclin answered they would be targeting any homeless person and will help everyone. They will reach out to everyone for help and work together. Mrs. Noe stated that the local hospital was not equipped with mental health services. There are only two facilities that have services, but they are stretched and looking for more resources as well. Mr. Maclin again said he wanted to work with everyone. Mrs. Noe asked how they would fund the shelter – money wise. Mr. Maclin stated they can instill structure into their lives and Mr. Moritz added they can develop relationships.

In regards to liability issues, Mr. Maclin stated they had guidelines in place. Whatever issues that arise, the participants do at their own risk.

Commissioner King asked what the cost will be to remodel their facility, pay for utilities and keep the people safe. Mr. Maclin stated he will not accept sex offenders and Mr. Moritz added there will be separate areas for men and women. Mr. Maclin said there will also be surveillance cameras.

Mrs. Noe asked if the participants will pay for a part of the cost for their help. Mr. Maclin stated they will pay for a part of the cost. Mrs. Noe also asked about the staffing for the facility as well as an “awake” staff. Mr. Moritz said they will begin with house parents working 24 hours a day 7 days a week with one weekend off per month. They intended to add people, but be prudent while doing so. Mr. Maclin stated they will need to work out the kinks with staffing.

Commissioner King stated there is a ten month waiting period for subsidized housing in this area. Mr. Maclin said they will find low income housing like Kirksville Heights as well as develop relationships with local land lords. Commissioner King said that housing has to be available so the participants could eventually move out into the community. Mr. Maclin stated their housing plan may change depending on which building they obtain for the shelter. He added that they have support from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in this area.

Mr. Moritz wants support from the County. Commissioner Thompson said he has heard that people would be brought here and dumped in the County. Mr. Maclin said he is not trying to cause problems. People need a second chance.

Mr. Wilson said there are a lot of question marks. He referenced sex offenders and domestic violence. He shared a concern that people can tell a great story to get into a community in order to get closer to their victim. Adair County has had the pressure of being in the lead which is very demanding of the County Commission and City Council. He feels the plan is still a good idea, but there are a lot of question marks and is apprehensive. Mr. Wilson stated only a handful of people can do this kind of work. He suggested going to neighboring counties to have communication with them in order to work together and to be sure to include law enforcement. Mr. Wilson suggested that when discussing this project, they should point out the positives. He again mentioned the need for a coalition with other counties. Other neighboring County’s problems may become our problems. If there is no room for these people, now it is our problem. Mr. Wilson said he has limited resources in his office and the County has limited resources for him. He said there are a lot of concerns out there. We can’t help everyone – just a few.

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Mrs. LeBaron stated that the "drop off" is happening and wanted to know how they do criminal back ground checks from other areas. Mr. Maclin said they needed help from other people like her as she has experience in extensive back ground checks and they were new at this.

Ms. Garrett asked if they had done research on funding and how they were going to transition from 120 days to permanent housing for the participants. Mrs. LeBaron added that house parents are employees and can only work 40 hours per week. Then they are subject to labor regulations. Mrs. LeBaron was trying to provide a helpful hint that may solve an employment issue for them down the road. Mrs. Noe mentioned high turnover and burnout rate for persons working in this profession. It is a labor intensive set up.

Mr. Moritz said we can only do what we can do. Mrs. Noe thought that when the shelter gets started it should be done well or maybe they were just going to try to get along. Mr. Maclin again mentioned funding and staff.

Commissioner Thompson spoke of heartfelt compassion, but also of an entitlement atmosphere.

Mr. Maclin felt that a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program makes it an entitlement environment resulting in participants not wanting to move out of the housing. Entitlement is the biggest problem they struggle with.

Mr. Xander ended the hearing stating they wanted to focus on a hand - up, not a hand - out.

The hearing ended at 11:15 a.m.

Mr. Mortiz asked the Commission for a letter of support for their plan. He will contact the Commission in the near future.

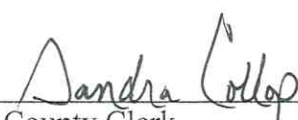
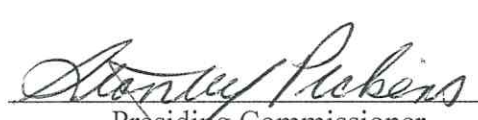
Commissioner Thompson moved to appoint Jim LeBaron as the Director of the Public Health Council for 2018. Commissioner King seconded the motion. Presiding Commissioner Pickens concurred. All voted in favor of the motion.

At 1:30 p.m., the Commission met with John Caufield, P.E., Manager of Public Projects and Jake Rzewnicki Project Engineer-Public Projects for BNSF Railway Company. Others attending the meeting were Ervin Miller, LaVern Miller, Levi Miller, Ivan Miller and Brad Smith. Ashley Hoak, KTVO Television, was also present.

Mr. Caulfield and Mr. Rzewnicki wanted to discuss the closing of the railroad bridge on Cranberry Lane. Recently, the bridge had been closed by the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) due to structural deficiencies. The Millers and Mr. Smith no longer had ready access to their land due to the closing of the bridge. Mr. Caufield said there was a limited amount of historical information as to who owns the bridge or is responsible for it. He thought, however, that BNSF owned the bridge and was willing to bring it back up to its original 10 ton weight limit.

Discussion ensued on several different options that may be agreed upon in order to re-open the bridge. Mr. Caufield also discussed issues involving BNSF facilities within the same area.

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All agreed that Mr. Caufield will return in the future with financial proposals on how to remedy the situation. The Commission will then have the opportunity to review the information so a decision can be made..

The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on February 26, 2018.

Unscheduled Public Walk-Ins and other Non-Agenda Items for Monday, February26:

None

IN REF. ORDER NO 10 Roster of Attendance for Public Hearing for Homeless Shelter

ROSTER OF ATTENDANCE	
Event: Public Hearing for Homeless Shelter	
Date: February 26, 2018	Time: 9:30 a.m.
NAME	COMPANY REPRESENTING
Rev. Anders Edstrom	A.A. Housing
Rev. Jeff Aep	AM Housing
Steve Xander	AM Housing
Kim Baker	AM Housing
Tracy Francis	AM Housing
Blenda Doe	Public Admin.
Jeanie Simpson	CAPNEMO
Mindy Clavette	CAPNEMO
Kim Peterson	VSS
Tamara Martin	AM Housing
Matthewson	Adair P.H.
Jim J.	public citizen
John J.	Adair Co Commissioner
Paul Thompson	Adair County
Stanley Peterson	Presiding Commis
Donna Collop	Adair County Clerk

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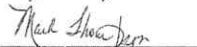
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IN REF. ORDER NO 11 Appointment for 2018 County Health Director

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Adair County Courthouse 106 W. Washington St. Kirksville, MO 63501 Phone: 660-665-2283	Stanley, Presiding Commissioner William King, 1 st District Commissioner Mark Thompson, 2 nd District Commissioner Fax: 660-785-2233
February 26, 2018	
RE: County Health Director for 2018	
To Whom It May Concern:	
A motion was made by 2 nd District Commissioner, Mark Thompson, to appoint Jim LeBaron as the Director of the Public Health Council for 2018 under Section 205.100 RSMo. 1st District Commissioner, William King, seconded the motion for appointment. Presiding Commissioner Pickens concurred. All voted in favor of the motion.	
Adair County Commission:	
 Stanley Pickens, Presiding Commissioner	
 William King, 1 st District Commissioner	
 Mark Thompson, 2 nd District Commissioner	
Cc: Jim LeBaron Adair County Health Department	

ATTEST:

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