

**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2018**  
**10TH DAY JANUARY REGULAR**

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on January 24, 2018 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. Commissioner King and Commissioner Thompson were present. Presiding Commissioner Pickens was absent.

At 10:00 a.m., the Commission met with City of Kirksville, Mari Macomber. Also present was John Garlock from KTVO television.

Mrs. Macomber asked the Commission if they were aware of a water source that was being proposed in Sullivan County. Commissioner King said he had talked with a strategic representative of the company. Mrs. Macomber wanted the Commission to know that the City had plenty of water and the goal was to continue to provide water for this area. She stated that the City had gone to considerable expense to insure the amount of water needed for this community and there is plenty in reserve.

Commissioner Thompson stated that they had received information asking the County to contribute \$1000 to their project. He said it fell on deaf ears. They had also asked for money in the past not only from Adair County, but all ten counties involved in the project.

Mrs. Macomber addressed aquatic issues at the lakes. The City has lowered the water level at Hazel Creek to combat American Lotus vegetation. They are working with the Department of Natural Resources to combat the Curly Leaf Pond Weed at Thousand Hills State Park. It will be chemically treated as well as mechanically removed. They cannot pinpoint where it began, but could possibly have come from another water source. Mrs. Macomber stressed the importance of cleaning your boat if it has been in another area.

Commissioner Thompson stated this may be a good time to replace the tubes at Hazel Creek. Mrs. Macomber will have Glen Balliew, Public Works Director, contact them to discuss this possibility.

Mrs. Macomber discussed the distribution of 2017 tax monies that was generated by the assessment of the Kraft Heinz Plant. She felt the plant had not been assessed properly because the value was not in line with what the plant was actually worth. She thought it was confusing for the Assessor. She wasn't sure what approach he took to complete the assessment. The Assessor's office indicated they merely walked around the outside of the building and took its measurements.


Mrs. Macomber, the City Attorney John Slavin, and the management from Kraft Heinz sat down with the Assessor to try to understand his thinking, but he was not cooperative. She said they finally just threw up their hands and walked away from the table. All feel the assessment did not capture the assets of the building. Mrs. Macomber said she didn't know what happened, but she will be trying to discuss the matter with him further as he was already late with the 2018 assessment. Mrs. Macomber said it is stated in the Kraft Heinz agreement that the Assessor could recoup costs to help with the assessment of the building. Kraft Heinz would pay for the expense.

The Picker's Market was discussed as well as general beautification of the square in general.

Mrs. Macomber has not heard anything more regarding the Bullhead Trail issue.

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Property Assessment Clean Energy Act (PACE) was discussed. The Commission did not have any issues with the commercial side, but was opposed to residential (PACE).

Commissioner Thompson said he had recently attended a State board meeting that discussed the amount of bills that had actually passed the Missouri Senate. An obstructionist from St. Joseph, Senator Schaaf, was the problem. Over 5000 bills had been presented, but only 57 had been passed.

Discussion was held regarding the lawsuit involving the City of Kirksville and the Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System (LAGERS). Commissioner Thompson said he was surprised that the City was asking for half of the money due to Mrs. Macomber previously stating that all of the money belonged to Adair County. Mrs. Macomber said the matter had been turned over to their attorney and he was working on it.

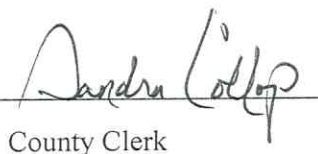
Commissioner Thompson also mentioned that the Greentop Fire Department was considering putting an issue on the ballot next year for a county wide fire district.

The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on January 24, 2018

**Unscheduled Public Walk-Ins and other Non-Agenda Items for Wednesday, January 24, 2018:**

None

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