

ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2018
9TH DAY APRIL ADJOURNED

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on May 22, 2018 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. Presiding Commissioner Pickens and Commissioner King and were present. Commissioner Thompson attended the Elected Official's meeting for 5 minutes and then was absent for the rest of the day.

At 10:30 a.m., the Elected Official's monthly meeting was held in the Commissioner's Suite of the Courthouse. Attending the meeting were Adair County Presiding Commissioner, Stanley Pickens; 1st District Commissioner, Bill King; Adair County 2nd District Commissioner, Mark Thompson; Adair County Clerk, Sandra Collop; Adair County Recorder, Pat Shoush; Adair County Treasurer, Lori Smith; Adair County Collector, Sonja Harden; Adair County Public Administrator, Rhonda Noe; and Adair County Sheriff, Robert Hardwick. Those absent were Adair County Assessor, Donnie Waybill; Adair County Circuit Clerk, Linda Decker; Adair County Prosecuting Attorney, Matt Wilson; and Adair County Coroner, Brian Noe.

Commissioner Thompson attended the meeting for approximately 5 minutes. He had attended a meeting in Jefferson City and wanted to report that the County would be receiving a check from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) for disaster reimbursement. SEMA is considering establishing a rainy day fund to help counties with disaster expenses. Both Democrats and Republicans were attacking Governor Grietens as a result of personal allegations before he was elected as Governor of Missouri.

Commissioner Pickens wanted to bring up the use of the County pickup truck before Commissioner Thompson left. He said that people could no longer sign up for the truck to use on County business. It was the Commission truck and would be used by them only. He said there was an 80 mile discrepancy on the speedometer from the last time the truck had been driven. He said there would be an investigation. Commissioner Thompson said we have a policy for a reason. He would not be back in the office until next week.

Ms. Smith said she had spoken with the auditors conducting the financial audit for Adair County and that everything looked good. The auditors conducting the State audit have been asking her questions to verify procedures after speaking with the other Elected Officials. A Domestic Violence audit is being conducted across the State. There have been questions as to the amount of money being housed in the Domestic Violence Fund of the County. There is a possibility that the auditors will consider this a finding and mention it in the County's audit report. Ms. Smith's response was that she would not disperse the funds without the proper paperwork being presented to her office.

Mrs. Shoush said she had also been contacted by the State regarding the Domestic Violence audit. They questioned why she was not charging additional money for marriage licenses. She responded that due to the County not having a homeless shelter, additional money was not collected which was a stipulation for an increased cost.

Mrs. Harden has mailed letters to property owners regarding the back tax sale in August. She has also been working with the State auditors regarding policies and procedures within the Collector's office.

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ATTEST: Sandra Collop Stanley Pickens
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Mrs. Collop addressed the use of the County pickup for an out of town meeting by one of her employees. She told everyone that in case they hadn't heard, the employee driving the pickup struck a deer and damaged the grill and bent the front bumper. The employee was not injured and the truck was driven back to the County after contacting the Highway Patrol. Mrs. Collop reminded Commissioner Pickens that when the vehicle was purchased it was considered a "County" vehicle and not just for Commission use only. They specifically did not want the vehicle to be purchased or maintained within their budget. As a result, it was not purchased out of their budget and is not maintained out of their budget.

As far as the discrepancy on the mileage log, the employee had mentioned to her that mileage had not been written down by the previous user. The County Clerk's office has used the vehicle several times in the past and many times the mileage log had not been completed. Commissioner Pickens said the maintenance person said the vehicle had not been moved and he believed him. Mrs. Collop said she had spoken with her employee and she believed her.

Mrs. Collop said that luckily no one was injured. Estimates to repair the vehicle is approximately \$3500 and the County has a \$500 deductible. She has addressed the incident with her employee and has dealt with the problem. In the future, the County Clerk's office will no longer use the County vehicle.

Commissioner King reported they had met with Ameren for a monthly update of the transmission line being constructed within the County. Ameren has started dirt work on the substation and helicopters are flying the line. Foundations will be poured in the near future. Yesterday, the Commission met with Ameren and representatives of the proposed wind farm for Adair County. Ameren has announced that they will buy electricity generated from the wind farm and will purchase the system when it is completed and up and running.

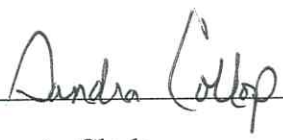
He reported that the Chamber of Commerce is against the "right to work" law. The City has discovered that the four "Welcome to Kirksville" signs are located on State right-of-way. Two of the signs are owned by the Chamber of Commerce and two by the Division of Tourism. As a result, the City has decided to no longer mow around the signs. Also, that the Pickers Market scheduled for this summer on the area around the Courthouse has been officially cancelled. The cancellation was due to a license controversy between the City of Kirksville and vendors for the event.

Sheriff Hardwick reported that auditors had also been reviewing the Sheriff's Department. He has received compliments on procedures within his office. The auditors intend to share those procedures with other Sheriff Departments.

Mrs. Noe reported that the auditors had also been to her office. Also, legislation had been passed to enact guardianship/conservatorship policies which included wording for Public Administrators. Currently, Public Administrators are the guardian of last resort. They need notification of possible guardianship because many times she is not given any notice of who will be appointed to her.

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Mrs. Noe has approximately 117 people, all over the State and some out of State, under her care and is currently liquidating three estates.

Discussion was held by several Elected Officials regarding municipal court now being held on the bottom floor of the Courthouse. Municipal court is held every Wednesday. This new duty, assigned to Associate Judge Swaim, brings multiple people into the Courthouse. There is a concern due to multiple people setting on the floor, blocking the access to the elevator and exits leading to outside the building.

Mrs. Collop reported on petitions received from the Secretary of States office. They are checking signatures for verification in order for the petition to be eligible for the November, 2018 general election. They have received three petitions to date which include issues involving an increase to the minimum wage, re-drawing State district lines, and legalizing medical marijuana. She is expecting three additional marijuana petitions.

The Elected Officials meeting ended at 11:55 a.m.

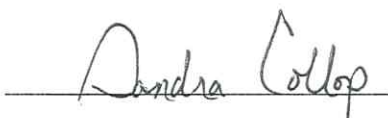
The Commission received the remaining documentation to complete the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) budget for 2018-2019. The complete budget will be on file in the office of the Adair County Clerk.

The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on May 22, 2018.

Unscheduled Public Walk-Ins and other Non-Agenda Items for Tuesday, May 22, 2018:

Jonathan Grozinger - Road

ATTEST:


County Clerk


Presiding Commissioner