ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017 10TH DAY OCTOBER REGULAR

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on October 24, 2017 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present. Presiding Commissioner Pickens was present until 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Thompson will continue to be acting Presiding Commissioner during the absence of Presiding Commissioner Pickens.

At 10:15 a.m., Commissioner King moved to allow the Kirksville Downtown Improvement Committee their request to house Santa Claus for the 2017 Holiday Season. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Presiding Commissioner Pickens concurred. All voted in favor of the motion. These events will be held on the inside of the Courthouse.

At 10:40 a.m., the Elected Official's monthly meeting was held in the Commissioner's Suite of the Courthouse. Attending the meeting were Adair County 1st District Commissioner, Bill King; Adair County 2nd District Commissioner, Mark Thompson; Adair County Presiding Commissioner, Stanley Pickens; Adair County Clerk, Sandra Collop; Adair County Recorder, Pat Shoush; Adair County Treasurer, Lori Smith; Adair County Circuit Clerk, Linda Decker; Adair County Prosecuting Attorney, Matt Wilson; and Adair County Sheriff, Robert Hardwick. Those absent were Adair County Collector, Sonja Harden; Adair County Assessor, Donnie Waybill; Adair County Public Administrator, Rhonda Noe; and Adair County Coroner, Brian Noe.

Mrs. Smith did not have any updates.

Mrs. Collop asked if everyone had received the brochure for the Tenth Annual Adair County Government Day that is scheduled for Tuesday, November 7, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. High School students from Adair County R-1 School District will be touring offices of Elected Adair County Government Officials to gain information pertaining to each of their office.

Mrs. Collop circulated a sign-up sheet for designation of delegates to the Missouri Association of Counties (MAC) Annual Conference that will be held November 19-21, 2017. If on the list, the Elected Official will be able to vote on issues brought before the conference.

She then reminded everyone they should have received budget paperwork for preparation of their 2018 budget. If budgets are turned in on a timely basis, then the process will be much smoother in order to prepare for possible increases. Budget paperwork is due in the County Clerk's office by November 17, 2017.

Mrs. Collop also mentioned the upcoming Salary Commission meeting that has been scheduled at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 8, 2017. She encouraged everyone to be familiar with Statute 50.333 as it will be discussed at the meeting.

Commissioner Thompson reported on entities approaching Legislators to abolish Missouri Revised Statute 229.100 regarding local control of the roads. This would enable entities to build within a county without the permission of the County Commission. He stated that the Northeast Region of County Commissioners intend to present a resolution at the Missouri Association of Counties (MAC) meeting in November to address the issue of local control within a county.

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Presiding Commissioner Pickens had nothing to report.

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Sheriff Hardwick stated that inmate numbers were up. The average population is 55 per day with 62 inmates being the high. He reported that the State was looking at alternative ways to track individuals in order to cut back on excessive numbers of inmates that are currently being housed.

Mr. Wilson stated that the number of crimes have also gone up. Property crime is the major problem as people don't lock their home or cars. Also, many of the individuals that have been incarcerated have completed their sentence and returning to the County. In turn, some are being sentenced for new crimes and being sent back to prison.

Both Sheriff Hardwick and Mr. Wilson will be attending an Opioid Consortium on November 7th at Truman State University. They will both be on a discussion panel along with Jim LeBaron of the Adair County Health Department as well as Governor Grietens.

Sheriff Hardwick had also been in contact with Senator Blunt's office to pursue funding for a mental health program within our area. Mr. Wilson feels that many mental health issues are related to crimes. We are a black hole of mental health care. Insurance companies do not want to pay claims and there is not much money in Psychology. Also, bed space is not available in this area.

Mr. King felt if mental health patients were treated as regular patients, perhaps insurance companies would pay claims. He then spoke of turning paperwork in on time to the County Clerk's office so the bottom line of the budget could be evaluated.

Mr. King addressed salaries within the County. Offices will begin feeling the crunch of competition as new businesses move into the County offering higher wages. He felt that the salary scale needed to be re-adjusted in order to prevent everyone from topping off of the scale.

The entire group then discussed how to determine the salary base of Elected Officials and how increases could possibly be implemented.

Mrs. Shoush reported that individuals from Ameren had been searching for easements as a result of the decision to allow the Mark Twain Transmission Project within the County. Also, individuals from wind energy companies were searching for easements.

Commissioner Thompson added that the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is not in favor of giving lettered roads to the County. It appears that the legislators are pushing for this to occur. Also, he is on the nominating committee for the MAC board.

The meeting ended at 12:00 p.m.

The Commission spent the remainder of the day attending to County business.

The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on October 24, 2017.

Unscheduled Public Walk-Ins and other Non-Agenda Items for Tuesday, October 24, 2017:

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