



**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017**

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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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

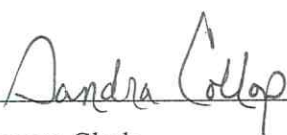
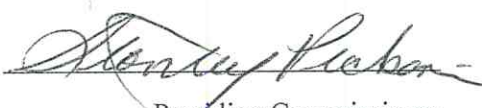
The meeting ended at 12:00 p.m.

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:**

Jim Crnic – Thanks (Lincoln Way)

ATTEST:    
County Clerk Presiding Commissioner