

ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018
19TH DAY OCTOBER ADJOURNED

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on December 18, 2018 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. First District Commissioner, Bill King, and 2nd District Commissioner, Mark Thompson, were present. Presiding Commissioner, Stanley Pickens, was absent.

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 1st District Commissioner, Bill King; Adair County 2nd District Commissioner, Mark Thompson; Adair County Clerk, Sandra Collop; Adair County Collector, Sonja Harden; Adair County Treasurer, Lori Smith; Adair County Public Administrator, Rhonda Noe; Adair County Assessor, Kent Bryant; and Adair County Circuit Clerk, Linda Decker. Those absent were Adair County Presiding Commissioner, Stanley Pickens; Adair County Sheriff, Robert Hardwick; Adair County Recorder, Pat Shoush; Adair County Prosecuting Attorney, Matt Wilson; and Adair County Coroner, Brian Noe. Also present was Adair County Presiding Commissioner Elect, Mark Shahan.

Commissioner Thompson stated that paperwork for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was being completed. Repair work from previous disasters was finally completed. Reports are being submitted for reimbursement of 1.5 million dollars for materials and labor. Seventy-five percent of the reimbursement to the County will be from FEMA and 10% will be reimbursed by the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA).

Ms. Smith is working on getting old checks cashed, Unclaimed Fees, and cleaning out files.

Mr. Bryant thanked everyone for making him feel welcome.

Commissioner King stated that the Commission had met with Ameren for their scheduled monthly meeting. Tree trimming is underway on the north/south portion of the new transmission line and foundations are being poured. There has been an economic impact of three million dollars to the community. The in-service date for the north/south portion of the Ameren transmission line is May, 2019. He also reminded everyone to budget for computer replacement in 2019.

Mrs. Harden stated that the new software in the Collector's office is working out good. Tax collection has been slower than normal, but should be busier during the beginning of next year. Complaints have been handled successfully. She is looking forward to implement on-line payments when the County's computer server and firewall are improved.

Mrs. Noe reported that the Christmas open house for the wards was successful. She is an advocate for them and stated that the Tree of Blessing gifts had also been delivered.

Mrs. Decker again mentioned the letter she had received from the City of Kirksville stating they were closing their municipal court in June of 2019. She feels this will affect the County budget and delete services to our constituents. This is unknown territory regarding municipal records being turned over, funding for an employee (the current municipal clerk currently works 40 hours, but will be retiring soon), plus the cost of a Bailiff. It needs to be determined if County funds can be used for this purpose and where the collected fines will go. The Missouri Association of Counties (MAC) needs to get involved. She plans to meet with the City of Kirksville.

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She is also concerned as to what other jobs the City no longer wants to be responsible for. The court is a service not a revenue making business. They want to get out of the business because they are not making enough money. It will take months to get prepared to take over this responsibility. She stated that Judge Swaim is now hearing all their cases and now the Circuit Clerk's office will be processing them. She wants to know if she is required by law to do this. There is no overtime pay from the State and her office has no way to fund it.

Presiding Commissioner Elect Shahan has been listening and is ready to learn and go to work. He also spoke of updating the cell phone bill for the County.

Mrs. Collop again reminded everyone that the swearing-in ceremony for newly elected and re-elected officials will be held at 9:30 a.m. on December 20, 2018 in the Division I Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse. All family and friends are invited to witness the event and enjoy refreshments afterwards to celebrate the occasion.

The elected Official's meeting ended at 11:32 a.m.

The Commission received an updated copy of the "Second Amendment to Performance Agreement" regarding the Kraft Heinz agreement with additional language the Commission had requested. Adair County Legal Counsel, Ivan Schraeder, has been working with Toni Stegeman of Gilmore & Bell, P.C. to revise wording within the agreement at the direction of the County Commission. The City wants to approve the amendment with a vote of the City Council on Thursday, December 20, 2018.

They spoke with Mr. Schraeder by phone who stated that the changes made conforms to Chapter 100 bonds. The wording in regards to the real estate assessment of the agreement will not bind the County to acceptance of the value in the future. He said it was their decision as whether or not to sign the agreement.

At 1:30 p.m., the Commission met with Dave Hurt, Finance Coordinator for the Adair County Sheriff's Department, to review the proposed 2019 budget for the Sheriff's Department. Also present was Adair County Presiding Commissioner Elect, Mark Shahan; Missouri Senator Elect, Cindy O'Laughlin; Adair County Clerk, Sandra Collop; Deputy Clerk, Tammy Miller; and representatives from KYOU Television and the Kirksville Daily Express.

Figures were presented by Mr. Hurt for 2019. Recommendations for decreasing his revenue amounts and expenses were discussed in order for the Sheriff to achieve adequate funding. The County Clerk's office and Mr. Hurt will review his requests and work together toward a solution for the 2019 budget.

The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on December 18, 2018.

Unscheduled Public Walk-Ins and other Non-Agenda Items for Tuesday, December 18, 2018:

None

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