

**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2013
19TH DAY OCTOBER ADJOURNED**

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on December 17, 2013 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

The Commission was called by Ron Ruddell of Archer Lane. He wanted to make sure the Commission had been informed of the eight car train derailment that occurred the evening of December 13, 2013. The derailment occurred at the sight of the recently replaced bridge on Archer Lane to Highway 63. He stated that the railroad had brought in heavy equipment to take care of the situation and was concerned they were tearing up the road and possibly damaging the two bridges on Archer. The Commission thanked Mr. Ruddell and would contact the railroad.

At 9:00 a.m., the Commission met with Adair County Public Administrator, Rhonda Noe, for the 2014 budget hearing. Mrs. Noe presented her figures and also discussed indigent legal notices. These notices are prepaid by the County and then reimbursed if the ward has the funds to do so. The Commission said they would review the indigent fund and possibly make a transfer into the Public Administrator's budget to help cover these costs.

Mrs. Noe then presented a contract from Gates Carpentry & Construction to build a partition wall in the Adair County Annex building for the Public Administrator's office area. It was agreed the wall was needed for security as well as privacy for the office. Commissioner Thompson moved to have the wall built. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion with all in favor. Commissioner Pickens signed the contract and Mrs. Noe will contact Jim Gates for his signature.

At 10:15 a.m., the Commission met with members of the Sheriff's Department for their budget hearing and contract signing. Present were Adair County Sheriff, Robert Hardwick; William King – Operations Section Chief; and John Axsom – Senior Detention Officer. Commissioner Pickens began by signing MFA Oil contract tax exempt letters for gasoline and diesel fuel. The 2014 agreement for inmate health care services was also signed by Commissioner Pickens and Adair County Clerk, Sandra Collop. The Sheriff's Department will return the contract to Correctional Healthcare Companies for their signature. The completed contract will then be returned to the Adair County's Clerk's office to remain on file.

During the budget presentation, Sheriff Hardwick stated he wanted to hire two deputies to replace vacancies and said there would not be any step increases to salaries for anyone (but did include the 2% cost of living allowance granted by the Commission). Sheriff Hardwick stated that in 2013 he had lost approximately \$100,000 in Board Bills. He said this was very concerning and discussed examples pertaining to the Judge waiving these bills. He is going to discuss this situation with the Judge in the near future.

He concluded his hearing by stating that Adair County had housed, to date, over 980 people this year which included more from outside communities. The department continued to have problems with the water bill, but the meter had recently been replaced which may help the situation.

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ATTEST:


County Clerk


Presiding Commissioner