

**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2013  
22ND DAY OCTOBER ADJOURNED**

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

The Commission along with Adair County Clerk, Sandra Collop, traveled to the Knox County Courthouse in Edina, Missouri to attend the budget hearing for the Second Judicial Circuit comprised of Adair, Knox and Lewis Counties. The hearing was held on the third floor in the courtroom and began at 9:40 a.m.

Also attending the hearing were Lewis County Associate Circuit Judge, Fred Westhoff; Adair County Associate Circuit Judge, Kristie J. Swaim; Adair County Presiding Commissioner, Stanley Pickens; Adair County 1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner, Carson Adams; Adair County 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner, Mark Thompson; Adair County Clerk, Sandra Collop; Knox County Presiding Commissioner, Evan Glasgow; Knox County Western District Commissioner, Roger Parton; Knox County Eastern District Commissioner, Terry Callahan; Knox County Clerk, Marlene Spory; Lewis County Presiding Commissioner, Wayne Murphy, Jr.; Lewis County Northern District Commissioner John Campen; Lewis County Southern District Commissioner, Jessie Roberts; Lewis County Clerk, Sharon Schlager; Adair, Knox, and Lewis County's Legal Counsel, Ivan Schraeder; Adair County Circuit Clerk, Linda Decker; Adair County Treasurer, Lori Smith; Seth Shumaker, Researcher for Adair County; Taylor Mueller, Kirksville Daily Express; Kevin Martin; Garla Mills; Louis J. Leonatti, Counsel for Judge Steele; Matt Holt, Court Services Administrator for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit; Russell Steele, Presiding Judge for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit; Echo Mengers, The Edina Sentinel; and a representative from KTVO Television.

Budget documentation for the Second Judicial Circuit and the Adair County Circuit Clerk's office was passed out to everyone at the beginning of the hearing by Mr. Holt.

Mr. Leonatti began the hearing by explaining his involvement with the Second Judicial Circuit. He stated he had been asked by Judge Steele to attend the hearing as his legal counsel. He stated that information any one wanted concerning the judiciary would be readily available – all you had to do was ask. Mr. Leonatti also mentioned the pending lawsuit filed against Judge Steele concerning a former employee in the Circuit Clerk's office; and an issue with cell phone and internet usage that was being addressed. He stated that if employee-related issues were raised, they could not be discussed and would need to be addressed in a closed meeting.

Judge Steele began the budget presentation with a power point presentation giving an overview of the Second Judicial Circuit. Mr. Holt completed the presentation. Judge Westhoff then asked Mrs. Decker to describe the duties of the Circuit Clerk's office.

Mr. Holt then discussed the itemized budget items for the proposed 2014 judicial budget. He stated that expenses were paid using revenues collected from residential fees. He said that everything else was paid by revenues or grants.

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ATTEST:

  
County Clerk

  
Presiding Commissioner