

ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2013

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Discussion was held regarding "e-filing" of cases for the court. Commissioner Thompson asked why it was included in the judicial budget for the County to pay for e-filing of the courts. Judge Steele stated it had been mandated by the State and had been a legislative decision. He said that they had been decided this process would be implemented sometime in 2015. Judge Swaim stated she had not been informed about the decision and should have since she would be directly involved in that process. Judge Steele stated his intent was to inform her after the first of the year. He then told Commissioner Thompson he shared his frustration in having the County pay for that expense. Mrs. Decker then stated an expense had been included in the Adair County Circuit Clerk's budget for this, but noticed it did not appear in the Knox or Lewis County Circuit Clerk's budgets. Mr. Holt replied that he had not prepared the budgets for the Knox and Lewis County Circuit Clerks and did not know if the e-filing expense had been included in their budgets or not.

Mrs. Decker addressed Mr. Holt stating that the salary of the Court Services Administrator had been included in the 2014 budget as a County expense. She asked if he had investigated the possibility of the State taking over his salary. Mr. Holt replied that he wished they would and that he and Judge Steele were negotiating with the State to accomplish this. He thought this would be addressed in the spring. He said that Adair was in a unique position because we were the only 3rd class county that had a juvenile detention center.

Presiding Commissioner, Wayne Murphy, Jr., asked about a \$500,000 CD that had been referenced to a couple of years ago in budget talks. Mr. Holt replied that the juvenile system had over \$400,000 in reserve. Ms. Smith clarified that as of December 27th the actual cash on hand was \$488,525.22. Mr. Holt stated that a large cash reserve was being held to pay for maintenance on the building. Mrs. Collop asked that if that was the case then why had General Revenue been paying for the maintenance of the building. She asked if they would be willing to reimburse the County for some of the maintenance bills the County had paid in the past. Mr. Holt stated that a large reserve needed to be kept on hand to cover any unexpected expenses for the 3.6 million dollar facility, such as replacement of the heating system. Mrs. Collop stated that the Courthouse was valued over 7 million dollars and it would also cost a good deal of money to replace that system.

Commissioner Adams asked for itemized phone bills. He said that State employees were being reimbursed with County funds for phone usage. Mr. Leonatti said he would provide them. Commissioner Adams continued stating that the County was having trouble distinguishing what monies were being used to pay for what expenses. Judge Steele stated that the County didn't need to worry about that. We just needed to give him the money and he would distribute it.

The Law Library fund was discussed. Mr. Schraeder stated that recent legislation entitled the use of Law Library funds to complete courtroom renovations. Judge Swaim stated she had asked at last year's budget hearing for an itemized listing of expenses that had been paid out of the fund, but they had never been provided. Mrs. Collop asked what entity's tax Id number was listed on the bank account holding the funds. Judge Steele said he thought it had its own tax Id number, but would find out and let her know.

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County Clerk


Presiding Commissioner