## ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

## **MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2012** 19TH DAY OCTOBER ADJOURNED

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on December 31, 2012 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

At 8:30 a.m., the Commission attended the swearing in of the elected officials, who were successfully elected in November, 2012. The ceremony was conducted by Circuit Judge, Russell Steele, of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in the courtroom on the third floor of the Adair County Courthouse. Re-elected County officials included Adair County First District Commissioner, Carson Adams; Adair County Second District Commissioner, Mark Thompson; Adair County Assessor, Donnie Waybill; Adair County Sheriff, Robert Hardwick; and Adair County Coroner, Brian Noe. Newly elected County officials included Adair County Public Administrator, Rhonda Noe. Judge Steele was given the oath by Associate Circuit Judge, Kristie Swaim. A cake and punch reception hosted by the Juvenile Justice System was held immediately following the ceremony. Their new term will begin at 12:01 a.m. on January 1, 2013.

At 10:00 a.m., Adair County Sheriff, Robert Hardwick, presented his 2013 budget to the County Commission. Accompanying Sheriff Hardwick was John Axsom, Senior Detention Officer; Melissa Hocker, Finance Co-coordinator; and Bill King, Operations Section Chief. County Clerk, Sandra Collop, was also present.

Sheriff Hardwick stated he was budgeting to use the \$279,000 surplus that had accumulated in the Law Enforcement General Fund #801. He is anticipating \$1,905,550 in operating revenues in 2013 which includes the \$700,000 to be transferred from the Law Enforcement Services Fund #301 (which supplements the Sheriff's General fund #801) and the \$279,000 estimated surplus. After expenses of \$1,819.261 in 2013, he is anticipating an ending balance of \$86,288. The Sheriff has estimated that the balance of the Law Enforcement Services Fund #301 will be \$692,028 at the end of 2013.

The Sheriff's Department has budgeted 4 paid holidays with the remaining holiday time being added to existing comp time.

Mrs. Collop asked that the department contact the County Clerk's office when there is a change in personnel or employment status. This would enable appropriate changes to fringe benefits on a timelier basis. She commended the Sheriff for budgeting to expense the surplus monies that had accumulated in the Law Enforcement General Fund #801.

Mrs. Collop also asked that they look into the future. If expenses remain the same for 2014, an even larger amount will need to be transferred from the Law Enforcement Services Fund #301 to operate the Sheriff's Department. Over time, the Law Enforcement Services Fund #301 will shrink to the point that it will no longer have the ability to sustain the Sheriff's Department at its current operating level.

The Commission met with the University of Missouri Extension Council for the presentation of their 2013 budget. Attending from the Council were Bruce lane and Joyce Otten. Jill Lane was also present. Mr. Lane stated that increases in insurance, mileage traveled by personnel, needed office equipment, office staff pay increases, and the need to replace windows and carpet (not replaced since the 1960's) increased their proposed budget approximately \$4500 over 2012. He noted that one office staff person had been with the Extension for over 30 years. Mr. Lane will contact the Commission in approximately one week for a decision on their budget

proposal.

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**Presiding Commissioner**