

**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2013
4TH DAY JANUARY ADJOURNED**

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on February 11, 2013 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

Commissioner Thompson commenced the first reading of the petition to close a 500 foot section of Loeffler Store Trail from Highway 11 to the intersection of Ranch Trail. There hasn't been any opposition to the road closing thus far. The second reading of the petition is tentatively scheduled for the first working day in March which is Monday, March 4, 2013.

Commissioner Thompson commenced the second reading of the petition to close an abandoned road south of AA. There has not been any new opposition or proponents regarding the petition. If approved, the land in question will revert back to and will be divided by the adjoining land owners from the center of the road. The third and final reading of the petition to close an abandoned road south of AA is tentatively scheduled for the first working day in March which is Monday, March 4, 2013.

The Commission met with Leann Gleason and Louann Rongey, Area Specialist, both of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Also present were Adair County Sheriff, Robert Hardwick; William King – Operations Section Chief – Adair County Sheriff's Department; and Beth Platz, Adair County Human Resource/Grant Writer.

Mrs. Rongey began by giving an application to Mrs. Platz, at the request of the Commission, for the possible purchase of a motor grader for the Road and Bridge Department. The Commission was interested in pursuing grant funds that may be available thru the USDA to help with the purchase. She stated that funds were extremely limited and the County may be 15% eligible for a grant. The USDA had allowed them \$30,000 in grant money for 35 counties. The County, however, also met the criteria to secure a fixed loan for up to 35 years at 3.125%. This money could be used in assisting with different types of projects ranging from constructing buildings to assisting with the purchase of needed equipment.

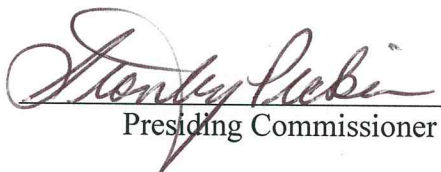
Sheriff Hardwick and Mr. King stated they were looking at purchasing new all-wheel drive vehicles for the Sheriff's Department. Mrs. Rongey said the State bidding process could be used to purchase these vehicles. At the end of the lease, the vehicles would be signed over to the Sheriff's Department or Adair County Commission. Sheriff Hardwick stated he would look at his options; he wanted to keep the purchase local and finance for only five years.

Mrs. Rongey continued by saying that grant funds and loan funds could be combined to stretch their dollars to maximize assistance. The County could apply for more than one project simultaneously, but it was important to get the funding locked in first. Grant funding is currently based on median household income and population based on information from the 2000 census. Beginning March 28, 2013, information from the 2010 census will be used.

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County Clerk


Presiding Commissioner