

**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
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Circuit Clerk employee, Linda Gentry, will be retiring in the near future. Mrs. Decker will be hiring a full-time (40 hour per week) individual who will be funded by the State of Missouri. She indicated, however, that salaries for this position are not competitive to those within a large city. There has not been an increase in salary since 2003. When funding is available, judges are paid first which overrides their chance of obtaining a raise. A deputy within the Circuit Clerk's office has a lot of responsibility and the work load is not considered. It is a fiscal issue.

Commissioner King reported that the drains had collapsed and disintegrated in the women's first floor bathroom. Bids will be obtained to repair the damage. The custodial staff is making a list of short-term and long-term repairs to identify concerns that will need to be addressed in the future. The grant for re-wiring is not available. There are grants available for exterior facade and tuck-pointing. The Commission intends to plan and be pro-active instead of re-active to situations. The Courthouse brings activity to downtown and is a historical landmark for Adair County.

Mr. Hurt did not have anything to report on behalf of the Sheriff. He was there to take notes.

Commissioner Thompson spoke of the lack of a prescription drug program in the State. Missouri is the only state that has not yet passed a drug monitoring bill.


Mrs. Harden reported that Mary McIntosh from the State of Missouri Records Retention has a major concern for Adair County records that are being stored in a building at the Road and Bridge Department. She wants to speak with the Elected Officials about the conditions inside the building and what can and cannot be stored with documents. She feels the environmental conditions are bad and the equipment needs to be removed from the building. Mrs. Harden will contact Mrs. McIntosh for a meeting time.

Mrs. Harden stated that tax collection went good and more dollars were collected than last year. The Collector's working year ends today and then they will begin work on the annual back tax sale. She will also be exploring new software possibilities for the office.

Commissioner Thompson remarked that the County had been asked to participate in a health care consortium that was being developed. He also spoke of the County mandate to pay monthly contributions to the Prosecuting Attorney's retirement fund. The cost is currently \$969.00 per month. The Prosecutors do not contribute to their retirement as other County employees are required to. Also the State mandates the salary paid to the Prosecutors. Mr. Thompson did mention, however, that Adair County's Prosecuting Attorney was a proponent of making contributions to their retirement fund.

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County Clerk


Presiding Commissioner