

ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
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Mr. Wilson explained that at the time the Special Road District was dissolved there was an accumulation of money remaining in the retirement fund. This suit was merely to determine who would obtain the remaining funds in this account. Since the District had been dissolved, it could no longer have any new employees. All former employees who were eligible for the funds of the District had retired, died, and/or received funds or lump sum payouts. MOLAGERS was filing the suit solely for a Court's determination of the proper successor to these funds.

Mr. Wilson stated he had discussed the lawsuit with Kirksville City Manager, Mari Macomber. Mrs. Macomber stated she felt the City was not entitled to any of the remaining funds and they should be returned to the County.

Commissioner Thompson asked if possibly Judge Steele would recuse himself from this case due to past conflicting issues between Adair County and the Juvenile Justice Center. Mr. Wilson said that if Judge Steele did recuse himself, the case would go back to the Missouri Supreme Court for the selection of a new judge.

Mr. Wilson will investigate which Adair County fund would receive the monies if it was awarded to the County. As of June, 2016, the balance of the District's account in the MOLAGERS Trust was \$358,056.

Discussion was held with the Prosecuting Attorney regarding the best way to approach the elimination of a job classification. It was suggested that the employee currently in the classification be reassigned to a new classification. Wages of the eliminated classification should be frozen if the wage of that position was higher than the new classification. The freeze would remain in effect until the wages became equal.

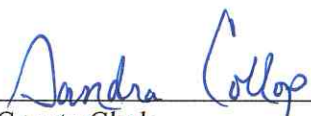
The budget of the Adair County Prosecuting Attorney was discussed. Mr. Wilson stated that within his budget proposal he had added an additional prosecutor. He elaborated on the large number of law enforcement referrals received in his office and the increased number of hours he and his staff were working. He said an additional person would take over the misdemeanor docket and traffic tickets. That would free up another attorney to take over the felony docket and leave him to concentrate on probation cases, prepare cases for trial and to supervise the other attorneys.

Commissioner King said that with the addition of an attorney to his staff, he would like for Mr. Wilson to participate in cases concerning the County. Commissioner King stated that the Commission may want a second opinion on situations. Mr. Wilson felt he would be able to provide more legal services to the County due to the addition of the attorney. Mr. Wilson stated he would also be utilizing Law Enforcement Restitution Funds (LERF) for increased training of the prosecutors.

An ordinance was discussed to enact the installation of stop signs at intersections outside the city limits of the County. It was discussed that the signs could be installed as a reasonable traffic measure, but the County did not have the capability to enforce traffic laws.

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ATTEST:


County Clerk


Presiding Commissioner