

**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2015
8TH DAY JANUARY REGULAR**

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on January 21, 2015 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present. Commissioner Thompson was absent in the Afternoon.

At 8:30 a.m., the Commission met with Senior Auditor, Steven Re, and his assistant Tessa, of the Missouri State Auditor's office. Present at the meeting along with the Commission were Adair County Legal Counsel, Ivan Schraeder; Adair County Sheriff, Robert Hardwick; former Adair County Researcher, Seth Shumaker; and Kirksville Daily Express Representative, Jason Hunsicker. Adair County Treasurer, Lori Smith arrived later.

Mr. Re' wanted to meet with the County to see if they wanted to change or update their responses to the draft audit of the Missouri State Auditor's office now that a Settlement Agreement had been signed with the 2nd Judicial Circuit. The field audit was completed in May, 2014 with the draft being delivered to the County by Mr. Re' and Chris Vetter, CPA, Audit Manager in October, 2014. Audit responses were sent to the Auditor's office on November 3, 2014.

Information was discussed regarding the Settlement Agreements. Mr. Schraeder will prepare additional responses to be included in the final audit report. The final audit report should be completed in 3 - 4 weeks.

Mr. Schraeder received a signed copy of the Intergovernmental Agreement executed by Presiding Commissioner Stanley Pickens. Mr. Schraeder will also be receiving signed copies from Knox and Lewis Counties. He will provide a copy to each County when all have executed the agreement. The Commission thanked Mr. Schraeder for his attendance today.

At 1:00 p.m., the Commission met with Amy Crawford, Area Engineer - North Region of the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT). Mrs. Crawford presented a fact sheet describing the challenge faced by MoDOT because funding for transportation is insufficient. MoDOT's financial forecast projects that in 2017, the department's construction budget will drop to \$325 million annually, which is less than the amount needed each year just to take care of state roads and bridges. Mrs. Crawford reported that only the main arteries in Kirksville will be maintained which includes Hwy 6 and Hwy 63. She stated that Missouri has the seventh largest highway system in the nation, but rank 46th in revenue spent per mile. Costs have doubled and income is stagnant. Mrs. Crawford recommends that everyone contact their legislators to ask tough questions and help determine the right choices for Missouri.

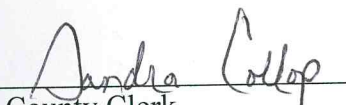
In 2015, MoDOT will be overlaying Highway 6 from Kirksville to the bridge in Novinger, and Walmart north on Highway 63. The Commission requested Mrs. Crawford contact the maintenance crew to repair entrances from County roads out to State roads.

After discussion, Commissioner Adams moved that the County will no longer sell 1 1/2" rock for County roads. Commissioner Pickens seconded the motion.

The Commission spent the rest of the day attending to County business.

The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on January 21, 2015.

ATTEST:


County Clerk


Presiding Commissioner