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He stated that private attorneys don't have to do all that he has to. His case load had increased as well as administrative efforts. Mr. Wilson stated that he had a second attorney in 2013, but then she left. He tried to go without her, but now wants the position refilled. He has been working 60-70 hours per week and he can't do that anymore. He can do better in private practice. He said that no other office required an advance specialized degree as his did.

Mrs. Collop stated that each office holder was just as passionate about their offices as he and the Sheriff was of theirs. Expenses of the other office holders were relatively the same, but had also increased over time.

Mr. Wilson continued by saying he loved his job and talked about unusual not run of the mill cases. He mentioned that they may not be able to file a case within the statutory time frame. If people are processed faster, then they won't have to stay in jail as long. Sheriff Hardwick stated he had statistics on the amount of prisoners in the jail.

Mr. Wilson said he represents the State and wanted the cases processed within 60 days. His docket is now set out to July, 2017.

Mr. Wilson thanked the Commission for their time. Commissioner King said they would continue to work on the budget and would take their comments under consideration when finalizing the figures.

Mrs. Collop asked the Commission to speak with Pat Williams, Court Services Administrator, regarding a deductible invoice from the Juvenile Justice lawsuit which dated back to June, 2015.

Mrs. Collop asked Adair County Treasurer, Lori Smith, her opinion on moving the Prosecutor's expenses into the Law Enforcement Services Fund. Ms. Smith stated that over the years when other County operating funds fell short, General Revenue always stepped up to the plate to make sure they had enough money to operate. She was in hopes that if a similar situation arose with General Revenue (GR) that a County operating fund, that could support additional expenses from GR, would help out..

Ms. Smith also attended a Treasurer's legislative meeting in Jefferson City recently. She mentioned the concern that many counties were feeling regarding the possibility of counties being given the responsibility to maintain "lettered" county roads. Currently, these roads are the responsibility of MoDOT. However, MoDOT is raising the issue that they can no longer maintain these roads. If this occurs, it could significantly impact the Road and Bridge Departments of all counties.

The Commission met with Adair County Assessor, Donnie Waybill, to discuss his budget. Mrs. Collop informed Mr. Waybill that the county was aware he did not intend to sign a "Memo of Understanding" given to him from the State Tax Commission (STC). Mr. Waybill said that was correct. If not signed, it was highly likely that the county would not receive the additional \$10,897.89 available for reimbursement from the STC for tax year 2017. In addition, the county most likely would not receive their allocation for the 2018 tax year as well due to compliance issues.

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ATTEST:

Sandra Collop
County Clerk

Mark Thompson
Presiding Commissioner