

ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

**MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2013
10TH DAY JANUARY REGULAR**

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on January 28, 2013 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

The Commission met with members from the Northeast Missouri (NEMO) Heart Health Corporation. They included Lisa Archer, RN, Northeast Regional Medical Center; John Rickelman, Jr., D O, Northeast Regional Medical Center; and Jess Burgason, Medical Director of NEMO Heart Health.

The members were here to promote the Northeast Sports Plex project that consists of a sports, convention, and expo center. They presented a handout explaining an overview of the project. Dr. Rickelman stated the complex would be a tool to create a healthy lifestyle for Northeast Missouri, but the project is lacking a consistent revenue base. He stated that they wanted the sports plex to be self sustaining and any money generated from the facility would be used for healthy services. He continued by stating that the Health Council needed collateral to begin the project. He then asked if there could be consideration from the Commission to donate the 24.7 acres of County owned land located on the east side of Jamison Street.

Commissioner Thompson stated that the County had invested a \$1,000,000 in this land and wanted the County to recoup that money if at all possible. It is something they would have to ponder and the land is not advertised for sale at this time.

Dr. Rickelman stated that they were a not for profit organization and didn't have any money to work with. He asked if there was some middle ground they could all agree to. They needed collateral to get a loan to build the dome and could use the land for collateral. He continued by stating they are estimating that \$550,000 to \$750,000 of revenues per year. This information was summarized in the handout.

Commissioner Adams stated he did not feel comfortable giving away such a large asset of the County. He suggested the possibility of putting a "question" on the ballot for the vote of the people. He also suggested talking with Debbie Boughton, Director of Tourism for ideas for the project.

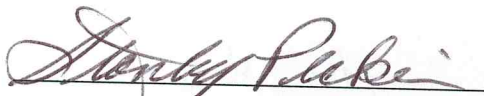
Dr. Rickelman emphasized the facility would not be just for athletes, but would be for the entire community to be used for any idea. He also wanted a partnership with the "Y" for use of the dome.

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County Clerk



Presiding Commissioner