

ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2013
3RD DAY JANUARY REGULAR

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

The Commission met with the Court System for their 2013 budget hearing. Present were Russell Steele, Presiding Circuit Judge of the 2nd Judicial Circuit; Associate Circuit Judge, Kristie Swaim; Matt Holt, Court Services Administrator of the 2nd Judicial Circuit; and Tonya Lutz, Secretary to Presiding Circuit Judge Russell Steele. Also present was Adair County Clerk, Sandra Collop.

Judge Steele began by stating that he did not think Mrs. Collop wanted to cooperate with his office to provide 1099s for contractors of the Adair County Drug Court. He stated that Mrs. Collop expressed reservations about issuing 1099's for two individuals. He wanted the Commission to know that the County could suffer fines due to these documents not being provided.

Mrs. Collop responded to Judge Steele by stating that her reservations stemmed from the fact that she had no idea the people he was referring to even worked for the County. She had no documentation showing where these people had been employed by Adair County and according to the County Clerk's records had never received any compensation from the County. She stated that she contacted the Missouri State Auditor's office who told her that under no circumstances should she issue a 1099 for someone who had not been paid by County funds. She explained to Judge Steele she did not have any documentation what so ever for the two people he was referring to.

Judge Steele stated that the auditor's office must have misunderstood and he would call them. Mrs. Collop stated that at the time she spoke to the Auditor's office she had not been told that the two people in question had been paid out of a bank account that had the County's Federal Tax ID number. This brought up another issue as to who had control of the money in that account. Judge Steele said the account was mainly used for circumstances that occurred on weekends when it was not feasible to get a check from the County. He and Matt Holt again stated the County would be fined if the 1099's were not issued. Mrs. Collop said she needed documentation to verify that these people were actually paid with County funds. Judge Steele said he would provide the information if that is what was needed to get the 1099s issued.

Judge Steele stated that Adair County Circuit Clerk, Linda Decker, was ill and her actual budget figures were not available. As a result, they inserted the same figures as last year. She will provide the Clerk's Office with up-to-date figures upon her return. Judge Steele said the Circuit Clerk may increase other expenses in her budget to cover the cost of court reporting for all jury trials. This could be an increase of approximately \$22,000.

Judge Swaim stated that her expenses of approximately \$4,100 would also be included in the figures that Mrs. Decker would supply. She had concerns as to why her budget figures had been absorbed into those of the Circuit Clerk. Judge Swaim then stated that she would like a report from Judge Steele of the Law Library. Judge Steele said he would provide her with the information.

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ATTEST:

Sandra Collop
County Clerk

Stanley Pucki
Presiding Commissioner