

ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2012

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Mr. Wilson suggested that if the Humane Society accepted the \$1,500, that the County receive a monthly accounting itemizing how the funds had been used. Commissioner Adams stated that in the past there had been a discrepancy on the amount of dogs actually taken to the facility.

Commissioner Thompson stated that the City and the County should be treated fairly.

Then, Jim Hughes, Chief of Police - Kirksville Police Department, arrived at the meeting. He joined the discussion and when asked, he stated that the City Council had budgeted \$24,000 over the past several years for animal care. However, this year the amount had been increased to \$27,000. He said that the Humane Society was a contractor for the City of Kirksville. This fee also covered the cost of carcass disposal. Chief Hughes stated that the increase to \$27,000 was a result of increased costs and legislative decisions.

Mr. Wilson suggested the possibility of the City and the County creating a public service campaign to inform the public of the cost of picking up/boarding animals and of the State Statute.

Mr. King stated that County Deputies carry copies of the State Statute and the County ordinance. When applicable, they inform the public that both the County and the City have vicious animal ordinances. Mr. Wilson stated that two convictions of animal abuse were a felony.

Chief Hughes said that he had discussed with Sheriff Hardwick the idea of a combined animal control unit with the City and the County. He felt this would provide better coverage and value plus free up officers and deputies. This idea, however, came down to money.

The County will ask the Humane Society to come together to resolve this problem. Mr. Wilson stated he would get a proposal together to advance the \$1,500 for a signature from the Commission. In turn, the County will request a monthly accounting of activity and the funds used during the month.

Mr. King asked who actually owned the Adair County Humane Society

Mr. Wilson stated the shelter is under the Humane Society name and not a part of the United States Humane Society. The City of Kirksville owned the land and all buildings at the site.

At 10:30 a.m., Adair County Assessor, Donnie Waybill, stated that there had not been additional interest or appointments for the 2012 Board of Equalization. At the recommendation of Mr. Waybill, Commissioner Adams moved to close the Board of Equalization. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion with all in favor. The 2012 Board of Equalization can re-open if there is interest.

The Commission met with David Skinner of ETC Computerland. The County will add the Public Administrator and the Assessor to the annual service contract. Licenses will be added to 38 desktop units.

The Commission spent the rest of the day attending to County business. The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00p.m. on July 18, 2012.

ATTEST: Sandra Collop
County Clerk


Presiding Commissioner
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