

**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014
15TH DAY JANUARY ADJOURED**

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on March 11, 2014 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

The Commission met with Debra Wohlers, Executive Director, People Achieving Connections Together (PACT) or SB 40 and Sarah Riffer, Director of the Kirksville YMCA, to discuss the "NEMO Playground".

Mrs. Wohlers presented to the Commission their intent to build a high quality outdoor playground that would be accessible to people of all abilities. The Land and Water Conservation Fund is a federal grant whose funding varies each year with the maximum amount awarded per project of \$75,000 with a minimum 55% match. The total cost of the project will be approximately \$500,000. She stated that the YMCA wanted to be a part of this project and had agreed to donate 8,000 square feet of land that will be used as the match. The land has been valued at \$90,000.

Mrs. Riffer compared this project to "Zachary's Playground" located in St. Charles, Missouri. She spoke of the accessibility for people with disabilities to be able to enjoy the same interactions as those without disabilities. They both felt it would become a destination playground for many from surrounding counties. She continued saying that the donated land would be leased to the County in perpetuity, holding them free of harm, for outdoor recreation.

Mrs. Wohlers stated that the grant needed to be co-sponsored and signed by the Presiding Commissioner. Liability would be provided through the YMCA by West Bend who specifically writes for Y's. She is planning to speak to several community organizations to solicit financial help to build the playground. Commissioner Thompson also suggested they contact Northeast Missouri Regional Planning for a possible funding source.

The application deadline is Monday, April 28, 2014 and must be postmarked that day. Ground breaking is planned for the spring of 2015 and installation should be approximately 1 week. Discussion was held regarding the grant proceeds being receipted into a sub-division of Adair County, such as SB40. This would alleviate additional work being placed on the County. They both were in agreement to complete all paperwork and administer the grant.

The Commission thanked Mrs. Wohlers and Mrs. Riffer for the presentation. The application will be reviewed by the Commission and Mrs. Wohler's will return in mid-April.

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

The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:30 p.m. on March 11, 2014.

ATTEST:


County Clerk


Presiding Commissioner