

**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2016  
25TH DAY JANUARY ADJOURNED**

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on March 29, 2016 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

At 10:00 a.m., the Commission met with Carolyn Chrisman, Executive Director of K-REDI (Kirksville Regional Economic Development). Also present was a representative for KTVO television and the Kirksville Daily Express.

Mrs. Chrisman wanted to follow up with the Commission to see if the County was able to participate in the Kraft Foods distribution center by the way of rock or in-kind use of equipment. She stated that the City of Kirksville was still doing the parking lot work to eliminate the prevailing wage. She was here again because Commissioner Thompson had not been present the last time she dropped by to see the Commission.

The Commission stated they had agreed earlier and told her that the County was not in a position to help with the project. Mrs. Chrisman asked about using money from the County's Emergency Fund. She stated it could be classified as an "emergency" in order to build the parking lot to insure that Kraft Foods would continue with their expansion.

The Commission stated that what was considered an emergency to her did not necessarily mean an emergency to the County. They said if money were to be spent it needed to be used for the roads in the County. Ms. Chrisman said the roads in the City were not in the best shape either and everyone could have lost a whole lot more if this project had not gone forward.

The Commission stated that with the County could lose a substantial amount of sales tax revenue due to the City agreeing to pass along their sales tax exempt status to Kraft Foods for the completion of the project. They felt the County was contributing back to the project in that way.

Commissioner Adams stated he did not appreciate her inquires to the County Treasurer, County Assessor, and the Prosecuting Attorney to attempt to get information on how to obtain funds from the County. Mrs. Chrisman said she was only trying to understand how the County conducts business as it seemed to be different from that of the City. She also stated she had called the Missouri State Auditor's Office to ask about the Emergency Fund. According to her, they said the funds could be used determining on the definition of the emergency. Ultimately, any decision would be made by the County Commission.

Mrs. Chrisman thanked the Commission and departed.

At 11:00 a.m., the Commission met with Adair County Sheriff, Robert Hardwick; Senior Detention officer, John Axsom; and Financial Co-coordinator, Dave Hurt, to discuss a request by the Sheriff to increase expenses to the Sheriff's 2016 operating budget. The County had just begun housing 18 inmates just from the "Agreement for Confinement of Prisoners" with Linn County, Missouri. The jail has 64 beds and with the addition of inmates from Linn County, the population could rise to 55-57 per day. Sheriff Hardwick estimated that an additional \$18,000 per month in board bill revenue could possibly be obtained due to the agreement. Estimated costs included an increase to water usage of \$1,000; to food for \$8,000; prisoner uniforms \$2,000; supplies \$5,000; medical bills of \$7,500; and also the cost of prisoner boarding in other Counties due to the gender of the inmate population. The inmates began arriving from Linn County the first part of March. The possibility of additional revenues to Adair County could be \$150,000 to \$190,000 which could result in a large profit. At this point, the Sheriff intends to staff the jail the same as last year.

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ATTEST:

  
County Clerk

  
Presiding Commissioner