

ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2016
5TH DAY APRIL ADJOURNED

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on May 11, 2016 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. Presiding Commissioner Pickens and Commissioner Adams were present. Commissioner Thompson was attending a Legislative Committee meeting in Jefferson City.

The Commission met with Heather Adkins, Angela Caraway, and Nicole Salmons of Mark Twain Behavioral Health. Also present was Dave Hurt, Finance Coordinator for the Adair County Sheriff's Department and a representative of KTVO Television.

The Commission was asked to support the Adair County Sheriff's Department and Mark Twain Behavioral Health in their effort to launch a Stepping Up program in Adair County with a grant opportunity through the Department of Justice.

As a result, "Stepping Up Initiative" Adair County Resolution # 2016 -1 was created to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails. Commissioner Adams moved to accept "Stepping Up Initiative" Adair County Resolution # 2016 -1. Presiding Commissioner Pickens seconded the motion.

If awarded, the \$250,000 grant over a two year period would help to identify a universal screening rule when individuals are booked into the jail. Mrs. Caraway estimated that at any given time 20% to 30% of inmates are in need of treatment services for mental illness. It could also provide the ability to embed a behavioral health individual to be readily available within the jail.

Mrs. Caraway, Ms. Adkins, and Ms. Salmons thanked the Commission for their support of the initiative. Mrs. Caraway stated that they intend to move forward with the initiative even if the grant was not awarded.

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


The Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on May 11, 2016.

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ATTEST:



County Clerk



Presiding Commissioner