

**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2016**

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Mr. Wilson stated that the Prosecuting Attorney's Association objected to the legalization of marijuana. He referred to increased assaults, crimes, and accidents occurring in Colorado and Oregon which have legalized the drug. He also included accidental consumption of illegal drugs by children plus a cost to the State for drug dogs. It is a cash business which can lead to tax issues for the State. Crimes could increase on a larger scale with misdemeanors turning into felonies.

Other issues mentioned by Mr. Wilson included working with the County Commission to petition for a road closure and obtain governmental/environmental permission to build a bridge; beginning January 1, 2017, new criminal codes (that have been in the process for seven years) will be added to the court system; and that all court documents now involve e-filing.

Mr. Wilson said it takes one staff person at least two hours per day just to go through the e-mails generated from e-filings. Numerous cases plus traffic tickets have been processed using e-filing. It takes a lot of time and said his office was sinking under the load. He compared ten counties in similar size to that of Adair and discovered his office had the same or less people but more cases. Through 9-15-2016, jury trials are set for every week except two and one of those will be the Prosecuting Attorney's annual conference. Mr. Wilson intends to address this issue during budget hearings in the fall.

Mrs. Harden is preparing for the annual back tax sale. Delinquent statements have been sent out two months earlier this year. There are only 89 properties that remain delinquent on property taxes for two or more years. She has been working with the public to explain delinquent charges in hopes of encouraging people to make payment before additional fees are due.

Mrs. Harden will soon be replacing an employee that resigned earlier in the year; acquire a new software provider; and obtain higher quality paper for tax statements. She stated that hours of operation will soon be posted on the door to the Collector's office and included a reminder that hours of operation should be posted on all door entrances to the Courthouse.

Mr. Adams stated the Commission had entered into a contract for lawn service to help with the appearance of the Courthouse lawn. There will be five treatments over a one year period to help improve the quality and quantity of the grass.

Mrs. Collop recently attended an election meeting for the upcoming August 2 Primary Election and November 8 General Election. Voter turnout is anticipated to be high during this election cycle. She reminded everyone that the auditors will be in the County all week reviewing information FYE 2014 – 2015 financial audit per the State of Missouri.

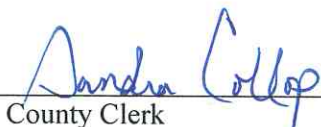
The meeting ended at 12:00 p.m.

At 12:15 p.m., the Adair County Commission adopted the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting be continued in emergency closed session, with closed records and closed votes as permitted by law, for consideration of the following items as authorized by section 610.021.1 of the Missouri statutes:

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-ATTEST:


County Clerk


Presiding Commissioner