

**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2016
10TH DAY OCTOBER REGULAR**

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on October 25, 2016 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

All Elected Officials participated in the Ninth Annual Adair County Government Day sponsored by the American Legion, MacDougall/Lowe Post No. 20. High school students from the Adair County R-II School at Brashear, Missouri toured the Adair County Courthouse and each Elected Official explained the responsibilities of their office.

At 2:00 p.m., the Elected Official's monthly meeting was held in the Commissioner's Suite of the Courthouse. Attending the meeting were Adair County Presiding Commissioner, Stanley Pickens; Adair County 2nd District Commissioner, Mark Thompson; Adair County Circuit Clerk, Linda Decker; and Adair County Clerk, Sandy Collop. Adair County Treasurer, Lori Smith, attended for part of the meeting. Absent were Adair County Prosecuting Attorney, Matt Wilson; Adair County 1st District Commissioner, Carson Adams; Adair County Assessor, Donnie Waybill; Adair County Coroner, Brian Noe; Adair County Collector, Sonja Harden; Adair County Public Administrator, Rhonda Noe; Adair County Recorder, Pat Shoush; and Adair County Sheriff, Robert Hardwick.

Mrs. Decker stated that as of October 5, 2016, the Circuit Clerk's Office had been using e-filing for one year. She said that the training period was intense, but it is useful for attorneys and clerks as well. She thanked the Commission for appropriating money from the County to set up the system.

Mrs. Collop handed out introductory paperwork for the 2017 budget to all elected officials that attended the meeting. She will get the information to the ones that did not attend.

No one else had anything to report.

At 3:30 p.m., the Commission discussed health care premium rates for 2017. The Commission had previously met with Mike Deren of Group Benefit Services, health care provider for the County on October 17, 2016. He brought two proposals to discuss – one proposal did not have an increase while the second proposal had a substantial increase to the premium. Adair County had experienced an increased amount of claims in 2016. At that time, Commissioner Thompson asked him to develop a premium rate that would offset the cost of increased claims but not put a huge financial burden on the County.

Mr. Deren had provided the new health premium rates that were now up for discussion. With this alternate proposal, the health care premium would increase approximately \$60.00 per person. This would keep the policy in pace with claim payments, however it would not increase the reserve amount up to what it had been in the previous year.

Commissioner Thompson moved to accept the alternate funding plan as supplied by Mike Deren. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion with all in favor.

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

The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on October 25, 2016.

ATTEST: Sandra Collop
County Clerk

 Stanley Pickens
Presiding Commissioner