

**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2013
4TH DAY OCTOBER REGULAR**

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on October 8, 2013 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

At 9:00 a.m., the Commission conducted a County award presentation to Mr. Doug Hill of the Adair County Road and Bridge Department. Mr. Hill recently completed 40 years of service with the County. He was presented a plaque from Presiding Commissioner Pickens on behalf of the County expressing appreciation for his many years of dedicated service.

The Commission then participated in the first annual presentation of the Gary W. Jones Award. This award will be presented each August to an eligible employee (excluding elected officials) who personifies the type of friendly and effective service to Adair County citizens that Gary Jones had provided during his 12 years of service as the Presiding Commissioner. The award recipient for this first annual award was Mr. Doug Hill of the Adair County Road and Bridge Department. Mr. Hill was unanimously selected by a committee comprised of elected officials. His name will appear as a recipient of the award on a plaque displaying Mr. Jones's picture that has been hung in the rotunda on the second floor of the Adair County Courthouse.

The Commission wrote a letter of support for Adair County Sheriff, Robert Hardwick, to require a prescription for pseudoephedrine in Adair County. The letter thanked the Sheriff for his efforts toward making this change in our community.

At 2:17 p.m., the Commission met with Sheriff Hardwick and Adair County Prosecuting Attorney, Matt Wilson, who was asked to attend the meeting at the Sheriff's request. Mr. Wilson asked to see and then read the order served on each Adair County Commissioner by Judge Russell Steele.

Commissioner Adams stated that all but two of the conditions listed in the order had already been met. These included a payment in the amount of \$160.00 to Jackson Electric and the reinstatement of Matt Holt's funding to continue his salary. He explained the Commission's stand which included not paying for unauthorized electrical work to the Courthouse and the intent to no longer fund Mr. Holt's position. Discussion was held that Mr. Holt was determined (with the assistance of legal counsel) to be associated with the State and not with the County. As a result, the decision was made to no longer fund his position. Mr. Wilson again stated that he was only at the meeting to represent the Sheriff who requested his advice.

The Commission then received a phone call from their legal counsel, Ivan Schraeder. He stated that paperwork for a writ of prohibition would be filed with the Western District Court of Appeals in approximately 30 minutes which should put a "stay" on everything in Judge Steele's order. It would be filed electronically to streamline it thru the process to the appellate court and sent to Judge Steele via fax due to the lack of an e-mail address for him. Mr. Schraeder stated he hoped the court would grant the order. He will send a copy of the proceedings to the County Clerk.

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ATTEST:


County Clerk


Presiding Commissioner