

**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2016**

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The Holiday Inn Express has begun construction on a 6 - 7 million dollar project located on Business Highway 63. This will also be a CID district.

Mr. Young stated that Menards, Hobby Lobby, and the Hampton Inn all have purchased more land than they needed and want to further develop the area. He hopes that the census will reflect this growth. They are wanting Kirksville to be the hub of the area and draw from outside of the area. Money availability is based on the census.

Mr. Balliew then reported that City of Kirksville employees built the parking lot at Kraft Heinz and would begin storm drainage work next week. Then the street will be poured. The City has a good working relationship with Kraft Heinz and are doing lots of planning not to overwhelm the facilities. Kraft has expressed appreciation for the City's help.

Mrs. Macomber asked how the change in road direction to the downtown area has affected everyone. The change was made to eliminate confusion to get to downtown.

Mr. Young mentioned that this year was the 175<sup>th</sup> incorporation of Adair County and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary for Sojourners. He added that in 2017 the City of Kirksville will be celebrating their 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Truman State University will celebrate their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and AT Still University their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The City is planning a celebration for their anniversary.

The City will begin glass recycling with an event for a kickoff in November.

Mr. Collins reported on an emergency notification system. He stated that the City, County, Ambulance District, Truman State University, and the Sheriff's Department do not have a mass communication backup system. The system is now mostly cell phone based such as when an AMBER alert is issued. The new system will have social media attached to the system. It will be a good way to notify a lot of people fast. The cost of this unit is not known at this time and would be determined by what best suits the needs of the City and County. It could be as much as \$6,000 - \$12,000. Information would be sorted off site and be backed up. Information could be sent out all at once and notify people within a specific area. The system would be installed after January, 2017.

The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on September 26, 2016.

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ATTEST: *Dandra Collop* County Clerk      *Stanley Huber* Presiding Commissioner