

**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2016
24TH DAY JULY ADJOURNED**

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on September 26, 2016 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. Presiding Commissioner Pickens and Commissioner Adams were present. Commissioner Thompson was absent.

Presiding Commissioner Pickens signed Amendment No. 5 to the food service agreement between Adair county jail and CBM Managed Services.

At 3:30 P.m., the Commission met with members of Kirksville City Council in the Commissioner's suite on the second floor of the Courthouse. Present were City Councilmen Phillip Biston, Chuck Long, Rick Steele; Mayor, Jerry Mills; City Manager, Mari Macomber; Assistant City Manager, Ashley Young; Public Works Director, Glen Balliew; and Fire Chief, Tom Collins.

Discussion was held regarding the rock road that was built to Phelps Farm Services business on Round Barn Way. It was concluded that the City of Kirksville would install a road sign, but the road belonged to the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) and the sign will be the responsibility of the State.

In June, 2016, the City and the County met to discuss areas of concern regarding roads within the County. Several ideas were given to MODOT with some ranked as the highest priority within the County. They included a turn lane from Brewington at Hwy 63 to Route 6; four lanes from Kirksville to Iowa for Highway 63; repair to Highway 63 within the City of Kirksville; and repairs to the surface and shoulders to Highway 6. When all the projects within the State were submitted, there were no MoDOT projects in Adair County for the next five years.

Mr. Balliew stated, however, that the City continued to keep pressure on MoDOT to repair Business 63 within the city and they were beginning to make progress. Now, the project was not off the table during the next five years. It would not be addressed in years 1 through 3, but could possibly be addressed the last 2 years. They planned to go to Hannibal to talk and work with MoDOT.

Mr. Young stated the City had been working with Andrew Taylor Still University (ATSU). They have purchased the Theta Psi property on Osteopathy Street and has given it to the City for completion of the third leg of the Forest Lake Area Trail System (FLATS).

Mr. Young then gave updates of the projects within the City beginning in the north part of Kirksville to the South. Menard's will begin construction of a new store in 2017. The project cost is 10 million dollars and will be located next to Kelly Furniture on Highway 63. Kraft Heinz continues to move forward with their project and part of the plant could have partial occupancy within the next two months; the Hampton Inn is under construction next to Wal-Mart and will be a 6 - 7 million dollar project. Hobby Lobby will be the anchor store for "Kirksville Commons" that will be located across the highway from Walmart. The area will eventually house 9 retail stores and work is scheduled to begin this year. Late 2017 is the anticipated opening of Hobby Lobby. Both the Hampton Inn and Hobby Lobby properties will be Community Improvement Districts (CID).

Downtown revitalization is moving forward on the south side of Washington in the 100 block. They hope to begin this year.

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ATTEST:


County Clerk


Presiding Commissioner