

# ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2012

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Mr. Wilson stated that the Commission does not have jurisdiction over the Public Administrator and there is no authority over that office. He said the Hollenbeck's would need to contact a private attorney to pursue their concerns. Mr. Wilson did not know who they spoke with in the Attorney General's office and is not aware of any statute legally giving the County Commission authority to oversee the Public Administrator. Mrs. Collop will reply to the Hollenbeck's with the information.

With the presence of Adair County Prosecuting Attorney, Matt Wilson, Commissioner Adams stated he wanted to discuss the purchase of a road groom, without going out for bid, in November for the Road and Bridge Department, Commissioner Adams said Heavy Equipment Manufacturers brought it down, it was demonstrated, and Commissioner Pickens even stated we had bought a road groom. We had a verbal contract, there is a bill, and the decision was made by Commissioner Thompson.

Mrs. Collop said she became aware of the situation when Jack Moots of the Road and Bridge Department gave her call. He stated that he had received an invoice from RGM Road Groom Manufacturing for a road groom left in Kirksville, MO by Bob Foster. The invoice was dated November 15, 2012 and he was trying to figure out which account payment should be made from. Mrs. Collop called RGM and spoke with the secretary who stated that Bob and Mark had been talking about how the item needed to be advertised for bid. The delivery date of November 14, 2012 and terms of net 30 days were verified, and Mrs. Collop asked that she receive a copy of the sales contract which was never received. Last week, the Commission discovered that Commissioner Thompson had advertised a bid opening for an 11' road groom without their knowledge.

After discussion, Mr. Wilson stated that we had acknowledged the situation and we will do better in the future. Commissioner Thompson stated he wasn't trying to hide anything and had explained the process to the road groom company. Mr. Wilson reminded everyone that a contract is a contract even if it is verbal.

Commissioner Adams requested that the following be included in today's minutes:

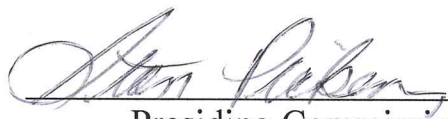
After making numerous phone calls to Heavy Equipment Manufactures (Grundy City IA) to discuss our interest in a road groom, I invited them to come and demonstrate one. We had agreed ahead of time, that if we were interested in purchasing a road groom, that we would commit money to it in the 2013 budget.

On Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 13, 2012 we met with the representatives of Heavy Equipment Manufacturers at our road and bridge location to examine the road groom. We were all impressed with it, however no discussion of buying one took place at that time. A discussion of buying a used one had never taken place. I walked away from the group, and 15 minutes later and was informed that Commissioner Mark Thompson had made a deal to purchase the used demonstrator from Heavy Equipment Manufacturers.

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ATTEST:

  
County Clerk

  
Presiding Commissioner