

**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2017
4TH DAY OCTOBER REGULAR**

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on October 10, 2017 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. The Adair County Courthouse was closed on Monday, October 9, 2017, in observance of Columbus Day. All Commissioners were present. Presiding Commissioner Pickens was present until 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Thompson will continue to be acting Presiding Commissioner during the absence of Presiding Commissioner Pickens.

At 9:00 a.m., the Commission met with Jon Dwiggins of Howe Company to discuss an update to BRO-B001 (50), the low water crossing on County Line Way, Bridge No. 0680007. Mr. Dwiggins has contacted Robert E. Bowen and Carolyn Stanley for permanent right of way and temporary construction easements if Adair County will agree to pay for ½ mile of fence. An estimated value of this cost is \$5,000. Stan and Beatrice Grant have proposed the County pay them \$10,000 for the permanent right of way and temporary construction easements.

Mr. Dwiggins recommended that Adair County avoid the condemnation approach for access to the easements. He was afraid that negotiations with the landowners could become protracted and adversarial resulting in a withdrawal of existing offers and leaving a lengthy, costly condemnation process. This could also result in losing BRO funding for the project.

Mr. Dwiggins stated that Howe Company would negotiate for the County to reduce the cost of the Grant's proposal. There is also the situation of the bat habitat that must be removed between November and March. If this is not completed on a timely basis, construction of the bridge could be delayed until November, 2018.

Mr. Dwiggins will keep the Commission updated on Howe and Company's progress with the bridge project. He also mentioned that Adair County's current BRO funding balance had been reduced \$12,814 by the State of Missouri.

At 10:30 a.m., the Commission met with Chris Kempke from the University of Missouri Extension Center. Mr. Kempke covers several counties in Northern Missouri. Today, the emphasis of his presentation pertained to economic development issues and was entitled "Your County from 1000 Feet Up." He presented changing trends within a county including population trends as well as income trends. The Commission thought the presentation was very informative and thanked Mr. Kempke for his interests in all the surrounding counties.


Mr. Kempke stated that the Extension Center was undergoing restructuring and wanted to give more attention to the counties. He said that everyone's rolls were changing and how they were administered. He would no longer be assigned to Adair County and was uncertain who would be covering this area in the future. However if he could be of any help, they just needed to let him know.

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

The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on October 10, 2017.

Unscheduled Public Walk-Ins and other Non-Agenda Items for Tuesday, October 10, 2017:

None

ATTEST: 
County Clerk


Presiding Commissioner