

Kirkville, Missouri, Wednesday June 26, 2019- Adair County Commissioner's met with SEMA and FEMA representatives to discuss the recent heavy rains and the significant damage it's caused to several county roads. Also in attendance at the meeting were officials from the Adair County Road and Bridge Department, the City of Kirkville, the City of Novinger, and Adair County Rural Water.

SEMA, Missouri's State Emergency Management Agency is a division of the Department of Public Safety and is the State of Missouri's coordinating agency for disaster planning, response and recovery. SEMA works with other state departments and agencies, local governments, the federal government and volunteer and faith-based organizations to ensure coordinated and efficient management during large scale emergencies and disasters. SEMA and FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) work closely together to support citizens and first responders in efforts to build, sustain, and improve local capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

Following the meeting, Adair County Officials took SEMA and FEMA Representatives around the county to see the damage firsthand. The County hopes to secure funding from SEMA/FEMA in order to assist in the additional costs that will be endured by the county to make repairs to affected areas.

Local officials have compiled damage estimates for Adair County. Estimates will next be submitted to Governor Mike Parson who can then request a disaster declaration from President Trump. If the area is declared a disaster, funding from the Federal Government would be made available to local governments and entities to support rebuilding efforts.

Picture below are attendees at today's meeting.

