

ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019
5TH DAY OCTOBER ADJOURNED

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on November 13, 2019 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

At 9:00 a.m., the Commission conducted a conference with Huber & Associates. The Commission made the decision to lease the new IT equipment as opposed to purchasing it. The lease will be over a four year period.

At 10:00 a.m., the Commission met with Bob Webb, the new Superintendent of Kirksville RIII Schools. Mr. Webb wanted to begin regular conversations with the Commission. He asked if there were any tax measures or levy increases that they knew about.

Commissioner King stated that the tax abatement had been deleted for wind projects in the County and those tax revenues would be evenly split between Brashear and Kirksville Schools. They will receive more tax revenue, but it has not yet been determined how the wind farm will be assessed. He stated that the wind farm did not discuss an abatement with the Commission. You would never see the end to the abatement due to the life of the towers. Others typically receive 50% abatement for 10 years. The County fought to keep tax revenues here, so it didn't make sense to give it away. Tax abatements are determined at the State level.

Commissioner Thompson added that wind farm tax credits were incredible. He also wasn't sure how the wind towers would be accessed or how to plan for revenues.

Mr. Webb said he needed to create a 5 year financial plan. Seventy-three to seventy-five percent of their budget is salaries and they need more money to be competitive with surrounding school districts. They had recently changed insurance carriers. They would like to refurbish the buildings over time. The high school is the oldest with parts of it being built in 1959. Mr. Webb said that salaries were scary and the district had lost two maintenance people. They needed to retain people. He has a meeting with the school board tonight.

Commissioner King said that the County had reimbursement concerns. Things are changing, but there were no revenues to offset costs.

Mr. Webb said he intended to keep in touch with the Commission. Further discussion included language barriers with the French people who have migrated to the community. The lack of the ability for them to understand was an issue. Their culture was the biggest issue. There was an influx in October of nine families. The technical center offers English classes and there are approximately 50 people in the class. They don't have an easy answer to bridge the language barrier. Vaping situations at school are also an issue. He said that kids come with higher needs now than they did in the past.

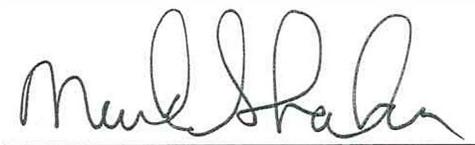
The Commission thanked Mr. Webb for his time.

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At 11:00 a.m., the Commission met with Jon Dwiggins of Howe. Mr. Dwiggins was requesting Presiding Commissioner Mark Shahan's signature on documentation requesting right of way acquisition authority for BRO-B001 (52) Adair County Bridge No. 28400101 on Tiger Way. Documents were signed and will be forwarded to the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDot).

Mr. Dwiggins also reported he continues to work on Bridge Engineering Assistants Programs (BEEP) for Titan Road and Columbus Road. Columbus Road is being designed to be similar to Titan Road and designed for water to go over the road. They are unable to raise it high enough. The option for Titan Road is to put in a low water crossing then close the road. One landowner owns the land on each side of the road.

Mr. Dwiggins would like to share the BEEP studies with John Caufield of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad. The Commission granted him permission to do so.

At 1:30 p.m., the Adair County Commission adopted the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting be continued in closed session, with closed records and closed votes as permitted by law, for consideration of the following items as authorized by section 610.021 (1) of the Missouri statutes:

Discussion under Subsection 1 of the statute for "Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys. However, any minutes, vote or settlement agreement relating to legal actions, causes of actions or litigation involving a public governmental body or" ... and

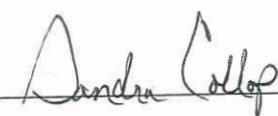
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any business not covered by the stated reason or reasons for the closed session is raised during the closed session, that such business will be postponed until this meeting is reopened to the public and the sign for a closed meeting is removed from the doors of the Commission office. Present at the meeting were Presiding Commissioner Shahan; Commissioner Thompson; Commissioner King; Adair County Clerk, Sandra Collop; and via telephone Adair County Legal Counsel, Ivan Schraeder of the Schraeder Law Firm. So motioned by Commissioner King and seconded by Commissioner Thompson. Presiding Commissioner Shahan concurred. All voted in favor of the motion at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday November 13, 2019.

Closed session ended at 1:45 p.m.

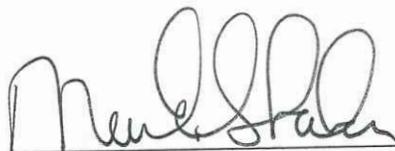
At 1:47 p.m., the Adair County Commission adopted the following resolution:

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BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting be continued in emergency closed session, with closed records and closed votes as permitted by law, for consideration of the following items as authorized by section 610.021(3) of the Missouri statutes:

Discussion under Subsection 3 of the statute for “Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when person information about the employee is discussed or recorded. However, any vote on a final decision, when taken by a public governmental body, to hire, fire, promote or discipline an employee of a public governmental body shall be made available with a record of how each member voted to the public within seventy-two hours of the close of the meeting where such action occurs; provided, ... ”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any business not covered by the stated reason or reasons for the closed session is raised during the closed session, that such business will be postponed until this meeting is reopened to the public and the sign for a closed meeting is removed from the doors of the Commission office. Present at the meeting were Presiding Commissioner, Mark Shahan; 1st District Commissioner, William King; 2nd District Commissioner, Mark Thompson; and Adair County Clerk, Sandra Collop.

So motioned by Presiding Commissioner Mark Shahan and seconded by Commissioner Thompson. Commissioner King concurred. All voted in favor of the motion at 1:47 p.m. on Wednesday, November 13, 2019.

Closed session ended at 2:57 p.m.

The Commission proceeded to the Road and Bridge Department for a meeting with staff.

The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on November 13, 2019.

The Adair County Commission will be attending the Missouri Association of Counties meeting on November 17, 18 and 19, 2019. They will reconvene on Wednesday, November 20, 2019.

Unscheduled Public Walk-Ins and other Non-Agenda Items for Wednesday, November 13, 2019:

None

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