

**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2016**  
**6TH DAY APRIL REGULAR**

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:00 a.m. on April 13, 2016 in the Adair County Annex at Kirksville to participate in the annual State of The County address. All Commissioners were present. Commissioner Adams was absent for the rest of the day.

Several organizations of the County presented a short program on their accomplishments within the past year and their goals for the coming year. Speakers included Deb Wohler's of Senate Bill 40; Jim LeBaron of the Adair County Health Department; William (Bill) King, Operations Section Chief for the Adair County Sheriff's Department, on behalf of Sheriff Robert Hardwick; Larry Burton of the Adair County Ambulance District; Dwight Hart of the Adair County Public Water Supply District #1; and Jami Livingston of the Adair County Library. Commissioner Mark Thompson spoke on behalf of the County. The event was sponsored by the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce. Each entity gave an overview of their past year's accomplishments.

The Commission spoke with Ivan Schraeder, Attorney for Adair County, regarding aspects of the December, 2014 Settlement Agreement with the Second Judicial Circuit. The County continues to be in litigation and no further actions are being considered at this time. As far as the amount due to the County from the Second Judicial Circuit for insurance premiums, Mr. Schraeder suggested they pay the bill or provide legal documentation within two weeks as to why they were not responsible for the bill.

At 2:00 p.m., the Commission met with James Jontry II, Project Manager (Transmission) and Brett Farner SR/WA, Real Estate Supervisor, Real Estate Department, both of Ameren Services. They distributed information concerning the Mark Twin Transmission Project as well as ATXI's (Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois) Proposed Standards and Procedures for Construction, Repair and Maintenance of Right-of-Way Mark Twain Project – Schedule DBR-SR2. They wanted to provide an update to the status of the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) regarding the Mark Twain Transmission Project. They stated that four out of the five PSC Commissioners were leaning toward a need for the project while one Commissioner was non-committed.

Then individuals of the public began to arrive at the meeting. They included Roger Billington, Greg Lawrence, Evonne Baker, and Tim Peters. Discussion evolved regarding the marking of utilities on private property. The individuals believed that people marking utility lines on their property were employed by Ameren and did not want them to trespass onto their land. Mr. Jontry stated that Ameren employees would only go on public land. He said it could be Missouri One Call who was marking the lines. This company had the authorization to mark public as well as private right of way. Mrs. Baker stated that SAM was the surveyor on her property and had left behind flags. Mr. Jontry said if he was given additional information he could check on the situation. The surveyor was finding public monumentation on public right of way and were either looking for it or putting markers on the ground. He said the locates were good for three days. Mr. Farner also stated that Ameren did not go on private property. Ameren contracted with the surveyor (SAM) who in turn contracted with Missouri One Call to get the locates accomplished. We have told the surveyor not to go on private property. We instruct the surveyor – not Missouri One Call. The members of the public asked why the transmission line didn't go straight through the County. They said that many things were considered as to the path. These included environmental constraints, length and distance, and the proximity to homes. If something needed to be changed, then it would be discussed with the landowner. Rules concerning footage for right of way and the amount of voltage of the line were discussed. Mr. Farner stated that all of the questions being asked today were questions that had been addressed in earlier discussions.

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ATTEST:

  
County Clerk

  
Presiding Commissioner