ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2014 12TH DAY APRIL REGULAR

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on April 28, 2014 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

The Commission met with Amy Crawford, Area Engineer for the Northeast District of the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT). Also present was KTVO Television. Mrs. Crawford wanted to discuss roads that needed maintenance throughout Adair County. With spring thawing, problems would begin to develop with the roads.

They asked if the County could purchase cold patch from MoDOT. Mrs. Crawford thought they could possibly purchase product using the vendor who received the MoDOT bid. She will need to check on that. The County would also need a price per ton. She stated several pot holes were scheduled to be patched in the near future.

The Commission stated that the Road and Bridge Department would begin extensive work on the road leading to the sale barn. Mrs. Crawford said she would try to have that intersection maintained before they began the work. Many times the entrances onto County roads from the State highways are in need to repair.

Commissioner Thompson voiced his concern there wasn't any representation north of highway 70 on the MoDOT board. He was aware, however, that Dave Nichols was serving on the Board who is located in St Joseph, Missouri. Mrs. Crawford stated he should contact their local representatives, Nate Walker and Craig Redmon as well as Senator Brian Munslinger. She felt there was an open line of communication to the Governor's Office and they would have the opportunity to offer input into his decision when selecting board members. She stated that Commissioners from the northwest part of the State felt the same way about the lack of representation.

When asked about maintenance of "lettered" routes, Mrs. Crawford said they would get some attention, but wasn't aware yet of the extent. She assured the Commission that MoDOT would do as much as possible with the resources they have. They needed additional salt last winter which hurt their budget. Their first priority is to take care of the system by taking care of what they have now.

When asked if a ballot issue would appear this fall regarding a sales tax for roads, Mrs. Crawford said it had passed the House and had passed the Senate Committee.

The Commission sent a letter to State Representative Nate Walker and Craig Redmon asking for their vote for the amendment to be taken out of SB 745 that was added in the Senate by Senator Munzlinger The Commission did not want the County's per diem to be sent to the Inmate Security Fund which is controlled by the Sheriff. They were not against the bill, only the amendment. The letter was also copied to Senator Brian Munzlinger.

The Commission spent the afternoon inspecting county roads. They inspected Seven Hills Way and the newly completed bridge on Banner Lane. There had also been a report of mobile homes causing damage to the right-of-way to 1000 Hills Trail and Daniel Howe's private lane off of Hwy O.

The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on April 28, 2014.

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