

**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2018**  
**5TH DAY JULY ADJOURNED**

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on August 13, 2018 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

At 10:45 a.m., the Commission met with members of Ameren, Missouri; Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI); and Northeast Power. Present at the meeting were Charles Twellmann, Douglas Aeilts, Leah Dettmers, Brett Farner, Jim Jontry, Shawn Schukar, and Eric Dearmont. Also present was Adair County Road and Bridge Supervisor, Isaiah Curtis. The Commission meets regularly with these companies for an update regarding the progress of the Mark Twain Transmission Line. The previous meeting was held July 11, 2018.

Mr. Jontry presented updated Haul Route Maps for Construction. He said there hadn't been much change. There had been a change, however, near Gibbs with property owner, Jack Thomas. It was suggested by Mr. Thomas that Ameren use an alternate access other than the right of way. He thought the use of an abandoned road would be better and Ameren agreed with the idea. After discussion, the Commission agreed the abandoned road would also be the best route. Ameren investigated and found nothing in the records that it was actually an abandoned road. Commissioner Thompson will verify that. The Commission will install a culvert, but will not rock the road. Ameren will need a future permanent easement involving approximately ¼ of a mile. Commissioner Thompson will do the research first.

Mr. Jontry discussed a wooden bridge at the end of Missouri Street. Ameren decided to put something in place so equipment will not drive directly on the bridge, but over it. Zachary sub-station is also being built. The foundations are one half completed. The area will then be rocked before equipment arrives in September. The transformers will arrive next year.

Commissioner Thompson asked if Ameren was paying "use tax" on their supplies. Mr. Jontry said they were.


Mr. Farner stated that 68% of the easements had been acquired on the overall project. Commissioner Thompson was concerned with people making threats and taking matters into their own hands. Mrs. Dettmers stated that Sheriff Hardwick had been added to all e-mails so he could be apprised of situations. Mrs. Jontry stated they were making their best efforts to keep in touch with landowners. They had signed rights of entries for verification. Mr. Twellmann said they contact landowners each week. Mr. Jontry said that had been a real plus.

When asked about the helicopters, they would arrive in 2019 to help with the equipment.

Mr. Farner stated they continue to have good conversations with landowners. They should have 75 signed agreements by the end of the month. However, there were issues that would require court action. Ameren would be filing actions soon in Adair, Knox and Schuyler counties regarding those properties. It is unknown at this time which Judge would hear the arguments. There were 13 landowner and one title issue. There had been meaningful discussions with landowner/title attorneys regarding these issues. A 30 day letter will be sent out to these property owners in the north/south section of the route to begin final acquisition. Mr. Farner will provide additional information at the next scheduled meeting.

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Mr. Farner stated that the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts have been worked out. The landowner will not be held accountable for disruption of the land.

Mr. Twellmann gave a construction update. Sixty more of the 400 foundations will be constructed by next week. They have 35 people working on sight and were pleased with the overall project. He mentioned the economic boost to the local area due to purchases of concrete, rock, hotels, and food.

Mr. Aeilts from Northeast Power stated they had updated easements from Zachary east to the County line. And from Knox County to Marion County.

Mr. Schukar wanted the Commission to know there had been additional upgrades to the system due to additions to the original Mark Twain project. He also stated that \$15,000,000 had been spent locally in the community and thought they were being a good neighbor.

Taxing issues of the project was discussed. Commissioner King stated that Adair County would be the first in the area to face these tax issues and were looking legislatively for assistance with their concerns. Mr. Aeilts said the transmission property tax issue was resolved, but the wind farm project had not.

The next scheduled meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2018 at 10:45 a.m. in the suite of the Adair County Commission. Discussion on vegetation management and hunting season notifications are some of the topics that will be addressed at the meeting.

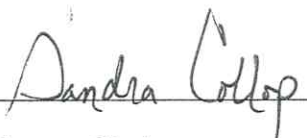
At 12:30 p.m., the Commission along with other dignitaries of the County met with Governor Parsons in the President's Office at Truman State University. Governor Parsons was familiarizing himself with concerns of officials in this area of the State.

The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on August 13, 2018.

**Unscheduled Public Walk-Ins and other Non-Agenda Items for Monday, August 13, 2018:**

None

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