

ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2018
11TH DAY JULY ADJOURNED

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on August 27, 2018 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

The Commission was unable to attend the 2018 Adair County Collector's Back Tax Sale as they participated in a 10:00 a.m. conference call with Julie Stottlemeyer, Bob McKenzie, and Tom Batenhorst of the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT); and Shannon Howe of Howe Company LLC.

The telephone discussion was in regard to BRO funding and Low Water Crossing issues. Currently there are 16 bridges in the planning stage and 4 in the construction stage that are no longer eligible for BRO funds (BRO funds are to be used to replace, repair or rehabilitate bridges.) These are considered low water crossings and are no longer eligible for BRO funds.

Ms. Stottlemeyer said that 16 in the planning stage will be funded differently, but MoDOT has yet to resolve how to fund the 4 in the construction stage. As a state agency, MoDOT has their funding but is waiting to find out how Federal funds will become available; and from what sources and stages of projects will be eligible for funding.

Commissioner Thompson said that at the National Association of County's meeting it was said that MoDOT had other funding available, and asked about those funds.

Ms. Stottlemeyer said that STP was the Surface Transportation Program and that it was broken into categories determined by population. She said that Adair was considered small urban and that MoDOT had quit dispersing those funds in 2016.

She also said that they have asked the Federal Highway Department to honor the 4 BRO projects that have already gotten to the construction stage, but they were still waiting for an answer on that.

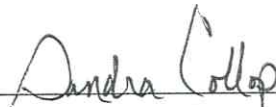
At 1:30 p.m., the Commission met with Steve Donner, Attorney at Law, of Donner Applewhite Attorneys at Law. Mr. Donner began with several statistics on how opioids are affecting the Counties. He said that in Adair County there are 119 prescriptions per 100 people. Opioids are ruining people's lives and currently 2 people die each day due to opioids.

Mr. Donner presented material regarding national opioid litigation. He would like to add Adair County to a list to "acknowledge there is an opioid problem" and to represent Adair County in the national case. The information included a draft resolution that Adair County could adopt to authorize, approve, and direct the employment of certain law firms to represent the community in potential litigation against contributors of opioid addiction crisis.

Mr. Donner said this is a big under taking. He just wanted to present the information to them today and would be glad to come back for questions after they have had the chance to review it. His law firm will be presenting information at the Missouri Association of Counties in November at the annual conference.

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As far as completing paperwork, Mr. Donner said the time frame is the sooner the better if you want to be added to the list.

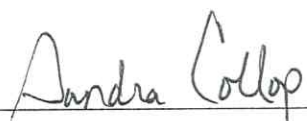
The Adair County adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on August 27, 2018.

Unscheduled Public Walk-Ins and other Non-Agenda Items for Monday, August 27, 2018:

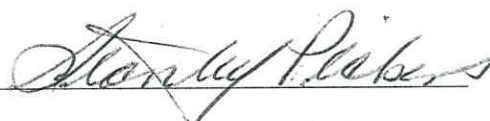
Dale Willis – Viking Cives Midwest

Shannon Howe – County Line Bridge

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