

**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2020
12TH DAY JULY ADJOURNED**

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on August 26, 2020 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

At 1:30 p.m., the Commission met to begin the process to choose a consulting engineering firm to perform professional services in the removal and replacement of Bridge No. 3220011 on Cranberry Road over the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF), remove Bridge No. 3160004 on Titan Lane over BNSF and construct new Titan Lane Bridge over Branch of Bear Creek; and remove and replace small bridge on Columbus Lane adjacent to/under BNSF. Request for qualifications were posted on the Missouri Department of Transportation's (MoDOT's) website and were due to the County by the end of business on August 14, 2020.

Requests for qualifications were received from CFS Engineers in Jefferson City; MECO Engineering Company in Hannibal; Lochmueller Group in St. Louis; Rhodes Engineering Company in Brookfield; Howe Company in Macon; McClure in Macon; Farnsworth Group in St. Louis; Allstate Consultants in Columbia; Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. in Liberty; Great Rivers Engineering in Kansas City; Bacon, Farmer, Workman in Paducah, Kentucky; TranSystems in Kansas City; and GBA in Lenexa, Kansas.

Qualifications were opened and reviewed. The Commission based their selection criteria following two guidelines: #1) the firm's experience with BNSF railroad bridges and the knowledge of BRO Soft Match Funds. Then, #2) applicants within a 90-mile radius of the project. This narrowed the field to 4 applicants: McClure, Howe Company, Rhodes Engineering Company, and Allstate Consultants.

The Commission recognized that some firms had a limited number of employees to devote to such a large project. McClure had 6 employees, Allstate had 5 employees, Rhodes Engineering Company with 5 employees, and Howe Company, LLC with 8 employees.

Commissioner King stated that many of the firms submitting a proposal appeared equal in experience and was unable to say that one was better than another. He spoke of the long-standing relationship Adair County has had with Howe Company and the credibility of their work.

After further discussion, Commissioner Thompson moved to accept Howe Company to serve as the Project Engineer for the BNSF project in Adair County. This would be pending until BNSF's approval of their choice. Commissioner King seconded the motion. Presiding Commissioner Shahan concurred. All voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Howe will be notified of the County's decision.

At 2:50 p.m., Commissioner Thompson approved the use of the north Courthouse parking lot by Andrew Taylor Still University (ATSU) for a ceremony commemorating the 9-11 tragedy. Commissioner King seconded the motion. Presiding Commissioner Shahan concurred. All voted in favor of the motion.

The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on August 26, 2020.

Unscheduled Public Walk-Ins and other Non-Agenda Items for Wednesday, August 26, 2020:

ATTEST: Dana Colap ^{None}
County Clerk

 Mark Shahan
Presiding Commissioner, Mark Shahan