ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019
5TH DAY JANUARY REGULAR

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on January 14, 2019 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

At 9:00 a.m., the Commission met with Danny Busick, 3rd District Representative. Mr. Busick wanted to meet with the Commission before traveling to Jefferson City to meet with other legislators. Discussion was held regarding taxation on wind farms, solar farms, and complaints with Ameren Illinois regarding roads being torn up due to construction and not being fixed.

Mr. Busick will try to come by 3 – 4 times per year. When asked what the Commission wanted him to do, the Commission said to research taxation, board bills, and wind farms.

The Commission discussed who would represent the County on the Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Board. Commissioner Thompson moved that Commissioner King represent Adair County on the TIF Board. Presiding Commissioner Shahan seconded the motion. Commissioner King concurred. All voted in favor of the motion.

The 10:00 a.m. pre-construction meeting for BRO-B001 (50) was cancelled by Shannon Howe due to Missouri Department of Transportation officials being unable to attend. It will be rescheduled at a later date.

At 1:30 p.m., the Commission met with Glen Smith of Terra-Gen High Prairie LLC. Also present was a representative from KTVO Television. Mr. Smith came by to discuss the wind farm project that will be built in Adair and Schuyler Counties.

Mr. Smith stated that Terra-Gen was in favor of local tax assessment. In December, they had signed a turbine design contract with Festus. First delivery of turbines is scheduled for February, 2020. When asked about payment of Use Taxes, he did not have enough information to speak on it at this time.

Mr. Smith said that 100% of the land needed for the project had been purchased at this time. However, turbine locations had not yet been finalized. Terra-Gen is close to an agreement for a contract with the Department of Defense so the radar facility north of Kirksville would not have interference from the wind turbines.

Road conditions and maintenance for home owners was discussed. Foundations are scheduled to be poured for the turbines this fall. Ten to fifteen will be completed each week, weather permitting, which includes being tested and commissioned. Completion of the project is anticipated in the fall of 2020. The project will then be sold to Ameren.

Mr. Smith stated that he is always open for discussion. There is a tradeoff for energy and all energy has challenges or opposition.

The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on January 14, 2019.

Unscheduled Public Walk-Ins and other Non-Agenda Items for Monday, January 14, 2019:

None

ATTEST: Sandra Collop

County Clerk

Presiding Commissioner