

ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2019
19TH DAY APRIL ADJOURNED

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on June 18, 2019 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

At 3:15pm, the Adair County Commission met with a group of concerned citizens in regards to the road conditions in the Hackberry neighborhood. Those in attendance were Presiding Commissioner Mark Shahan, 1st District Commissioner Bill King, 2nd District Commissioner Mark Thompson, Deputy Clerk Tammy Miller, Roger Moore, Sandra Moore Murrell, Roger Logston, Gwen Perrachione, Dean Hansen, Janice Grow-Maienza, Charles Frost, Rob Needham, Madeline Shahan, and Melody Jennings.

Rod Needham wanted to know what the Commission planned on doing about the condition of the roads in their neighborhood. He has lived on Hackberry Trail for 3 years and with tax assessments going up 20 to 30 percent, the roads are not getting any better. There has been 20 years of neglect.

Commissioner King told him that last year they were going to convert part of Potter to gravel but the property owners didn't want to. Needham proposed: If the County gave them equal cart rock funding that would have been spent on gravel maintenance for the year, it could be credited to them for their maintenance expenses. That would be something they may be willing to look into for their area also, but it would not pay for much cold patch.

They asked what the rock policy was and were told that it had been every two years, but this year they increased the amount of rock per mile and they were going to do it every year.

Several alternatives were discussed as to how they could redo the road, including asphalt, chip and seal, and gravel.

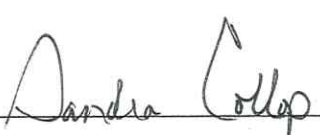
Commissioner Thompson pointed out that only about 45 dollars out of every 1000 dollars in taxes actually went to the Road and Bridge Department.

The group asked about the maintenance money that would have been spent on the roads for the last 15 years. They also wanted to know what the County was doing to encourage growth, like the City is doing. Shouldn't they be spending it on infrastructure, especially in areas close to Kirksville?

Commissioner Thompson presented the group with a copy of the ordinance in regards to roads that citizens have chosen to have paved, stating that the maintenance of such roads would then become the responsibility of the property owners. If they wanted the County to take back over maintenance, then the road would be converted back to gravel. Most of the group did not want to pursue that path at this time. Some of the property owners stated that they were not told that when they bought the property and that it was done before they were there. There were a few owners that asked about the gravel part off of the end of the road that lead to two houses. They were told when they bought it that it was a County road and the County would maintain it. It was discussed. It is probably a private drive that was easements of the original property before it was split. They could petition the County to take it over, but they would be responsible for building up the base first.

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Mr. Needham asked about the numbers on the budget and that Road and Bridge was sitting on a lot of money. Why couldn't they just give them the funds they needed to have the road redone as they have a high concentration of taxpayers in that area? It would only take about a quarter of the money they had left over to do it.

Commissioner Thompson asked Ms. Miller to explain a little more about the budget numbers. She said that a lot of the money that was there was only left over because of the FEMA work that had to be done. It would have been spent on numerous projects and roads that are in need of repair if they had not been working on fixing the roads that had been damaged by floods. She also pointed out that for many years the Road and Bridge Department did not have the funding needed to complete a lot of the structural maintenance on many roads, leaving a large number that needed to be repaired from the base up.

Presiding Commissioner Shahan noted that they are working on putting together a five year plan to correct a lot of the road issues. But with recent flooding, it is going to take longer to assess all of the roads in order of priority.

Commissioner King informed them of the numerous miles of roads they are responsible for and that many of the roads are used for the Agricultural industry of our citizens. The kinds of equipment have changed over the years and now the roads and bridges have to be able to support larger machinery and eighteen wheelers.

Mr. Needham asked the Commission if they would be willing to look over a proposal for funding and maintenance if they would bring one up and what would need to be done to change the ordinance.

The Commission agreed that they would look over any proposal that was presented to them. It was up to the Commission to change an ordinance, but it would have to be researched to make sure it was the best possible solution for all of the citizens.

Commissioner Thompson thanked the group for coming and presenting their concerns in a reasonable manner.


The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:30 p.m. on June 18, 2019.

Unscheduled Public Walk-Ins and other Non-Agenda Items for Tuesday, June 18, 2019:

None

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