ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019 6TH DAY OCTOBER REGULAR

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on October 15, 2019 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present. The Adair County Courthouse was closed on Monday October 14, 2019 in observance of Columbus Day.

The Commission sent a letter to Michael Zahr of Blattner Energy, Inc. that they have approved Blattner Energy, Inc. to begin work in Adair County in conjunction with High Prairie Wind Project.

The Commission received a Petition for Establishment of Speed Limit commencing in the County Township of Benton in Section 36 for Hedgepath Lane.

At 9:08 p.m., the Adair County Commission adopted the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting be continued in emergency closed session, with closed records and closed votes as permitted by law, for consideration of the following items as authorized by section 610.021.1 of the Missouri statutes:

Discussion under Subsection 1 of the statute for "Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys. However, any minutes, vote or settlement agreement relating to legal actions, causes of actions or litigation involving a public governmental body or" ... and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any business not covered by the stated reason or reasons for the closed session is raised during the closed session, that such business will be postponed until this meeting is reopened to the public and the sign for a closed meeting is removed from the doors of the Commission office. Present at the meeting were Presiding Commissioner Shahan; Commissioner Thompson; Commissioner King; Adair County Road and Bridge employee, Dian Thomas –Couch; and Adair County Clerk, Sandra Collop. So motioned by Commissioner King and seconded by Commissioner Thompson. Presiding Commissioner Shahan concurred. All voted in favor of the motion at 9:08 a.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 2019.

Closed session ended at 9:50 a.m.

At 10:00 a.m., the Commission had a conference call with members of Huber and Associates. Those participating from Huber were Kayla Wilbers, Kent Tillman, and Howard Carter.

Also present was Sandra Collop, Adair County Clerk.

They will be on site in the County on October 30 to perform a final evaluation of each office's equipment needs. They want to talk with each individual office holder to get a better understanding of their office operations and expectations from Huber and Associates.

Today they were presenting an overview of purchase vs. leasing equipment. The downside of a purchase is the initial upfront cost. If leased or rented, the costs can be spread out over time and life cycle of the equipment. Personal computers and servers is a 4 year life cycle. Typically, during the 4th year, you begin to prepare for what will be needed to replace. Then in year 5, you begin the technical refresh of the equipment.

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If you own the equipment, you tend to carry it forward for a longer period of time without refreshing it. Everyone who does that is merely avoiding the inevitable, and then has to purchase the equipment again. To avoid this, you can do a lease or rental options and pay a level monthly cost. This provides a more predictable cost and helps with the budget process. When renting, the County could still maintain a 3rd party provider other than Huber. They would also like to reevaluate the equipment in the Sheriff's Department. The County will speak to the Sheriff and should have a better idea of his decision of whether or not he wants to be included in the upgrade or not.

Mrs. Collop stated the wrap-up call for the Secretary of States' office with Cyber Security still needed to be completed. The County is still working with Trish Vincent from the Secretary of State (SOS) and will need to get information on the firewall they will be providing to the County. Mrs. Collop will approach the SOS's Office for help with the additional costs for security on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th years of the County's contract. That could include help with maintenance costs and a managed appliance. Huber said they were willing to work with the SOS's office

Huber and Associates will be providing 24/7 monitoring of the system and provide IT training for all the staff.

At 11:00 a.m. the Commission met with Randy Martin, a resident on Glacier Road. He wanted to discuss the time frame to replace the bridge on Glacier Road. Mr. Martin said the bridge on Underhill Road was wiped out when Glacier was land locked. He was told that Underhill was in the FEMA project in 2015-2016, but was never rebuilt and was wondering about it now.

Commissioner Shahan stated that another \$500,000 had been submitted to FEMA and FEMA should have been here by now. He said he would put it on the list. Mr. Martin wanted to know the time frame for building a bridge on underhill road. Commissioner Shahan said if he was referring to a CDBG built bridge, it had to be build 20feet wide. The county no longer builds an 18 foot wide bridge. Mr. Martin thought they could use a 24 foot bridge.

Commissioner Thompson said they have let FEMA do their own thing. It could be as much as one year if they had the OK today. No wooden bridges are now being built. Commissioner Shahan stated he was putting together a capital improvement list. Commissioner Thompson said he never saw the Glacier Bridge on a FEMA list.

Mr. Martin said then you are looking at 2 years? Commission Shahan said that the County was going out for a ½ cent sales tax. He said that perhaps Mr. Martin's bridge could be replaced if he would go out and help get it passed.

Commissioner King said the dynamic has changed in the County. There no longer are enough poor people in the County to qualify for CDBG grants. Surveys would also need to be conducted

Commissioner Shahan said it's on the list now. Nobody will have to buy rock anymore if the ½ cent sales tax is passed. The money will be used for rock – no graders just rock and more people. Commissioner King said people will see lots of rock due to the wind farm being built.

Commissioner Shahan stated that Ameren has put rock on the road and they have been graded. The County will benefit a lot from wind farm rock.

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Mr. Martin said then will it be 10 years? There are higher priorities - mine is low maintenance.

Commissioner Thompson said they will have to work with FEMA and can expedite the process with FEMA. We pay in advance and then get reimbursed.

Mr. Martin wanted to know when.

Commissioner Shahan said they were waiting for FEMA to return and look at the additional work. They have talked about it and looked at it. It's on the list.

They discussed the traffic on the road to the air base. The government will uses the globe to monitor air traffic.

Commissioner Thompson said they would let me know. They had a couple of avenues to go thru.

Commissioner Shahan asked Mr. Martin if he would vote for the tax. Mr. Martin said he would if he knew he would get a bridge out of the deal. Commissioner Shahan said they would still need a list to keep on track. If the tax passed they would have plenty of money to work with.

Mr. Martin said that nobody had been down Blueberry Way off 63 east on Morgan Way. Ronnie Hettinger hadn't got his tube yet and he paid for it approximately 3 weeks ago. Commissioner King said that wash-outs have a priority. Commissioner Shahan said they had 690 miles of gravel roads to take care of and 2700 tubes in Adair County.

Again, Commissioner Thompson said he would tell him when he knows more.

Mr. Martin said that 5 years was a long time to wait and he was still waiting on FEMA. He was still holding the bag.

Commissioner Shahan asked if they had looked at the bridge.

Commissioner Thompson said he didn't know. FEMA was not a user friendly organization. People come from other areas of the country. He just didn't know. The meeting ended at 12:00 p.m.

At 1:40 p.m., the Commission met with Pat Williams, Court Services Administrator of the Second Judicial Circuit of Missouri. Also attending were Lori Smith, Adair County Treasurer; Sandra Collop, Adair County Clerk; and Jim Hughes who will be replacing Pat Williams as Court Services Administrator of the Second Judicial Circuit of Missouri effective today. Mr. Williams wanted to introduce Mr. Hughes to the Commission and also to discuss the Settlement Agreement between the 2nd Judicial circuit of Missouri and Adair County, Missouri and Lewis County, Missouri that will be expiring in December, 2020.

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Mr. Williams presented everyone a map of the Juvenile Justice Center. The map divided the 23,090 square foot building into 5 distinct areas: Field Services at 5,850 square ft.; the Residential unit at 4,440 square ft.; the Detention unit at 8,530 square ft.; the Gym at 3120 square ft.; and the Kitchen at 1,150 square ft. He spoke of long term issues they felt were important topics. These included the roof, the heating and cooling system, and the surveillance system. He stressed that the Juvenile Center was in the top ten of employers within Adair County and had a significant impact to the Community in terms of salary.

Commissioner Shahan discussed the possibility of a lease payment for the use of the building and wanted the County to manage the maintenance of the building. He still was in favor of the County not housing the financial operations of the center. Mr. Williams felt that was the most efficient and effective way to operate the families in the circuit. He spoke of a unique piece to the current agreement of the 2^{nd} Circuit presenting a budget to the County Commission each year. That will come to an end after 2020.

Mr. Williams also presented a 5 year extended financial plan for the Circuit. He wanted to maintain a cash balance. They were seeing more and more mental health patients and didn't have the staff for them. He could see a change in the building and its function in the near future. Mr. Hughes also was in favor of long range programming for the facility.

Mr. King wanted numbers on the cost for a roof, air conditioners, and heating. They needed a grasp on these costs. He felt mental health patients would be a conversation for the Department of Mental Health. If there wasn't enough money, then they could not be taken care of.

Mr. Williams said they serve the population they had as that was their revenue stream. Commissioner Shahan said that services were being paid for now, but Mr. Williams wanted to know what they needed to do to go forward.

Mr. Hughes also felt a 5 year plan was critical. They needed to look at acceptance criteria. It was our local kids and even the more severe mental patients that required assistance.

Mr. King stated that the detention side of the facility was beginning to fail and the numbers served was declining. He felt the center should have been built to house only residents. Mr. Williams mentioned a newly passed law known as "Family First." regarding foster kids moving away from residential facilities which opened up the need for high end mental health. There was more and more partnering with other mental health facilities in the area. Mrs. Smith said there were mental health dollars out there in the form of grants. Mr. Williams said they may need to hire additional employees out of local dollars. Finding staff was hard.

Mr. Williams spoke of beginning a 3 -5 year capital improvement plan that would include the roof, HVAC, and surveillance. He included vehicles in this plan but was reminded by Commissioner Thompson that the County did not furnish vehicles for Juvenile Center operations.

Mr. Williams wanted to get back with the Commission in the mid to end of November to discuss cost estimates. Commissioner Thompson wanted the new Settlement Agreement to follow the current Settlement Agreement as much as possible.

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The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on October 15, 2019.

Unscheduled Public Walk-Ins and other Non-Agenda Items for Tuesday, October 15, 2019:

None

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