

ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2019
12TH DAY OCTOBER REGULAR

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on October 29, 2019 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

The Commission spent the morning checking roads in Adair County.

The Commission contacted James Hughes, Court Services Administrator for the Juvenile Justice Center, that the County will pay for their request to cover the cost of repairs to the window alarms in the Residential Assessment/Housing unit at the Bruce Normile Juvenile Justice Center (BNJJC). The expense will be paid from the General Revenue Fund - \$117,000 Building Reserve per the 2014 Settlement Agreement.

At 3:30 p.m., the Commission met with Rob Needham to discuss White Oak Trail. Mr. Needham stated he wanted to follow-up with the vote on the petition or ordinance that was supposed to take place on September 30, October 1, or October 2. He has been here to speak with the Commission, but they seemed to be gone doing other things and he was unable to speak with them. Commissioner King apologized for his inconvenience, but they were dealing with other County issues.

Mr. Needham said they were supposed to change the ordinance to give the residents of White Oak Trail and Hackberry Trail funding to fix their roads. He had given them language that could be used for the change the last time he was here. He could not remember the exact wording he had used and asked if the minutes had been published yet. Mrs. Collop said they had not.

He continued by saying he assumed that no vote had been taken to change the order. Commissioner Thompson stated that was correct – no vote had been taken.

Mr. Needham said a section of the order needed to be modified. It needed to be amended to give reimbursement dollars per mile to those residents that have given money. The order has been used as a crutch not to do that. The language has been used against us.

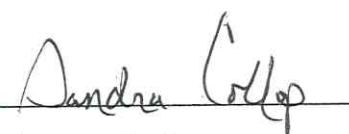
Commissioner Shahan stated, if regards to road improvements then give the people the rock or the cost of the rock that would have been spent on a road. It was suggested that the change should be an agenda item.

Mr. Needham said he was stating facts. They did not come thru for him and he now has a trust issue. He was a little shy as to whether or not they would put it on the agenda for a vote.

Commissioner Thompson said they would advise him when it was placed on the agenda. He wanted to run this through the County's legal counsel. It will be tentatively placed on the Commissioner's agenda for 1:30 p.m. on November 5, 2019 unless they hear different from the legal counsel. It will read "Review of Order No. 6 established July 7, 1998." Mr. Needham will be contacted if this changes. Mr. Needham wanted the vote to go back and give them money plus provide funding assistance for the future.

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Commissioner Thompson said that wasn't going to happen. Mr. Needham stated they had proposed reimbursement and he wanted the money. I owe the people the response. I want to make sure we have funding assistance to assist us in going forward. We will be asking for a level of assistance as well. We have a compelling story – that we have not had anything.

The Commission stated it was too late this year to do any road repairs and they could revisit the cost later.

Mr. Needham said he didn't know what to tell the residents and asked what would you do to tell them?

Commissioner Thompson said you get what you pay for. People have money wrapped up in farm machinery and would like to have a better road as well. Mr. Needham said they could compare his roads to theirs and Commissioner Thompson's would be better. Infrastructure is not good in this County.

Commissioner Shahan stated they were looking for options for Potter Trail. It was mentioned that Rhonda Vincent was rich and able to pay for repairs on her road.

Commissioner Thompson said we need to look at everyone.

Mr. Needham wanted to know what Commissioner Thompson's stance was. He was trying to be very clear on what he was asking for. He asked if they were still a three person panel - aren't you?

Commissioner Thompson then asked Commissioner Shahan if he intended to abstain from a vote on the proposal. You live on that road.

Commissioner Shahan said "No", but we can talk about that later.

Mr. Needham said we still pay hundreds per year in taxes for worthless cold patch. Let's compare services on our roads. You get more services than we do.

Commissioner Thompson said it is dictated by the ordinance.

Mr. Needham said they needed good roads so the area can grow. The County has huge budget numbers and it is hard for him to digest that. There is a lot of money in there.

The Commission will see him at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday. He thanked the Commission and said he appreciated their time.

The meeting ended at 4:10 p.m.


The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on October 29, 2019.

Unscheduled Public Walk-Ins and other Non-Agenda Items for Tuesday, October 29, 2019:

None

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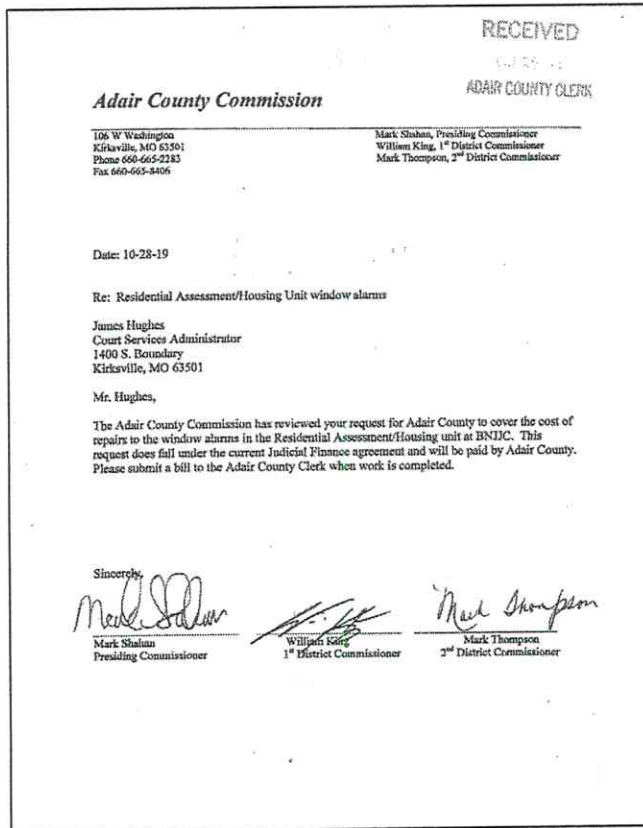
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IN REF. ORDER NO 16 Certificate of Training for Adair County Treasurer, Lori Smith



IN REF. ORDER NO 17 Letter to James Hughes to cover cost of window alarms at BNJJC



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