

**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2020**  
**7TH DAY JULY REGULAR**

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on July 15, 2020 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

At 10:00 a.m., the Commission met with Robert Lewis, Sr. and Robert Lewis, Jr. to discuss the Titan railroad bridge. Presiding Commissioner Shahan wanted to discuss a proposal the County had been offered by Burlington Northern/SantaFe Railroad (BNSF). He wanted their input.

Commissioner Shahan said BNSF had offered the County a proposal. They wanted to build a new bridge on Cranberry Way (at a cost of 2.4 million dollars); build a bridge at the end of Titan Lane that would lead to the Lewis's field (at a cost of \$375,000); and build an access way under the railroad bridge on Columbus Lane (at a cost of \$121,000).

Commissioner Shahan said the proposal was worth 3.5 million dollars. In addition, the County would be eligible for 2 million dollars in soft match credit from the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT). This would bring the total benefit to the County of 5.5 million dollars of bridge building funds to be used in other parts of the County. BNSF would remove and then build the new bridges and access way using contracted labor.

Mr. Lewis wants access to his land. Commissioner Shahan said he was looking at the big picture for the County. Mr. Lewis asked about building a low water crossing instead of a bridge. Commissioner Shahan said that would still be considered a crossing. He has contacted six other counties and they all agreed that it was a good idea for Adair County. Commissioner Shahan wanted to talk with him first.

Mr. Lewis does not want the bridge closed before crops are out and wanted to know the time frame. He was still farming and needed access to his fields. Commissioner Shahan will make sure he has access to his fields. The time frame is currently unknown. The "party bridge" would be gone.

Mr. Lewis understands the Commission's position. He has dealt with beer cans in his field, there was a fire one time on the bridge, and people cut donuts in his planted field. Commissioner Shahan said he would call the engineer to make sure that he had access.

Since things are still ongoing, Commissioner Shahan said he will keep him posted. Mr. Lewis said that he and his father are presently not agreeing to anything. They were just getting information.

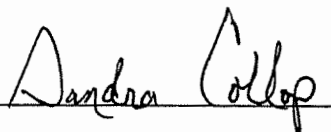
Commissioner Thompson added that Titan would be a 24-foot-wide concrete bridge, not a wooden bridge.

The meeting ended at 10:30 a.m.

At 2:35 p.m., the Commission met with John Dungan of the American Red Cross. He wanted to give them his contact information and inform them of their normal duties as well as outside duties and COVID related duties.

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Duties include respond to home fires, he attends and participates in Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC) meetings, and he has virtual access to Microsoft teams (which is paid for by the organization). Their sheltering needs to be updated as capacity is reduced due to COVID. It triples the amount of floor space needed as protocol requires six feet for social distancing. It is not safe, but it is what we must do.

He discussed a reception center to evaluate the need of individuals. If there are 10 or less, they are sent to hotels and if more than 10 they send them to a shelter. He prefers hotels so they can shift to hotel-based care. However, the trigger point to open a shelter has gone up and the need will still be high after COVID. The Red Cross could provide services between the shelter and in hotels.

Mr. Dungan wants to partner with the Health Department for COVID. It has been a big challenge this past year from widespread to isolated events. Donations are the only source of funding and occasional grants are received for supplies. They have a lot of corporate sponsors, but it is a challenge. Veterans have made a \$27,000 donation in the past. It is based on how close together the needs are. There have been generous contributions due to COVID. He just wanted the Commission to know that.

The Red Cross will partner with anyone who wants to help. Mr. Dugan mentioned transporting food and supplies in large quantities, having restroom and shower locations in trailers, a laundry trail, and service animal sheltering. Service animals provide emotional support and are welcomed if trained. This does not pertain to other pets. They do have a memo of understanding (MOU) with the National Human Society.

Mr. Dungan said that 90% of work is done by volunteers. He serves 27 counties with 1 chapter and has 2 paid staff members.

The Commission thanked Mr. Dungan for the information.

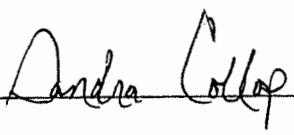
The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on July 15, 2020.

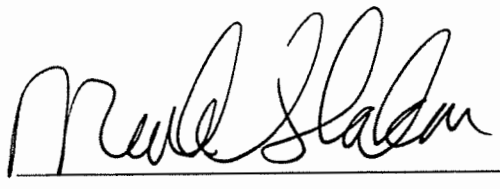
**Unscheduled Public Walk-Ins and other Non-Agenda Items for Wednesday, July 15, 2020:**

None

IN REF. ORDER NO 7 Adair County Sheriff Fees for June 2020

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