

**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2018**  
**1ST DAY APRIL REGULAR**

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on April 2, 2018 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

At 9:00 a.m., the Commission met with Jon Dwiggins of Howe and Company. He wanted to give a project update on the Adair County Low Water Crossing on County Line Way, Bridge No. 0680007, Project No. BRO-NBIL-B001 (50). Mr. Dwiggins stated the project is currently on hold as the federal government is currently not acknowledging low water crossings for federal money. The Commission stated they had spent considerable time and money to obtain easements in order to build this bridge. They had promised to build it and wanted to fulfill their commitment. If the project did not go forward, Commissioner Thompson asked if the County could recoup the money they had spent. Mr. Dwiggins said he would keep them informed as developments occurred regarding the funding.

At 10:00 a.m., the Commission conducted the "First Reading of an Application to Close a County Road." On March 5, 2018, they received a petition requesting a portion of Lookout Trail be vacated or closed. Present at the meeting along with the Commission were Eyad Aljundi, Charles J. Elam, Garrett Elam, Ashley McCarty, Cade McCarty, and Pat McCarty.

Commissioner Thompson welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained that by State statute, the County is required to have three readings of the application. The reading should occur on the first day of the Commission term with terms beginning on the first Monday of January, April, July, and October. April 2 is considered to be the first day of the new term. The Commission then asked for opponents and proponents to the petition.

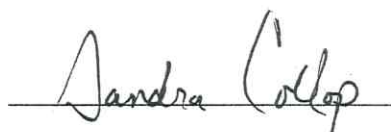
Discussion ensued. Mrs. McCarty asked if at least 12 signatures of people on the petition resided in the township where the road was located. This was confirmed by Mr. Aljundi. Mr. G. Elam said the road in question had been an attractive nuisance for many years. Episodes of trash dumping and finding meth paraphernalia were mentioned. They felt the road attracted unwanted visitors due to the road being in such poor condition. Mr. Aljundi and Mr. G. Elam wanted to close the road just past the gate that the McCarty's used to gain access to their 180 acres. The McCarty's had rocked part of the road in earlier years. Nobody wanted them to not use the road they had already rocked, but to close the road just past the gate.

Mr. McCarty stated he wanted to fix the road and wanted change. Mr. Aljundi said this was the first he had heard of the road wanting to be fixed. Mr. McCarty did not agree with Mr. Aljundi's statement. Mr. McCarty said it took a lot of time to get to his property and was willing to fix the road in order to gain access to the other end.

Mr. G. Elam said it would take a lot of money to fix the road. Mr. Aljundi stated he did not want anyone getting on his land. Mr. G. Elam asked the Commission if the County would be willing to get the road up to shape. The Commission stated they wanted to have Isaiah Curtis, Road and Bridge Supervisor, take a look at the road.

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Mr. G. Elam stated that the road needed to be closed or fixed. This was the first time he had heard that Mr. McCarty was willing to fix the road. Mr. McCarty stated that he had fixed 2000 feet of the road and that 2100 feet was left. Mr. Aljundi stated that he had several conversations with Mr. McCarty and was never told about fixing the road. Mr. McCarty said that was not correct and the matter had been discussed. Discussion further ensued. Commissioner King intervened stating that the hearing today was only about the road.

Mr. McCarty spoke of putting 600 tons of rock per mile. Commissioner Thompson said he could buy the rock at County prices and it would be delivered free. He also wanted Mr. Curtis to take a look at the road. Mrs. McCarty said they paid for the repairs to the first part of the road except for a few road tubes. When asked what his motivation was to fix the road, Mr. McCarty said he wanted to maintain his investment, be more efficient for farming purposes and increase the property value. When asked why he hadn't already fixed the second part of the road, Mr. McCarty stated it took a longtime to recoup his expenses on the first part of the road. When Mr. Aljundi was asked what his motivation was, he said it was a scary road and we pick up trash all the time.

Commissioner Thompson said that the County has not maintained the road and legally it is abandoned. Mr. McCarty said he was ready to go to fix the road. Commissioner Thompson expressed appreciation that everyone came to express their views on the road. The Commission will also go out to Lookout Trail and inspect the situation.

The "Second Reading of an Application to Close a County Road." will be scheduled for July 2, 2018. Mr. Aljundi wanted another hearing to discuss progress, he didn't want to lose any of his land, and he didn't want his fence eliminated. Mr. McCarty stated he would not build him a new fence. Presiding Commissioner Pickens explained that the County right of way is 30 feet from the center of the road on both sides. If a fence is there, then it has to be gone.

Mr. G. Elam thinks this may be a win, win for everyone.

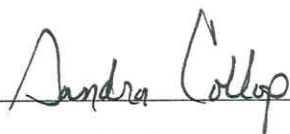
The first reading ended at 10:37 a.m.

The 11:00 a.m. closed session did not occur at this time.

At 1:30 p.m., the Commission met with Amy Crawford, Area Engineer - North Region for the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT). Mrs. Crawford wanted to give them an update of projects being addressed in their area. She has met with the City of Kirksville. A draft will be coming out soon to change Jefferson Street in Kirksville from two lanes to one lane on the west side. This will eliminate the left hand turn lane. The City is worried about the delay, but the road is not wide enough to adequately support two lanes of traffic as it has tried to do in the past.

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Mrs. Crawford then asked the Commission to take the pledge and support MO Dot's "Accept the Challenge" campaign to "Buckle Up/Phone Down". The Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety and MoDOT are challenging Missouri individuals, businesses and organizations to join the Buckle Up/Phone Down movement. They could do this as a County or individually. They would like to see an all driver texting ban in Missouri.

Mrs. Crawford asked if the County had given their recommendations for County road improvements to the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) committee. She said that their "needs list" needs to be submitted by the last day in April and wanted them to be aware of that as Adair County was not present at the last meeting.

A Citizen's Guide to Transportation Funding in Missouri was also presented to the Commission.

The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on April 2, 2018.

**Unscheduled Public Walk-Ins and other Non-Agenda Items for Monday, April 2, 2018:**

None

IN REF. ORDER NO 1 Adair County Clerk Fees for March, 2018

IN REF. ORDER NO 2 Add-Ons and Releases for March, 2018

IN REF. ORDER NO 3 Adair County Collector Fees for March, 2018

IN REF. ORDER NO 4 Adair County Circuit Clerk Fees for March, 2018

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