

**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2013
10TH DAY JANUARY ADJOURNED**

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on February 27, 2013 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

The Commission met with Shannon Howe of Benton and Associates to award the bid for the construction of Bridge #12200141 on Normandy Way (BRO 46) and Bridge #17600081 on Campbell Cemetery Trail (BRO 47). The bid opening for both bridges had been previously conducted on February 19, 2013. Mr. Howe presented spreadsheets tabulating costs from all bidders comparing building the bridges individually or together. Mr. Howe recommended that the bid be awarded to Bleigh Construction for both projects at a total cost of \$735,463.05. By awarding both bridges to one contractor, the cost of construction was less than if the bids had been awarded individually. The Commission agreed.

Mr. Howe had prepared award letters in advance for Bleigh Construction. They were signed and will be sent to the contractor. Mrs. Collop asked Mr. Howe if he had returned the February 19 bids to the County. He stated that they were still in the process of making copies and would return them to the County at a later date. She stated that the bids needed to be housed in the County Clerk's office for audit purposes. Mr. Howe stated that in the past, auditors had come to his office to review BRO files. Mrs. Collop stated she did not think that was the case and would check with the auditors to see if that was standard protocol.

Mr. Howe stated he felt it was now time to go out for bid for BRO 48, bridge replacement on Banner Lane, Benton Road, Oklahoma Trail, and Foxtrot Lane. He stated they had received all easements from property owners with the exception of Debbie Nichols. The plans and specs were 95% complete and plans would be ready to send to the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) at the end of March.

Mr. Howe presented a BRO Fund/Credit balance report from MoDOT dated as of December 4, 2012. He felt the County should trade "hard" BRO funds for "soft" funds from another County to obtain additional money. The Commission agreed. The Commission signed a prepared letter from Mr. Howe asking to trade \$75,000 of Adair County BRO funds for \$150,000 in soft match credits from Greene County.

He then presented a scenario of how the proposed Adair County balance for 2013 of \$1,221,490 in federal funds would be affected with the construction of BRO 46, BRO 47, BRO 48, plus additional bridges in the future. If this were to happen, all federal funds would be spent for several years to come. Mr. Howe stated that as long as we have a Federal Highway bill, the County will have money. The current Federal Highway bill will expire in June, 2013 if not extended. Commissioner Adams asked what would happen if the County needed to build a bridge other than the ones allocated. Mr. Howe stated the cost would be up to the County. Commissioner Adams stated that the County may not want to allocate all of the funds. Mr. Howe stated the County could always prioritize, if needed, to cover the cost. Mr. Howe said he would provide the County with copies of documentation after the construction phase of each project.

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ATTEST:

Aandra Collop
County Clerk

Stanley Pickens
Presiding Commissioner