

ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017
8TH DAY JANUARY REGULAR

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on January 23, 2017 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

At 9:30 a.m., the Commission met with Shannon Howe of Howe Co, LLC. Mr. Howe gave Commissioner King an update of the circumstances that have occurred with project BRO-B001 (50), Low Water Crossing on County Line Way, Bridge No. 0680007. Mr. Howe presented updated letters for their signatures to be sent to landowners asking for right of way acquisition in order to complete bridge improvement in their area. This updated letter would once again begin the 60 day process for the landowners to respond to the request before possible legal action could be taken for acquisition of the land.

Mr. Howe also presented Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to revise the date for the Engineer to submit Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) to the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) for this project. Supplemental Agreement No. 1 revised the submittal date to August 1, 2016 from the original contract date of August 1, 2015. The agreement also added fees of \$10,000 for Howe Co to assist with landowner communications, negotiation, document preparation, meetings, and plan revisions. The additional fees would be paid for with Federal Funds from the BRO system. Mr. Howe also recommended hiring an attorney to assist with legal processes. The Commission agreed to sign Supplemental Agreement No. 2.

At 10:00 a.m., the Commission; Adair County Clerk, Sandra Collop; and Deputy Clerk, Tammy Miller met with Adair County Prosecuting Attorney, Matt Wilson, at his request for a budget hearing. Also present, was Adair County Sheriff, Robert Hardwick.

Mr. Wilson wanted to know where the County was on preparing the budget. He said that he had caught wind that the budget officer, Sandra Collop, had recommended that the Prosecuting Attorneys budget be paid out of the Law Enforcement Services Fund as opposed to the General Revenue Fund. He said he heard that the budget was having shortfalls and wanted to know why the budget officer hadn't notified every one of the situation and why it had taken so long for her to figure that out.

Mrs. Collop explained that budget figures had been requested in November from Elected Officials, but due to a majority of them not returning their figures on a timely basis, it had delayed getting a "bottom line". She explained that expenses of the County were creeping up each year and Sales Tax Revenues had experienced little growth. This year large increases in General Revenue expenses included a 2% wage increase for all employees, an increase in health insurance premiums for all employees, the addition of a full-time staff member to the Prosecuting Attorney's office, and possibly large legal fees for on-going lawsuits within the County.

Mrs. Collop said she was attempting to merely get everything paid for. With moving the Prosecuting Attorney's expenses of \$485,000 to Law Enforcement Services that would give General Revenue the needed decrease in expenses to produce a "black" budget balance for the State.

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ATTEST: 
County Clerk


Presiding Commissioner