

ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2015
19TH DAY APRIL ADJOURNED

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on June 16, 2015 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

During the morning, various citizens came to discuss road conditions on Gifford Trail at the crossing on Sugar Creek.

At 2:00 p.m., Commissioner Thompson called a public hearing to order in the first floor Associate Division Courtroom. Approximately 50 people attended the meeting regarding the Ameren Illinois – Mark Twain Transmission Project. Also present was the Kirksville Daily Express and KTVO television. The intent of the hearing was to give the public an opportunity to express their opinions regarding the project. A letter will then be sent to the Missouri Public Service Commission voicing their opinions.

Commissioner Thompson then read aloud Adair County Commission Resolution # 17 – 2014 entitled Resolution in opposition of the Ameren Mark Twin Transmission Project through Adair County. The resolution was dated October 15, 2014 and signed by all three Commissioners.

Commissioner Thompson then opened the floor for discussion with each member limited to two minutes for their opinion. Some residents offering comments were Annette Sweet in favor of the project and also an employee of Ameren. She was speaking as a resident of Adair County and said there could be large tax revenues and additional jobs if the project was constructed. Those speaking in opposition of the project included Evonne Baker, Cliff Hollenbeck, Randy Shahan Terry Davison, Margaret Hollenbeck, Glen Wahner, Debra Nunan, John Banbrick; Julia Jub-Scott, Debra Gaines, Donna Miller, Sharon Murphy, Marla Murphy, Linda Decker, Jeb Weaver, and many more. Property owners from Knox County and Shelby County were also present. Some of the opposing arguments ranged from declining property values, health concerns, detrimental to commercial business, and detrimental to the Amish Community.

Commissioner Thompson called for a vote of hands. There was an overwhelming show of hands not to support the transmission line in Adair County. The unofficial count was 2 in favor and 49 against. Commissioner Thompson stated the Commission will send a letter to the Missouri Public Service Commission voicing opposition to the Ameren Mark Twain Transmission Project through Adair County and urging them to deny the “Certificate of Convenience and Necessity” filed by ATXI on May 29, 2015. A copy of Adair County Commission Resolution # 17 -2014, Resolution in Opposition of the Ameren Mark Twain Transmission Project through Adair County will be included with the letter. The hearing ended at 2:55 p.m.

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ATTEST:


County Clerk


Presiding Commissioner