

ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2014
21ST DAY APRIL ADJOURNED

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on June 18, 2014 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

The Commission contacted Tim Gibbons of the Missouri Rural Crisis Center. After obtaining additional information regarding Constitutional Amendment No.1 from Mr. Gibbons, the Commission will no longer be endorsing the so-called "Right to Farm" amendment. Commissioner Adams moved to oppose Amendment 1 that will appear on the August 5, 2014 ballot. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion with all in favor. The amendment asks "Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to ensure that the right of Missouri citizens to engage in agricultural production and ranching practices shall not be infringed"?

The Commission met with Brett S. Farner and Douglas J. Brown, SR/WA of Ameren/IL Services. They came to discuss the Mark Twain Transmission Project. Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI) plans to build a 345,000 volt transmission line in northeast Missouri, along with a 345,000 volt substation near Kirksville. The transmission lines will run from Maywood to Kirksville then from Kirksville to the Iowa border. This will benefit Missouri and the region by improving the efficiency of the regional transmission system, increasing access to lower cost energy sources, including renewable resources like wind energy and improving overall reliability.

This project will run approximately 100 miles from Maywood to Kirksville then from Kirksville to the Iowa border. The lines will require a 150 foot easement along the length of the project. 1st District Commissioner Adams asked if any of the towers would be within the City of Kirksville. He was told that they would be placed outside the city limits. 1st District Commissioner Adams asked about the transportation of materials to the sites. Mr. Farner explained to the Commission that the routes would be video mapped before construction and again after the project was completed. They would then submit damages and repairs needed plus the costs to the Commission. At that time, the Commission would decide if they wanted the company to make the repairs or just have them pay the costs.

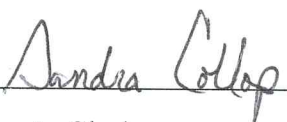
Presiding Commissioner Pickens asked how large of an area would be required for the substation. Mr. Brown said they would need 60 acres. He said that would give them plenty of room and also keep the noise from bothering people living in the area.

2nd District Commissioner Thompson asked if they were aware of the airport south of Kirksville. He suggested that in the route mapping they should contact the Federal Aviation Association for guidance. Mr. Brown thanked him for the information, and told the Commission they were to meet with the City of Kirksville tomorrow. They were also planning two public workshops. The first one would be August 1st and the second workshop would be October 2nd.

Late in the morning, the Commission was notified that a County road maintainer had fallen through a bridge on Horizon Trail. The maintainer was being operated by a member of the Road and Bridge Department and the approach had collapsed due to the piling failing under the west side of the bridge. There were no injuries to the employee or damage to the machine. The road will be closed between Highway 149 and Jersey Trail until repairs have been completed.

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ATTEST:


County Clerk


Presiding Commissioner