

ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2014
23RD DAY APRIL ADJOURNED

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on June 24, 2014 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. Presiding Commissioner Pickens and Commissioner Adams were present. Commissioner Thompson was on vacation.

At 9:00 a.m., the Commission met with Kevin James, Assistant District Engineer for District 2 – North Central and Amy Crawford, Area Engineer – North Region, both from the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT).

Mrs. Crawford asked Adair County Clerk, Sandra Collop, to post on the information board of the second floor of the Courthouse the "Public Notice and Request for Comments" regarding the proposed public highway-railroad crossing construction. The notice will be posted until July 10, 2014 and describes the scope of the work to be performed near RR Milepost 308.27 and Banner Lane. The work is composed of the installation of new flashing light signals and gates, all with LED lights, two audible bells and a new signal bungalow in the southwest quadrant with redundant contact warning time circuitry. Also includes the installation of a new electric meter and pole at the Banner Lane Grade Crossing (US DOT# 005 081U).

This morning Mrs. Crawford and Mr. James wanted to discuss the addition of a project(s) to the list for the Northeast District. Mrs. Crawford had originally presented MoDOT's proposed project list to the Commission on June 16, 2014 for their plans if Constitutional Amendment 7 was passed in the August 5, 2014 election.

Mr. James presented drawings of adding improvements to the Highway 63 corridor. The drawings included an interchange at Highway 6 and 63 and an interchange at Highway 11 and 63. MoDOT's draft period for compiling projects for the Northeast District did not end until July 3rd. After re-evaluating revenue projections, they felt an additional project could be accomplished in this area. They asked the Commission if they could only choose one project, which it would be – the interchange at Hwy 6 or the interchange at Hwy 11. Mr. James stated that on July 9th, MoDOT was going to launch a big media drive to encourage the public to pass Constitutional Amendment 7 and wanted to include the County's input.

Mr. James stated there had been a similar number of crashes at both intersections, but Highway 6 were more severe with one being a fatality. He stated that Highway 6 had more volume in the morning and more truck traffic. Preliminary numbers for completion of the interchange at Highway 6 was \$5 million dollars for construction with an additional \$1 million dollars for design and construction engineering. The preliminary cost for the interchange at Highway 11 was \$6 million dollars for construction with an additional \$1 million dollars for design and construction engineering. The project would be completed sometime within the 10 year period of the sales tax. It could be at the beginning, in the middle, or at the end.

After discussion, the Commission agreed that Highway 6 would be the County's preference if there was only funding for one project. Mr. James said it was unlikely there would be enough funds to build both interchanges at this time. It had been projected that the cost of one of these projects could be 95% funded by the highway department.

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ATTEST: Sandra Collop
County Clerk

Stanley Pickens
Presiding Commissioner