

**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017
16TH DAY JANUARY ADJOURNED**

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on March 14, 2017 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. Commissioner King and Commissioner Thompson were present. Commissioner Thompson will be acting Presiding Commissioner during the absence of Presiding Commissioner Pickens.

The Commission met with Ron Stewart of the Adair County Health Department regarding the vacancy in the position of State Emergency Management Director. Mr. Stewart stated he was involved in many activities and wasn't sure he had the time to devote to another project. He estimated that time involved with this project would be approximately ½ day per week to keep the plan updated and to work with people in the local area. Commissioner Thompson commented that Commissioner King was qualified and would be a great candidate for the position. Commissioner King said he could possibly take on the position, but would need help.

Mr. Stewart currently is working with the Health Departments in Adair and Schulyer Counties. A grant had been received to provide education in emergency disaster preparedness and he would like to get the Commission more involved in the process.

He thanked the Commission for thinking of him and stated they could always call if they needed assistance.

Further discussion resulted in Commissioner Thompson moving to appoint William J. King as the Emergency Management Director for Adair County. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and Commissioner King agreed.

At 3:00 p.m., the Commission met with John Caufield, P.E., Manager of Public Projects and Jeremy Wegner, Project Engineer-Public Projects for BNSF Railway Company. Also present was Adair County Road and Bridge Supervisor, Isaiah Curtis. Discussion was held regarding closing or transferring 3 railroad bridges to the County. One bridge is located on Road #290 that "t's" off Clemson Lane south of Brashear, one bridge on Cranberry Lane and the third on Titan Lane.

The Commission explained that the State of Missouri would begin work in April to inspect all bridges in Adair County. A report of the bridge conditions would be received later in the year along with recommendations from the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) as to bridge watches and closures.

The Commission felt that there could be a negative impact to the community to close roads due to conditions of the railroad bridges. It was then stated that there possibly could be money from MoDOT for these railroad crossings. Mr. Curtis said he would look at the bridge replacement costs. Mr. Caufield said he would contact the railroad and it would take two months to get estimates as to what could offered to the County if they agreed to maintain/replace the bridges.

Mr. Curtis asked if funds were available for rock to put on the road access to their railroad crossings. Mr. Caufield will ask for this to be included in the offer.

The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on March 14, 2017.

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ATTEST:


County Clerk


Presiding Commissioner