ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2018 9TH DAY OCTOBER ADJOURNED

The Adair County Commission convened at 9:00 a.m. on November 26, 2018 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. Commissioner Thompson and Commissioner King were present. Presiding Commissioner Pickens was absent. Most County offices were delayed opening for 2 hours due to inclement weather.

The Adair County Commission attended the Missouri Association of Counties (MAC) meeting at the Lake of the Ozarks on November 19 and November 20, 2018. The Commission was not in session on November 21, 2018 due to lack of a quorum.

At 9:00 a.m., the Commission met with members of Ameren for a Mark Twain Transmission Line status meeting. They arrived early due to inclement weather conditions in the area. In attendance along with the Commission, were Jim Jontry, Doug Aeilts, and Kami Mohn. Also present was Adair County Presiding Commissioner Elect, Mark Shahan.

Ameren members stated that real estate folks first explain to residents the construction process and then access crews follow starting the construction process. To gain temporary access to properties, crews either place road tubes or rock for entryways depending on what is needed.

They just completed six miles of transmission line in Marion County. Ameren is focusing on clearing trees in Schuyler County, which looks a mess right now, and then they will be south into Adair County in December.

January will focus on the construction of foundations and hopefully they will be done setting the north and south transmission line by spring 2019. They hope to have east and west sections done by summer/fall 2019.

Eighty percent of the land acquisitions have been completed voluntarily. Once they settle with one attorney (20 land owners), they will have 90% of the land acquisitions completed. A couple of land owners are still having trouble with the terms or negotiations involved in moving their machine sheds. Ameren is confident they can reach agreements with all land owners.

The Commission asked if Ameren was sending out publications on powerline safety explaining what residents can or cannot do under the transmission line. Ameren stated that ponds, access roads, and hunting stands are not ideal under transmission lines. They have had a rash of deer stands under powerlines. Ameren has sent out publications and part of their website is dedicated to public safety concerns and information.

The Commission stated that they had several complaints on Michigan Trail that Ameren crews were tearing up the road. Ameren said it was important for the Commission to work with them on identifying and working to fix road issues as soon as they occur.

At 9:50 a.m., the Commission met with Jon Dwiggins of Howe Company. Also present was Adair County Presiding Commissioner Elect, Mark Shahan.

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The Bridge Engineering Assistants Program (BEAP) report for the Buck Creek Bridge is done. Mr. Dwiggins brought a copy for the Commission to review. The BEAP report gives an idea of what it will take to put a bridge over Buck Creek (south of Gibbs). The road in this area needs to raise about 9% which added to the cost. A single span bridge will cost between \$480,000 and \$500,000 to construct.

BRO (Bridge Replacement Off System) are sometimes called 80/20 bridges because 80% is covered by Federal funds and 20% is covered by the County or possibly local soft match funds. When BRO 50 Bridge bids come in, Adair County will have a better idea where they stand money wise.

Jon Dwiggins passed out a worksheet to show an estimate of BRO funds when the completed low-water crossing (BRO 50) is completed and it appears that the County will have \$70,000 remaining after it is completed. The problem is after the low water crossing is complete, will the County have enough soft match money for the next project. Mr. Dwiggins suggests that the County trade soft match money so that Adair County can start another project soon.

Mark Thompson, 2nd District Commissioner, made a motion to give Howe Company permission to trade soft match money in the amount of \$80,000. Bill King, 1st District Commissioner, seconded the motion. Motion carried with both being in favor.

Mr. Dwiggins believes an announcement will be made on the funding to do the Chariton River Bridge project in December 2018. He believes that this bridge project will be covered at 100% with no local match needed.

Mr. Dwiggins also had the completed BEAP reports on the two Burlington Northern/Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad bridges. He handed out copies to the Commission. The BEAP reports were for the bridges on Titan Lane and Cranberry Lane. Basically one bridge is north of Gibbs, the other bridge is south of Gibbs. Mr. Dwiggins stated that railroad bridges are expensive to fix due to the height of the bridges. He also stated that negotiations with BNSF would have to happen before any of these bridge projects can move forward. The estimate for the Titan Lane Bridge is 2.3 million. The estimate for the Cranberry Lane Bridge is 2.6 million. The Cranberry Lane Bridge is used, the Titan Lane Bridge is kind of a bridge to nowhere. Howe Company is committed to working with the County and BNSF to help move these bridge projects along. Howe Company would like to set up a meeting to seriously discuss the Titan Lane and Cranberry Lane bridges.

At 10:30 a.m., the Commission was present at the swearing-in ceremony for newly appointed Adair County Assessor, Kent Bryant. Mr. Bryant was appointed on November 16, 2018 by the Adair County Commission to replace the recently vacated position of Assessor.

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The ceremony was held in the Commissioner's suite on the second floor of the Courthouse. Adair County Clerk, Sandra Collop, conducted the swearing-in ceremony. Mr. Bryant temporarily replaces Donnie Waybill who retired on November 9, 2018. Missouri Governor, Mike Parson, will confirm a permanent replacement for this position within 30 days.

The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on November 26, 2018.

<u>Unscheduled Public Walk-Ins and other Non-Agenda Items for Monday, November 26, 2018:</u>

None

IN REF. ORDER NO 6 Adair County Sheriff Fees for October, 2018

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