

ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2012 1ST DAY OCTOBER REGULAR

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on October 1, 2012 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

The Commission attended the Northeast Missouri Commissioner's and Clerk's Fall Conference on Thursday, September 27, 2012. The meeting was held in Bowling Green, Missouri. Speakers included Dick Burke from the Missouri Association of Counties and Peggy Gough of the Missouri Department of Transportation. The meeting was hosted by Pike County.

The Commission met with members of the Adair County RI School District. Attending were Michael "Butch" Sandstrom, Transportation Supervisor; Tom Dougherty, school board member; and bus drivers Bill Morgenstern, John Brownell, and Ron Davis. Also present was Adair County Road and Bridge Supervisor, Clifton Engle.

Mr. Sandstrom began the discussion by stating that several roads within their school district were being bladed when, in his opinion, they did not need blading. These roads included Billie Creek Trail, Stahl Road, Spring Creek Road, and Rolling Hills Road. He stated that by grading when the road bed was hard as concrete caused the tires of the school bus to be "eaten up".

Mr. Engle stated that the roads were bladed on a rotating basis and the public would complain if the road was not bladed within the rotation schedule.

Mr. Sandstrom stated that he wanted the County to skip the rotation of the roads within the district. He said it was like blading concrete and the cost of school bus tires had doubled this year. The roads have been hard like concrete and that is how we like it. He said the road and bridge department was bringing rock to the center of the road and there was nothing on the side of the road. He thought that Martin Ridge Road and Bethel Ridge Road would both soon be one lane roads and that Stahl Road was a washboard.

Mr. Dougherty stated it would be saving tax payer money by the County not blading a "concrete hard" surface and it wouldn't be tearing up the school district's tires. Mr. Sandstrom thought the roads were being bladed too much and didn't understand why they were being worked on during these dry conditions. It was grinding off the inside dual tires on the school buses.

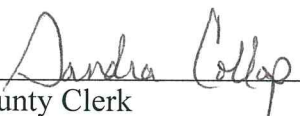
Mr. Thompson stated that the road and bridge department was moving the dirt and gravel out of the ditches and into the road. He said it would always be bumpy for awhile. Mr. Morganstern said it created loose rock and dirt on the road that caused a track in the middle of the road.

Commissioner Adams said that they had to listen to both sides of the issue.

Mr. Dougherty stated that the road and bridge department should try skipping a few of the rotations in their area. Mr. Engle said that people will complain that they are not getting their taxpayer dollars worth that they have paid for. Mr. Sandstrom said that was the time Mr. Engle should become the supervisor. The public can gripe all they want, but if the road didn't need to be bladed then don't blade it. He again stated that the roads were eating up the tires of the school buses. He stated that no motor grader should be on any road when it is completely dry.

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ATTEST:


County Clerk


Presiding Commissioner