

**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2016
22ND DAY JULY ADJOURNED**

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on September 20, 2016 in the Courthouse at Kirksville. All Commissioners were present.

At 9:00 a.m., the Commission met with Ameren and other Ameren representatives to discuss a request from Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI) for an assent pursuant to section 229.100, RSMO. Also present were several members of Neighbors United Against Ameren.

Representatives from Ameren did not sign the attendance sheet presented at the meeting.

Jim Jontry read a prepared introduction to request the Commission to sign the assent to give ATXI permission to build a transmission line within Adair County. He then asked if the Commission had questions concerning the request.

Commissioner Adams asked for clarification of the amount of tax dollars that would be generated from the project. He said the amounts were not consistent and ranged from 800,000 to 1.2 million. Ameren stated that their tax division had calculated the numbers. Some of the totals included the overall project while others just included the schools.

The public was then given the opportunity to ask questions and/or make statements concerning the project. Remarks included land owners being treated disrespectfully, loss of productivity of the land, the amount of devastation to the land could not be calculated, Ameren never listened to the people who this would affect or get their input, and workers trespassing on their land without permission.

A public member posed the question as to what Ameren would do if they were not given permission to build the line within Adair County. One of the Ameren representatives stated they had not decided yet.

Commissioner Thompson then made the motion to deny the assent for Ameren Transmission to build a transmission line within Adair County. Before acting on the motion, Commissioner Adams stated that even though he technically represented the citizens within the city limits of Kirksville, the Commission worked together as a whole to represent all areas of the County. He had listened to the concerns of these citizens and could not give his permission for the utility to build the transmission line within the County. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Presiding Commissioner Pickens was also in favor of the motion.

Ameren thanked the Commission for the meeting and said they would be willing to stay after the meeting to discuss any questions or concerns from anyone who had attended the meeting.


The meeting ended at approximately 9:45 a.m.

The Adair County Commission met with Mari Macomber; City Manager for the City of Kirksville.

Mrs. Macomber explained to the Commission that a change was made to the voting members of the water shed district. She explained that the Adair County Commissioner would be moved to ex-officio member rather than a voting member. She said that they would still receive notice of meetings and events.

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ATTEST:


County Clerk


Presiding Commissioner