

ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

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IN REF. ORDER NO 21 Updated Resolution # 17-2014 -A for Neighbors United Against Ameren

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September 22, 2015

Adair County Commission Resolution # 17 – 2014 - A
RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF THE AMEREN MARK TWAIN TRANSMISSION PROJECT THROUGH ADAIR COUNTY

WHEREAS, Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI) has proposed a 100-mile high-voltage transmission line (345,000 V) to run through the Missouri Counties of Schuyler, Adair, Knox, Shelby and Marion.

WHEREAS, the project is inconsistent with Missouri farming operations, is disruptive to current farming practices and threatens the property rights of private citizens with the seizure of their homes and land by eminent domain.

WHEREAS, the project will provide little or no economic benefit to the State of Missouri. It will result in higher rate to its customers to offset project costs, it will not result in significant temporary or permanent employment, and the amounts of tax revenue that ATXI claims the project will generate is speculative. Any benefits would be outweighed by reduced land values and permanent impediments on farm and ranch operations placing an economic strain on effected landowners.


WHEREAS, high-voltage transmission lines are proven to cause health risks. They have been linked by the National Institute of Environmental Health Studies to an increase in childhood leukemia and The World Health Organization has stated that electromagnetic fields (EMFs) probably cause acute, biological effects and should be regarded as possible human carcinogens.

WHEREAS, the project will result in the erection of poles and lines that will have negative impacts on the landscape which may interfere with regional tourism, outdoor recreation and campaign efforts promoting the rural lifestyle and hunting opportunities that attract many to this region of Missouri.

WHEREAS, the county commissioners from the five effected counties, Adair, Schuyler, Shelby, Knox and Marion, have all adopted resolutions in opposition to this proposed transmission line.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
 That Adair County opposes the construction of the Mark Twain Transmission Project because it is not in the best interest of the State of Missouri nor is it in the best interest of its residents and property owners. It will create adverse effects on farmers, their families and their livestock. The project will impede the pursuit of the livelihoods of Missourians and it will be detrimental to the local economy. It is against sound public policy and the moral principles of Missouri to allow a private, for-profit company to take private land for purely corporate gain.


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IN REF. ORDER NO 22 Proclamation for Geography Awareness Week November 15-21, 2015

PROCLAMATION
 BY THE HONORABLE MEMBERS
 OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF
 ADAIR COUNTY

WHEREAS, the week of November 15-21, 2015, has been elected Geography Awareness Week and the day of November 18, 2014 has been elected as Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Day, and

WHEREAS, the world is increasingly interconnected and interdependent, but too many students lack understanding of the world's geography within and beyond our country's borders; and

WHEREAS, Geography Awareness Week promotes geo-literacy and education in the nation's schools and communities, which is an essential part of a 21st century education, and has been a congressionally-mandated week since 1987, and

WHEREAS, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technologies are a powerful tool for supporting emergency services, homeland security, economic development, environmental protection, crime mapping, healthcare, long-range planning, and much more; and

WHEREAS, teachers, students, and communities across ADAIR COUNTY will gain further understanding about how our world is made up of interconnected human and natural systems, with special emphasis this year on the 2015 theme of *Explore! The Power of Maps* using resources developed by the National Geographic Society, the Missouri Geographic Alliance and other committed organizations during Geography Awareness Week and throughout the school year;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF ADAIR COUNTY, do hereby proclaim November 15-21, 2015 as

Geography Awareness Week

and Wednesday, November 18, 2015 as

GIS Day

throughout ADAIR COUNTY and encourage all citizens to participate in this special observance with students, sharing in their geographic research and academic achievement.

SIGNED this 22 day of SEPT, 2015
 in ADAIR COUNTY
 By: 
 Commissioner or Designee
 Attest: 
 County Clerk or Designee

ATTEST: 
 County Clerk


 Presiding Commissioner