

**ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 7, 2022**  
**15TH DAY OCTOBER ADJOURNED**

The Adair County Commission convened at 8:30 a.m. on December 07, 2022, at their temporary office located in the records storage building at the Adair County Road and Bridge complex. All Commissioners were present.

At 9:00 a.m., the Commission met with David Stimson from AES Clean Energy. Also present at the meeting were: Matt Gunn from KTVO; Terry Reynolds, Adair County Resident; Lois Bragg, representing Senator Cindy O'Laughlin; and J.B. Hamlin, Adair County Road and Bridge Supervisor.

Mr. Stimson was present to give an update on the new solar farm. Mr. Stimson advised that AES had found a business to purchase their power but wasn't able to identify that company at this time. Mr. Stimson advised that AES was planning on starting construction in late summer of 2023 with a completion date of March 2025.

Mr. Stimson advised that AES had signed up 2200 acres for the project, but only 1100 acres would be used. He stated that the project can produce 250 megawatts of electricity. There were concerns about if there were hazardous materials in the solar panels and how would the local fire departments handle this issue. Mr. Stimson stated that there were no hazardous materials inside the solar panels. He explained that if the panels were damaged, that all the materials would stay in the panels because they are sealed inside glass similar to motor vehicle safety glass. He also stated that AES would work with the local fire departments to give them training on how to get into and extinguish any fires in the project area.

Mr. Stimson stated that there would be little use of concrete in the project and that the I-Beams would be driven into the ground. Mr. Stimson stated that he didn't believe that there would be many more projects in this area because the transmission line can only handle a certain amount of energy without it needing to be rebuilt. He didn't know how much that was since the transmission lines belong to Ameren.

Mr. Stimson advised that the contracts for the project are for 20 years with an additional three individual 5-year extensions. He stated the extensions are for business contracts. He stated that if a business buying their power wanted to extend past 20 years they could do so.

Mr. Stimson reported that approximately 60 percent of the property in the project would be owned by AES and 40 percent would be leased from the current owners. He said AES has no interest in expanding their current project. He said AES was planning on having another open house sometime in March.

The Adair County Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on December 07, 2022.

**Unscheduled public walk-ins and other non-agenda items for December 07, 2022**

None

Above minutes as presented to the County Clerk:

