

Randolph County Commissioners

November 17, 2025

The Randolph County Commissioners met at their regular meeting at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners and Council Room in the Courthouse with the following members present: Board President Gary Friend, Tom Kerns and Missy Williams. Also present was Randolph County Auditor Laura Martin, Sheriff Art Moystner and County Attorney Meeks Cockerill.

Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance

Council's update

Gary said welcome everybody. We'll now officially open up the commissioners meeting today. First on our agenda is the council update. We have several members from the council. Dave, council president will give us the update.

David Lenkensdofer said David Lenkensdofer, Randolph County Council. Good morning. Just a brief update from our last meeting. We heard an update on Raz 32, as you us all did, and it sounds like they're moving in a good direction. So, hopefully, the next two years will be successful for them. Heard an update from Leap on the IT annual, which was very informative for us. I think we're going to ask then to come back every yearly, to do an update. We signed a financial commitment for bridges, letter of intent for the Federal. The flock cameras, we approved the funding from that from the opioid settlement fund. We heard a report briefly from Meeks on the courthouse security, how that's coming along. Pretty much it, unless you have some questions for me.

Gary said how are you doing for next year's budgeting, as far as the changes?

David Lenkensdofer said the budget looks good right now for next year. 27 is what we're really concerned about, unless the legislation of Indiana decides to take a different avenue. We do have a Baker Tilly report. I think you guys all got a copy, showing our progression for the next 2 or 3 years, and 2028 really looks bad with the current way the legislation is set up. If they do some changes, we'll have to change that also.

Gary said I don't have anything else. Tom?

Tom said no.

David Lenkensdofer said one other thing. Invite everybody to Harter Park on the 28th of February. It's our annual Community Christmas of the lighting of the.

Missy said do you mean December?

David Lenkensdofer said November.

Missy said oh, I thought you said February.

David Lenkensdofer said did I say February? I'm sorry, November 28th. Right now, we're in scramble mode, but we'll make it by the 28th.

Gary said good, always nice over there.

Missy said I've got one thing, Dave. So, we had talked about doing a joint meeting back some time earlier. I really still want to do that. How do we?

David Lenkensdofer said the best way to do that is to pick a couple dates and give it to Laura, have Laura send it out to all 10 of us, and we'll just have to pick a date to see what is best and go with that.

Missy said okay, thanks.

David Lenkensdofer said alright, thanks.

Gary said thank you.

Dave Inderstrodt w/Maze Design – Courthouse renovation

Gary said next, Dave Inderstrodt, Maze Design. Morning Dave.

Dave Inderstrodt said morning.

Gary said anyway, we called you in, what we've got going on is we're going to be making some changes. The first one, we're looking at another building out at the highway facility that, to facilitate cold storage.

Dave Inderstrodt said cold storage?

Gary said yeah. It doesn't have to be anything but cold storage. We're kind of Jay, our Highway superintendent, will be able to work with you on that and you can get us something going there.

Dave Inderstrodt said okay, alright.

Gary said the second part is we're looking at taking the clerk's office and moving it below us, right here where we're at right now, and remodeling that particular facility below us for that, and then taking the clerk's office currently, and remodeling it to house our community corrections and probation. The reason for that of course, for everybody to know, is we're going to be putting courthouse security in. Those two offices need the same security as anybody else. So, that will put everything in house that we can right now.

Dave Inderstrodt said alright.

Gary said Tom, does that sound like what we're?

Tom said yeah, we're just in the beginning stages, so, yeah.

Gary said yeah, beginning stages. But we need an architect.

Tom said we probably need to set a meeting up with you, the department heads, clerk, probation, community corrections, Jake.

Dave Inderstrodt said that's what I recommend is a meeting with us, those department heads and then just do a, start at a preliminary stage just to make sure that the ideas that you have will be co-compliant, meet Indiana building code without significant cost, updates or something, only that preliminary stage just to make sure that it's a viable plan. And then once we do that preliminary, and know that you're comfortable with the viable plan, what you're going to have to do, then, then we can take off into a full contract mode to prepare, you know, biddable documents for those projects.

Gary said yeah. And Jake is here to give you a quick tour of what we're looking at, right behind you.

Dave Inderstrodt said perfect.

Gary said and then I don't see Jay from the highway, but, generally he's here.

Dave Inderstrodt said yeah, pretty easy to, if he can just get the location of the building, the size, approximate size.

Gary said it would be good if you could by there on the way out of town.

Dave Inderstrodt said yep, that's what I figure. I'm very familiar with it. We just did the fairgrounds right across the road.

Gary said yeah.

Dave Inderstrodt said so yeah, not a problem.

Gary said that's why we've asked you in, we've got to get started with an architect person. It's been a lot of time without one. Missy, anything?

Missy said no.

Dave Inderstrodt said alright. I'll be in touch.

Gary said you need anything from us on that, Dave?

Dave Inderstrodt said no, just get a time, I'll, just coordinate with me on a time. You've got my email, just email me when some times and dates work for your department heads and your team, and then I come back up here and we can either do them both the same day or if that works out two different days, I can do that. I'll make whatever works for you guys.

Gary said go ahead Tom.

Tom said okay, I want to, change the subject, update on where we're at. I know they've been out to do some minor things, but getting started on the morgue.

Dave Inderstrodt said yep, so, on the EMS and so, I've been in touch with Dan Stamper, Thor Construction, your contractor on that, and they've just having a little bit of trouble getting through the unitility processes, is what Sam, his product manager stated getting the gas and electric relocated for the addition, and so, I've asked them to get me an updated schedule a 2nd time. So, hopefully, I think you'd been copied o the emails, we've really been hitting him, they have been getting some submittals been coming through for your approval. So, once I get your final okay on those, I'll kick those back out to them, and then hopefully, they're still planning on breaking ground here before winter sets in and get going.

Gary said yep. Dave, you want to come up?

David Lenkensdofer said just quick, can you include the County Council in on this?

Dave Inderstrodt said yes.

Gary said absolutely. Alright, we'll that gets us going, so, thank you.

Dave Inderstrodt said thank you.

Tony Jacobs – Jail renovation

Gary said next, Tony Jacobs and the jail project.

Tony Jacobs said good morning.

Gary said good morning. Well, just for your information, just so you know, we expect, you said we'd fund it in December?

Laura said mid-December.

Gary said mid-December.

Laura said bonds are to be sold December 3rd.

Meeks said yeah, today, we're having our rating. Our rating should come out today. So, when the rating comes out, then yeah, Jason said would be early to mid-December, we'll have the money.

Tony Jacobs said okay.

Gary said just to get you on an official timeline now to begin.

Tony Jacobs said okay, then when we have our bonding in place, then I can, I'll work with your auditor's office to go through times and dates and our schedule for public notification, and then work with the jail for getting walk through dates and things like that.

Gary said okay.

Tony Jacobs said so, there are a couple of things that I need to do is, we need to reach out to some of our vendors and update some of our product manufactured specs on them. We've had some model numbers changed actually over the last couple of months on some of our air handlers and things. So, but if we're good to go, then I will, I'll get all the drawings updated again and we'll be ready to move as soon as we have funding in place.

Gary said yeah, I think that's where we're at, as soon as the funding is secured, then we're good to go, ready to start.

Tony Jacobs said okay. And considering the holidays, it'll probably be in January before we'll actually be able to have a publication date. But hopefully, we'll shoot for publication in January, maybe a walk through as early as somewhere in January, and then we'll receive the bids as soon as we can after that and actually get this up and going.

Gary said okay. Tom, anything?

Tom said no.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said no.

Gary said thank you.

Tony Jacobs said alright. Thank you very much.

Tammy Pegg – Decorating the Courthouse

Gary said Tammy Pegg, decorating the Courthouse.

Tammy Pegg said hello. There's just a group of us that wondered if it would be okay if we put some Christmas decorations in the foyer or around the staircase? Wouldn't be any cost to you guys, but put a Christmas tree maybe at the bottom of the stairs there across from where the angel tree normally is.

Gary said do you see any problem with that, Meeks?

Meeks said go to Jay County.

Tammy Pegg said well, I would like to do that, but.

Meeks said they did a heck of a job up there, if you've ever seen it. You guys should go. I mean, they do a heck of a job.

Laura said it is, it's beautiful.

Meeks said it's beautiful.

Tammy Pegg said we wondered if, our goal is to maybe get some donations and stuff where we could do kind of like they do. I think they set up trees in the hall and then have businesses come in and decorate the trees and stuff.

Meeks said oh, it's just all over the place, yeah.

Tammy Pegg said we just wondered if we could maybe start in on that?

Gary said I think, yes, for me. Tom?

Tom said I would say yes. My only other thing is do we have any restrictions for fire code.

Meeks said just have to figure that out.

Tom said you know, setting trees in the way of the hallway and all that kind of stuff. I mean, they have a lot more space up there, with everything that Jay County is doing.

Tammy Pegg said we're not going that at this time because we don't have the stuff yet.

Gary said beginning.

Tammy Pegg said yeah.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said all for it.

Gary said alright, somebody like to make a motion to allow the courthouse to be decorated?

Missy made a motion to approve. Tom seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary Moore, EMS Director - EMS Bank Account change letter, Ambulance title

Gary said Gary Moore and Brad.

Gary Moore said as you know, I'm working a 30-day notice at Ball, so Brad's been coming in for a transition to help me out. We do have some POAs that need to be signed. Brad can tell you a little bit more on that because he had me all prepared for that.

Brad Mullen said on the POAs we need to add Gary on the POA and take off myself and take off Dalton. I have them marked on here where they need to be signed and stuff like.

Gary said this one right here that I have?

Laura said that's for the bank.

Gary said that's for the bank. Are you talking about the bank?

Brad Mullen said no, this is for the DEA.

Gary said oh, okay.

Gary Moore said we need that one too.

Brad Mullen said so, we just have to have these signed.

Gary said bring them up.

Brad Mullen said yes. And Gary has to sign the top one. The POA for the ambulance service.

Gary said I have the one for the bank here.

Meeks said it looks fine to me.

Gary said look fine?

Gary said somebody like to make a motion for me to sign the POAs as described?

Missy made a motion to approve. Tom seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said and while we're doing that, another motion to sign for the bank. This basically says effective November 10, 2025, please remove Brad Mullen and Dalton Brown from Randolph County EMS bank accounts. Gary Moore was appointed new EMS director, effective November 7, 2025. Please add him to the Randolph County EMS bank accounts. Somebody like to make a motion to have this signed?

Tom made a motion to approve. Missy seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Tom said question. We're only putting Gary on for now, we really need a backup on that. We only have one person, so, that'll be determined soon?

Gary Moore said yes, very soon.

Tom said okay.

Gary said okay, now.

Gary Moore said then the second one is the title for the ambulance that we're going to sell.

Gary said we also have the contract here for Tarter to auction it.

Brad Mullen said I just needed your signature on the title then we can take the keys, then I have some pictures to add to give to then to add to that pad.

Gary said somebody like to make a motion for me to sign the Tarter contract to auction off the ambulance?

Tom made a motion to approve. Missy seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said okay. Now, what else?

Gary Moore said I do have two claims, two separate claims, to the same vendor, Pin Care. I found some invoices last week that weren't available before now. It is a significant amount of supplies to our Pin Care medical supply company. Some of them date back to July. So, I would like to get this turned around pretty quick. I'm not sure how.

Gary said is that additional appropriation or just a claim?

Gary Moore said no, just a claim.

Gary said we can do that today.

Gary Moore said but I didn't find, like I said, some of them are dated back to July and that's our primary source for supplies right now, so.

Gary said do you have the claims there?

Gary Moore said yes.

Gary said bring them up. Significant amount of money, how much are we talking about?

Gary Moore said just found it Friday afternoon.

Gary said do we have it budgeted, the money in the budget account?

Gary Moore said yeah.

Gary said okay, well great. 2995 on this claim and 2,174.33 on this claim. Laura will you take a look at these real quick?

Laura said yeah.

Gary Moore said yeah, the money is all in the budget line items. Like I said, we just found them Friday afternoon.

Gary said while Laura's looking at that, anything else?

Gary Moore said okay, no. Have you got anything else?

Gary said Brad?

Brad Mullen said no.

Gary said okay. Tom?

Tom said nope.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said nope.

Gary said okay. Well thank you. Brad, thank you for helping with this transition too. Appreciate it. Thank you for your service too, Brad.

Missy said I do have one more thing.

Gary Moore said yes.

Missy said could you guys consider putting laminate floor where you have carpet in over there?

Gary Moore said absolutely.

Missy said okay, because it's pretty grubby.

Gary Moore said yeah, that's priority, yep.

Gary said and Brad, thank you for your service to Randolph County. Didn't want you to get out of here before knowing that. Somebody like to make a motion to pay these two claims I just previously mentioned?

Tom made a motion to approve. Missy seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Chris Peacock – Farm update and lease approval

Gary said next, Chris Peacock. Good morning, Chris.

Chris Peacock said good morning.

Gary said Chris is this the same one you sent out?

Chris Peacock said no. What this has is, what I sent out was the leases for you review for 2026. Good morning, Chris Peacock with Halderman Farm Management Services. So, thank you for taking time for me to be before you today. Page 2 is just an update itinerary of what I'd like to follow here briefly. On the county farms it started out as a really damp spring as most of you will recall and turned into delayed planting, and then we turned off excessively dry, hot and dry in August, September, October, which cut our crop yields, decrease our crop yields due to lack of moisture, but then it also enabled the farmers to harvest crops that normally would have been really wet and late in the fall, but it really helped with harvest. Yields on the farms, and these are not exact. They are in the ballpark. Farmers are required to report their actual yields by December 1st, when we calculate their flex payments, so these are all close estimates. Alka's corn had 182 and Garrett Alka farms a ground around the fairgrounds and county barns, so his corn averaged 182.57 which for this year, was within reason, the guys that were able to plant earlier, had higher corn yields than this. And his beans were 67.93 bushels per acre, which was probably a little bit above average for Randolph County. And then Brumfield, who has the field east of the airport, 7 acres, had 70 bushels to the acre beans and Chamberlin's and Stewart's on the rest of the airport land had 68 bushels to the acre beans. If you look at the next, I have a summary of the income and the yields in pages 2 and 3, 3 and 4 on your packet there. Page 5 has a fertility. We monitor the fertility on each farm to make sure the fertilizer is being applied to the ground as required by our lease, and this shows that is it for phosphate and pot ash. So, that's something we do to insure that the farm's taken care of properly. 2026 lease updates requests, Dr. Howell's pasture lease runs for 2 more years, so there's no approval needed on this lease, but the grain farms, those are annual leases that we try to renew unless there's something changes there. Garrett Alka has requested a change in his lease though, and this is do to the challenging ag economy today, the higher crop input cost. He is requesting an increase on the corn base grow income, which is where the flex payment kicks in, of \$40.00 per acre, and on soy beans, \$15.00 per acre. These are reasonable requests. My concern with that is if we do it for him, then we probably should do it for the other farmers. When we set this lease up and Gary, you were with us when we discussed this lease and how we can make adjustments to try to keep it fair, make it good for Randolph County but fair for the farmers so we don't push them out of business. And with the increase in cost, due somewhat to, or largely to tariffs, these are reasonable requests and is probably something we should consider for all of our tenants.

Gary said if the government votes to reimburse them for all those losses, is there a mechanism that we also?

Chris Peacock said there is. So, we track the base gross income, that adds into the base gross income. So, if there's a reimbursement there, then that increased the gross income off the farm and it can add on to the flex payment. So, in trying to keep it fair, that help to keep the lease fair to both sides.

Gary said yeah, I think it should be fair. What's good for one, it's good for the other.

Chris Peacock said yes. So, my request is that we make this revision of Garrett Alka's request to the other leases as well.

Gary said what's that account to in amount of dollars?

Chris Peacock said great question. So, paragraph C here.

Gary said what page are you on?

Chris Peacock said actually I do not have, or have that on back here on page, the last page for Garrett Alka's lease, under paragraph 1 there, item 5, this would be an approximate decrease in the county's income of about \$1,491.00 on Alka's lease. And then Stewart's, Stewart and Chamberlin farm 32.61 acres, so it would only be about a fourth of that for them, and Ben Brumfield is 7.23 acres. So, it would not be a huge hit to the county, and then there's still the potential upside, depending on the government subsidies and that sort of thing, trying to keep it fair.

Gary said I personally don't have a problem with keeping these leases fair and keeping our tenants, good tenants. What do you think, Tom?

Tom said I agree. It's a reasonable request.

Chris Peacock said at these prices, guys cannot make money.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said yeah. I agree.

Gary said okay, somebody like to make a motion to allow Halderman to adjust the contracts as he has laid out to us this morning?

Tom made a motion to approve. Missy seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Chris Peacock said thank you. We'll revise the leases.

Gary said so, if we sign these contracts now, these aren't actually accurate to the pricing right now.

Chris Peacock said if it's okay, I'll make revisions to the leases and initial that so all you have to do is sign them in the future. Does one of you need to sign it or all three of you or? If you want to sign them now then I can just initial those in, however you'd like to do that.

Gary said does it have all three of us?

Chris Peacock said yes, all three are there.

Gary said no, I mean all three of us signing?

Chris Peacock said normally, just you.

Gary said yeah, make the adjustments on here then, we'll make the motion. Somebody like to make a motion to allow me to sign these leases after adjustment?

Tom made a motion to approve. Missy seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said when you make the adjustments, just hand them around the corner and I'll sign them.

Chris Peacock said thank you.

Gary said anything else?

Chris Peacock said yes, two other things, please. So, we have some tile repairs to make on the farms and there're 4 or 5, mainly on the ground there, one on the airport farm, east of the airport, east of the fairgrounds, and then around the county barn there. So, we have some tile repairs to make, and I have approval have those made and I don't have a bid for those repairs.

Gary said I think we should just get the bid and then, we have to take care of the land, I know that.

Chris Peacock said yes. The repairs need made to the tiles. I asked Ed Thornburg how that's been handled in the past, and my understanding is, and Ed, feel free to jump in, that we submit a.

Gary said Ed, do you want to come up here to the?

Ed Thornburg said oh, sure.

Chris Peacock said good morning Ed.

Ed Thornburg said morning. All the, now on county tile, somebody needs a repair made, they just call us and we fix it.

Chris Peacock said these are all private.

Ed Thornburg said if it's a private tile on the farm, then you guys just need to authorize the repairs. Private tiles, you guys pay for.

Gary said right. And in the past, we got a quote before we done it?

Ed Thornburg said no.

Gary said we just authorize it to be done?

Ed Thornburg said just authorize it done, to a time and material. You'll come out ahead.

Gary said okay. When do you expect it to be, Chris, in the range, do you have any idea, the cost to repair?

Chris Peacock said roughly 5 repairs and maybe a hundred dollars apiece, between five hundred and a thousand dollars is all.

Gary said yep, okay. That's all I was getting at. We didn't want to have a, yeah. Somebody like to make a motion to give Chris permission to repair the tile?

Tom made a motion to approve. Missy seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Chris Peacock said okay, so, while they're out there doing the tile repairs, thank you. While they're out there doing the tile repairs, there's an open ditch on the north field on the west side of US 27, old 27 in there, there's an open ditch that started to grow up in trees, and we want to knock those down before they get away from us if we could. I do not have a bid on that. I have discussed that with Ed and he.

Ed Thornburg said actually that open ditch is a county ditch.

Chris Peacock said okay.

Ed Thornburg said and we're going, since, you know, since I'm aware of it, we're just going to mow it.

Gary said okay.

Ed Thornburg said and normally, unless there're a couple of varieties that doesn't work with, normally, if you mow them with a fecon that shatters the stuff enough they don't grow back, so you don't have to worry about it.

Gary said okay. That work for?

Chris Peacock said yes, that would be great. That would really help.

Gary said that doesn't take any action from us then?

Chris Peacock said no.

Ed Thornburg said no.

Gary said Ed will take care of that.

Chris Peacock said then we've started working with the pasture land too, so, in doing so, there's not been much cleanup done on that land in quite a few years. Ed mentioned maybe 40 years.

Ed Thornburg said I cleared, I cleared the fence rows to be replaced about 40 years ago. You know, I cleared the old ones out and they put new fence back in. And so, it's probably been that long since anybody's done anything with it.

Chris Peacock said so, the fence rows are growing up quite a bit now and really need cleaned back if we could. And we could do it with, what do you call it?

Ed Thornburg said the Fecon that we're talking about cleaning the ditch with, would also mow that.

Gary said okay. Would that be through you?

Ed Thornburg said no, that would be, that's farm maintenance, on the fence rows, I don't have nothing in. But, while they're there, they can bill, be for my work, they could bill you for your work, while you're there,

Gary said got it. Okay. Yeah, that's fine with me. Tom?

Tom said yeah.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said yep.

Gary said okay. Somebody like to make a motion to allow them to do these other 2 parts of the fence row maintenance?

Missy made a motion to approve. Tom seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Chris Peacock said okay, thank you.

Gary said is that it?

Chris Peacock said yes.

Gary said the contracts down there, can we get them initialed and I'll get them signed here, right away, then she'll pass them back down. Okay?

Chris Peacock said okay, will do. Thank you.

Missy said who does some of your amazing drone footage, you or Lauren?

Chris Peacock said we both do.

Missy said well, that's really.

Gary said have you wrecked the drone yet?

Chris Peacock said I have.

Missy said yeah, I did hear that too.

Joseph Baldridge, LEAP – Quotes for camera's at EMS

Gary said okay, Joseph Baldridge, LEAP, quotes for EMS cameras. Hi, Joseph. I want to ask you too, I'm getting all these requests from LEAP to me personally. I don't understand what they are, so, we'll get together, you can tell me what you're wanting.

Joseph Baldridge said yes, sorry about that. That was for the camera system at the EMS.

Gary said what do I need to do?

Missy said I guess I was surprised it came through LEAP. I thought it would come from you, so, I, yeah, because I think I got it too and I.

Laura said probably the tickets.

Joseph Baldridge said it might be.

Missy said it might not have been that one, but I was kind of wondering.

Joseph Baldridge said and I didn't realize, and I apologize, there is a mistake on the security automation's quote. I didn't realize that until I was up here. They have on their that they will be providing a POE switch, which is what we'll be powering.

Missy said where are you at on this? Where are you at on this?

Joseph Baldridge said on security automations quote.

Missy said this one?

Joseph Baldridge said yes.

Missy said okay, where?

Joseph Baldridge said it is under.

Missy said scope of work or?

Joseph Baldridge said yes.

Missy said I mean, no, the EMS station 1, EMS station 2, which one are you on?

Joseph Baldridge said it'll be the EMS station 2.

Missy said okay.

Joseph Baldridge said sorry about that. But they do have, right now, they will be providing a POE switch to power the cameras. But we actually will be providing that switch for you guys under our quote.

Gary said okay, what's POE stand for?

Joseph Baldridge said that stands for power over ethernet, so that will be powering the cameras.

Gary said okay. Alright, so we have 2 quotes. Your quote is separate from this quote?

Joseph Baldridge said correct, yes.

Tom said so, will their quote be reduced since they're not supplying that?

Joseph Baldridge said yes.

Gary said how much?

Joseph Baldridge said I have gotten with our representative to change that too.

Missy said what do you think, do you know what it's going to be reduced to?

Joseph Baldridge said I would imagine it would probably be, probably be around maybe, 100 to a 150 lower.

Gary said so, what's your total quote?

Joseph Baldridge said our total quote, it'll be on the very last page. I believe it was around 10 grand or so, for all the equipment.

Gary said the quote for the camera is \$22,305?

Joseph Baldridge said yes and that one.

Gary said for both stations?

Joseph Baldridge said yes, yep. And that quote only includes the work at the Farmland station, so it won't, our quote, so it doesn't quote the wiring. It doesn't include the wiring for the new addition at the Winchester station.

Missy said why not?

Joseph Baldridge said we'll do those quotes separately. With our process, we can combine those.

Missy said so, where am I at in here? Tell me what page I'm going to.

Joseph Baldridge said it'll be the very last page.

Missy said okay.

Joseph Baldridge said it'll, should have the total summary of services.

Gary said okay. So, on automated systems, both facilities will be outfitted, correctly?

Joseph Baldridge said yes.

Gary said on your quote, the wiring is the only thing missing because we're not completed at station 1 in Winchester?

Joseph Baldridge said correct, yes.

Gary said and then you will do that once the outfitting is done?

Joseph Baldridge said yep. Yep, once that.

Gary said but we won't have another quote from automated?

Joseph Baldridge said no.

Missy said until the new.

Gary said now this includes the new add on out there?

Joseph Baldridge said yes. Yep, that includes all the work that they'll be doing.

Gary said both facilities.

Joseph Baldridge said yep.

Missy said okay.

Gary said okay. And then yours includes everything but the wiring at the new, at the Winchester facility?

Joseph Baldridge said correct, yes.

Missy said I guess I was asking about the morgue, I know it's not done yet, I mean, I know it's not planned yet, will that be worked into the morgue?

Gary said into the morgue construction cost?

Missy said right.

Gary said it probably could be. It's not right now.

Missy said right.

Gary said it's not right now. It's something that you know, they could do while they're there doing it. They just have to be aware.

Joseph Baldridge said yes. Yeah, we can. Once the, once we're ready to do the wiring or you know, beforehand, we can get you guys that quote for that.

Missy said I think that would be at a point, during construction, so you're not running it new going through trying to drop stuff right?

Gary said on Missy's train of thought there, if you would reach out to Thor Construction of who you are and let them know to contact you during the wiring phase?

Joseph Baldridge said okay, yes.

Gary said Dan Stamper. I can get you the information or I can call Dan myself or Tom.

Joseph Baldridge said oh, that would be great. And you can pass on that information to me too.

Gary said yeah, okay. So, now with all that cleared up, is that clear, Missy?

Missy said no, not yet.

Gary said okay, what else?

Missy said okay, on the 2nd to the last page, the, our price in addition is \$22,305.00. What is it going to be now with the changes that you're going to be adding in there? Just how much extra?

Joseph Baldridge said some changes, it should be about probably a 100 less, 100, 150.

Missy said 100 less. So, it should be 22,150, right?

Joseph Baldridge said yeah.

Missy said okay.

Laura said he's guesstimating that.

Missy said yeah, I know.

Gary said okay. So, we had two things to do, one is, approve this work, and I would say we pay it out of commissioners Cum Cap and allot a total, both of these quotes put together, not to exceed. So, give me your total number here, I'm looking for, 10,000 and?

Joseph Baldridge said I believe it's 10,030 I think.

Tom said roughly, so, do we need to go to 35 for the wiring.

Gary said yeah, 35,000 total, from commissioners Cum Cap. Okay. I'm straight. Tom, are you straight?

Tom said I'm straight.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said I am now.

Gary said okay, would somebody like to make a motion to approve these upgrades to the two facilities funded out of commissioners Cum Cap, not to exceed \$35,000.00?

Missy made a motion to approve. Tom seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said okay. You're starting tomorrow, right?

Joseph Baldridge said not quite that soon. But it should be within, I would imagine, especially for the Farmland station, within the next couple of weeks.

Gary said now my question, when we get these repeating requests from LEAP, I looked at it. I don't know what you want me to do on that ticket, I mean.

Joseph Baldridge said yes.

Gary said does delete work?

Joseph Baldridge said delete for, oh, you can. What we were just wondering was the, if there's any, was there any specific footage that you were wanting from the old system at the camera, of the EMS camera?

Gary said the old system's not even valid, I don't think, in Farmland.

Joseph Baldridge said it's no longer picking up motion events, but it does have little photos of motion events. It doesn't have any actual video.

Gary said they're more than 30 days old now. They've been turned off for more than 30 days, right?

Joseph Baldridge said it'll be 30 days at the end of November, because I believe it was around October.

Gary said should we save anything that's not 30 days old? I think that's the rule of thumb on that?

Meeks said usually.

Gary said huh?

Meeks said yep.

Gary said can you go ahead and save anything that's not 30 days old?

Joseph Baldridge said well with that, unfortunately, that system doesn't allow me to.

Gary said alright, tell me what we need to do.

Joseph Baldridge said so, what.

Missy said can you just store that information until we tell you at a later date?

Joseph Baldridge said yeah. I can keep that on there until after the 30 days.

Missy said who else gets to see, who else can see in there?

Joseph Baldridge said at the moment, no one. But, it is account-based. So, we can log someone else into the account with the application.

Gary said when need be, yeah.

Joseph Baldridge said yeah.

Gary said there's no active issues with any video over there, I would go right along with Missy there and say just save everything for now until we're all done and we tell you to let it go.

Joseph Baldridge said okay.

Gary said can you do that?

Joseph Baldridge said yep, that'll work.

Laura said and Joseph, can you get me copies of those quotes?

Joseph Baldridge said yes.

Gary said anything else, Joseph?

Joseph Baldridge said I don't think from me. Did you guys have any other questions concerning something?

Gary said Missy, do you have anything else?

Missy said no, I think it's good.

Gary said Tom?

Tom said I do. Did we get cameras taken care of on the narcotics and stuff for now?

Joseph Baldridge said I was out there on Friday and they had not moved the camera as of yet.

Missy said who's they?

Joseph Baldridge said I believe the representative from security automations. They had spoken to Brad and the other EMS employees and it, from my understanding, they were going to move the camera, but they haven't gotten with me to move that or to look into the wiring or anything.

Missy said when do you think the new cameras will be up and running?

Joseph Baldridge said new cameras at the Farmland station should be by the end of the month or the first of the year, well, end of next month to the first of the year. The Winchester station that work, according to Security Automations, that work won't be done until the addition is complete, because I did see on that quote that they will also be adding a couple cameras on to the existing building as well.

Gary said okay. When will they the narcotics under camera?

Joseph Baldridge said I will be speaking with Brad and Gary Moore today.

Gary said let us know by email.

Joseph Baldridge said okay.

Gary said okay, anything else, Tom?

Tom said my other thing is on everything we're putting in here, is there an annual fee or a maintenance fee on all this that goes with this system we're putting in all these?

Joseph Baldridge said I do not believe so, and I can clarify that with Security Automations, because from us, it's all a one-time fee.

Tom said alright.

Missy said and you'll be storing it, so you control, you have the storage, right?

Joseph Baldridge said yes, yep. There'll be, it'll be on-site storage and we have the option to back that up, as well.

Gary said good. Alright, I don't have anything else. Thank you.

Missy said how long do you keep that storage?

Joseph Baldridge said normally, I think by default, it's 30 days, but it can be extended based on the amount storage space in the recorder system.

Missy said yeah. My only concern on that is, what if somebody has not brought something forward, but then they say I've got a concern about something that happened 40 days later, then we don't have it.

Meeks said its within 30 days.

Missy said huh?

Meeks said you can't keep it forever. There's only so much storage.

Gary said yeah, the only time we keep it for the long haul is if there is something going on that we.

Meeks said you put it down to a zip drive, and not in the storage anymore.

Gary said okay. Anything else, Missy?

Missy said nope, that's it.

Gary said thank you.

Debra Johnting – Ordinance 2025-15, 2025-16 & 2025-17 second reading

Gary said Debra Johnting.

Debra Johnting said Debra Johnting, Area Planning Director.

Gary said you're on here for these right here, but this just 2nd reading.

Debra Johnting said yes.

Gary said and then you're going to stay here for Lisa's complaint for Farmland?

Debra Johnting said yes, and Bob's here.

Gary said okay. Well we have here right now is Ordinance number 2025-15, which is the 2nd reading for the rezones. An ordinance to amend the zoning map of Randolph County. Is anybody here to speak to these ordinances, 2025-15, 2025-16 and 2025-17? We had the first reading 2 weeks ago. Okay, seeing nobody coming forward, would somebody like to make a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-15 for the 2nd reading?

Missy made a motion to approve. Tom seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said now Ordinance number 2025-16, an ordinance to amend the zoning map of Randolph County, Indiana. Would someone like to make a motion to approve the 2nd reading of this ordinance?

Missy made a motion to approve. Tom seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said and Ordinance 2025-17, an ordinance to amend the zoning map of Randolph County, Indiana. Do we have a motion to approve the 2nd reading?

Missy made a motion to approve. Tom seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said we'll have a third reading and possible adopting at the next commissioners meeting.

Debra Johnting said thank you.

Natasha Mock – Request for check to pay for Election Conference

Gary said Mindy, are you here?

Natasha Mock said not the face you are expecting, but I'm from the Clerk's office. My name is Natasha Mock. I'm chief deputy clerk downstairs. We are here to request a check. We have an election conference coming up from December 15th to December 17th in Indianapolis. The total for the hotels will be \$532.00.

Gary said so, you're requesting \$532.00?

Natasha Mock said yes sir.

Gary said and you have money in your training account?

Natasha Mock said she said it's coming from the unclaimed items.

Gary said we need to know where to pay it from.

Natasha Mock said yep.

Laura said unappropriated.

Natasha Mock said yeah, unappropriated, yep.

Laura said it's a state board called. It's legit.

Gary said we're good?

Laura said yeah.

Gary said from the unappropriated?

Laura said right.

Gary said okay. Alright, someone want to make a motion to approve this request for \$532.00 to have a check presented for the, or cut for the election conference?

Tom made a motion to approve. Missy seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said anything else?

Natasha Mock said that's it.

Gary said thank you.

Natasha Mock said thank you.

Ed Thornburg – Utility agreements

Gary said Ed. Morning Ed.

Ed Thornburg said morning.

Gary said I see you have some utility agreements.

Ed Thornburg said yep. One here is a underground primary for a house.

Gary said on Union City Pike.

Ed Thornburg said uh huh.

Gary said okay. You make a recommendation?

Ed Thornburg said uh huh.

Gary said we have a recommendation for the surveyor to approve this utility request, do we have a motion?

Tom made a motion to approve. Missy seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said what else, Ed?

Ed Thornburg said that's it.

Missy said can you give us a teeny little update on the water, I mean, the pipe that's going through the project?

Ed Thornburg said oh, the Union City project?

Missy said yeah, is it moving along?

Ed Thornburg said it's moving along and they're a long, they are far, far away from the road now. They haven't got up to 32 yet, I don't believe. They were up when I was through there the other day, they were working. And they seemed to be making headway. They went under my ditch, the open ditch there on the farm that you guys own. They got under that alright, so, and then we're getting ready to mow the brush on that ditch, by the way.

Missy said how about, have they kind of repaired some of the yards of the residents?

Ed Thornburg said no. They worked, I mean, they didn't really do a lot of damage, I mean, they worked in the side ditch. But now, they haven't been back and done that touchup finish work yet. I expect that later.

Missy said thanks.

Gary said okay. Anything else, Missy?

Missy said nope.

Gary said Tom, anything?

Tom said no.

Gary said I have nothing. Thank you, Ed.

Mike and Lisa Stonerock – Nuisance Complaint – Farmland

Gary said alright. Lisa Stonerock, nuisance complaint for Farmland. Debra, could you come up and sit over here, so we can, and Bob, please?

Lisa Stonerock said would you like some photo material?

Missy said we can pass it around, yeah.

Gary said first of all, hold on, first of all, please state your name for the record.

Lisa Stonerock said okay, I'm sorry. I'm Mrs. Lisa Stonerock. This is my husband, Michael. My maiden name was Howell.

Gary said I don't need that. Okay, you have the floor. You want to go ahead and pass those?

Lisa Stonerock said we live at 322 New York Street in Farmland.

Gary said I believe I've seen those.

Missy said I have too, but I just want to see again.

Gary said we've all got them.

Lisa Stonerock said you've all got those? Okay.

Gary said Meeks, have you seen them?

Meeks said yeah, I saw them.

Laura said I scanned what we had in.

Lisa Stonerock said okay. There's a video, as well.

Gary said alright, thank you. Just so you know who we have with us today is the building commissioner and our zoning, what's your official title Debra?

Debra Johnting said Area Planning Director.

Gary said Area Planning Director, I'm sorry, thank you. So, we make sure you get to leave with the information you need to have.

Lisa Stonerock said okay. What we are talking about currently today, is 319 East Jackson Street of Farmland. This is on 200 North, as you come into Farmland. You will pass Wolfs Wooded Acres and our county ditch. If you look immediately to your north, you will see what is now a junk yard. It is owned by Michael and Virginia Myers. They do not live in Randolph County. They live at 5187 South Como Road, Portland, Indiana. They have a son who is also involved with the Farmland Myers Auto Sales, which is farther into Farmland, across from the Dollar General and next to the Farmland Auto Parts. You can see the number of vehicles if you ever drive by there, that have accumulated on all sides. We now have this on 319 East Jackson Street. These vehicles have set there for 6 months to over years, well over 30 days, never. It's unlicensed by the secretary of state. It is an auto salvage junkyard that is taking place. The property is not zoned for a junkyard. The environmental regulations are not supervised, nor adhered. Local ordinance violations are the inoperable vehicles. Our fear is vermin, rodents, skunks, mice, rats, raccoons, possum, and the drawing in further of the coyotes, which now

around all 4 sides. Are their clear titles in order? The vehicles are visibly parked months and years as I said, is a nuisance, well over 30 days. Property has a county ditch as a run off. I question the topography and the downgrade leading into where Farmland, the creek runs, you can call a creek a ditch, leads into White River, where we get our drinking water from. The public hazard beside rodents and vermin are mosquito, fire, water accumulation and the proximity to housing. More vehicles being brought with every wreck in Randolph County and possibly other counties. I don't know. There's a Federal flood zone just yards south, on Church Street in Farmland, that is downhill from this junkyard. There's also a 5-acre narrow stretch that has been purchased by his son, that is sandwiched between the city limits and our homes. It is county. I really wish Farmland would take it, take it in and do something constructive with it. But as it stands now, I have a sick feeling that these vehicles will now continue on into this 5-acre field, which is very narrow. It is surrounded by homes on 3 sides. The east side is agricultural. It's Hinshaw's farm ground. Prior to this, the junkyard was located on that property in Portland. I question how Jay County managed to get them to leave, but why did it come to Farmland? It's unlicensed and unsupervised. Is his commercial liability extended to cover a junkyard, auto salvage? I bet not. Is the county going to accept liability for allowing a junkyard? You know the deepest pockets theory. Does he have proper insurance and bonded? It's currently 84.3 yards, which is 253 feet from our property line. If you're a golfer, it's an easy swing with a pitching wedge. That would give you an idea of how close we're talking. I would like to see any and all agreements and contracts with Randolph County Sheriff's Department, our local police, for the hauling in of these vehicles from accidents. We are talking about bare ground storage, the pollution hazard, the fluids, the mercury switches, and the breakdown of the solid waste of the vehicles, air conditioning, all things in a vehicle. The ditching and running of a connection of a sewer and a buffer is going on right now. I seen a vehicle that is called Myers landscaping and excavation on the east property line of their 319. Is this being stage approved and inspected, the connection into? I don't know. What happened to the official complaint that Farmland town sent to our county six plus months ago? We attended the last town board meeting in Farmland. Missy also was there. I was told by Steve Connors when I presented our complaints, that 6 months ago, Farmland town board had turned the complaints over for the unwanted junkyard. Anybody? Did it come to your office?

Debra Johnting said I didn't get a complaint on it.

Gary said go ahead and get through your, before we.

Lisa Stonerock said okay. The town of Farmland clerk had received many complaints from residents, especially Wolfs Wooded Acres and Dobbs Addition. Property lose value and purchase appeal when a nuisance junkyard is in proximity. I had contacted the Area Planning Office when the property was first purchased by the Myers family. This contact was made by text within the county website. Debra Johnting, you were her. You returned my response and told me that 3 to 4 vehicles could be in possession for repair, not outside of a fence and no more than that, just the numbers that can be repaired in a timely manner. There was no junkyard allowed, you told me, because of zoning requirements. And of course, IDEM rules and regulations are very, very specific on junkyards. They must be adhered to the tee. The disregard of all laws regarding junk, non-running vehicle storage is very blatant. The residents of Farmland whose homes are in close proximity, have received proper written notice, have not received, not, they have not

received proper written notice in which to declare a no-vote. Intimidation will not be tolerated. I will be express, express to proper authorities if it continues. The town of Farmland is aware that proper elected officials of Randolph County and the representing lawyers are aware. We had the lawyer in the town of Farmland told me, they were not where I needed to go. I want to know why the Courts have not issued a legal order to cease and desist on this matter. I, myself and my husband, we have lived 39 years at this location. Please, we say no, no to a junkyard in the town of Farmland.

Gary said okay. Sir, do you have anything?

Michael Stonerock said yeah, there are a couple of things as well. Everybody on our side of the street has been required, when they built their fences, move them back because there's an easement. All of our power, our phone, our cable, is all underground behind our houses. He's already had somebody survey. It's already staked out and flagged to his property line or the back of our property line. That will encompass the easement if he starts putting cars on top of that and there's a problem, they won't be able to get down and fix it. And that's just a start. She mentioned the leaking of fluids into the creek and in the water supply. That also comes our way into our yards. So, there's that as well. I'm kind of confused with something as simple as whose jurisdiction is this? Alright, it's pretty simple. It's either the county or the town and we don't know, right. We've been told both by either side. So, it should be as simple as looking it up on a map, right? Who's in charge of mediation of the property? Can he or can he not? Is it legal? Is it legally, or is it illegal what he's doing, right? Simple answers. Where do we go next? Who do we talk to? Our next step is the state.

Gary said is that all?

Michael Stonerock said it's what I have.

Gary said okay, well we'll, since the deliberation is out, I think I'll just go to our attorney who will help us put this in perspective.

Meeks said well, according to Deb, the property at 319 East Jackson Street is a C3. Is that right?

Debra Johnting said yes. It was zoned by Farmland in 1989.

Meeks said so, Farmland put it as a C3 in 89.

Debra Johnting said they did.

Meeks said buy behind that is in the county, and that's a classification of an R2.

Debra Johnting said uh huh.

Meeks said so, you cannot have vehicle storage in an R2 zoning classification.

Debra Johnting said yeah.

Meeks said so, if they are storing vehicles in that property, that's a pretty clear zoning violation.

Debra Johnting said we have pictures and they're not.

Meeks said and so, at this point, they are not. At some point, if they are, then it's definitely a zoning problem and you can talk to, make your complaint. What we've done in the past is send our building inspector out to see what's going on out there, and then we have filed, well, the Area Planning has filed suit. I think it's various people, one in town, Winchester, I can think of that was operating a vehicle repair in an R1 classification. So, if they are, you can have automotive repair in a C3. You can't have a junkyard in a C3. So, what's the difference between a junkyard and an auto repair, I don't know. But, but, that's why we send the building inspector out and then if they determine it's a junkyard, then they would file suit with the Superior Court. So, Jason Welch does that. I don't represent the Area Plan, so, he would be the one that would be filing that lawsuit with them. We do also have a junk vehicle ordinance within the county, but they are not within the county. In the back, in the back, not only would it be an R2 problem, it would be a junk vehicle problem. I do not know if Farmland has a junk vehicle ordinance or not, or whether or not this would qualify as one or not. I just don't know that. But usually, we'd send the building inspector out, he'll look at it, then make a report, then the Area Plan would file a lawsuit if they thought it was in violation of the C3 zoning classifications.

Gary said okay. With my reading up on it, the difference in stepping out of what they're doing into a junkyard is the salvage portion. If they're salvaging parts off of it and selling them, that's salvage and that's not allowed in C3. That's the way I understand it.

Meeks said that is.

Gary said pardon me?

Meeks said that is correct. So, if you're repairing it, that's one thing. If you are salvaging, it does.

Gary said so if there's salvaging going on, that's another. C3, right now, they're according to the law, they're not in violation. They may be in violation of nuisance ordinance for the town of Farmland. But that particular 319 is in Farmland's jurisdiction, however, it's under the county unified zoning ordinance also.

Lisa Stonerock said I have a question. Does it not have to be over, or at least an 8-foot fence around junkyard?

Gary said it's not a junkyard.

Meeks said I don't know if it's a junkyard. We have to go and.

Gary said we don't know and find out. I mean it's.

Meeks said we don't know. I mean, that's the

Lisa Stonerock said has anybody been onto the property or walked around?

Missy said I did.

Lisa Stonerock said all sides of it?

Missy said yeah, well I started, I don't want to name the person I know, so they, they own a pretty large piece of property and so they let me, I was just talking to them, so they let me, and I walked all around the perimeter of it. Yeah, it's, and you say put a fence up, but how many of you want a tall fence?

Lisa Stonerock said yeah, we just don't want a junkyard, period.

Missy said and like you mentioned, that you could be, it does have utilities on those corners, showing where the utilities are.

Lisa Stonerock said Farmland had problems with Gene Wagner for just a few vehicles many years ago, and it was a, a big to do. I would say there are ordinances against it.

Gary said okay, let us go ahead and get through some of the, Mr. Jessee, Bob Jessee, you've been there?

Bob Jessee said uh huh.

Gary said you've looked at it?

Bob Jessee said I took some pictures yesterday. From what I can tell it doesn't appear that they were dismantling there, I'll go talk to the guy and find out what they are doing. I mean, that doesn't bother me.

Lisa Stonerock said he intimidates people.

Bob Jessee said people don't intimidate me.

Lisa Stonerock said I was shaking, I was shaking, well, I, he made me, first I was upset because I don't know this man from Adam.

Gary said well let's go on through here before we get into. So, Bob, you'll go talk to the gentleman, you're saying?

Bob Jessee said uh huh.

Gary said anything else that you'd like to add to this discussion that we should.

Bob Jessee said not at this time, no.

Lisa Stonerock said because there was a junkyard in Portland and it dismantled and moved to Farmland.

Gary said we've got, yes ma'am, we've got to deal with what's going on in our town.

Lisa Stonerock said I understand.

Gary said okay. Debra, anything to add?

Debra Johnting said I would add that when we've had this in the past, unless they are thoughtless enough to put it up on face book, someone gets pictures, to know that they're selling off, they have the right to store automobiles, trucks, trailers, farm equipment, they can display, rent, repair and store, except for salvage, and that is when it becomes a junkyard when they're taking parts off and selling and we won't do an injunction unless we know that they're doing that. And we have to have proof. We can't, we could have 2 dozen people say oh yeah, they're selling, but unless Bob goes in with his bib overalls and buys a part.

Gary said for the record have you received a complaint in the Area Planning office from the town of Farmland in the last 6 months?

Debra Johnting said no.

Gary said in the last year?

Debra Johnting said no, I don't think so. It's been a while.

Gary said okay.

Bob Jessee said does the town of Farmland had ordinances?

Lisa Stonerock said oh, they do.

Michael Stonerock said we haven't written, or read the written law, but we'll ask.

Gary said okay.

Meeks said if you want the junk, if you want the county junk ordinances, here it is. You can have it. You can keep it.

Michael Stonerock said what we're talking about now is the property on Jackson Street, if those cars leak on to the property that's adjacent to us, that's not legal.

Gary said and that's the county.

Meeks said that's the county and that's that ordinance there.

Michael Stonerock said that's not legal because it's not.

Meeks said well read, I mean.

Michael Stonerock said okay.

Meeks said you can't have junk cars. It's an R2 classification. Not only would they be in violation of R2 classification, I believe they'd probably be abandoned vehicle, junk or abandoned vehicles.

Gary said so if you get a junkyard on that particular parcel, would take somebody going to the Area Planning and getting through the Area Planning office, getting a favorable recommendation from the Area Planning, then bringing it to the commissioners and the commissioners approve, we're no where near that. There's no junkyard established right there right now for that 5-acre parcel at all.

Meeks said so, the R2 classification.

Gary said it's an R2 classification.

Meeks said which means residential multi-family, residential.

Lisa Stonerock said we appreciate your answers because we're not getting them from the town.

Gary said Tom, do you have?

Tom said we just all come to the classification of what their actually doing. The only thing I would say is if we contact them and make sure they know that the adjacent county property, they can't expand on it, at least you know, we could tell them that now.

Gary said or the adjacent property to the west of them is theirs too. They can't.

Meeks said I don't know what that's zoned though.

Gary said buy anyway, Bob can take care of that. Anything else?

Tom said no.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said yeah, I went out and walked it and had several people stop me. But first of all, they wanted to know what I was doing in their back yard. But then, there are 18 pieces of property that come into contact with this. And they're about like you, well, the 3 that stopped me, they feel a lot like you, but I tried to explain there has to be a reason why they cannot operate like

they are. I, in looking there, I saw them bring a number of cars in there as I was walking around there. But, so, they're obviously going to continue to want to fill that 14 acres up. So, I mean, I'm hoping that, if, putting myself in all of your 18, some of them are small farms, are actually pretty nice farms, but those 18 people said you know, what am I going to do if this continues and I want to sell? That's the big issue with everybody in Randolph County is when someone, a neighboring property becomes an eyesore, then your property value goes down a lot, for seeing that.

Lisa Stonerock said first thing you see when you drive into Farmland on 200 North, Jackson Street.

Missy said yeah.

Gary said anything else on that?

Missy said but Gary's right. We need to go through the steps and find out.

Gary said right. Before we go, is there any other questions of the, you have not had answered, understand, we can't answer what Jay County did or what, where we're dealing with what we're dealing with those properties. But the 5 acres, it's an R2. It's not zoned for junkyard. There are protective mechanisms in case it goes there, in case they violate. 319, or, that's 319, right?

Lisa Stonerock said it is.

Gary said is in the town of Farmland?

Lisa Stonerock said yes.

Gary said it is a classification C3. It is allowable use to repair cars and store cars.

Lisa Stonerock said okay.

Gary said it's not allowed for salvage.

Lisa Stonerock said is that a county term? How long is storage allowed?

Gary said well this is a unified zoning ordinance, is the whole county. I don't know, I don't think there's any limit on storage.

Debra Johnting said I don't see a limit.

Meeks said there's no limit on storage. I'm certain there's not.

Gary said yeah.

Lisa Stonerock said so, you just bring in un-runable, un-runable vehicles?

Gary said well this all, ma'am, this all goes back to the town of Farmland zoned at C3 there. We didn't, the county didn't. I don't even know if their unified, you know, what the vote was from the APC.

Meeks said well that was back in.

Gary said yeah, way back.

Meeks said 40 years, 89.

Debra Johnting said oh, I can find out.

Meeks said if you could find out.

Debra Johnting said I think it's unanimous.

Gary said but nonetheless, it's done. That's done. Do you have anymore questions for, are there any unanswered questions on what we can and cannot do, and what can and cannot be done there?

Lisa Stonerock said okay. No, because Farmland sent me to you for the 319.

Gary said so, what we can do and if, Bob, you will go talk to these people?

Bob Jessee said uh huh.

Michael Stonerock said will there be a way we can find out the results of these actions? When he's done talking to them, they'll let us know?

Bob Jessee said I will. You can call my office.

Michael Stonerock said okay. What's your number?

Bob Jessee said it's just the Building Commissioner's number.

Lisa Stonerock said sorry. We've never done this.

Debra Johnting said 765-584-0275.

Michael Stonerock said 0274?

Debra Johnting said on the fence, on that section, they cannot have a 6-foot fence until they determine, R2 is primary residential, the fence is based on where the house sits. In front of the house can be 4, behind the house can be 6. So, they can't just go in and put up a 6-foot fence. If they want to fence in the entire R2 then.

Lisa Stonerock said you're talking about in the 5 acres, not the 319?

Debra Johnting said yes. They can only do a 4-foot fence. And they can put it on the line. If there's some reason, there's an easement, there's electrical, that's up to them to know that. That's up to whoever puts the fence up. If they put it up where they're not supposed to, then I'm sure they'll be told they have to move it.

Michael Stonerock said well that'll be up to the utilities.

Debra Johnting said and it can only be 4 without a house.

Gary said Ed, come over here so you can be on the record. There were ditches brought up on that.

Ed Thornburg said it has some ditches and well away from the property. You can build, if you have an easement on your property, you can fence it in. The thing is, your fence is at risk if utility needs to work on it. If somebody has, like say on my drains if I have to work on, I just cleared a section of a fence between two farms to put in a riser and repair tile. I don't have to pay for tearing up the fence. It's that simple. But you can, you can fence a utility, but your fence is at risk. And heaven help you if you drive a fence post through somebody's fiber optic line.

Gary said okay, I think we've got all the information we can do for you today. If there's, is there anything further that you guys need clarity on?

Lisa Stonerock said no.

Missy said this does get interesting because there's a house that's on there that's.

Lisa Stonerock said aimed right at it.

Missy said uh, well there's a house that has it labeled as an enterprise area, so they've really kind of come up with some unique LLC's along there.

Gary said okay and Bob, if you would, when you find out what you can, would you email all 3 of us commissioners the results of that conversation?

Bob Jessee said I'll do that.

Tom said is there a mechanism or a process to see if the vehicles there are, if there's damaged vehicles that were in accidents, if they are polluting the ground there?

Gary said I don't know.

Meeks said we've gone through IDEM. You can ask Bob. He left. We've gone through IDEM so many times with the ones in Winchester. It's, good luck. Let me know what you tell them if you get anywhere with them.

Lisa Stonerock said why, why?

Meeks said just let me know what you told them.

Lisa Stonerock said why can't a foot not be put down and said no?

Meeks said I just want to know the magic words. You let me know, Lisa.

Debra Johnting said I would suggest it's because there's too many to deal with.

Meeks said I suspect it's because of that.

Debra Johnting said got to start somewhere though.

Meeks said and they have bigger problems.

Lisa Stonerock said this is getting rampant. I hate to see Farmland go this way. I really do. I care about it.

Gary said well you certainly can go to every one of their meetings and have your concerns heard.

Lisa Stonerock said and I tried.

Gary said alright, well we're going to be done with this portion here. If there's anything else that you'd like to bring forth to the commissioners?

Lisa Stonerock said nope. Thank you for your time.

Gary said thank you.

Lisa Stonerock said thank you for your research. I thank you ahead for your time.

Rick Brown- Funding for Parker Fire Dept Generator

Gary said Ricky Brown. State your name?

Rick Brown said Rick Brown, town of Parker City, town council.

Gary said and you, sir?

Aaron Hammond said I'm Aaron Hammond, the Parker fire chief.

Rick Brown said I'll go ahead and let Aaron kind of give you a background and so forth of what's been going on, and then I'll kind of give you a summary and then you guys can tell us what you can tell us.

Aaron Hammond said so, the Parker Fire Department and the attached community building has been used by the Red Cross and the Department of Homeland Security as a community shelter during times of extended power outages, weather emergencies, the tornado, things of that nature. We had to use it for a heat and cold shelter also when the county deems those emergencies. However, it requires backup power to make that feasible. Our generator that was installed when the building renovations took place approximately 20 years ago, has now become inoperable, it's been determined that replacement is the most viable option, rather than trying to repair it. We had the engine rebuilt about 6 years ago. That got us another 6 years out of it. So, its useful life is gone. The document I shared with you was a quote from Voltage Unlimited to replace that generator. We've also sent out donation request letters to all our townships and our town, and some other prominent businesses in our coverage area, just trying to drum up some donations to fund this replacement. We, just as a fire department, don't have that in our budget to make a one-time lump sum replacement of this generator, is just not in there. So, we're just coming to the county to see if there're any funds that could be appropriated towards that replacement. Right now, we're inoperable as a community shelter.

Rick Brown said and in summary, that's, we have a nursing home facility, long term care facility in our town, and it's been used, there's been a couple disasters per se with their building and we've had to move residents. And we were able to move them to the community building and the fire department because of the generator, you know, averted, what could have been something worse. So, as most of you know, that's where we vote, that's basically, the center of town. That's where we basically do everything, especially in disasters as Aaron has mentioned, and so, we're just looking for, and like Aaron said, he has reached out to townships. He's reached out to the town. The town does have some funds to put toward it, but like everybody else, we don't have the entire amount we could put toward it. So, anything that anybody can do, we're kind of on a fact-finding fundraising type mission right now.

Gary said okay. I always want to be careful how much we help on a situation like this. I think we've got what, 9 other fire departments?

Aaron Hammond said right.

Gary said how much funding can Parker City put towards, can you do half?

Rick Brown said we can't quite do half, close, but not quite half.

Gary said okay. What's your thoughts, Tom?

Tom said I think we can help them, to what extent, you know, I don't know.

Gary said Missy?

Tom said I'd like to see him ask us for a specific dollar amount and I think it would need to be taken to the council also.

Gary said if we do it in EDIT, which would probably be where this would go, honestly, I think should go, so we would handle it the commissioners' level. Missy?

Missy said well I have some question about if you have to take some of the money out of your treasury right now, that's what I'm going to call it, but, I'm for giving the whole amount. And simply because if another emergency comes up in whatever situation, then you're a small community, small town, and then, are you going to need to come back and ask for something more?

Rick Brown said and like I said, the town, itself, and I checked with the clerk this morning before I came over, and there are some funds to put toward it, but you know, we're like everybody else, we don't have that kind of cash to put toward it, but we are willing to work with the fire department and help. The fire department in Parker City is kind of ran a little different than most. They basically, they've got to come up with their money themselves. I mean, yes, they are contracted through the town, but it's a minimal amount.

Aaron Hammond said we're a private fire company.

Rick Brown said they are a private fire company who has to fund raise to basically meet most of their needs. The town does provide some funding, but it's not near enough, and not what it should be.

Gary said you don't get any levy from anywhere?

Aaron Hammond said we're not a taxable entity, so we're a private fire company. We're contracted for service with our 3 townships and our town.

Rick Brown said yeah, there's no levy for the fire department.

Tom said so who owns the property?

Aaron Hammond said we do.

Tom said so it's not a municipal owned property.

Aaron Hammond said the town maintains the grounds, but we own the building.

Tom said yeah, that takes

Aaron Hammond said no, we can still do it.

Tom said with it being private?

Aaron Hammond said oh yeah, yeah.

Gary said you're not for profit, correct?

Aaron Hammond said right, yep.

Gary said okay. How much would Parker be able to do in your thoughts, Rick? I know you're on the board, I mean what?

Rick Brown said I mean I can't speak for the other council members.

Gary said I know.

Rick Brown said but I would be comfortable with 5,000.

Gary said the reason I'm asking is because we already give Parker \$10,000.00 of EDIT funding, above and beyond what you get from your own.

Rick Brown said I was going to talk to the clerk and the other council members on, where that most of that funding I believe, we used to match the grant dollar for paving. But there is a possibility we could redirect that for a year. I mean, you know.

Gary said I understand. Okay well, so, Missy, you're inclined to say that we should help them for the whole amount?

Missy said I mean in just in past experiences that some of the funds that we award to different organizations or cities, yeah, or towns, yeah, I'd like to give it the whole amount. I'm not saying the other ones that we agreed to do weren't good things.

Gary said right.

Missy said but a fire department opposed to things, I think it's mandatory. I mean.

Gary said I think it's a collaboration. I appreciate that. I think it's a collaboration.

Missy said it's a 14-foot door. I stopped there and looked at the door. I don't know anything, but.

Aaron Hammond right now if we lose power, we can't even open our overhead doors. We have to manually try to open them.

Missy said you can't get it open, yeah.

Gary said but we have this same scenario in every fire departments around Randolph County.

Aaron Hammond said absolutely.

Gary said some are better funded. Some are equally strapped, just like you are. So, in my mind, if I was prepared to do something with you folks, I would have to stand ready to do something

with the smaller fire departments who had a need and could prove the need and not just say hey, you gave Parker a certain amount of money, I want it. Well, for what? I wouldn't personally, I would be okay if we did a \$10,000.00 EDIT draw and just let you guys find a way to get the other \$7,078. That's where I would be. So, Tom, what are you?

Tom said I was kind of looking at a combination of whether we would consider paying the whole amount now and at 10,000 as a grant and the other 7000 plus as part of their 10,000 draw for 26, out of the EDIT.

Meeks said so that would be, but that's Parker City's draw, not the fire.

Tom said fire departments, right.

Meeks said the fire department doesn't have a draw.

Tom said since they're private and yeah.

Meeks said so that probably would not be.

Tom said yeah, okay.

Rick Brown said well that's what I mean, that's something that the council, if I could get the other members to, 26, kind of redirect where we're using it so.

Gary said for us, if we had a certain amount that they would have, how would they do it, if they do it, it doesn't matter to us.

Tom said I guess they would redirect it into

Gary said yeah.

Aaron Hammond said I think if you guys were willing and able to do 10,000, I feel confident we could come up with the remaining \$8,000.00 to fund the replacement.

Missy said okay.

Gary said I can do that. And any other fire department that comes in will have a request to come in, but they're going to have to present a significant situation, like you're doing.

Aaron Hammond said yeah, this is more than just the fire department. I mean it is a community shelter, and we have had to use it in that manner multiple times.

Rick Brown said that's one of the reasons I'm really behind this is because it's more than just, if it was a fire truck, I would say okay, right, I mean we're talking a community asset that we've used several times before during disasters.

Gary said would somebody like to make a motion of allotting \$10,000.00 out of EDIT funds to this request from Parker City?

Meeks said for the volunteer fire department.

Gary said for the volunteer fire department, located in Parker City. Thank you.

Tom made a motion to approve. Missy seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said there you go.

Aaron Hammond said thank you.

Meeks said hold on. What do you guys call yourself?

Aaron Hammond said Parker Volunteer Fire Department.

Meeks said Parker Volunteer Fire Department.

Gary said Rick, were you on the town council of Farmland when you adopted that ordinance for C3 on Jackson Street?

Rick Brown said it was, you said 1989?

Gary said yeah.

Rick Brown said no, I started the council in 91.

Meeks said well you got lucky.

Rick Brown said well no, but let me say this, I was on the council and had I'll say issues with that business and I'll leave it there. But I was on the council.

Gary said the one on 32, yeah.

Rick Brown said the one on 32. We had an issue with zoning and stuff there. So, I was on the council and dealt with that. And that was a well-attended, what I'm going to say, long meeting. Thank you.

Sherri Thompson and Tammy Pruett – Lactation mobile unit

Gary said Sherri Thompson and Tammy Pruett, location for the mobile unit.

Sherri Thompson said we're here this morning to ask if we can bring in the lactation mobile unit. They would need a place to part and we wanted to ask if we could have them use part of the parking lot at our facility?

Tammy Pruett said it would be twice a month for 2 hours each time. It's totally self-sufficient. We don't have to provide electricity or anything, and it's all free. I, my big goal is to maybe get WIC back here in our little rural county also by allowing them. They also will be going to Union City. Steve Shoemaker and them approved a spot for them to come twice a month to Union City. And like I say, it's all free services.

Gary said I think we've done similar things before out there.

Missy said yeah.

Gary said Tom?

Tom said is there private space? That would be a question. The extra space in the parking for them to be there and extra traffic for them?

Missy said what day are you going to be doing that?

Tammy Pruett said it will be twice a month. I'll have to look. I had to get approval first before we put anything in stone. And they'll be making appointments, so it's not like you're going to have, they'll have appointment, standing appointment. So, you know, one or two cars at the most with the van that you see on the brochure.

Tom said okay.

Gary said okay. And you're only going to take up what, two spots?

Tammy Pruett said for the van.

Gary said a parking spot and a place to come and go, for the van?

Tammy Pruett said yeah, maybe three spots, I mean the van and maybe two other cars as they're coming and going.

Gary said for two hours twice a month, yeah.

Tammy Pruett said yeah, two hours twice a month.

Missy said surely you guys could just park your cars somewhere else during that time. Everybody just cooperate.

Tammy Pruett said uh huh.

Sherri Thompson said uh huh.

Gary said Missy, what do you think?

Missy said I think it's a great idea.

Gary said alright, somebody like to make a motion to allow this?

Missy made a motion to approve. Tom seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said thank you.

Tammy Pruett said appreciate it.

Sherri Thompson said thank you.

Other Business:

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

Mobile App Contract

Gary said other business, Sheriff. This is your mobile app contract?

Art Moystner said it is.

Gary said \$14,628.00 and you're funding it out of which account?

Art Moystner said the Cum Cap.

Gary said Sheriff's Cum Cap?

Art Moystner said yeah, the computer video equipment and training. So, it's a computer program that we'll use, it'll keep updates. Basically, we use social media now, basically eliminates the need for the social media. We'll be able to send push notifications, sex offender registry.

Gary said okay. Somebody like to make a motion to approve this contract?

Missy made a motion to approve. Tom seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said I take it, it gets signed right here?

Art Moystner said yes sir.

Missy said I think it's a great idea and you're right about face book not being the platform you should really be on, but where will you, where will you put like, if you're looking for new employees, could you maybe leave your face book so, and then?

Art Moystner said we can put that out. We can also send that out as a push. And I think that's one of the things that I had talked to Laura briefly about is even if it's countywide, if we can get it, because I want to share this platform with Homeland and the dispatch center to help push

things out. So, even if we have an opening someplace else in the county, we can send out push notifications for that.

Gary said that would be good. Anything else?

Art Moystner said I think that's all I have today.

Gary said alright. Are you ready for the upgrade?

Art Moystner said yes, very much.

Gary said alright. It's coming.

Art Moystner said well we actually had a couple instances because I think we're at a point now where some of the centers aren't communicating with each other correctly in the H-Vac system. So, we had to come back in and do some things over the weekend because it got hot.

Gary said your building maintenance gentleman is named Devon?

Art Moystner said correct.

Gary said Devon what? Last name?

Art Moystner said Troutman.

Gary said Troutman. Are you going to have him fully involved with the walk-throughs and everything that's going on?

Art Moystner said yes.

Gary said I mean Jake is ours for the whole county, but.

Art Moystner said sure.

Gary said I don't have anything for the sheriff, Missy, do you?

Missy said nope.

Gary said Tom?

Tom said no.

Gary said thank you.

Art Moystner said thanks.

Missy said hey, I'll tell you one thing. So, that flock demonstration, they allowed me to register and go on so I could see, I can't see Randolph County, but I saw, I don't know what county, I think I did figure out what county, that is amazing. It picks up those license plates and then one of them they actually had to swarm. I mean, that's really neat.

Art Moystner said and a lot of people will focus on some of the negative that comes with that because they're afraid of being watched and as with any government program, there's always an opportunity for abuse, so that's why you want to have good people in place. In this, you find one missing child or an endangered adult that's roamed off and we're able to locate them quickly, I think that camera pays for itself in gold 10 times over. So, thank you.

Minutes of November 3, 2025 & Executive Session October 9, 22, 30

Gary said alright, we have minutes of the November 3, 2025 and executive session, October 9, the 22nd and the 30th. Would somebody like to make a motion to accept all these in one motion, accept them?

Tom made a motion to accept. Missy seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Payroll Claims \$364,169.09

Gary said okay, moving on, we will go now to our payroll claims, \$364,169.09. Somebody like to make a motion to approve?

Tom made a motion to approve. Missy seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Regular Claims \$1,860,027.51

Gary said next is the regular claims, \$1,860,027.51. Somebody like to make a motion to approve our regular claims?

Tom made a motion to approve. Missy seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Winchester Blight claim \$10,000

Gary said Winchester blight claim, \$10,000.00. That's two down for them.

Missy made a motion to approve. Tom seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Lifestream Services claim \$22,250.00

Gary said Lifestream claim, \$22,250.00. This is part of our EDIT plan. Somebody like to make a motion to approve the claim?

Missy said that's a yearly, right? Is that the yearly?

Tom said yes.

Gary said yeah.

Missy made a motion to approve. Tom seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Argo Consulting Claim \$12,090.00

Gary said Argo Consulting claim, \$12,090,00.

Missy made a motion to approve. Tom seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Randolph County Tourism June claim \$2,365.00

Randolph County Tourism November claim \$2,365.00

Gary said okay, we have two claims here for Tourism. They skipped a month. Both claims are \$2,365.00. One is for June, one is for November. Somebody like to make a motion to approve these two claims?

Missy made a motion to approve. Tom seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Randolph County United claim \$16,245.45

Gary said and then coming up is the Randolph United claim \$16,245.45 for November.

Missy made a motion to approve. Tom seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

CVET Distribution to County General?

Gary said CVET Distribution to County General.

Laura said part of the SB1 change was that commissioners can designate where this funding goes to. And we just found this out during our conference last month, and so, we got our CVET, which is Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax in, and the recommendation at conference from State Board was that if you put all that into County General, then it can be used wherever. If you put it into a specific fund, then it may limit what you can use that for. So, I'm just asking you guys' permission to just deposit this into our County General.

Gary said where did it originally go?

Laura said prior to this law change, it was distributed to the levy funds. So, health got a portion, reassessment got a portion, you know, all the levy funds. So, it was distributed per the levy for each of those funds.

Gary said and putting it all in General won't damage those funds?

Laura said it will not because if they were to need it, the can ask for an additional out of General and you can put it there. But, it can be used for other things this way too.

Gary said any questions on that, Tom?

Tom said no.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said nope.

Gary said somebody like to make a motion to put the CVET distribution to County General?

Tom made a motion to approve. Missy seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

GIE Insurance form

Gary said GIE Insurance form.

Laura said this is a form that Jentry sent me that is required signature.

Gary said for the uninsured?

Laura said yes. So, he said all he needs is an authorized signature.

Gary said somebody like to make a motion to authorize the signature of this form?

Tom made a motion to approve. Missy seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Approval for Commissioner's Certificate sale

Gary said Approval for Commissioner's certification sale.

Laura said we do this every year, but I know you guys have had some discussion on not wanting to do it. So, I just need to know if we want to continue to do it? The cert sale basically, if the properties don't sell during cert sale, that's when Randolph County Commissioners take possession of that property and can deed it over to the cities and towns. So, that's the process we've always done, but I need your approval if we're to move forward with that.

Meeks said at this point, on these cert sales, I mean, we can do a minimum price. We've been doing those minimum price of 200 bucks. That's where we get in trouble.

Gary said right.

Meeks said we don't have to do that.

Laura said nobody pays \$200.00 for these properties.

Meeks said well, yeah, I mean, that's the problem.

Laura said they bid them up to 10,000-20,000.

Meeks said yeah, we might just keep them wherever the tax is instead of doing a minimum bid.

Laura said yeah.

Gary said therefore, we can be encouraged to get them back so we can get them over to the towns.

Meeks said well we can encourage at least, not to somebody can pick it up for 15 hundred bucks.

Gary said and then leave it set there and rot.

Meeks said leave it sit there and then we have the problem with the cities.

Laura said yeah. Just for your information, this year we had 19 properties that did not sell in tax sale. 10 of those properties have been on our cert sale for many years. They are, they're probably never going to sell. But, they're there, so we have 19 properties that would go on cert sale if we were to move forward.

Meeks said so, the 10 of them, are all in the county or they're in cities?

Laura said I'm not for sure. I didn't look that part up.

Meeks said maybe we can give them to the cities.

Gary said that's what I would do.

Meeks said we're giving them 10,000 bucks.

Laura said well for instance, one of them, one of them I know for a fact, is an easement and it's just a small strip around the Village Pantry in Farmland. It's an easement strip. Nobody will ever buy that. They can't do anything with it.

Meeks said right.

Missy said would the adjoining neighbors want it?

Laura said well that would be the State, which is St Road 1 and 32 or whoever owns the Village Pantry. Don't know if they would want it or not because they can't do anything with it because it's an easement.

Gary said so what do you do with something like that?

Meeks said leave it on cert sale.

Gary said okay.

Laura said I'm just kind of giving you a for instance on one of these properties, that's what it is and that's why it'll probably never sell.

Meeks said ask Farmland if they want it?

Gary said I like Meeks' idea, at least a minimum bid has to equal the taxes owed.

Tom said I do too.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said yeah, I agree.

Gary said so, we'll make a motion that on the cert sale, the minimum bid has to equal the taxes owed.

Meeks said I'd see the other 9 then, though, before you really did that. I'd do the cert sale, maybe not to the minimum bid. They usually ask us that later.

Laura said I was going to say, you don't have to set a minimum bid today, I just need to know if you want to move forward with the tax sale.

Meeks said you might want to look at the list to see how many are in the cities.

Gary said in the cities, either or?

Meeks said yeah.

Gary said okay well then.

Meeks said at the time of the tax sale, you choose.

Gary said okay.

Laura said yeah. SRI usually comes and asks you.

Meeks said they'll ask and say what do you want to do as a minimum.

Gary said well the goal is keep them out of there.

Meeks said well the goal is where are these, can we be giving these to the cities, can they be cleaning them up or give them the money to clean these up.

Gary said right. Please clean them up.

Laura said right now I just need to know if you want to do it or not? We normally do them around March, April timeframe.

Gary said yes. Make a motion for the approval of commissioners' certification sale, certificate sale.

Tom said I'll make that motion with the, that we're going to look at them prior to the, look at the property prior to the sale, is that?

Meeks said yeah, just do the motion and do it, then look at them before you make that in the motion.

Gary said okay we have the motion for the cert sale. Do we have a second?

Missy seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said I understand. We can come back with more requirements after we do the sale.

Meeks said yeah but you'll have to sign a document, you'll sign the contract.

Gary said okay.

Data center discussion

Gary said Data center discussion. Is this about the energy resolution?

Laura said did you ask for that to be put on there?

Gary said yeah, that's the energy resolution. I've sent that back out for everybody to look at. We might need discussion on whether, where you're at on this resolution.

Meeks said I read that resolution. I really think that needs to go to Area Plan for discussion, because I really think they're going to really think about.

Gary said I'm thinking really hard about it too.

Meeks said and so, I think I would refer, ask them to look into it.

Gary said okay. What do you think, Tom?

Meeks said I know those people over in what, north of Indy are, yeah.

Gary said because it that particular lane it's talking about that we would go out and fight the battle for the companies to the public, and that's not the really way I see it.

Meeks said well that's, yeah, I don't think that's a...

Missy said that's what it says though.

Meeks said it's one thing to say that we're open to wind and solar, and you know, alternative.

Gary said right.

Meeks said it's another thing to say yeah, we're open to them and we're going to, we're going to go to bat for them, which is what I read that resolution to.

Gary said and, we are, we are basically saying we're in favor of any data center you can think about, no matter the size, and I'm not there. I'm more in favor of, if we're going to do it, starting with the medium, small ones.

Meeks said well I think the problem is we don't know.

Gary said we don't know anything about them.

Meeks said we don't know. We don't know what the taxing is going to be. Are they going to do away with property taxes? And what's the incentive to get a large, they don't employ anybody. A couple of, yeah.

Gary said well but to help Randolph County too, they've got to employ Randolph County residents for that to.

Meeks said well I think those data centers aren't very, I don't think they have very many employees and if they do away with personal property, which would be all the things in that data center, right? The computers are the personal property. Now you have a big building that you're taxing. I mean, it's going to be a, it's a lot of thinking on this one.

Gary said okay. So, Item 1, support for data centers or other large industry, county support the establishment of data centers within designated commercial and industrial zones subject to applicable zoning and environmental regulations if applicable. Then number 2 is streamlined permitting says we the county will explore expediting, we don't want to do that, permitting processes for data center developments that meet energy efficiency and environmental standards. Number 3, Infrastructure investment, county will work with utility providers to ensure adequate power, water and broadband infrastructure to support data centers. Community engagement, county will engage with residents and stakeholders to ensure transparency and address concerns related to the noise, traffic and environmental impact. And the sustainable goals data center, counties are encouraged to use local generation such as coal, natural gas, renewables or any other form of generation such SMR. I think they meant SNR, small nuclear reactors. I don't know what SMRs are. I know they're talking about small nuclear reactors. So, that's what we were looking at and discussing. And I agree, Meeks, this needs to go for Area Planning to take a good look at, and the commissioners, that's a lot for, for me, that's a lot to say yeah, I'm all in. And I'm not.

Meeks said I knew they were looking at one in southern Indiana, and they didn't have the consistent energy needs that they needed. That was a problem with the one, what my brother was telling me about.

Gary said with renewable energy, it's not that easy. You just can't divert the power to a data center off of the.

Meeks said well the protons go where the protons go.

Gary said yeah, there's power purchasing agreements, somebody else owns it.

Meeks said yeah but then they buy them from them. It is probably still consistent, I mean, you know.

Gary said are you sure it's not electrons?

Meeks said electrons, protons, electrons, I don't know. I went to law school I didn't go to.

Gary said that's the laws of physics. Tom, what do you have to say? What do you have to say on this particular?

Tom said if we're sending it to Area Planning, what are we asking them?

Gary said to do review and give us a report of their thoughts.

Tom said okay. Not necessarily do anything with an ordinance right now, just review and come back?

Meeks said where would that fit in our, I think I'd ask them where would that fit in our zoning and what would, it's just like that carbon sequestering. We didn't have that in the zoning.

Gary said right.

Tom said and do we maybe ask them to get other counties that have existing ordinances to try to get something that we can look at of what other counties are doing?

Meeks said it would be nice to have.

Gary said I'll just send this off to Debra Johnting and ask her.

Tom said right. Because right along that same thing, I had notes here and I think seen something before, one that's coming up and kind of along the same way, the battery storage.

Gary said right.

Tom said and it's, there's currently 8 battery storages operating in Indiana. And so, where with that in looking at ordinances, because that's, I know that's going to be coming, the question of whether we want to participate.

Gary said okay. Including energy storage, right?

Tom said yes.

Gary said not just battery.

Tom said battery energy storage system. B-E-S-S is what they called it.

Gary said what is it?

Tom said B-E-S-S, batteries energy storage system.

Missy said I don't think we know near enough to sign anything like that.

Gary said okay. You're next. You don't think we know near enough to sign something like this?

Missy said yeah.

Gary said and I would agree. Plus, our people, the Randolph County people need to weigh in too.

Missy said yeah.

Meeks said is this an M1 or a C3? I wouldn't think it's an industrial.

Gary said this would have to be M, I would think.

Meeks said I would think. I'd have to ask Debra what she thinks.

Gary said okay, do we need more discussion other than this on this particular right now?

Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission discussion

Gary said Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission discussion.

Laura said Missy wanted that on there.

Missy said yeah, I think we got an invoice to pay for 2026, and while it sounds good in the concept, I do not think we should renew and pay that. It's now gone up to about 9,000. That was the invoice that I saw. It was 9 thousand and somewhat dollars. You have to travel quite a bit and quite frankly, I don't know that we have high enough attendance, and I attended all but one.

Gary said right.

Missy said and when I left every time, I said what did I get out of this that I didn't know before, other than had lunch? So, I would recommend that we do not continue to join that.

Tom said do we need to be part of it for grant applications and such?

Gary said you, yeah, do you mind into to see what would be the cause and effect?

Missy said okay.

Gary said and then we can probably bring this up the next meeting.

Missy said I mean, they're doing things on their own. They talk about their projects.

Gary said I'm not disagreeing Missy, I'd just like to know what the cause and effect, just like READI grant, I thought there was a time when you had to be part of this to even be involved in READI.

Missy said yeah, okay. I'll check.

Gary said we'll find out cause and effect first and then take action after that?

Missy said okay, yeah.

Gary said anything else on that, Missy?

Missy said no. I mean, there are people who come up with, and tell you what projects they're doing and grants they're getting, and while it's really beneficial, it's kind of outside our boundaries.

Gary said in the beginning, I thought they just needed our population so they could section off a region.

Missy said there were 9 people at the last meeting. I think the first one.

Gary said out of how many?

Missy said 20 some. Yeah, probably 20 some.

EDIT Plan amendment (set EDIT meeting date)

Gary said okay, we got the EDIT Plan amendment and set an EDIT meeting.

Laura said do we want to table that since you're adding that 10,000?

Gary said please do. We'll table that yeah, because we're not going to probably get this thing in before December sometime anyway because of Thanksgiving holidays coming up.

Tom said I agree.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said yes.

Laura said what was it we added? Is it something we?

Gary said we added RAZ 32.

Laura said yeah, so we don't need that until 26

Meeks said yeah, RAZ 32 is in that one, yeah.

Gary said and then we're going to add on the Parker fire department. Alright. Missy, do you have anything else to add to this meeting?

Missy Williams-Joint Commissioner Council meeting, Randolph Nursing home building

Missy said I do. We spoke before about having a combined meeting between the council and the commissioners.

Gary said yep.

Missy said and I've got a couple dates and then maybe you guys could throw them out too. I think, at least several members of the council I think, has been very much in favor of just hacking out some ideas and sharing some ideas. So, my dates are, most people work, I don't, but, I've come up with Thursday, December the 11th at 6:00 p.m., Friday, December the 12th at 5:00 p.m., Saturday, December the 13th at 10:00 a.m. in the morning. And I'm open to any date, so, I just picked those. Went through some community calendars and I couldn't find a lot of things that were on those at those times.

Gary said well, in that particular timeframe, you get a lot of family stuff going on.

Meeks said I would say on the 13th is that secret families of Randolph County.

Missy said oh, that's right, yeah.

Tom said I cannot the 12th.

Gary said me either.

Missy said okay.

Gary said the Thursday is something I could look at. Can we get an agenda for something? I mean, we have to have an agenda.

Missy said yeah.

Gary said it can be pretty vague, but, do you know what the council is looking for, by chance?

Missy said no.

Meeks said I think they want to discuss the courthouse security.

Missy said yeah, that's definitely our topic, yeah.

Meeks said so, what time on the 11th may I ask?

Gary said 6.

Missy said I said 6:00 p.m. because I thought maybe.

Meeks said 6 is great.

Missy said just thinking of people who work outside of town, and get back in. I mean, it could even be 7:00 p.m. if that didn't give people enough time to get home.

Tom said on the 11th, I'm available for the 11th.

Gary said well I think that's a good date for me too. So, when we get the, do you want to send that to Laura and then she'll broadcast it out for everybody to look at?

Missy said yeah, yeah. We'll come up with a little itinerary.

Tom said also, you want to put renewable energy money on there?

Gary said renewable funding?

Tom said the funding, just have a discussion about where, what and how in the future.

Gary said okay, alright. Anything else?

Missy said I've only got one thing just to tell you is that the new owner of Summers Pointe, which was hit by a tornado, contacted me and wants to just get an idea if we have, what can happen, what could that become? And I've got my own thoughts, but if you have any thoughts, I would like to.

Gary said what are we talking about?

Meeks said the Randolph County Nursing Home.

Missy said Randolph County Nursing Home.

Gary said oh, okay. I could look at it. How big is it? What residency was in there? How many?

Missy said oh gosh, I don't know.

Meeks said there was a lot. My grandfather was out there.

Gary said where's it at? Is it behind the?

Meeks said it's right behind Baker.

Gary said Baker, okay.

Missy said Baker yeah. Just east of Baker Elementary. And it's got.

Gary said it's currently vacant?

Meeks said yeah, I think they only could give it to another not for profit, right? Or a, I mean, this county is not for profit.

Gary said they approach the Journey Home Missy?

Meeks said I don't know if they did or not.

Missy said no, they have not, because of some of the discussions on whether they were going to move somewhere else what they were going to do.

Gary said oh sure, I haven't heard any more, but yeah.

Missy said and I think she's open to.

Meeks said I can't imagine them not talking, I mean, I just would not

Missy said just excited somebody else has bought it and so, it's going to be something that they're going to look at renovating rather than letting it set for a while, because the, I want to call it the west side of it, was damaged pretty heavily. And on the right hand side goes out, I'm sure it has to have a lot of water damage in it. I'm thinking it may be a complete, I don't know. Might be a complete tear down or it might be the right hand side can be renovated and the left hand side couldn't. It might be a tear down and rebuild or something.

Gary said well if it sweltered all summer with the moisture in there.

Missy said yeah, yeah.

Meeks said a year and a half.

Gary said it might be cheaper to tear it down.

Meeks said I think they went and secured it.

Missy said yeah, they did.

Meeks said I think their insurance company did.

Gray said yeah, they would have, yeah. Where are they operating now?

Meeks said they're done. They closed out of Summers Pointe. I mean, not Summers Pointe, but, Pine Knoll. It's the one that's, those were the big winners.

Missy said yeah.

Meeks said they're expanding. They're putting 2 wings on, an Alzheimer's wing and another wing.

Missy said I'll send Laura some information and she can forward it onto you guys.

Gary said okay.

Missy said that actual email that she sent me if that's okay. I think it's a text message.

Gary said okay, anything else?

Missy said no, that's it.

Gary said Tom?

Tom Kerns -Union City Community Thanksgiving

Tom said the only thing I want to, bring it up every year, is Thanksgiving. The Union City School and some of the churches in the community come together and have a community dinner Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Usually serve around a thousand people, so, just wanted to put that out there. If you haven't been there, it's a neat event.

Gary said okay. Laura.

Laura Martin – Workforce Harassment training

Laura said one of the council members asked me if I would look into doing a workplace harassment training for the employees. So, I did and Bliss McKnight will do that for us, which is our insurance company. What I'm asking from you guys is to let me make that mandatory, because I don't think I'll get the attendance that we need to do it. They'll come in and do several sessions. That's a one-hour training for employees and they said they would be willing to do a couple here in the courthouse. They would be willing to go to the sheriff's department and do one, highway department and do one. And I've reached out to both Art and Jay about doing it at their facilities. Jay has responded that yeah, he was good with that.

Gary said did Art?

Laura said Art has not responded to me, but which, I'll reach back out. That was like last week, so I mean, maybe he hasn't even seen it yet. I don't know. But, I'll reach back out, but I would like is to, if we're going to do it, make it a mandatory one-hour training for employees and we'll set up several different times so they can rotate the employees in and out.

Gary said Meeks, what do you think?

Meeks said absolutely.

Gary said okay. Somebody like to make a motion that we make, what's the actual title?

Laura said it's a workplace harassment training.

Gary said workplace harassment training, mandatory to Randolph County employees once we set it up.

Tom made a motion to approve. Missy seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said anything else?

Laura said I think that's all I have.

Gary said Meeks?

Meeks said I don't have anything.

Citizen Comments (3 minutes)

Gary said anybody that's left in attendance? Thank you all for coming and staying. With that, will somebody, I have nothing.

Adjournment

Gary said would somebody like to make a motion to adjourn?

Missy made a motion to adjourn. Tom seconded the motion. All aye votes. Meeting adjourned.

Reviewed and accepted this 1 day of December, 2025



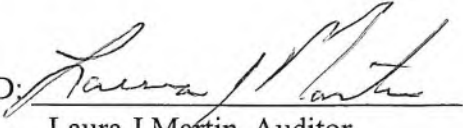
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