

## Randolph County Commissioners

August 7, 2023, 2023

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

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Michael Wickersham, President presided over the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

### Council's update

Mike said morning everyone. First item on the agenda is Randolph County Council, and I see Dave is here and Bev Fields is here.

Dave Lenkensdofer said morning. I've just got a few items here for you guys today that's been discussed in the last meeting, and our upcoming budget hearing. First, we approved \$150,000.00 for the Ridgeville water tower at our last meeting. So, that should be ready to go. Our salary committee, which consists of Bev, Mike Wickersham, Todd Holaday, and myself have met three times in the past few months to get a good look at our salary for the budget hearing. So, we felt like we did a pretty good job on that, got the right amounts in the right places. So, we'll just take those to the hearing and move forward with that. Our budget hearing is August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. You're all invited. Usually, the first day is a full day and then the second day is about a half a day. So, we're looking forward to that.

Mike said I think ours is at 9:30 on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Dave Lenkensdofer said I think that's right. I just glanced at the schedule. Also, during that budget hearing, and right after, we're going to discuss general fund monies going to rainy day. I've been in contact with Madison County to see how they're doing it. And what they do is they put so many dollars into a resolution and then approve that resolution going into the Rainy-Day account. And as of just last month, they have a little over 10 million dollars in their Rainy-Day fund. A lot of the counties in the state have been putting money back because of the increased cost of things. And so, moving forward, we'll have something to rely on. Our goal is to be around \$3.3 million, somewhere in that neighborhood before we'd feel comfortable that being a good number to move forward with. Also, in our budget hearing we're going to consider raising HSA contributions, \$250.00 for a single, \$500 for a family plan to help out the ever-increasing costs to the employees of health care coverage. It just seems like it's getting higher and higher every year. One thing I was looking at the balance of funds that Sherri sent out. Currently the Windfarm monies are over committed by about \$300,000.00. So, we'll have to take a look and see what we can do there to move forward on those monies.

Mike said that doesn't include the Solar farm. Riverstart. That has a positive amount doesn't it?

Dave Lenkensdofer said I don't know. I'd have to check that one Mike.

Mike said I think the Solar farm has a positive amount. I'm going to say \$1.3 million is there?

Sherrie Timmons said yes.

Dave said is there, okay.

Sherrie Timmons said and that question I sent you, I don't know where the 4-H is come from. And although there's an appropriation, that wasn't taken out, it was for the communication project.

Dave said right, \$400,000.

Sherrie Timmons said right.

Dave said but the communication money is still dedicated at this point?

Sherrie Timmons said yes.

Dave said okay. That's the \$400,000 for broadband towers.

Mike said that's EDIT money.

Gary Girton said the EDIT money is the 400.

Laura said the \$400,000 was for the broadband.

Gary Friend said we had a joint meeting to put it there.

Laura said the Windfarm? Yeah, that's what I thought.

Mike said we'll have to look at that.

Gary Girton said take it out of EDIT.

Dave said Bev, do you have anything?

Bev Fields said I don't have anything to add.

Dave said anything from the commissioners to ask us moving forward?

Mike said no, not at this time. I think one of the things we're going to be faced with in the next two or three months is an economic development budget from Randolph County United. And I

think in the past year, we support tourism in that. And tourism has helped Randolph United in support of that office as well. It's my understanding that they requested that this year, and it was not supported. So, it's going to create some, I guess, angst amongst Randolph United budget, seeking the budget there. Not sure what the rationale was for that.

Dave said well I think I can, a little information to that. The rationale is that they had, I think, \$41,000.00 in their cash account currently. The budget is \$24,000, so that left them 17 to work with. And then if we approve 15 out of that, they would not have any money to work with for the next year going forward on special projects. So, and it was voted 3 to 3. So, it wasn't a complete. If we had seven, it may have been 4 to 3. I don't know one way or the other. But that was the rationale behind it.

Mike said item 20 of our EDIT plan shows the sum of \$400,000.00 for Randolph County to use to provide broadband services to residents of the county, as well as upgrade broadband infrastructure. So, that is an appropriation out of our EDIT plan.

Laura said so it should come out of the Windfarm then?

Gary Friend said is that the first one of the auxiliary towers that never panned out?

Dave said it is.

Gary Friend said that's this 400 out of EDIT? This one here is about the tower out of windfarm.

Mike said that's what this was about. I think we did talk about Rainy day and I think we're talking about filling that up a little bit at a time.

Dave said right.

Mike said so, I think if you're interested in doing that, then I would recommend that the council take action from Windfarm and send it to us, and see if we want to take action on it.

Dave said okay and even maybe a possible match, so much out of General and so much out of Wind?

Mike said Council controls the general, so.

Dave said I look at that 3.3 trying to get to that amount over maybe a three-year period. And we can't do it all at once. There's just no way.

Mike said well I think we've had that discussion, and for me, that's a little quick.

Dave said yeah, even a three-year.

Mike said that's 2 million, what, 677,000 a year? You're talking about \$300,000 a year is what we were talking about.

Dave said currently, the fund, I think is at 1.1, so we need about 2.2 over three years.

Gary Friend said that would be about 700,000.

Dave said if commit so much from General fund and so much, it's doable.

Gary Friend said the number is derived a from catastrophic insurance situation. The stop loss gap.

Dave said that is correct. Right. Okay.

Mike said thanks Dave.

**Meeks Cockerill – Opening Fiber Conduit lease proposal**

Mike said next item, Meeks, opening fiber conduit least proposal.

Meeks said looks like we only have one from New Lisbon. It looks like the contract that we have been talking about.

Mike said NLBC?

Meeks said yes.

**John Greene, NLBC – Fiber conduit lease (tabled from 6/19/23)**

Mike said that brings the next item is the fiber conduit lease that we tabled from June 19<sup>th</sup> of 2023.

Meeks said just wanted to make sure they didn't change anything. I'd say approve it if nothing's changed since the last time, then we can check that.

Mike said and we had modified that, the points that you raised.

Gary Friend said longevity on one of them.

Meeks said yeah, we have a thirty-year lease, 90 days so the thirty's been changed. \$21,000.00, a \$1,000.00 annually I think that was the same, right?

Mike said are we responsible for the maintenance?

Meeks said I'm looking. Where was that at? If you guys want to go on, I'll look at this and we can pick it up at the end.

Mike said sure. Okay.

**Darin James, Coroner – Request for Grant application**

Mike said Darin James, coroner, a request for grant application.

Darin James said the grant application was through Indiana State Health Department. It goes off of, you have to use their reporting system to report all of our cases, which we already do. We have the past five years. If we use their program, and that gives them permission to pull autopsy reports and toxicology reports only for data purposes. And then the funding is determined of how many violent deaths we have in the county every year. This was based off of 2021. We received a \$1,090.00. And it's not money you pick out of supplies that we get through the State Health Department. They give us some sheets. They have supplies such as body bags, cameras, things of that nature. There's no money involved in it other than giving us the supplies. There're no matching funds, nothing of that nature into this grant. I think it's something that it's, for us, it's free supplies that we need, and we can, especially body bags right now, we need to get some stock. We're running low, and this should help us quite a bit actually.

Gary Girton said I'll move we approve the grant request of \$1,090.00 that he's requesting.

Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said okay. Thanks Darin. That has to go before council Tuesday morning.

**Sherri Thompson, Eric Devon-Purchase a vehicle for the Health Department**

Mike said Sherri Thompson and Eric Devon, to purchase a vehicle for the Health Department.

Sherri said so we're here today to ask about purchasing a vehicle, possibly two. With the new core services that the State has put into play, there's going to be a lot more driving, not only for the Sanitarian, but the school liaison is going to be a full-time position. And there's going to be some training and extra things definitely, that's going to have to be done that we'd have to drive back and forth on a daily basis, probably, especially with the school liaison. So, that's, those are the reasons that we're asking for the vehicles. We got a deposit from the insurance that was for the COVID when we did all the COVID immunizations, and it was a \$100,000, a little over a \$100,000. So, we were hoping that that might be some of the money that we could use to purchase the vehicles for the upcoming changes in the Health Department and the environmental side.

Mike said the \$100,000, now is that a reimbursement? Is that what you're saying?

Sherri Thompson said yeah, it's an insurance, it was from insurance when we gave COVID vaccines.

Mike said and the vaccines were free?

Sherri Thompson said vaccines were free. But you got an admin fee for giving it. And that's what that was.

Mike said but we also had expenses for the people giving those? They were additional expenses.

Sherri Thompson said yes. We did pay for most of that out of grants.

Mike said do you know, when you say most of that, do you have a breakdown of that?

Sherri Thompson said I don't have the breakdown. I mean, as far as our regular employees, everyone else that we needed came out of the grant money. So, none of it came out of county money.

Mike said and the new health standards that are going to get us this state grant, state money is going to increase our revenue in the health department?

Sherri Thompson said uh huh.

Mike said I guess I wasn't aware that it added responsibilities to the county sanitarian. What does it do there?

Sherri Thompson said yes. Do you want to take that Eric?

Eric Devon said yeah, on top of septic systems and food safety, I'm also, I also have to implement regulations on tattoo, swimming pools, and I have to deal with what they say is county-wide complaints, which I do a lot of now.

Mike said health complaints?

Eric Devon said yes. Environmental.

Mike said so are those all new responsibilities?

Eric Devon said besides the environmental, like septic and food safety, everything else has been added on.

Mike said okay. I think I remember reading about tattoo parlors. So, has the health board weighed in on this?

Sherri Thompson said yes. We had a meeting last week and talked to them, and they were fine with it, they supported it.

Mike said have you got a car in mind or cars in mind?

Eric Devon said I do, yes. My idea was to go with a smaller compact vehicle for myself because I drive the most. A 2023 Kia Forte and then a bigger SUV where the nurses could travel with supplies, tables all that equipment they would need. That is a 2023 KIA Sportage. Both are fuel efficient vehicles.



Sherri Thompson said and I, when doing the budget, I did put in lines for vehicles. So, the new money coming in would cover expenses for those.

Gary Friend said is there a prorated ratio on the coverage or will the new money cover it a 100%?

Sherri Thompson said it will cover it.

Gary Friend said a 100%?

Sherri Thompson said uh huh.

Mike said where, did that \$100,000 just go back to the General fund I take it?

Laura said that probably went back in their fund.

Sherri Thompson said yeah it did. It went into 1159. I have the date if you need it.

Gary Friend said 1159 is the fund that's supported out of General, or out of our levee, the levee fund?

Sherri Thompson said uh huh. That looks like it was March 16<sup>th</sup> is when we got that money.

Mike said and the board's decided that that's the best way to spend it, for two new vehicles?

Sherri Thompson said yes. They supported both. Some of the other core services, they're wanting us to go into homes, kind of help with you know, if there's wound care, things like that. So, that's another reason you know, but, for the health side of why we're asking for it.

Mike said who's going to be authorized drivers on these vehicles?

Sherri Thompson said just, it would be Tammy for the one and Wendy and me.

Eric Devon said myself.

Mike said well if the Health board is for it.

Gary Girton said I'll move we accept the Health board's recommendation.

Gary Friend said I have a question though. Is the vehicle policy going to with Randolph County or does the Health board have their own policy about the vehicles?

Sherri Thompson said we talked to, did you talk to Laura, and she was saying that we had our, or we had the plan here with the county.

Gary Friend said so you are aware that there will be like a W-2 attachment for the use of the vehicles? Is that right Laura?

Laura said yeah, it's \$3.00 a day that they get added, you talked to Danita about that?

Sherri Thompson said that is just if they drive it home, correct?

Laura said yes.

Sherri Thompson said for personal reasons.

Mike said I have a motion to approve the Health board recommendation to buy two KIAs, I forgot the compact, what was it?

Eric Devon said KIA Forte.

Gary Friend said and the SUV is it a KIA as well?

Eric Devon said yes.

Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

#### **Chris Peacock – Farm leasing**

Mike said Chris Peacock talk about farm leasing. I did get this year's extensions in Dr. Howell's 2024 leases signed.

Meeks said does Laura, Laura, do you have them?

Laura said yes. I have them

Mike said morning Chris.

Chris Peacock said good morning. I think most of you know us. I'm Chris Peacock. We started a local Halderman office over 26 years ago now, and about 4 ½ years ago, Lauren joined our business. She had worked with Monsanto previously, and we're blessed that she was interested in coming back to Randolph County and joining our local office. So, we've been involved in agriculture in a lot of different ways over the last 26 years, and sure appreciate Randolph County, and the opportunity to make a farm management proposal before you. We abbreviated our normal farm management proposal to actually, bullet points in respect to your time, so we have a proposal here on the first couple pages, a map, satellite image with the crop land tracts laid out for your reference, then pictures of each farm. We also have testimonials from current clients for you to consider as well. First page of our summary proposal, the Randolph County farms consist of several tillable, crop land, pasture land acres. These are all located south and east of Winchester. The land consists of approximately 169.23 tillable acres, utilizing three different cash leases with three different tenants. It also included approximately 37.91 acres of pasture



that utilizes a 4<sup>th</sup> lease. Most of these leases expire at the end of 2023. The crop land lease all expire at the end of 2023. Pasture land, I'm not exactly sure when that expires at this time.

Mike said 2024.

Chris Peacock said okay. Sounds good. What we're proposing for this is a partial farm management of the properties. You have your own through the Auditor's office you've been used to receiving payments there. We would still receive payments, but you guys do your own financial work. If you'd like for us to do the financial side of it as well with monthly reports, as well as year-end tax statements and year-end summaries, we'd be glad to do that. Also, handle the check book. But we have omitted that from this management proposal. So, the scope of what we're proposing is that we would work with you, the Randolph County Commissioners to learn your needs and desires for services that we can provide to help you and reduce the burden that you currently have. As far as leasing the farms, we would continue to advertise and receive bids for your farms, whether those be cash rent bids, or cash flex bids on the farms. We do annual lease completion, unless you prefer multi-year lease. We would receive rent payments, just to confirm that those are the proper amounts, and then we would deliver them to the Auditor's office. And then this would also, if you are willing, or utilizing the cash flex lease, then we would also calculate the cash flex payments for the tenants on the crop land leases. We'd monitor the soil test to make sure the property is being, the farms are all being fertilized properly to maximize the production on the farms as well as the income off the farms. And we'd track the annual fertilizer and chemical applications to insure that the farm is being properly cared for, so that it's not being mined and you also have a record of the chemicals being applied to the county land. We're finding this to be more important as people become more environmentally conscious in time here. We track crop production annually, and what this does, it provides historical data for the county land, as well as help us in calculating the flex lease. We'd also require documentation of the production coming off the farms. Would analyze each property annually and recommend farm repairs and maintenance projects as needed, and oversee these projects as you approve. You would not, we would work as your fiduciary. You'd have total control of everything still. We just work as your fiduciary, your employee. We would report to the Randolph County commissioners as often as what you request. What I'm picturing at this time is semi-annually, report to you twice a year. If you would like more, quarterly or even more often than that, we'd be glad to do that. We do that with other clients as often as you like, even monthly if you prefer. You'd probably like to see Lauren in here rather than me, I imagine, but I'd be glad to come in too. Revise the farm management services needed as you desire. As you move along through a management program, sometimes you see some other things that you'd like for us to do. So, we'd be glad to adjust to whatever you need. Next section, the fees for our service. We have these broke out for the partial management, farm management service, as well as for the full management. Again, we propose the partial management services. And we have these two tiered for the crop land versus the pasture land. Next steps, essentially what we would do for you is what you would do if you had the time and experience. We are here to work for you and we're ready, willing and able to help you with the Randolph County properties. We have a copy of the farm management agreement that, if you'd like for Meeks to review that. We'd just open the floor to any questions you might have.

Mike said so tell me about a cash flex?

Chris Peacock with a cash flex lease, what, the feedback we get from landowners, as well as tenants, is that it's probably the most fair lease that we have out there today. It's structured properly. What it does, it allows the landowner to, the lessor to receive a higher rent payment on a good year for a farmer. Where he might budget in, in that income of \$300.00 an acre, say, and on a good year you might have an income of \$600.00. So, on a straight cash rent, the lessor would not be able to capture any of the extra income that came in. With a cash flex lease, then we structure that on yield and price, to try to keep it fair for both sides. So, that, the additional gross income, part, a certain percentage of that can go to the lessor or the Randolph County Commissioners.

Mike said and that it works the other way as well?

Chris Peacock said no.

Mike said oh it doesn't.

Chris Peacock said so, you structure a base cash rent. And a farmer can lock in, a farmer can protect themselves on the income side with federal crop insurance. If it went both ways, a landowner cannot protect themselves on the income. So, we structure a base cash rent to where the landowner, the lessor, would be guaranteed that base cash rent, whether it be 250, \$300.00 or whatever it might bid at. The lessor is guaranteed that each year. And then there's the opportunity for a flex payment in December based on the actual yield and price off the farm.

Mike said so is that guaranteed amount, lessor in a flex lease agreement?

Chris Peacock said there's no guaranteed amount in the flex lease part of it, is the way we do that.

Lauran said except for the cash rent, the base rate.

Chris Peacock said the base rate is guaranteed.

Mike said is that lower in a flex lease or is that the same?

Chris Peacock said so, what we're seeing with bids in Randolph County, it usually is not lower. It usually equivalent to some of the higher cash rents in Randolph County.

Mike said and what would you recommend? Do you recommend an annual lease completion or a multi-lease completion?

Chris Peacock said so, we've learned over the years that as long as farmers know that there's a good chance they'll have the farm again the following year for years to come, they really do a nice job in sticking with the lease, and making sure that it's fertilized properly, so yes, I'd recommend they'd want a year-to-year lease, because it actually motivates farmers too, to keep

things mowed up and to do a good job reporting to us. But if you prefer a three-year lease or a five-year lease, we'd be glad to work with that as well.

Mike said so you would prefer an annual?

Chris Peacock said yes.

Mike said what do we do now?

Meeks said you have a three-year lease.

Chris Peacock said we work with both.

Meeks said I usually recommend the one-year lease also.

Mike said so, and your fee is in basically, \$9.00 per?

Chris Peacock said cropland acre.

Mike said and then at 1% of the farm's annual gross income?

Chris Peacock said yes sir. And \$4.50 for the pasture land, that's 1%.

Mike said that 1% gross income to us, so that would be, the flex lease, whatever they pay us at the end of the year, that's?

Chris Peacock said plus base cash rent.

Mike said yeah.

Chris Peacock said and there would be no flex payment.

Mike said well there's no question about it, I don't have the expertise to go out and negotiate the farm leases. I do know that in the past, it's my understanding from our tenants, what we have done is look at what Purdue recommends to be the annual average cash rent in the state, I think is what I heard, and I don't know if that's competitive or not. I just kind of relied on a previous commissioner to do that.

Chris Peacock said what we've learned about the Purdue data, and we contribute to that data as well, our local office does, but what we've learned is that it typically is behind the trend for the local area, especially in Randolph County. We're very competitive in Randolph County on leasing.

Gary Girton said do you have a 1% a year based on gross lease?

Chris Peacock said yes.

Gary Girton said the way I read this, it also applies to pasture land?

Chris Peacock said there would be no flex payment on pasture land, so it would be just the base fee on the pasture, yeah.

Gary Girton said that's what I thought, but the way I interpreted it is, it had, I didn't know where you were going to come up with the extra?

Chris Peacock said no, it's off the total gross income of the farm. It would be off the total gross income of the farm Gary.

Gary Friend said what's that total gross income, just the value of cash rent?

Chris Peacock said cash rent plus the flex.

Gary Friend said plus the flex.

Chris Peacock said yes sir.

Mike said do you have one of those agreements with you?

Chris Peacock said yes.

Mike said why don't you share that with Meeks and let him take a look at it. And then, let's table this for a couple of weeks and give us an opportunity to review it, and let Meeks review the agreement.

Meeks said it's the same one they used with the city. I've seen it before. It's, but I'll look at it again.

Mike said okay. Thank you.

Gary Friend said how is doing for Winchester?

Meeks said well Bob's here. He could probably tell you.

Mike said Bob's got a thumbs up back there.

Mayor Bob McCoy said it's a very good experience and again, not saying any of you guys aren't farm experts or anything like that, not that the council has really ever be interested in farming, throwing an expert in, actually made a world of difference.

Meeks said I would agree with that.

Gary Friend said I would make the motion we table it for two weeks, give Meeks time to look at our lease.

Mike said are you okay with doing that Gary?

Gary Girton said yeah, I think we need to review this particular piece of work, but I think the flex lease, in my perspective, is the way to go.

Mike said so, and I don't have it in front of me, just curious how this 169 acres breaks out.

Gary Friend said that's a good question.

Meeks said the home has a 129.61.

Mike said 129.?

Meeks said 61, according to, I'm using this. The airport has 31.8, and then Brumfield who is right across, that's that tract of land that's in the middle of his field, is 7.82. and then you have 37.9 on the pasture.

Gary Friend said how would you handle a parcel like Mr. Brumfield's that's in the middle of his field?

Chris Peacock said yes.

Gary Friend said you can't really bid, go out and bid against it, I mean, do they have egress on it? If somebody wins the bid.

Mike said it butts up against the county road.

Gary Friend said it does?

Chris Peacock said it does. So, there is access for other people to bid on that if they'd like. We will handle that however you would prefer we do, whether we offer that lease to Ben Brumfield at the same rate that the land on the west side of 300 leases for or if you would want open bids on that.

Meeks said I think it should be said so I don't get a bunch of telephone calls tomorrow, that they do a pretty good job of talking to the farmers that are farming, currently farming the farm, and would give them the opportunity first, because we don't have any problems with the current farmers.

Mike said okay.

Meeks said and I don't want to get a bunch of phone calls.



Mike said alright, any other questions? Thank you.

### **James Strong – Camp Trinity update**

Mike said James Strong, Camp Trinity update.

James Strong said we'd like to start by saying thank you for the use of the property. The location couldn't be better. We've really enjoyed being out there. It's been very beneficial to us. We didn't discuss, I wanted to tell you about open house. We had open house on June the 17<sup>th</sup>, and had a hundred and some people from the community showed up, walked the trails, ate a bunch of hot dogs and had singing and everything didn't we. It was a really good turnout. And a lot of people seemed to get involved and I was pretty happy about that. Cara is going to give you some updates on camp.

Cara Brumfield said I'm Cara Brumfield and I am the camp director that oversees like the big camp each year. This year we had camp in July, the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July, and we had 86 campers come this year. We were happy with that number. That was about what we could handle on the short notice of getting the property ready. So, we had a good turnout for camp, we felt like. We rented our local pool and we took them there to Goodrich Pool and they really enjoyed that. It might have been a little overwhelming to the lifeguards that day. They called in some extra help because I don't think there were expecting a group of you know, a 100 plus, once we had the staff there to keep an eye on the kids. And the kids really enjoyed that. We did a lot of catch and release fishing this year. The boys really enjoyed that, especially, I think the 12-year-olds might have had the most fun with that. They were sending pictures to me, and they were pulling out some bass out of that pond that was, I don't want to be a fish story, but they were pretty good sized, and if you go to the face book page, you'll see that. So, they really enjoyed that. We even had one little boy who told one of our counsellors that, there's a turtle, we've got to catch that turtle. The next thing I knew, we had a picture of the camp counsellor up to his waist in the pond, and that little boy was telling him exactly how to grab that turtle out of there. So, that was a lot of fun with the pond. We had someone come out for a day of archery with the kids. We also had the girls' boutique that we always do, which is always completely free, like everything in camp. We tell the kids leave your money at home, there's no where to spend it. So, I went in there one day. The girls always look forward to that because we just set up this big store, big, where the girls can go in and use their tokens for things that they've earned throughout the day. And so, one girl was in there and she was trying on several different pairs of blue jeans, and she's like, I'm school shopping. So, that was kind of a neat, you know, being able to go in and know that she was able to get some things that she needed. We have one little boy, this was his third year. He is 11 years old, and his grandmother brought him. I met her out at the parking lot because she's not really able to take his things up. She was kind of getting frail. But this little boy has been with us three years, and his mom passed away of an overdose two years ago. He's still with us, and she said this, he says this is the best part of his summer. So, you know, every time I tired in getting all this stuff ready, I think of him and how this is the highlight of his summer. And so, he was able to come this year. We were excited for that. He's planning on coming next year. He's ready to go with it. We were able to do 8 worship services with these kids that week. We did daily devotions with them. We have one particular boy who, he came, he's like, I sure didn't know about this. He's 15 years old and he's like, I didn't know about you guys when I came. He had never been to church in his life. And so, since then, he has been



coming to church. He's been going to some bible study with our adult young counsellors, he's been doing bible study with them. And he was excited because he's like, I've never been to church, I need you guys to slow down, and I really need to know about who this Jesus is, and his life, so, can he just start doing the bible study about that. So, they since started bible study about that with some young people. Wednesday evenings, we have been going out to the campgrounds regularly. We're trying to gather up as many of these campers as we can, so it's not just like a one-week, we had camp, it's great to see you, we'll see you next year. So, we've actually been picking people up from Modoc, Farmland, Union City, and Winchester. And some kids were lucky enough that they could get a ride out to the campground on their own. So, that's nice. So, we've been mentoring them out there, trying to do it on a weekly basis. We'd still like to plan some more like, day time things for them, more longer than just an evening. We've kind of had to, we didn't know we were going to have this property. You all know that, and so, our calendar was not really planned out. But, I think that for the amount of time that we've had to plan, we've done pretty good about mentoring and reaching out to the kids. So, that's kind of what went on. We served over 800 ice cream cones at camp this year, and that's one of the favorite things that the kids had to do going on out there. And it was just, it was a good week. I feel like it was a really good week. We had return campers, like I said about the one little boy, but we had new kids come, and they were excited because it was close, the parents were able to bring them and drop them off. That was really nice for us because before, we were busing them to Ohio.

Mike said where was the camp last year?

Cara Brumfield said last year, it was in Wilmington, Ohio.

Mike said and how many campers did you have last year?

Cara Brumfield said we limited it last year to 60 because of transportation issues. So, we were to host more this year because of it being close. And it was so nice them being able to just be dropped off at the campground. We were also able to have a family night. On Thursday evening we catered in chicken and we just invited the families to come out and be able to see what was going on. And not all the kids' families came out. Some kids get dropped off, and literally, as their parents are leaving, they're like we might come back, and we're like, well we hope that you come back. But, we have a good turnout for family night overall. It was nice to have them in to be able to see what was going on. Anything else I need to add? I didn't really go over too much of the spiritual aspect.

Robert said we did have, we did have 28 that were baptized for the first time.

Mike said James sent us a nice report.

Robert said yeah, glad he did. And we've got some other things planned that he's going to catch you up on those things.

Cara Brumfield said also the Gideons gave out a bible to each camper this year. So, that was a great opportunity because it's a place that they can come in to the young people and actually

hand out the little new testaments and go. The Gideons were gracious to us that way, and helped us out with that. And we're thankful for that.

James Strong said we've got a side note, because we were local this year, we were able to have several area churches, one of which came and catered our dinner one night. And it was the most famous dinner among the kids, tacos. But, we're excited to be local now because of that, we can fellowship with people that are in our area. As you seen on the letter, a big number of our 12-year-old kids didn't know the story of Jesus. It just amazed me. I cried over that and you know we have, I think 67 churches in this county. And there isn't really any good reason that we should have a group of young people that don't know what Jesus is about. And so, we've got, we're going to have a day camp. We were going to have that the end of this last month, and we had bad communication with the DCS office. But, we've got that worked out, and we're going to start it, the first time will be the 26<sup>th</sup> of August. And we're shooting for 50 kids a month. And Lord willing, it'll be 50 different kids every month. These are kids that we don't normally get, and a lot of them will be from the DCS foster care. So, we're also going to have a community picnic on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August. We've sent out letters to all the churches in the county Friday, so they'll be getting them by Monday hopefully. And I'd like to see some of those churches, I'd like to see all of them. I expect a few of them hopefully, and we're inviting the people from the community to bring their kids. There's going to be archery and ax throwing, corn hole games and volleyball and a lot of other stuff. There're serving food, have music all day. And we're hoping to get some of the churches to fellowship in maybe some way, have a common goal I'd like to see us use that property to do so. There's enough of us in this community that we could really make good use of that. We would like to have other people like minded to do that with us. Yeah, so that's what I've got on that. That'll be on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August. Come out. It starts at 11:00. Bring your family and friends, have a hotdog and hamburger.

Mike said ice cream cone.

Cara Brumfield said yeah, and ice cream cone.

Mike said well it sounds like it's been a successful summer for you.

Cara Brumfield said it's been a good summer. It's been a busy summer. But it's been a good summer.

Robert said we were going to update you on some of the things that we've seen on the property, some of the things that we've done. Paul here, is really in charge of our property development down in Arba Pike before we came to Camp Yale and he's been instrumental in that, and helping you with this property too. So, Paul do you want to talk to them about the property?

Paul Kirkpatrick said yeah, I mean, I've got a few things to say. If you've been out there, you've seen we've been working on it, what we could. I am Paul Kirkpatrick. I am the assistant pastor of church. But they say well, at Arba Pike, I'm the one that was laying it out and getting permits and building, and all of that stuff. They said well what are you at Camp Yale? I said I'm the custodian. So, I get on the mower and I ride it. But we did, we were able to do a lot. We were able to take the picnic shelter, as you've seen. That was one of our big things because it was a

really easy fix to a big problem. We needed dorms. The building was half there. I remember telling Ed when he was out there, took us out there, we said I think we can put walls around this and make it a dorm. And we did. It took us just a couple of days. I think there are 30 something beds in there. It was completely full for camp. We put central air conditioning in there. Made a wonderful dorm room temporarily. Obviously, it's not big enough for the goal of the amount of kids we have. And I do want to say right now that we talk a lot about Camp Trinity, because we've done it 17 years. And that's what we are, that is the ministry of our church, a camp for kids who can't afford it. But, you know, a place like this, and it was our goal also, for Arba and still is, is not just that us and the churches can use the property. We would like the community, you know, sometimes businesses will have community where they'll take their employees out and spend the day with them, and they'll do things. We want it to be used any good purpose, whether it's at Arba or here. It's not just Camp Trinity. We talk about Camp Trinity because that's our little camp. But, you know, the ultimate goal is to make a facility, whether here or at Arba, that is conducive to maybe you know, a factory saying we want to take our employees out for the day or whatever it is. You know, whoever it is, if it's a good cause, we want it to be a property that will serve those needs.

Mike said that's what the YMCA tried to do with it.

Paul Kirkpatrick said okay. Well, you know, we're not basing what we're doing on whether that end of it is a success. If we have a place to have camp and tell kids about Jesus, that's what we're going to do. And we're going to do it, no matter where we're at, whether it's at Arba, but you've got to utilize a property like this. You can't just say well our goal for that is to have one camp a year because you can't maintain that.

Mike said I think your original goal was to offer other camping.

Paul Kirkpatrick said absolutely, right. And we have had already, quite a bit of interest from other churches and organizations that's asked us about it. My sister got a great big message the other day from an organization saying what do you have, what do you offer, you know, we're looking at maybe wanting to use it in the future. Okay, so, anyway, we've put a lot of money into it this year. There was a lot of things that we had to do that we really didn't know even when we went out there with Ed. We ended up redoing all the plumbing. We thought there weren't many leaks until we went to turn the shower rooms on, and then it was basically a water sprinkler everywhere.

Cara Brumfield said we did the plumbing in the back, but something still needs to be done in the shower area.

Paul Kirkpatrick said we've still got plumbing leakage that needs done, but anyway, we ended up putting new water manifolds in. We ended up basically redoing most of the plumbing. The electric, we blew a transformer out like the second day we there because it just wasn't up, so they came out and put a bigger one in. We spent about \$2,000.00 running electric just to what we needed just to get by quickly on a whim. We've got to have this, and got to have this, got to have this. And these are just parts. They're not even the labor. All the labor was donated. Nobody got paid anything. So, you know, we said this was the most expensive camp we've ever

had to this day, and it really was. It really was the most expensive camp we've ever had. Not saying that complaining because we did a lot more. We bought a new ice machine and put in there. We bought a new ice cream machine because ours was worn out. We did a lot of things. We had a great camp. But there's still a lot that need done, you know. The trails, there was lots of activities back in there that's been put in, but many of them are almost rotted away. We didn't even get to all of that stuff. We didn't, you know, we just were trying to get to have camp. And so all that still needs done. There's no venting in the roofs on any of the buildings, so it's like 2000 degrees it seems like up in the top of the buildings. There needs to be some venting, some siding repair. Siding is going to have to be painted after this winter. You know, there's a whole lot that needs to be done. I'll just end with this because we could go on and on, and there's other people here. We like the property. We like using it. But to make it conducive to what, because part of the deal was, go and see if it was something we think that we can use for the vision of what Camp Trinity is. And so, we've proved, yes, we can use it. But to be able to see the full vision, you know, come into fruition, there is going to have to be you know, we need a kitchen, we need dorm rooms. If we're going to be renting it to other people that would come out, we've got to have some of these facilities for them. There will need to be septic improvements, you know, whenever you start building, they always want you to add this, that and the other. So, there's a whole lot that needs to be done, and I know we leased this until November, I think, 1<sup>st</sup>, was November 1<sup>st</sup>, and it was okay because we have a full summer of activities. But what we did when we did that was we've got ourselves locked in the valley of indecision from now until November when we have two or three months. One of the, two of the things that need to be done to this property, is there needs to be water ran. We haul, we have literally one water spicket that we were feeding the entire camp out of to try to do things with. And so there needs to be, the water grid needs to be ran, the electric needs to be updated, you know. I think we have 600 amps out there. One of the advantages to Arba is, is we have already got the \$10,000.00 permit for that septic that will run everything, and we've already got 1200-amp service ran in the property, which cost us \$12,000.00 by the way to get done there. Well this would be done there. So, there's several things that need to be done, and right now, it's still 70, 80 degrees out. I mean, I could be trenching water lines somewhere, but I don't know where to do it. I don't know if we're going to be at Camp Yale. I don't know if we're going to be at Arba. We own Arba. We've got to do something with the property. And so, we've kind of got ourselves, well we'll come in in November and start talking about whether we think we can do long term or what we're going to be able to do with Camp Yale. But now, accidently, we've got ourselves two or three months that I could be making progress and spending money somewhere, and I don't know where to do it.

Robert said so, we do want to know, you know, is the county interested in a long-term property solution, whether we buy the property or you know, we're wondering if this was a one-year thing, or whether you guys want this to be more than that. And I know that you don't have to make that decision today, but we don't want that decision process starting in November, because it's really going to put us behind the 8 ball. We're talking about starting that process and the lease expires. So, we're kind of here today to wonder what your thoughts are on it. Is there a pathway going forward for this to be more permanent?



Mike said well, we need to make a decision, I understand that. But I think you and your group needs to make a decision based upon what I just heard. There's a whole lot of money that's going to have to be spent wherever you go.

Robert said yes there is, either property.

Mike said and you looked at Camp Slingshot, or Camp Yale as an opportunity to bring your camp here and maybe save you some money. I'm not hearing that you're saving a whole lot of money by going to Camp Slingshot if you have to run electricity and run water, which you have it at Arba, put in a larger greater septic system at Camp Slingshot than what you have now, that's your big expense that you're looking at, the next expense at Arba. So, I guess, I understand that we have to make a decision, and I've said for several months that it's going to be difficult for me to sell that property when it's in the middle of a property that we own around it. Now we've done that before, and that doesn't mean I couldn't be convinced of that, but I think you folks need to figure out where you ultimately want to be. Do you want to be at Camp Slingshot?

James Strong said I think we do. We've had discussions. We would like to be at Camp Slingshot. We love the location, and it does put us forward financially with shower houses and several of the little buildings really promote quite a bit. The thing, I think our biggest concern is we've got several, we've got several investors that are interested in putting money into our ministry, and we want to build 2 or 3 million dollars' worth of buildings. We believe this is very possible. We are skittish about going to our investors and saying we're going to build this 2 million dollars in buildings, but it's on somebody else's property.

Mike said I understand that.

James Strong said and so, we also understand that you guys don't want this to wind up being with houses on it in 8 years. Well our church collapsed and we sold it off, and it became residential. We don't want that to happen either. We understand your concerns. We would be willing to have a discussion concerning that with the attorney, who is a lot smarter than we are about it, but we want to be there. We want to move forward. We would like to get the ball rolling right now on a decision, that way we're not in cold weather starting the decision process. We would like for you to be thinking about selling it to us, and under some arrangements, we'd like to move forward.

Paul Kirkpatrick said we would like to figure out some way to get a purchase agreement somehow. I mean that is it. If we could purchase it, there's no doubt it's where we want to be. We'd like to figure out some way to make it to where you know, if we purchase it that's fine, but, if anything ever happens in a 100 years or 50 years or whatever, that somehow the county would have a chance to get it back some way. I don't know how to do that.

Mike said it would automatically come back to us.

Paul Kirkpatrick said yeah. So, I'm not an attorney, I don't know how to do that. But anyway, you know, to build buildings on it, it really needs to be ours in all honesty. And then, you know, the other real short thing is, is one advantage is, is we would have the Arba property hopefully,

to help finance. If we get Yale, then we would have the Arba property, which we own, to help move Yale forward, either to go towards the purchase price, or to build something, or whatever. So, that's where we were at.

Gary Friend said I went out and visited. I think it was you I talked to Paul. They've done a remarkable job out there I thought. And we discussed, the same discussion Paul just had now, he was talking to me about it. And I understand that, so, I think we have to get to a resolution. I'm not really big about selling it either, as I told you, but I'm also in favor of it moving forward with some kind of perspective solution that it return to Randolph County if anything happens to the mission. And I know you need to use the value of the property as collateral to even go forward into this. So, then, that brings up, is there going to be a lean against the property if you were to have a problem. So, I think we ought to be moving forward with the possibility of, if you had your choice right now, you'd say Camp Yale right there

Paul Kirkpatrick said if I had my choice today.

Gary Friend said is that the congruent, is that what everybody thinks?

Paul Kirkpatrick said yes. It's unanimous. If we knew that we could own, that's absolutely where we would go. There's no question about it.

Gary Friend said well like you, I would have to get all my information from our counsel.

Paul Kirkpatrick said yes, absolutely on that. We understand that.

Gary Friend said I think what you've done was great and it looked nice out there. It looked well taken care of.

Paul Kirkpatrick said thank you, appreciate it.

Mike said Gary, any thoughts?

Gary Girton said well I missed the opportunity to come and visit your camp. I had every intention of doing that. I got too involved and the week was gone before I got a chance to stop in. That was on my part because I had full intentions of visiting. But anyway, I think it's, you've done exceptional things out there in a short period of time. I'd like for it to continue, but I'm still not in a position at this time, without further discussion, and I'm not saying I wouldn't change my mind. I don't know, you'd have to have Meeks to come up with something that would satisfy us, but anyway, I think we would like for you to stay there. I would like for you to stay there. I know I drive by the property on 36 all the time and the progress you've made there. And I was glad to see that being marketed if it can't be used for something like that in the county. I hated to see the Y have to walk away. I think COVID was the downfall of their plans, because they had a lot of things going for them, then all of a sudden everything shut down. They just didn't survive, they couldn't recover. And that was a shame. Anyway, I think we need more discussion but I think we need to move forward from my perspective, I don't know what our next step is. I think you need to come up with what you think you would like to have in order to



operate next summer, and come back and have us look at what you need to do immediately, because as you say from a contractor's standpoint, I do that work all the time.

Mike said so what I'm hearing is, you would like us to make a decision before building this.

Paul Kirkpatrick said yeah, our decision is made. We'd like to stay there, so the ball's in you guys' court.

Mike said so would September 5<sup>th</sup> be soon enough?

Robert said the sooner the better. So, if that's as soon as you think you could.

Mike said well we can have Meeks maybe give us some options on how we could do that, and we could be back and give you the direction you need on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Paul said thank you. We appreciate your time and what you've done in this matter already.

Robert said may I say something?

Mike said sure.

Robert said I think you know me. I've worked with this since we started this. Something that, one of our fears is purchase versus lease is what we discussed at the board meeting was, for the most part, I think most of you are God fearing men, but our fear is that the next generation won't be. And they may not share our vision. So, a lease, long term, might be inhibited by their lack of faith. And unfortunately, you can't look around anymore and not see how much our society is sliding away from the Gospel. I mean, we're really running into a Godless system and so that was one of the things we'd like you guys also to consider is the people that would replace you guys in the future, that would be able to honor your decision.

Mike said there's no question we're going to be replaced, but we also heard loud and clear from everybody that you want to buy the property. I understand where you are coming from. I would be voting the same way if I were on your team, that I would want to buy the property. But the advantage you have is you have another property. Maybe not as good, in your opinion, at this point in time, but at one point in time, it was pretty darn good to make that investment.

Paul Kirkpatrick said yeah, it's still a beautiful property out there.

Mike said September 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Daniel Baker – Make My Move**

Mike said Daniel Baker.

Daniel Baker said good morning. So, this morning I have with me, I have Ryan Pike and Mike Rutz, sorry I screwed that up, from Make My Move. Ryan is the present CEO of that Organization. And so today, we have a request I had sent to you over the weekend. My

apologies for not sending it earlier in the week. We were super busy over at RCU. So, Make My Move, I think many of you have heard of the program. The overall program is to market Randolph County to remote workers across the country to incentivize them to move into the area. The overall incentive is that these individuals would most likely bring with them a, either a spouse or a trailing individual or family potentially, that would add potential jobs, or individuals to be able to work within our workforce, but also to increase our economics in the area. As you can see in that presentation that you had received, I don't have the slide on me, but just 5 movers, you have an economic output of \$227,305.00, which is about \$45,461.00 per mover. So, today, we are, I am requesting the commissioners' support for this overall program. The email I had sent you this morning, I'm going to break that down so that it kind of makes sense to you. For 5 movers, the overall cost to Make My Move is \$72,750.00. We are asking that the commissioners also support \$5,000.00 per mover as an incentive to move into the county. And then the total program cost for 5 movers, \$97,750.00. With that, the IEDC has supported this program with a 50% match. So, as we move into, we're going to be creating that grant application in conjunction with this agreement as soon as we decide if we want to move forward with this or not. The 50% match, they will pay 50% of that up front, and then the next 50% of that after 2 movers come in for the 5-mover piece of it, meaning out of the total package, you have \$97,750.00, \$58,875.00 is the potential 50% match from IEDC. We'll receive half of that \$48,875.00 up front until we get 2 movers into the county. So, here today, I am requesting the commissioners appropriate either for the 5 movers or the 10 movers, but the amount of money that we need for the Make My Move program, the \$72,750.00 on 5 movers. You can see that there is a discount if we were to go with 10 movers. And that discount is roughly \$4,550.00 per mover. And in terms of what we would be paying Make My Move. So, I want to pause there and give Ryan some opportunity to kind of explain the program in more detail than I can. That's why I brought them, so that they can explain the detail, and give Ryan and Mike to give us more information.

Ryan Pike said yeah, sure. Thank you for that opportunity Daniel. So, just to kind of touch base, I know Daniel talked about the benefit of obviously, the potential for a trailing spouse, the potential for you know, families, kids entering the school system. Just wanted to kind of go back to the remote worker and, well, so, the major benefit to the remote workers obviously, is they are incremental consumer spenders and they're incremental tax payers. So, essentially, they're new additions to the community, they come, they bring their jobs with them, and its immediate spending power. What Make My Move, where we come into play, we provide Randolph County with a platform, right, essentially where you guys can market the community. And so, I always tell people, it's different from tourism right, this is not tourism marketing. It's community marketing. And so, I think one of the things that makes the partnership so unique and so special, is that we really help you know, the community itself, find all of the ingredients that make the sauce so special in Randolph County. And we promote all of those things to current applicants and new applicants that will come along. And so that's kind of really all I had to say in a nutshell. If you just, professionally speaking, I mean, we are an online market place that connects people all over the country shopping for a new place to live with communities that want to actively recruit those individuals and we find that there are people all over the country looking for a new place to live. They're migrating ironically, from the west coast and the east coast. They're coming back to the Midwest, and a lot of it is just because one, we're Hoosiers, we're humble, we're great people. Two, you know, some of these people obviously, they're looking

for a more affordable lifestyle, right, and so, we can provide that here in the Midwest. Three, a lot of times, they're looking for the opportunity to get involved in their community. And then four, sometimes where they're at, they're just looking for a safer environment, if that makes sense. Mike, do you want to add anything?

Mike Rutz said I'll just say, this is part of a state-wide program, so there's 24 other communities around the state that are doing this program with the matching funds through the IEDC. The IEDC sees that there's a form of economic development, rather than traditionally incentivizing companies to relocate to communities, where a lot of communities get left out or they you know, they invest money, and then that company never ends up filling those job or building those buildings. So, this is really economic development through people. And that's how we look at it. That's how the Indiana Economic Development Corporation looks at it. And that's why they're building, that's why they're putting this money to the program. And it's generating returns right now. So far, across the state, we've recruited over, around 650 new Hoosier citizens with an economic value of around 25 million for those in the first year and a half of the program. So, it really is you know, it's working, it's generating new tax revenue, it's generating new economic, or new consumer spending. And then also, you know, it does feed the eco system with people, right. You know what I mean, you guys were talking about being replaced, you know, who's the next generation going to be. A lot of these folks are folks that want to, they don't, they want to come in and they want to improve the community and participate and contribute, which I think is really important for communities across the state of Indiana.

Mike said of those 24 communities, how many of those are counties?

Mike Rutz said so that comes in a variety of shapes and sizes. For instance, like Radius, which is a regional economic Development organization. They are one of the clients that we work with, but they have 9 counties. That typically comes through counties. So, we market.

Mike said as an example, what's their goal?

Mike Rutz said 45.

Mike said 45 movers.

Mike Rutz said and they've actually recruited, they've recruited.

Mike said that's 5 per county?

Mike Rutz said yeah. They've recruited 45 in the last year. They re-upped and they continued to do that.

Mike said so, and I kind of ask this question based upon your other request this morning, what are you going to create for the county to market?

Ryan Pike said well in part, the county comes up with that, right. That's, I think that's one of the, so we work hand-in-hand with each county. The county sort of comes up with an incentive package, right.

Mike said I understand that.

Ryan Pike said and so then, we market that incentive package.

Mike said what are the tools for marketing that?

Mike Rutz said so, we're marketers. Just to give you some background, we came from a company called Angie's List. Maybe you've heard of it? So, our co-founder was Bill Asterly, who was with co-founder of Angie's List. And Angie's was a marketing company, right. You know what I mean, we helped market to consumers, service providers who would offer great service. It's similar so, we basically, pull together a lot of pictures. The key here is the stories though. What you're selling is the people. What people really want to know when they're making the decision about relocating to a community, it's not what's it going to be like if I live there for three days, like tourism, it's going to be what's my Friday night going to be like, who are my network of friends, what's that going to be like, what kind of interesting community and improvement opportunities are there. What's the community doing to improve itself. Where can I get involved. So, we really go in and we look for stories about interesting things that people are doing within the community, and why they love living in Randolph County. And we take that, we turn it into, videos, there's pictures, some stories. And then we just do good ole fashion marketing. We do PR, digital marketing, SEO, SEM, a variety of different ways to get the message out there.

Mike said okay. So, these success stories, how big a factor does housing play?

Mike Rutz said it matters.

Mike said I know it matters. I guess I'm thinking if I'm moving from a place and I'm coming to a community, I want to see what housing list they have. And I don't, do we have a housing inventory that we could put on this?

Daniel Baker said we do. We'll have to get that, and I don't have all the numbers on me right now, but we can get that.

Mike said I noticed Jay County, they just refer to realtors.

Mike Rutz said the interesting part about it, we've been doing this for 2 ½ years, almost 3 years now. Interest rates skyrocketed last fall. Before that, our buyer to renter ratio was 1 to 1. Actually, it was 50% renters, 50% buyers. We've seen it move to 3 to 1 renters. Now that doesn't mean they are moving out. We have an 85% retention rate with all the communities we've worked with and people who have stayed for over a year. It just, the housing inventory is difficult. So, one of the things we're doing is we'll go out and build a relationship with a property management company. And we'll say hey, is there a way you can help us with these



individuals who are interested in moving to Randolph County, and sometimes they kind of give them the red carpet, you know, make sure that they get calls back quickly, and that applications get processed fast, things like that.

Ryan Pike said and on top of that, through the actual platform, homeowners, realtors, whoever, they'll have an opportunity to list those things if they choose.

Mike said sure. I think Muncie and Jay County both have those opportunities.

Ryan Pike said yeah.

Mike said do we have an incentive package?

Daniel Baker said we don't have a full incentive package. That's what I was going to cover next. But I have spoken to the YMCA and they've, at least currently, they're at 5 right now. I'm sure we can probably talk them up to 10 if that's an appetite you guys want to look at. I'm in conversations with the golf course. No hard package yet, but we are also in conversations with some other businesses in the area as well. So, we don't have that full package together just yet, but we definitely want to add on top of it. From conversations with Ryan earlier today and before, a lot of what they, the success is beyond just the \$5,000.00. People want free pies for 12 months. They want the ice cream. I think you had one county or city, they offered 12 months of ice cream. And, that's actually an incentive because it connects them to the community. And that's what a lot of these individuals are wanting.

Ryan Pike said yeah, and I mean, we kind of looked at Perry County. I know Jay County is pretty close to where you guys are, so I did a little bit of an assessment from Jay County with respect to Perry County. Randolph County is very similar to Perry County in population. I think they're like 19,000 plus, plus of 20,000. But, you know, what's unique is that they offered, and I can hand these out so you guys have it. But their incentive package totals up to 8700 versus Jay County's, which is 5600. And some of the things, kind of like to what Daniel just said, they've got very niche kind of catchy things like, you know, stays at local wineries, farm-to-table dinner tickets, free pint of ice cream. A lot of times, that's what gets people to go. They start thinking about all these things and they're like, yeah, it would be great to have a free pint of ice cream once a month, right, or you could sub ice cream with pie obviously, because of some of the local businesses here. And on top of that, as I sort of did a deep dive and did this assessment, the other part that really makes these campaigns so successful, are the people like Daniel, the people that are going to administer the program. And so, Perry County has had four times as many offers I think, as Jay County. They're on the border of Kentucky. Randolph is on the border of Ohio. So, just a lot of similarities I think, between the two counties just based on population and those types of things, border states.

Mike Rutz said one thing, I'll talk, it's not the pie. It's not the pie. It's the fact that someone is going to make the pie for them and deliver it to their house. You know what I mean? These are folks that are coming from places like Boston, New York, Chicago, right. And it's really funny because they're an amenity-laden community with huge populations. But these people are going well I really have no connection to the community. So, what they're looking for, truly, we've

surveyed it, we've done research on this. What they're looking for is connection to the community. So, these things are on ramps to get them you know, to help them build roots and relationships within the community. That's really how we try to design those programs. It isn't the pie. It's that person that's going to make the pie for them and deliver it to their home, just like we do with new neighbors.

Mike said so, I just heard something new. I think I heard something new, that the IEDC second part of their match comes when they first come in?

Ryan Pike said when you at least get 2 movers on the 5, and then.

Mike said what if they don't come in? Do you not get that match?

Mike Rutz said they'll extend it. So, basically, it's a year-long grant. If you don't get to that point by the time you ended, the grant has expired, they'll just extend it.

Mike said yours is 14 months. Will you extend yours as well? Is that how it works?

Ryan Pike said yeah.

Mike said so, it's guaranteed beyond the until you get the 5?

Mike Rutz said we'll get you 2.

Mike said get us 2?

Mike Rutz you get the 2, and then once those slots, the remaining slots are filled, that's when we look for the grant renewal.

Ryan Pike said yeah, and one thing Mike, just to kind of add, I mean that's, we're working with communities, we're growing, we're learning. And we value and consider this to be a long-term play, like this really isn't a short-term like let's try this out and see how it goes. I mean, really, it is, it's a long-term play, and so at the end of the day, we're going to do everything we can to help you guys get to where you need to go.

Mike said I notices the agreement was September. That seems a little premature to me.

Ryan Pike that's not anything that has to be set in stone. All that stuff can be changed. I just wanted to give you a vision and a road map.

Mike said I've been in a couple of meetings, and I don't, forgive me, but I don't, do we have a board recommendation from Randolph United on this program?

Daniel Baker said we don't have a full board recommendation. The board is well aware of this.



Mike said I understand that. I want to make sure I didn't vote for it and not realize it. But I did hear the presentation, so I've been through this several times. And I guess, for me, I think before we move on this, we should have a Randolph United full board recommendation, which raises the other question, and I just heard I think Ryan referred to it, or maybe Mike, that you are the follow up on this Daniel. And at one of the meetings I was at, there was some question who was going to be our local connection to the Make My Move when we have people come and say hey, I like Randolph County, how do I get that free pie. And we had a long discussion about who's going to take charge of that locally, because somebody is going to have to take charge of it.

Daniel Baker said yeah, so, with the full board approval, my plan is to take charge of that recognition, yes.

Mike said okay. And then I guess, I think it's pretty critical that we have an incentive package in place and in hand as well as a housing inventory that we can link to. And maybe that comes quickly.

Mike Rutz said it's usually, we'll usually start marketing, we'll market as quickly as possible. We don't have to have a fully baked program in order for us to start going to market. We'll build on it as, you know, we start flying the airplane before it's fully built.

Mike said I think that takes care of my questions. I think others have questions here. Gary.

Gary Friend said I do. You said so far, you're responsible for 4 or 5 people moving to your marketing counties?

Mike Rutz said what's that?

Gary Friend said you're responsible for 4 to 5 people moving to your marketing counties?

Mike Rutz said no, no.

Ryan Pike said just radius.

Mike Rutz said we've had over 600. I can actually pull up the actual stats if you'd like.

Gary Friend said I mean I think there's some good chamber of commerce stuff in here, welcome packages and what not. But I'm not really in favor of hiring a marketing team. I think this thing will soon die out. And I think personally, I think it's inherently unfair to the citizens who are already here to treat somebody we don't even know with money and things, and not the people who, I think we'd be better off taking this type of money in building the public infrastructure up is what really the people come to, is what services do we have to provide. I understand where you're coming from. I understand the marketing. And this is a profit center for you. But for me, I don't think it's for.

Mike Rutz said the profit center is for the county also.

Gary Friend said it could be, but I never have ever seen the numbers that you throw out line up to millions of dollars of economic impact. But before you go on, I believe some of the people you guy will take credit for are going to move into the county anyway. They're going to come here anyway. So, how do you vet out. Who gets paid and who don't?

Mike Rutz said 57% of the people that we've moved into the state have had no connection to the state before they moved.

Gary Friend said how long do they have to stay?

Mike Rutz said they have to stay at least two years in order to get their full, the full money. So, we give then half of the money up front, and they get half once they show us a lease or a mortgage for year two.

Gary Friend said okay. Why don't you market the schools? They get a lot of money for every person they put in school.

Mike Rutz said we do market the schools.

Gary Friend said I don't see it on here.

Mike Rutz said you don't see any schools in there?

Gary Friend said I don't see any marketing, any money from the schools.

Mike Rutz said no, the schools don't pay.

Gary Friend said why? They're a government entity. They collect taxes like we do.

Mike Rutz said the government pays. Typically, it's the counties, the municipalities that pay.

Gary Friend said the government pays what?

Mike Rutz said the counties or the municipalities that pay.

Gary Friend said you mean as far as IEDC?

Mike Rutz said well, so the IEDC pays half, and then typically, we can get, we get money from you know, sometimes it's Community foundations, sometimes it's the county, sometimes it's the city.

Ryan Pike said and I just wanted to make sure just to touch base on what you said with respect to the mover incentive. I mean, that is, part of other counties that were interested in participating in this project had that exact same concern. And that's part of the reason why the IEDC actually got involved because they technically are taking care of that fee essentially.

Gary Friend said what do you do about the other 24,000 people that live here? I mean, how do you explain, in my shoes, how this is fair to somebody, it doesn't matter where they come from, and we don't spend this kind of money on the people who are already here?

Mike Rutz said what I would say to them is the county is struggling with population growth.

Gary Friend said we're not, it's not the county's fault.

Mike Rutz said yeah, you're competing. You have to compete.

Gary Friend said no, we have other problems going on. It's a huge turnaround. It's a decade or two before we get...

Mike Rutz said I know. And that's the point, is you're actually doing something about it. You're actually, one, you have pride in your community and you have hope. And you know that there are people out there that if you would actually talk to them and presented the community and all the wonderful things about it to them, you could actually convince them to move here. And if you can convince them to move here, you make immediate, that return that you make back on those individuals happens in year one. So, you invest you know, what, 10,000, \$7,000.00 from the county and then you get \$45,000.00 back in year one. These are people that create jobs, they spend money in the community, and they generate incremental new tax dollars. It's an investment that's being made to see the future.

Gary Friend said I get that. And so are all the people that's going to move in here that doesn't even get in your radar. What about them?

Mike Rutz said they're not, they're not part of the program.

Gary Friend said right because they moved here and they didn't get part of the program.

Mike Rutz said it's my personal belief, that I think for communities to survive and thrive over the next ten, twenty years with the demographic challenges that we're facing, they have to be proactive and you have to market and make your community look attractive to people. And this is one way of doing it.

Gary Friend said it's just a difference in opinion. I don't believe buying citizens is the way to go. I'll never believe that I mean, so, I might as well move on. I'm all for this county being built up. I am not ever going to be for buying people in. I just think it's inherently unfair to the rest of the county. And I also think it's a short-term thing. It'll fizzle out. And in 5 years, this will be a done deal. I really do. And it's kind of like you know, the work from home, yes there was a lot of work from home from COVID. But there are a lot of, we need people in the county too, that go to the factories to work.

Mike Rutz said yeah, they bring spouses and children too.

Gary Friend said so this is all about people working from home?

Mike Rutz said so 30% of the people that are remote workers bring a trailing spouse that ends up working in the local community.

Gary Friend said how about people that move in and they both work in the local community? Are you saying they're not eligible because they don't have a work at home job?

Mike Rutz said for this program, yes. But I'm actually working on the IEDC to create a program.

Gary Friend said that's not fair.

Mike Rutz said I'm working on the IEDC to see if they would help fund that.

Gary Friend said it's going to fizzle out, and I don't think it's the right way that Randolph, my personal opinion, is the right way for Randolph County to build our community is one, to pay you a lot of money to do a marketing operation that's going to, in my opinion, be gone in five years. And I don't think it's fair. I think there is work at home job opportunities. They're classified by what they do. But we also need just as many citizens working and going to work.

Mike Rutz said I agree. I agree, this is long-term strategy.

Gary Friend said I thank you for all your work.

Mike Rutz said I don't disagree with you at all.

Gary Friend said well good.

Mike Rutz said I mean, I disagree

Gary Friend said I don't mind disagreement. I don't mind.

Mike Rutz said yeah, I'm good with a healthy conversation. But no, like you need workers for employer. You need workers for companies.

Gary Friend said there used to always be welcoming packages from Chambers of Commerce for people that moved in. There was. And that can have a lot of value. And that can be all the private people putting in private money because they're going to have them at their businesses and what not. But you're asking, in my opinion, other taxpayers of this county to take their tax dollars and pay someone to come and live here. And I don't agree with it. And I don't think I can ever get there right now. So, that's all I got Mike. Thank you.

Mike Rutz said can I ask one more question?

Gary Friend said sure.

Mike Rutz said do you agree with incentivizing companies?

Gary Friend said no, I don't.

Mike Rutz said okay. Then that, yeah, if you don't then.

Gary Friend said we've learned by providing jobs.

Mike Rutz said I get you.

Mike said buying jobs is different than incentivizing companies.

Gary Friend said yeah, true.

Mike said but we have stopped buying jobs as a county.

Gary Friend said that's true.

Mike said but we have supported job training.

Mike Rutz said I do appreciate your opinion.

Mike said Gary, do you have anything?

Gary Girton said no I've listened to the discussion. I have mixed emotions. I'm open to further discussion.

Mike said and it's hard for me to separate myself from the county and the communities here, Winchester and Union City. I guess I'm, part of me thinks that they're probably going to benefit the most from a program like this because they have the housing stock, they have the high-speed internet that other parts of the county do not.

Daniel Baker said that's the approach that we were going along, let's try something new, try something different. We have a population decline that we know, and so we need to start figuring out ways to improve that and to increase it. And to your point Gary, I do believe people do move in here, but I don't think it's going to be at a rate that we need them to be moving in here, in terms of helping the housing developments that we have going on, the economic developments that are under way. And I think there's multiple things that we can do to approach this issue that we have.

Gary Friend said we can't buy our way to it. We can't buy our way to it. There's a lot of studies on why the fiber, the rural counties of Indiana are in decline. They're going to turn around. But we just can't buy our way through this. That's not going to change it. We can't. We have to that's going to do it. And how we, you know, we'd rather get an ambulance there in 10 minutes versus 20 minutes. That's, people think about that. We'd rather get some money in these schools so the kids can go, and the schools are small, and they get to play sports where they



couldn't play sports in the big city because there're are too many of them. We need public service. That's what develops a county. Our part, that's what we're responsible for what I think I'm responsible for is get our public services up and developed to a point where people want to be here, not being bought to bring them here. I can't get around that.

Mike said so, I guess my question was has Winchester or Union City been approached about helping to fund this project?

Daniel Baker said not for Make My Move, not yet.

Mike said so, is it your intention to get a recommendation from the United Board of Randolph County United?

Daniel Baker said it is my intention to get a recommendation. I needed to get, I wanted to get in front of you guys first and see if there's an appetite for it, and what that appetite might be. Don't necessarily need a vote today. I just wanted to see if this was something that we wanted to work on moving forward. But I do intend to get a full board recommendation and see where we're going with that moving forward.

Mike said I'm willing to continue to consider it. I think, and I don't know about Gary (Girton). I think I know about you (Gary Friend). But I think, part of my concern is that, and I keep asking myself, are we ready? And I guess that begs the question, will we ever be ready? And I know we have housing going on in Union City. We have housing going on here. But, we don't have, in my opinion, a lot of housing stock. And I've heard our realtors say for many months there that I don't know how many dozens of homes we should have for sale or for lease that we don't have. And I guess the biggest fear would be to have if you'd signed up for 10, you had 10 people say okay, where can I live and then you say well I don't have any place for you at this time. I also look at it is, it ultimately boils down to us marketing the community. And it's marketing the community through social media, and through your phone, and that's the way we market today. Gary's point is well taken. There's a lot of people here that we didn't pay something. We don't give them free pie. And the other side is we've got a company in Union City, Work Horse, it talks about needing 350 employees. I don't know, I think the county is going well into support of the housing developments today. We've helped Willow Ridge. We've helped Winchester and we've helped, not necessarily housing in Union City, but we've helped Union City as well. So, we've helped those communities with some of their infrastructure. So, I'd be curious to know where they stand on this, Make My Move, and if they're willing to support it.

Daniel Baker said so, I can give that update, so in communication with the developers and the housing, they do support the program. Obviously it would be a benefit for them.

Mike said I meant financially, is what I meant.

Daniel Baker said okay. We'll take a look at that.

Mike said not the housing developments, but the two communities, because let's be honest, Winchester and Union City are probably going to benefit the most from the program I guess. They are the two incorporated cities. Although the other seven communities and towns would like to grow. And they have amenities that Winchester and Union City don't have. So, there is opportunity there. But you take Losantville, it has no sewer system right now. They're trying to get one. Modoc needs theirs to improve. So, I guess I need to overcome are we ready.

Daniel Baker said yeah, correct.

Mike said so, I'm saying let's table this until you're ready to come back.

Mike Rutz said I actually have to leave.

Mike said okay. We're about done Mike. Thank you appreciate you coming Mike.

Mike Rutz said yeah, thank you for the time.

Ryan Pike said I'm happy to reach out to Union City and Winchester if that helps ultimately. And if anybody wants to have a conversation off line, happy to kind of run through the highlights of the presentation. But yeah, if ultimately, I don't want, I mean, at the end of the day I want you guys to obviously, feel comfortable about doing this. And if you're not comfortable, I'm happy to do what I can to get you there even if ultimately, I may not get you there. But, for my opinion, obviously, it's worth having a conversation off line. Please let me know.

Mike said okay. Appreciate it Ryan. Thank you.

Ryan Pike said thank you.

Mike said thank you Daniel.

Daniel Baker said I have another one. I'm sorry. So, this one's a little bit different. This is a project that we have been working on with Union City and Winchester, and businesses and realtors and developers in the area. This is a, basically, it's a commercial project, tourism like videos like Ryan mentioned. It's not tourist videos because we're going to be showcasing this on social media on streaming platforms like Hulu and others to basically, promote Randolph County. There is no incentive package tied to this. But the, we have partnered with Josh Nagel Productions and Troy Poling. Troy Poling is a Union City alumni. He works for a news agency over in Ohio and works on their commercials and other things like that, so very professional individual. And I sent you guys links to some of the stuff that he has done as well. So, right now for this, we are requesting help from the county for \$16,000.00. Union City has appropriated 8. Winchester has stated that they would most likely support at 8. We haven't got a firm on that. Really waiting on input from the county to see if the county supports this project. And I have requested \$2500 from Tourism Commission, it does have a little bit to do with Tourism. I have not had feedback there. I'm waiting for their meeting on Thursday for that, for \$2,500.00. RCU Executive Committee has approved the project and we didn't have a board meeting in July, so I haven't been able to get to the full board. But by by-laws, the Executive

Committee can run this. So, \$2,500.00 will be coming from RCU, and \$3,000 plus dollars will be coming from local businesses and developers to help with this overall project. The total project is for \$40,000.00. And this is, we would own, we would have ownership all the commercials and all the video, once fully produced. The raw footage, we wouldn't have ownership of the raw footage. We'd have to go back for them, for that piece of it, but they're going to produce it to what our standards look like. This is an opportunity to try to promote Randolph County, not just in terms of housing, not just in terms of Union City, Winchester, but it's in terms of promoting Randolph County, the industries that we have, as many as we can get to get on board with this, because if you see in the package, there's ala carte options for businesses to be part of this. And they would have to buy into it to be able to use these individuals when they come in. So, I'm going to pause there and see if there's any questions and see if there's any input on this. We are, like I said, requesting \$16,000.00 from the county for help on this. And this is kind of a grass root effort that initially was led by Mayor Spence and some others in the area.

Mike said you indicated that, and I'm looking at the proposal, it seems to me that there's a lot of tourism.

Daniel Baker said they say tourism in there. And it's tourist like videos. Because this is, sorry, I failed to mention what the approach, when we were talking about housing, is to try to get this in front of Randolph County alumni. So, individuals that grew up in Randolph County that may have moved out, right, and then through social media posed and targeted social media and all that stuff, we can get this in front of those individuals to move them back in here. So, it is tourist like videos in terms of promoting Randolph County, but it's not straight tourism where they're not coming back for three days or four days like Ryan was mentioning earlier. So, this is an approach.

Mike said they call it tourism?

Daniel Baker said they did call it tourism.

Mike said 10 times.

Daniel Baker said in the proposal.

Mike said 10 times.

Daniel Baker said they did.

Mike said so tourism is mentioned.

Daniel Baker said I didn't go back and tell them tourism like videos. But, it's tourism like videos.

Mike said I guess here again, I'm thinking as I look at this proposal, and it's, and I looked at Nagel's work, and it's excellent work, it just seems like Randolph County is getting a heavy load

here. I don't see, maybe I'm leaning too much here on tourism, if it's, long form tourist one tourism commercial, two tourism commercials. And I just I'm not, I don't know.

Gary Friend said I agree Mike. The tourism can actually cover it all. They have the ability to do it. But, and I've read the proposal here too. I mean, how do you keep Randolph County's input our, the money, the tax money that we put in from promoting one real estate agent over another, promoting one house over another one that's for sale in the county. For promoting workforce, and people want to go there, and we have other people that need people to work too, how can we fairly take our tax dollars, enter it into an exclusive itemized advertising and leave everybody else out? My whole take on tax dollars is you just can't promote this business or that business. I'm all for promoting Randolph County. I stop short of saying hey, by the way, good word for Workhorse when TOA needs people too. I'm sure Mike needs people, come and go. We can't, we can't pick winners or losers over who gets their house featured and somebody else in another town that is in Randolph County gets nothing featured. So, how do you square that?

Daniel Baker said yeah, so the approach was there would be, when you're talking about the housing from Randolph County, you'd be promoting housing development in Randolph County.

Gary Friend said do the developers funding?

Daniel Baker said yes.

Gary Friend said for a commercial that goes to them?

Daniel Baker said there are commercials that they can utilize. They would have to go in and produce if they did want to. And so, I get where you're coming from. I'll address that in a second.

Gary Friend said okay.

Daniel Baker said they will have to put in money to be able to say okay, here's a house, right, that's not part of what Randolph County, you guys would be paying for. All of this is to put a package together that will help make it affordable, not just us. If I went out and said let's just do Randolph County, the price tag would be a little bit higher, right. So, it's just trying to make sure that we can decrease the price tag on everybody. And whoever wants to get involved from a business standpoint can get involved. But we can go through the process of deleting those line items, and make pulling out what Randolph County, or we can look at a whole different agreement, whatever appetite there is for that.

Mike said I just, it says one realtor video template highlighting a house for sale. So, that can be updated with newer video graphics. This is the video pictures of a single home. The first home is included in the proposal. So, how is that, whose home is that, and how is that chosen? And I presume that's included, and then if I want my home in there as a realtor, I've got to pay \$500.00.

Daniel Baker said yeah.



Mike said how's the first one chosen or is it just a blank or what?

Daniel Baker said so, looking at this original proposal is Union City that was being looked at, and so I would have to go back and talk to Mayor Spence. I was hoping he was here this morning, but he's not. But it was a, Mayor Spence was basically, I believe, choosing that house and were promoting Union City, we can't go to every single home and do it. But, we want to promote within Union City.

Mike said and I think the note said Winchester is waiting on us to commit?

Daniel Baker said yeah. See what the commitment was from the county, and then also commitment from tourism, and I think Mayor's here.

Mike said and I guess unless, maybe I'm relying too much on the words, tourism here, but I think for them to put in, as mobile as they are, I guess I wouldn't want it to be tourism, although I don't have a problem with tourism. But I think tourism ought to be supporting itself. That's what that innkeeper's tax is for, is to support tourism. And, whether it's a high school graduate or not, I think they're going to benefit in seeing what we have now. Now there's going to be a greater benefit to see what the housing market is going to be like for them if they want to come back to town, but that's the same thing Make My Move is doing. They're marketing in that respect. Then Silvertown and Workhorse I presume they would be paying that portion of it themselves or Winchester would be paying those. I don't know.

Daniel Baker said so there's an aspect of this where we're trying to also promote industries. I didn't select Silvertown per say. We're trying to get different industries on board, similar if I was doing an economic development project, I would go find an industry here to go and promote and put on our website, and promote out to the country of hey, this is what we have in terms of industry, what our workforce looks like, different things like that. So, that's what that approach. It wasn't really just promoting Silvertown per say. It's just the kind of industry that we're trying to promote as well.

Mike said well it's listed in here.

Daniel Baker said it is listed in there.

Mike said and I guess the next question is, is the follow up on this, once we have this inventory of advertising, where does the money come to pay for that time in social media, face book?

Daniel Baker said so, right now, RCU, we have money in our budget to promote these up to about 5, \$600.00 a month I can allocate to promote these out. So, my plan is to utilize those through RCU's face book page and then, if we're talking about streaming Hulu and other platforms, then I'll have to figure out where that budget comes from. That possibly, that will be a new one, but newer to us as well.

Mike said I imagine that works the same way, just costs you more money.



Daniel Baker said correct.

Mike said well I guess I'm of the position, I'd like to see Tourism's decision on this before I would commit any county economic development funds, and maybe a little more of a drill down on what we're going to get. If you don't think this is the true picture of what we're going to get Daniel of this proposal. And I only saw, I think, I looked at most of those that you shared with us, and Silverlake, I don't know where it was, the high desert. It seemed to be the only one that was promoting the community. The others were advertisements for weather stations.

Daniel Baker said yeah, that was just so the quality of commercials that they produced.

Mike said so is that, again, I look at that think well that's something Make My Move would do for us included in their costs. Maybe I'm misunderstanding that.

Daniel Baker said yeah, so, Make My Move was, from a marketing standpoint, we're trying to target different markets, right. So, Make My Move obviously promotes or targets remote workers. And this is targeting all different market, business to come in and actually work in our community.

Mike said a different commercial then.

Daniel Baker said yeah, so the idea was it would be a different overview, different commercial type because in marketing you have to take your target market.

Mike said but both are asking people to come and live here?

Daniel Baker said yes, correct.

Gary Friend said well I agree with you Mike. I'm not against promoting Randolph County. I want to see the person to county money part of it be more like a 20,000 overview of the county, and the people who are going to benefit directly from there, whatever they do, being exposed either standing up or just be part of the overview. That's only fair to the rest of, all the people that's going to be paying for this which is the taxpayer. Tourism can do a lot more than \$2500 in my opinion.

Daniel Baker said and in the conversations with those developers and realtors, they're willing to ante up.

Gary Friend said well I'm sure they are.

Daniel Baker said right, correct.

Gary Friend said well you know, when it comes to housing, I'm not opposed at all to putting the infrastructure in. I become opposed when all of a sudden, we're supplementing someone's house over someone else's, when I draw the line.

Daniel Baker said correct, correct.

Gary Friend said then you're in the private industry business.

Daniel Baker said yeah, I agree and that's where we're trying to separate.

Gary Friend said thank you. Glad to hear that.

Mike said okay. Are you okay to table this, hear more information on it?

Gary Girton said yes.

Mike said okay.

Daniel Baker said sorry for taking so long.

Mike said a quick question also is the, is this firm the only firm we've looked at?

Daniel Baker said no, we've looked at other firms as well. This is the only one that understood the need that we had. So, there were other firms that we did look at. If I may, two seconds, I appreciate the support on the trails project and that grant application that was submitted. And I just wanted to say thank you for that. Thank you.

Mike said thank you.

#### **Susie Main - Woodlawn Cemetery request for funding**

Mike said Susie Main, Woodlawn Cemetery request for funding.

Susie Main said I'm secretary of the Woodlawn Cemetery Association. Bob is our president. Diane is our treasurer, and Lana is a board member. We're here, became aware that Fountain Park Cemetery was in, and that they're doing road re-paving in their cemetery. And that happens to also be our project this year. We started out in March. We got an estimate for the roads that are becoming quite deteriorated, that have not had anything done for quite some time. Woodlawn is the one near Maxville. We are an 18-acre cemetery. And our largest expense is of course, mowing and trimming. When the mowing season is over, we will have spent between 20 and \$25,000.00. Our income is very limited. But we did get an estimate from the asphalt company to do the entire cemetery. It was \$57,760. So, when we recovered from that, they gave us options to do small sections at a time for \$3,780.00. We did have enough money this year to do one small section. And it was an area that was, had a potential of flooding. So, we knew that area needed to be built up and done. It does not do a very long section, but we do have that one done. And we have that one paid for. In June then, I saw where we could apply for a grant from the, it's from the First Merchants Private Wealth Advisor. It's for non-profits in Randolph County. And it had listed, cemeteries as ones that qualified. And so, in June, we were awarded two amounts from two of the trusts, and they totaled \$5,000.00. So, we do have that now. So, if

we could be awarded the \$2,000, the same as Fountain Park, for \$7,000, we would be in reach of doing two more sections yet this year.

Mike said so, you read where we granted Fountain Park \$2,000.00.

Susie Main said right.

Mike said did you read that it was on the list, the corresponding grant from the City of Winchester for \$2,000.00? We matched the city's grant.

Susie Main said yeah.

Mike said and our policy that, as I reviewed the minutes, was that we would support cemeteries in the event that the local community supported the cemetery.

Susie Main said we're not in any town. We are in White River Township.

Mike said part of our reason for that was, and I think you counted them, there's 37.

Gary Friend said 72.

Mike said 72 cemeteries in the county. We can't go out and support each cemetery very easily. And so, we wanted some sort of local investment, and I understand that you don't have that community, but Farmland is pretty close. I don't know if you've asked Farmland for any funds to help with your cemetery?

Susie Main said I don't think legally they can. The township had to go to the State Board of Accounts.

Mike said I'm not talking about the township. I'm talking about the town of Farmland. They have funds that they have freedom to use as they choose. And if they chose to support Maxville Cemetery, Woodlawn Cemetery, then we would match that request.

Susie Main said but the town of Farmland, Woodlawn contains families from this entire county. And we did go out and find, both of these charitable trusts are from people from Randolph County.

Mike said unless we were to change our policy, our policy would be that it doesn't have to be Farmland, it could be any community in the county that would be willing to support Woodlawn. The county then could support Woodlawn.

Lana Wolfe said I do want to make it clear that we don't make any money. We are not paid. We do this on our own. And, also, we did get from the trustee two years ago, we did get some money from her.

Mike said for operations.

Lana Wolfe said for operation. I went this year, just the other day, and to see if maybe we could do that again. And they are hurting so badly for money, and they were talking about our White River Township Firemen. They want to give them a raise. And so, I said I can't beg for this when you need it for the firemen. So, we are people who spend our own money doing most of it. Can you have a owe money? Can you have a person say I'll give you \$2,000 and you'll match it?

Mike said well right now, it's the, I think, I'll let you speak to that. But I read the minutes and it was kind of a stop gap that we wouldn't be supporting necessarily, freely every cemetery in the county. We would want to tie it to another public contribution that would be more local than throughout the county. In the case of Fountain Park here in Winchester, Winchester supported it. There's a cemetery in Union City, if Union City supports that, Woodlawn, I mean, if you have people buried out there from every community in the county.

Lana Wolfe said we do.

Mike said you have every community in the county to seek a matching fund to help with this.

Susie Main said why would not people that were from Randolph County that form these trusts, be considered as supporting it.

Mike said that would be the same as somebody donating directly to you. We tied it to another governmental body, whether it be a town board or, my first thought was a township trustee, but they cannot do that as you said. They can support operations, but that's about all they can support. So, unless we want to change the way we did it in June, then my direction would be that if you want us to support Woodlawn, then you're probably going to have to get support Farmland or Parker or Winchester, or any other community in the county.

Susie Main said there's very few cemeteries in this county.

Lana Wolfe said well I imagine most of the people who are buried there are from the country.

Robert Curry said right.

Lana Wolfe said there is no town.

Robert Curry said it's no more a Farmland cemetery than it would be Union City. I mean, there's, that's off the wall reasoning.

Lana Wolfe said it's the whole county.

Mike said and there's 72 of them in the county.

Lana Wolfe said we know. This one's just a pretty large one, and it is very busy. And we tried to keep it as nice, and in fact, we get lots of compliments on how we keep our cemetery. And that's, you can spend a lot of money too.

Gary Friend said I take being in a township is a little more difficult than a town one because you don't have a city to support it.

Lana Wolfe said right, exactly.

Gary Friend said a township, I mean I wouldn't want to see the township up your operational money. They don't have to with this. But even Winchester, there was three sources of revenue. There was a campaign drive from the families of the people that were there. They come first. It was followed by the city of Winchester matching that, or putting some money into that. And then Randolph County, we were third in line. That's where I want to stay. I want to see us third. And maybe it is a private one-person donation that gets your campaign drive \$2,000. And you know, you've got the grants for \$2,000. I don't know what the township can do to help to incentivize us to help with them. There's got to be I think, there's got to be three avenues, and then the road, to keep a fairness factor in there. So, if all 72 cemeteries, if that's what the true number is, if they all come in, we'd have to be able to be able to say no on some. We'd have to be able to say yes on those that are worthy also. Right now, I can see myself getting to helping support your cemetery, Woodlawn, with a \$2,000.00 donation from some campaign drive. And you've already got the grant money, and then the townships all are at risks of not having a city to support, and we should probably get there, I could get there. Although, we have to keep something in line or there will be 70 more people lined up in here for \$2,000.00, and no skin in the game at all. So, you are at a disadvantage being in a township versus being in the city from what we said in the previous minutes, that's for sure. So, I think we probably ought to fix that a little bit. I could get myself to doing it as long as you come in and show us that you've got three different sources of income coming into, of at least \$2,000.00. And this is where we maxed out of \$2,000.00.

Lana Wolfe said our clientele doesn't have much money. They don't pay rent.

Gary Friend said I understand that. How does the township work on cemetery?

Susie Main said in Indiana, they don't give money. The Indiana Code states if we are unable to continue taking care of the cemetery, it will be up to the township to take over this 18-acre cemetery.

Gary Friend said okay. So, where do you get your funding now?

Susie Main said just from our fees that are for selling lots, the fees for a funeral. We do have a rental home that we do collect rent. It used to be the caretaker's house, that we use as a rental. And then what little donations we receive. And like I said, we have to really watch the money because mowing and trimming is now up to between 20 and 25,000 by the time this mowing season is over.



Lana Wolfe said that's our expense mostly. And we just want to try to do things to keep the cemetery nice.

Susie Main said and we felt like by going out and finding a grant and being word of the mouth there, that the county would be willing to help us out with the other \$2,000.

Gary Friend said yeah, for me, you just need the third leg, of some campaign drive. The grant counts as one.

Lana Wolfe said well I mean, we've sent out letters.

Gary Friend said I can accept, personally, I can accept the grant that you got as a portion coming from the township versus, because you don't have a city, but the campaign drive is what's also helped to get me to the one here in Winchester, the Goodrich, because there's a large campaign drive going on too. So, it's like everybody is all in on it. So, if you get the campaign drive, I can get there, you need a, you get the campaign drive, you need to get the \$2,000.00, then I can get to there is my vote on it. But it's got to have those three legs to keep this thing fair throughout the county.

Susie Main said it's just sort of hard to do a campaign when you're out in the county. It's just like we're live on the west side, you know, all of us, and everything seems to be directed towards Winchester and Union City.

Gary Friend said yeah but if you get \$1,000 in the campaign, that at least brings, at least me up to \$1,000. That's what we did, is we matched to no more than \$2,000. So, the campaign drive has got to be had for me to get there, because there are families of people that are laid to rest there, correct?

Susie Main said yes.

Lana Wolfe said yes, there's lots.

Gary Friend said I mean that's the campaign drive.

Mike said as an example of what Gary is saying, the Fountain Park Cemetery raised \$85,000.00 in their campaign drive. So, and that was basically a letter written to families.

Susie Main said they're all from within Winchester probably.

Gary Girton said I don't think so.

Susie Main said it's be hard for us to.

Mike said I guess the point being is, and I heard Gary say that, and I don't want to put words in his mouth, but the grant, as you said, would be a replacement for any community grant. I guess

that, who knows what a letter solicitation to twelve property owners may bring. And, with that third leg, I think Gary said he'd be willing to back up to \$2,000.00.

Gary Friend said right.

Mike said and I don't know how Gary Girton feels about that. That keeps a cemetery from coming in a year from now and saying well you gave Woodlawn \$2,000.00 and we've got, they don't have any skin in the game.

Gary Friend said and Fountain Park didn't get the money on the first attempt in here. It was like three months of negotiating wasn't it?

Mike said well it was after they went to the city of Winchester.

Gary Friend said yeah. They went back and worked on it, and I'm sure if you've got a campaign drive, there will be some money coming in.

Diane said but whatever we would get, it would be matched.

Gary Friend said up to \$2,000.

Lana Wolfe said I mean, we have had donations. I guess we just didn't realize that that would be what we would have to have.

Gary Friend said the reason I want a campaign drive, a campaign drive is because maybe you can get it all done. This is like at one event, maybe get it all paved. You don't know what you're capable of until you run a campaign drive. You may get it all. Wouldn't that be a great thing?

Lana Wolfe said well since I've been on the board, we had sent out letters twice and gotten money. Now I don't think it was ever the kind of money we're talking about.

Mike said money for paving?

Lana Wolfe said no, just money. I mean, just donations. We would send out saying we need, you know, help here, and we haven't done that for the last couple of years.

Gary Friend said be specific what you're after, and see what it gets you.

Robert Curry said we got other projects besides this asphalt thing.

Lana Wolfe said oh yes.

Robert Curry said and like we're having to make a decision next Monday.

Lana Wolfe said yeah, we may have to scratch one of them off of our list I guess. I hope not. We're wanting all the trees so they aren't terrible and the paving.

Susie Main said and I think at one point you're talking about there's that many cemeteries in this county, and they all need help, I realize that. But if it continues on, it's just like you mentioned before, the age of our board is up there. So, our younger ones that do come along, you are going to have an entire county of rundown cemeteries. That won't go over well with your making people move in. You know, you have to consider all facts of the county and how it looks.

Gary Friend said which I think we are. I think we're trying to put a roadmap out to help without just saying hey, everybody come in here and collect \$2,000.00. We really want to see the help from people who have people there also.

Meeks said I will just add this. I looked this up the other day, and what the township trustee can pay for cemeteries is severely limited. Like, set stones, and that's about it.

Mike said well when the cemetery can't do it anymore.

Gary Friend said which is why I would take the grant. Personally, I think you can get there.

Mike said Farmland being the closest one, doesn't mean that they would not help if asked. They may not. And chances are they won't.

Lana Wolfe said you know, I know lots of them that are buried out there. And it's from all over. It's just absolutely from all over the county of course. And, because I'm sure back when, that, of course, we have a lot of little ones around, I know that, but back when, that was the larger place that people were buried because rather than in the city.

Gary Friend said and just for the record, the 72, I didn't personally count them when I was presenting to the council, one of the council members told me you know there's 72 cemeteries.

Lana Wolfe said I've seen a lot of them that really, they could, I could take care of it by myself. They're not very large. In fact, we take care of this one by ourselves. That's for sure.

Gary Girton said I think it shows initiative when you went out to get these grants because of so many of the smaller cemeteries just throw their hands up and don't make any effort to do anything. And I think that's discouraging. I think that's what has to be done. A cemetery that I'm involved with, we happen to be blessed with and received considerable contributions from people in their wills.

Lana Wolfe said yes. I know Buena Vista had. They had people who gave them farms. We've never had that happen to us though. I think Steve must know the way to do it or something.

Mike said okay. Thank you.

Lana Wolfe said they have nice people that leave them things. Well we're very disappointed.

Gary Girton said well we don't want you to be. We want you to, I think Gary gave you some areas that we could support, and I think that's agreeable with all of us.

Lana Wolfe said because I understand what Mike's telling us. But evidently, in reading this, that wasn't that plain.

Mike said well the minutes reflect that.

Lana Wolfe said well I hadn't heard the minutes.

Mike said that's what we decided that day.

Lana Wolfe said thank you.

Mike said we adjusted that today, for your benefit.

**Caleb Beasley and Kristi Brumley-Adult education classes at RCFFO Bldg.**

Mike said Caleb and Kristi. Caleb's not here.

Kristi Brumley said good morning, or almost afternoon. Caleb's unable to be here today, our director. So, my name's Kristi Brumley, and I am here on behalf of the Muncie Community Schools Adult Education Program. We provide services to Delaware, Blackford and Randolph Counties. So, specifically, here in Randolph County right now, we're in three locations. We have an instructor at the YMCA that works specifically with childcare workers. And upon completion of the course, they will have a child development associate certification. We are in the jail. This is a new program for us this year. We have an instructor that goes in and works on employment training and certification, in hopes that when inmates are released, they'll have extra credentials and make them employable. And then the third location we are at, and I've got to read my notes on this, the Randolph County Center for Family Opportunity. And we hold classes there on Tuesdays and Thursdays, both an afternoon session and an evening session, to improve individuals' basic reading, writing and math skills. For individuals that do not have a high school diploma, we prepare them for the high school equivalency exam. In the state of Indiana, there are two approved exams for that. The HISET exam, and the other one is the GED, which most people are familiar with that. We're not asking for any money. We get our money from primarily the state from the Department of Work Force Development. And we have some contributions from Federal Government as well. All we're asking for is the space to be able to serve those in your community. So, today, I'm here to ask approval to continue to use the classroom space at Randolph County Center for Family Opportunity to hold our high school equivalency classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. So, if you have any other questions that I could answer.

Mike said so your schedules are the same?

Kristi Brumley said yes.

Mike said and you want the same space?

Kristi Brumley said same space, same schedule.

Meeks said I think there was a lease. I think there was an option too. There was a written option?

Kristi Brumley said I don't remember.

Mike said I think there is. Do you want to move renewal of that?

Gary Girton made motion to approve. Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said so, we'll probably send the lease to you and it'll be the same terms and conditions. Same lease.

Kristi Brumley said okay. Thank you.

**Bob McCoy – Cell phone lockers, City court records**

Mike said Mayor Bob McCoy.

Bob McCoy said this is real quick. We need places for people to put cell phones when they come in the courts. Probably need to purchase something, but I found that and it might be an idea. I talked to the bailiffs and they kind of seemed to think that would be a good idea. When you come in there now, you're asked to take your phone to your car.

Mike said I think we talked about that briefly a few meetings back.

Bob McCoy said so, this is something, after talking to the bailiffs, I don't know whether that's you guys' area or the court needs to just spend the money or what? And then, I just wanted to leave this with you regarding the transfer of the courts to the county. Since we closed our courts, we need to really start working on that. We tried to do what we can to basically, say Randolph County Courts, you need to take our court records from the Winchester courts. And I think it's fairly clear in there per Indiana Code.

Mike said is that old records as well as current?

Bob McCoy said I think anything that could potentially be active. And what we're running into is twenty-year plus courts' things where people have got their license pulled ten years later. And Getting them back is a challenge. And Winchester will no longer be involved in that.

Mike said is Union City involved in some of those?

Bob McCoy said Union City takes on all our new cases. Anyway, I wanted to bring that to your attention. I know you talked about it a little bit, and that's really all I have, other than the splash



pad is running behind, materials, of course. And the power lines on Huntsville are running behind due to materials as well.

Gary Friend said the splash pad was never going to be a big bang this season anyway.

Bob McCoy said no. That's really all I have.

Gary Friend said I did go by the one in Albany and theirs' was quite used.

Bob McCoy said well we're hoping next year we'll.

Gary Friend said you said the bailiffs. Is, the judges?

Bob McCoy said no, no. Kind of hard to get into talk to a judge unless you're before him for some reason. I'd rather not be in that position. Thank you.

Mike said so, what's your take on this?

Meeks said I think it's between the court and, and I don't represent the courts, I think they have to take them. They're the state, I think it's very clear and the local rules says.

Mike said so, that means the clerk has to take them.

Meeks said I think it's very clear in the local rules what it says. I think it's exceedingly clear. I don't know what the, I don't know why they're trying to.

Mike said is it something that we are involved in?

Meeks said we are not involved in it. That would be between the clerk, the state and the courts.

Mike said why did Bob give this to us?

Bob McCoy said I think we need a place to take the records.

Mike said I understand that.

Bob McCoy said and I don't know who, who or where, but I just want to make you aware of because what's going to happen come January 1, we have zero funding for the court. We will not be dealing in any way with it. We will be of assistance if we can be.

Meeks said I think court services has talked to everybody.

Bob McCoy said yes.

Meeks said and I think court services is in agreement.

Mike said really the clerk needs to accept these, and if she needs a place to put them, she needs to come to us and say I need a place to put these files.

Meeks said I'm not sure there's a whole lot of files.

Mike said there's several, I'm not sure how many of those are active.

Bob McCoy said and I don't really know whether they can just stay where they're at, and if there is a problem, they come over and find the, I don't know. It's just unreal the amount of records that's been produced over the last.

Mike said several boxes?

Bob McCoy said yes. I would say probably maybe even 30 years that there may be cases that could potentially be active.

Mike said okay. So, I'll share this with the clerk I guess.

Bob McCoy said thank you.

Mike said thank you Bob.

#### **Mike Haffner – Uniform Contract & Interlocal agreement**

Mike said Mike Haffner. Uniform Contract and Interlocal agreement.

Mike Haffner said yes. The Cintas Uniform contract basically, there's an auto-renewal in there that, I guess we weren't originally aware of. Basically, we're not signing a new contract. We're just taking the auto-renewal out of it. Jessica Olsen has been working on this and found that in the past several years, even way before I came, it keeps auto-renewal and that's probably not the correct way to do it.

Mike said so, are you terminating this agreement?

Mike Haffner said no, we're not terminating, we're just taking out the auto-renewal verbiage that's on the second page.

Mike said I see that. When does your contract expire?

Mike Haffner said I think we're under contract until 27 I believe. Jessica Olsen's got all that.

Laura said when I talked to Jessica, she acted like this would extend it too, does that not?

Mike Haffner said we can table it until she gets here. She has a lot more information than I do. But I know we had asked records of the last time, and that's what Jessica just asked me. She's worked out just to take out all the auto-renewal sites of it.

Mike said so, is the company willing to do that?

Mike Haffner said yes. And that's their initials on that.

Gary Friend said when they were auto-renewing, did they just auto renew with the price increase and just went right on through it? While Mike's looking at that, I've heard, correct me if I'm wrong, that an employee didn't turn in their uniforms and it cost us several hundred dollars?

Mike Haffner said yes.

Gary Friend said what's the catch for that so that don't happen again.

Mike Haffner said well it's happened multiple times over the past several years, and we're trying to figure out. But, per our handbook, we've asked Meeks.

Meeks said well they're not part of the handbook anymore if they've quit. You have to have them sign something when they're hired.

Gary Friend said right.

Mike Haffner said yeah, we definitely need to change. So, we can at least hold that last paycheck.

Meeks said you cannot hold a paycheck.

Gary Friend said you can't hold a paycheck.

Meeks said we've discussed this several times.

Gary Friend said but that doesn't mean if there's something to sign they won't be liable.

Meeks said well are you going to then sue them?

Gary Friend said I don't know. Sometimes that deters them enough.

Mike said I guess what I don't quite understand is, this contract looks like it was signed in February 2022.

Mike Haffner said yes. And that was a missight, and I've contacted Gary Friend basically, I wasn't aware, and basically, I signed it. But I needed to bring that to the commissioners to sign it. And that's why we contacted Cintas saying that I wasn't allowed to sign it, so therefore, we're going to have to redo it.

Mike said so, this contract is null and void?

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike said they've agreed to let us out of this five-year contract?

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike said so, now we're signing one in July?

Mike Haffner said just basically, for the extension.

Mike said well it's 43 months so 3 ½ years, which is 27?

Mike Haffner said yeah.

Mike said and CL is the signature, does that get us out of the non-renewal there, Meeks?

Meeks said I don't know. The first time I've seen this one. You need a mutual termination of the first contract.

Mike said I would think so.

Meeks said have them send over a mutual termination of the first contract. They'll want to use their form. And then enter into the second contract.

Mike said Cintas needs to send over a document of a mutual termination of the contract that we're terminating.

Mike Haffner okay. And then a new.

Mike said then the second one would have a little more, I guess.

Meeks said this reads like they're going to have two contracts with them. This doesn't say replace, unless this one says replace, and I don't see that it says replace the other one at all.

Mike said I don't think it does.

Meeks said you need a mutual termination or you need this one saying, the second one replaces the first one.

Mike Haffner said okay. I'll let Jessica know that.

Mike said and then an interlocal agreement?

Mike Haffner said yeah. We had, I sent the information to Meeks a few weeks ago on an interlocal with Henry County to rent their edger.

Mike said right.

Mike Haffner said so, just basically, checking with the commissioners to see if they're okay with that.

Mike said as long as Meeks is okay with it, I'm okay with it.

Gary Friend said me too.

Mike said you need it. Are you okay with it, Gary?

Gary Girton said yes.

Mike Haffner said yeah, their commissioners was aware of it and agreed to it as well.

Mike said very good.

Mike Haffner said okay. That's really all I have.

Mike said any questions for Mike?

Mike Haffner said I've got one question. The old highway facility, we're looking into at least mowing the weeds or spraying it, but, that facility is unsecure right now. A lock has been cut. It's still on, but it's broken, and it's been cut.

Meeks said did you file a police report? Somebody cut it?

Mike Haffner said we just found it this morning when we went over.

Meeks said okay, file a police report.

Mike Haffner said okay. And I told them as soon as the meeting gets over, I'll take some people over and just inspect it and see. But I didn't know.

Meeks said if anything is taken, go on up and file. We have to have that for our insurance.

Mike Haffner said yeah. Like I said, I've never been in the facility.

Mike said so, you're going to secure it then?

Mike Haffner said I've got extra padlocks. I can re-secure it.

Mike said okay. Very good.

Gary Friend said to add onto that, I've contacted Ben Bieler two weeks ago, and he was supposed to get ahold of me this last week about finishing the windows off, because you can stick your arm inside each side of them where they took them out. During that time, he asked if



he could have the gravel that was left when I spoke to him. I said it's your gravel. It's your gravel, we're not looking for that. But we're wanting you to finish the exterior project to secure those windows that he altered. When you get out there today, text me and let me know if the metal wrap has been put on the windows on the front. Or, if I get out of here in time, I can go out there and look at it. But, you might want to make sure it's, or I can call Ben Bieler too and see if didn't cut that lock to get his gravel, which he should not have done it. I'm just saying that might be what happened. I don't know. I'll call Ben no matter what.

Mike Haffner said why don't when you get free, you just let me know and I'll meet you out there.

Gary Friend said I'll call him today.

Mike Haffner said okay. I just wanted you guys to be aware of it.

Mike said it should become secure.

Meeks said if something is stolen, you need to get that police report to Laura.

Mike said something besides the gravel.

Gary Friend said something besides the gravel, yeah. Was it that gate where the gravel used to be stored on the back side?

Mike Haffner said it's the sliding gate heading west, facing Huntsville Road.

Gary Friend said okay.

Mike said okay. Thanks Mike.

**Other Business:**

**Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff**

Mike said I think that brings us to other business. Sheriff Moystner, do you have anything for us this morning?

Art Moystner said the only thing I would check just to make sure that you received an email last week of how the projects of the building have progressed?

Mike said yes.

Art Moystner said otherwise, I don't have anything unless you have questions for me.

Mike said how's the kitchen service working out for you?

Art Moystner said well, I like it. I think they've hired a new one recently, but everything seems to be working pretty well.

Mike said good. Okay. Any questions of Art?

Gary Friend said no.

Mike said okay. Thanks Art.

**Minutes of July 3, July 17 and July 26**

Mike said next item is our minutes of our July 3<sup>rd</sup>, July 17<sup>th</sup> and our joint meeting with council on July 26<sup>th</sup>. We have received copies of these via emails, and I hope we've had a chance to review them. Are there any additions, corrections or deletions to those minutes? Hearing none, I'd entertain a motion to approve all three sets of minutes.

Gary Friend made motion to accept. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Payroll Claims \$283,605.39 & \$283,010.98**

Mike said Payroll Claims. We have two sets of payroll claims at our place, one for \$283,605.39 and the other for \$283,010.98. I'd entertain a motion to approve the payroll claims.

Gary Friend made motion to approve. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Regular Claims \$ 3,015,020.50**

Mike said that brings us to our Regular Claim in the amount of \$3,015,020.50. We received these via email and trust we've had a chance to review them. Any questions or comments regarding.

Gary Girton made motion to approve. Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Milestone Contractors claim \$94,103.44**

**Butler, Fairman and Seufert claim \$22,440.33**

Mike said next two items are for the airport, Milestone Contractors claim in the amount of \$94,103.44 and the Butler, Fairman, Seufert claim in the amount of \$22,440.33. These are for the new t-hangar taxi lane construction. If you recall, we loaned the airport money from EDIT for these two projects, or these two expenses, and they're filing claims for them. So, we're to get these back when the federal grant comes in.

Gary Friend made motion to approve. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Farmland ambulance building and funding**

Mike said next item is our Farmland ambulance building and funding.

Gary Friend said could we table that for two weeks?

Mike said I think we can.

Gary Friend said I think we have probably more time to discuss it.

Mike said okay. One thing I do want to talk about with regards to EMS is the Rooney letter. I think it was added to the end of the agenda. We'll just take care of it now.

#### **Rooney & Co. – EMS agreement**

Mike said Rooney is the one that we pay a percentage of our Medicaid refund for EMS that helps us the last few years, and this is a letter authorizing them to help us again. What we have to do is determine whether we want to pay them a flat fee of \$4,000 or a contingency fee of 25% of the payment limited to \$10,000. And I think in the past, we've done the 25% or have we? Duane has left. Why don't we pass on that right now, and we'll reach out to Duane and see if he can tell us which we've done. I think it probably needs to be signed before our next meeting is the only reason I'm saying that. This is for 2022.

Gary Friend said what are we looking just to, if we knew, do what we did last time?

Mike said yeah. Well we have to check the box though. I think we thought about it pretty good last time. So, we'll move on for right now.

#### **Farm leases**

Mike said and that's our farm leases, which we did renew, or we did sign the extensions, but they are going to expire, three of them expire this fall, the end of the year. Typically, we had those back in October did we not?

Mecks said uh huh.

Mike said so, you need to sign a couple of these.

#### **EDIT plan (set EDIT meeting)**

Mike said brings us to our EDIT plan, which we added another one. We added the Open For Business again for \$8,000.00. We need an EDIT plan for items 34, 35 and 36. We need to approve the EDIT plan as amended, and then set a meeting for an EDIT meeting. So, I'd entertain a motion to approve our EDIT plan.

Gary Girton made motion to approve. Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said so, when do we want to meet for EDIT board meeting? How quick do you need your EDIT plan Bob?

Bob McCoy said no rush. I think there was just one item on there.

Mike said okay. So, we typically do those on a Wednesday at 6:00.

Gary Friend said that would be next Wednesday then wouldn't it?

Mike said I can't meet next Wednesday, but I don't have to be here. I'd be back the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Do you want to try for the 23<sup>rd</sup>?

Gary Girton said it's alright with me.

Mike said okay with you Bob?

Bob McCoy said the 23<sup>rd</sup>, I will be on vacation. But I can see if I can get Chad to be our proxy. Me and him pass back and forth anyway.

Mike said we could go to the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Bob McCoy said the 30<sup>th</sup> will work.

Mike said I don't think, the only one, the engineering cost of the trail project, I told him it would be a while before he got that, just the process. So, want to shoot for the 30<sup>th</sup> then at 6:00 p.m.? In this room. All are invited.

#### **Randolph County Personnel Policy update**

Mike said next item is the personnel handbook policy update.

Meeks said I think you guys got that quote. The last update we had was a good ten years ago. Looks like, I'm pulling it up, I didn't print it up, \$10,820.00 to update the four handbooks. We've probably, I was talking to Laura, I don't know how many like, memos we have put out in the last ten years about this. But, it is a lot. It is very cumbersome to figure out what's going on. So, we'd like to get it done with ARPA money.

Mike said and that's three handbooks isn't it?

Meeks said four. We have sheriff, we have the highway, we have E911 communications and then we have just the general personnel. It didn't sound like the judges wanted or needed their own handbook.

Gary Friend said they didn't?

Meeks said well the prosecutor told me no and Judge Arnett said no, and I know, I don't think Judge Toney had a problem with it the first time.

Gary Friend said meaning they'll accept.

Meeks said they'll accept the standard policy.

Mike said so where would we want to pay this from?

Gary Friend said ARPA.

Mike said ARPA? That'll work for you Gary?

Gary Girton said the 10,000, yes.

Mike said renew the update of four existing handbooks at a cost of \$10,820 to be paid from ARPA.

Gary Friend made motion to approve. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

#### **Fiber Optic Easement Agreement**

Mike said Fiber Optic Easement Agreement.

Meeks said I'll let them know about the. The Fiber Optic Easement Agreement, I didn't realize we had that signed, so that has been recorded. I don't need you to re-sign that. I'm sorry.

#### **ARPA Plan amendment**

Mike said we've got an ARPA plan amendment, which we just amended again, so, I think we should wait until next meeting to amend that.

#### **APC/BZA attendance reports**

Mike said we received our APC/BZA attendance reports. Gary, it's nice to see you had perfect attendance. Any questions or comments about the APC/BZA attendance reports?

Gary Girton said no.

#### **Weber Office equipment maintenance agreement**

Mike said that brings us to Weber Office equipment maintenance agreement. It's time to renew that. It looks like black will now be .006 cents per copy and color will be .054 cents per copy. So, it's risen 10%. Looks like an awful lot for color, 5 cents a copy. It says black will now be six tenths of a cent and color will be 5.4 cents per copy. That sounds, is that right?

Gary Girton said that's what it says.

Laura said not very many of us have color copiers. I know I don't. I think maybe the courts.

Gary Friend said I don't know how you can jump from .6 to 5.4.

Laura said from black to color?

Gary Friend said yeah, from black to color.



Laura said I can double check.

Mike said I think we should double check that and table that as well.

**Taylor Systems quotes for Prosecutor & Superior Court**

Mike said and then we've got Taylor Systems quotes for Prosecutor and Superior Court for recording.

Laura said the prosecutor's office, Justin from the prosecutor's office called Taylor Systems and asked for this quote to have their calls recorded, and then Superior Court said they would like to have it too. Circuit Court says because it's not a traceable record, they're not as interested in it at all. So, apparently, they're getting a lot of irate-type calls, and they want to be able to record them for maybe future prosecution. So, I got a quote, two separate quotes, one for the prosecutor and one for Superior Court. And I told them if they wanted to be here to let me know, but none of them acknowledged that they wanted to be here to talk about it.

Mike said so, the prosecutor's office is a one-time charge of \$375.00 plus \$19.00 a month?

Laura said yes.

Mike and this would just be added to their budget or our budget?

Laura said no, it comes out of commissioner's budget.

Mike said commissioner's budget.

Laura said I know the prosecutor said they would, I don't know how easily it could be separated, but they would try to find that out of their budget if you need them to.

Mike said and the Superior Court is \$250.00 one-time charge, plus a \$19.00 per month charge. The judge's, Circuit Court logic then that they couldn't be traced makes a lot of sense. It's not going to stop the calls they're getting.

Gary Friend said do we have money in our line item in the Commissioner's budget right now?

Laura said I didn't check that Gary.

Gary Friend said I don't see any reason not to do it, requested by the courts. That's reasonable.

Mike said well one's a request from the court, the other is requested by the prosecutor. Is that a motion?

Gary Friend said yes sir.

Mike said I have a motion to approve these two requests, one for the prosecutor of a one-time charge of 375 and additional \$19.00 a month so that they can report their phone calls, and the same for the Superior Court. What do you think Gary?

Gary Girton said I understand the prosecutor's had a number of issues over the years.

Mike said I suppose if they got one that was one they wanted to trace they could check their phone records and see what the incoming call number was, and if that's related, they could do that now really, without this feature.

Meeks said well you wouldn't have it recorded.

Mike said they wouldn't have a recording.

Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Rooney & Co. – EMS agreement (continued)**

Gary Friend said did Duane text you back?

Mike said yes, he did. He basically, said he would, we didn't need to check the box, she would know. It would be the lesser of the two. So, if we collect more than \$16,000.00, it would be the \$4,000 flat fee, if we collect less than \$16,000.00, it would be 25%.

Gary Friend said good for us.

Mike said yeah, that sounds like a good way to go. So, we have this Rooney and Company.

Gary Friend said I'll make that motion to approve the Rooney & Company agreement.

Mike said hire Rooney and Company to do our Indiana Medicaid ambulance provider cost report for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2022. Do I have a second?

Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**John Greene, NLBC – Fiber conduit lease (continued)**

Mike said okay. I think that brings us back to John Greene.

Meeks said it does, it looks fine, the conduit. That's the revised lease. The maintenance part has been removed from it. And the other ones, looks like it's been removed. And just to give an update, all the leases have been obtained now with that last one.

Mike said okay.

Gary Friend said I'll make a motion to approve the lease.

Mike said I have a motion to approve the lease with New Lisbon Broadband and Communications for development of our fiber conduit easements in the southwest part of the county for internet expansion, and it's been signed by John Greene. Do I have a second?

Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Additional Appropriations:**

**EDIT**

Fountain Park Cemetery	\$2,000.00
RCU-Open for Business	\$8,000.00
Trail cost analysis	\$4,800.00

Mike said that brings us to Additional Appropriations. We have three appropriations out of EDIT, Fountain Park Cemetery, Randolph County United Open for Business, and trail cost analysis \$4,800.00. I'd entertain a motion to approve all three of these.

Gary Girton made motion to approve. Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Health Department**

Uniforms	\$1,000.00
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Mike said someone want to move approval of the Health Department uniforms?

Gary Friend made motion to approve. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Elected Official Training**

Training for Council	\$2,000.00
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Mike said now we'll go to Elected Official Training, training for council, \$2,000.00.

Gary Friend made motion to approve. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Windfarm**

Town of Ridgeville	\$150,000.00
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Mike said Windfarm, an appropriation to the town of Ridgeville for \$150,000.00 to repair their water tower.

Gary Girton made motion to approve. Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

## ARPA

Federal Audit	\$6,768.00
Jail building maintenance	\$23,865.00

Mike said and the last two are from ARPA. One is for the Federal audit, which is an appropriated expense out of ARPA in the amount of \$6,768.00, and then jail maintenance in the amount of \$23,865.00.

Gary Girton made motion to approve. Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said and that brings us to the end of our agenda. Laura, do you have anything for us this morning?

### Laura – Public record request

Laura said I just have one question, I guess. I have a public records request for some video from the third, and that, according to our public access counselor at the state, has to be given out. And we have that, but it needs to be redacted. And we do not have the software to redact that, and the cost of that software is either \$164.00 a month or \$1,870 for a year. So, monthly or annually. And I don't know, I mean, I'm sure we have funds in the budget to pay for that. But, I guess I just want approval to, and which one would you rather do? Meeks if you want to chime in on this?

Meeks said I talked to public access counselor also. There're two juveniles, and I have not looked at the video, so I want to be very clear. But, Laura has, and there's at least two juveniles. I believe we have to redact the juveniles from there. It's the public agency's duty for the redaction, so we can't say oh, here it is, don't put it on the internet to somebody. So, we have to redact it. The other issue is there going to get somebody to actually do the redaction of that. So, I asked Laura to ask LEAP how much that would cost. I don't know if we have that yet.

Laura said I don't know what they're going to charge to do it. I had asked Joseph if he would look into it and this is what he sent me for the cost of the software, so the county would need to buy the software direct, and these are the costs for that.

Meeks said so, once we get that software, I think either we can ask whoever does that at the sheriff's department, they want to make a little extra money.

Laura said they don't want to do it.

Meeks said well they could make a little extra money, right? I mean, do it on the side, the redaction, not during their normal work hours. Or, we're going to have to hire somebody to do it. That's just.

Laura said well I think LEAP will do it. I just don't know what their cost is to do that.

Meeks said right, exactly. So, it might be cheaper to get whoever they, if you see what I'm saying.

Mike said so, have we asked anybody else if they can redact it?

Laura said we asked the sheriff. They have the software, but I don't understand that he's not here anymore.

Mike said what about the camera people?

Laura said I did. They do not do that. They sent us the information for the software. I did talk to them, Security Automation Systems.

Mike said I'd think somebody would come up with Open for Business, a redaction company for the county to review videos.

Meeks said I was actually kind of wondering if Fred, like if we got the program, if we could hire Fred to do it is what I was, that's what I thought over the weekend Laura.

Mike said it sounds like we're going to need the program.

Meeks said we've got to have the program.

Mike said so I would say let's do it for a year.

Laura said okay, through the year?

Mike said is that okay with you?

Gary Girton made a motion to approve. Mike seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Laura said that's all I have.

Mike asked Gary Friend do you have anything?

Gary Friend said no.

Mike said Meeks, you have anything?

**Meeks Cockerill – Solar Company, Dismissal of discrimination complaint, protective orders**

Meeks said I've got a couple real quick things. A solar project energy company, Sonder Energy came to talk to me now twice. I told them to come and present to you guys. They have a project that they're talking about in 25, maybe 2025 or 2026. I just want to make sure that everybody saw the complaint for discrimination that was accused with the county that got dismissed. And



Bob's not here, but there were three protective orders issued against the gentleman that's been recording people, one for Kirsten, one for Bob and one for myself. Just wanted to let you, those

Mike said that was decided?

Meeks said yes. If anybody wants to read those orders, I have them at the office. I'm not going to email them.

Mike said is that it?

Meeks said yes, I'm trying to be quick.

Mike said Gary Girton, do you have anything for us?

Gary Girton said no.

**Citizen Comments (3 minutes)**

Mike said do we have any citizens survive this meeting?

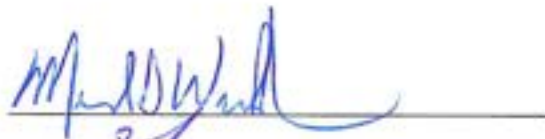
**Adjournment**

Mike said okay. Hearing none, I'd entertain a motion to adjourn.

Gary Girton made motion to approve. Mike seconded the motion. All aye votes. Meeting adjourned.

Reviewed and signed this 5 day of September, 2023.

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