

Randolph County Commissioners

April 6, 2026

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Gary said alright, we will officially open up the commissioners' meeting for this morning. Welcome, everybody. First on our agenda, we have council update.

Council's update

Gary said anybody have an update from the council?

Greg Cheesman said Greg Cheesman Randolph County Council. I don't have anything to add as to what happened last meeting.

Gary said thank you.

Jake Donham and Dave Inderstrod – County Building projects

Gary said next, Jake Donham, Dave Inderstrod, county building projects. Good morning.

Jake Donham said Jake Donham, Randolph County building coordinator.

Dave Inderstrod said Dave Inderstrod with Maze Design.

Gary said we have a change order here that you're needing approval for contingency?

Dave Inderstrod said yep, that's a change order for the EMS coroner's office there. The invert on the plumbing was not deep enough on the back side of the building, so this is the cost to bring it around to the front of the building, dig out the, which they'll have to backfill with stone instead of earth. So, just some additional cost on the length and everything.

Gary said okay. We, as commissioners tentatively approved moving forward, so if somebody would like to make a motion to sign this change order, I will sign it.

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

Dave Inderstrod said perfect. The next would be the highway garage storage facility. I brought the drawings here. I can leave a copy with you and Jake here to have, but just wanting your permission. We've got the drawings ready, we met several meetings with Jake and the director out there on what they

need and got the drawings and permits and everything ready to bid out, so, it's just up to you guys if you authorize us to take it out for a public bid.

Gary said is Jay or Joe here? Do you mind coming up, please? And then, just occupy the corners up here. Go ahead and identify yourself.

Joe Copeland said good morning. Joe Copeland, highway engineer.

Gary said the reason I brought you up, Joe, for question is have you looked at these prints?

Joe Copeland said no, I have not.

Gary said you have not? Jay, have you?

Jay Long said yes sir.

Gary said do you want to come up please?

Joe Copeland said who's doing the site work?

Gary said we don't know yet. Go ahead and identify yourself, Jay.

Jay Long said Jay Long, Randolph County Highway.

Gary said you have looked at these prints?

Jay Long said yes, I have.

Gary said and they're satisfactory for what you're needing out there?

Jay Long said yes, yep.

Gary said okay. Now we can go to the questions on to Dave on the site work.

Dave Inderstrod said yeah, as the way this project goes out for public bid, so, we've got 4 or 5 contractors are interested of, kind of talked about, you know, what's coming up and they are very interested, Smarelli, Thor, Whisenhunt. So, several contractors, and if there're any others you know of, let me know. I'll be glad to solicit those for you. But, I think we had a lot of interest in this project, so, I think we'll get competitive numbers. But, it's a 100 by 100 facility is what the scope of the project is. Minimal site work is just, think you guys are going to provide the stone. You have access to stone for the site.

Joe Copeland said yes.

Dave Inderstrod said that'll help keep the cost down as much as we can for you.

Gary said okay. You recommend it?

Jay Long said yep, yes.

Gary said somebody like to make a motion to approve forward, to take it, going out to bids?

Dave Inderstrodt said yeah, take it out to bid and then once those numbers are in, it'll be at your discretion whether you award or reject all bids. Your option.

Tom made a motion to approve sending the highway project to bid. Missy seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said what else?

Jake Donham said do you need any dates, specific dates for anything for advertising and so forth on the county's end?

Dave Inderstrodt said yeah, set those dates, if you just want to make sure those dates, there's not a conflict for those dates on the, I'd sent a proposed dates of an email, I think, to Tom, everyone, I think it's, here to go out for bid in two weeks approximately, and then allows four weeks for bidding, and then legal advertisements, and legal calendar days to wait and all that, so.

Gary said on this project here?

Dave Inderstrodt said yeah, on the highway storage facility, yep, so.

Tom said did I send it, Laura, have you seen it?

Laura said I didn't see it.

Dave Inderstrodt said I forwarded, I did forward all the emails to the rest of the commissioners. It was sent to you and I.

Tom said yep.

Gary said yep.

Tom said so, we'll make sure to give those today, so you have the dates.

Laura said okay.

Gary said okay. Tom you have anything else on this project?

Tom said no, not on the highway project. We can go to the coroner project. They have started on that project. I don't know if you have any updates you want to give?

Dave Inderstrodt said yep, I can go ahead and update while we're here. We had the preconstruction meeting. They have broken ground. I just drove by as I came in. They're there and finally digging foundations. So, that'll be good news. I think they're putting together a revised schedule. Met with the, Tom and the director there about timing, because there's going to be some conflicts there on getting the equipment out of the existing bays where they can get in there and work. So, they're going to coordinate with your team on that, making sure that they don't disrupt services more than they have to. So, there'll be some times that the equipment will be out of the bays as, but they'll always keep, I think it's 2 bays open at all times for legality reasons on keeping stuff secured. So, I think, as we move forward, we'll have meetings there every couple of weeks or so, just to make sure they're proceeding in a timely manner.

Gary said anything else, Tom?

Tom said one other project, the courthouse project. I didn't know if you got anything back on potential HVAC changes yet, or you know, or what it would be?

Dave Inderstrodt said no, the mechanical engineer has not got us a budget yet. We're waiting on, it's a challenging one, as you know, to try to, the limited ceiling space of trying to come up with a system that will work if we go with enclosed offices, which is ideal for privacy, and then we're looking at a second option on equipment. And I think Jake's working on getting numbers on that. Or, if we don't enclose it using custom office panels, and maybe a white noise system to try to help deaden sound in there. But, hopefully, here in the next couple of weeks, pull those together.

Gary said okay. Anything else?

Tom said no.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said I'm all for this project. I wish it weren't in that location with the doctor's office. It's not, that's not you, right beside it, because they do have some concerns. So, anything we can do to let them know if electricity, if they're going to lose electricity or anything that affects them, let them know ahead of time.

Dave Inderstrodt said let them know ahead of time.

Missy said yes, for sure.

Dave Inderstrodt said yep. That's my.

Missy said because there is a doctor's office just to the west of that.

Dave Inderstrodt said okay.

Missy said across that alley. And it's not an alley. It's their driveway.

Jake Donham said during the preconstruction meeting, I made sure everybody is aware that that is a private drive and that we are so limited on parking anyways, at the facility, we're also limited parking on the other side of the road or street, with the RCFFO building. And at that particular time, it was very busy as well, a lot of bus traffic. So, I made sure all the contractors were aware of the traffic location and I didn't want trucks and trailers just sitting for an entire day taking up 10 spaces. So, they're aware of that, and they've been mindful of that so far. But, it's only going to get worse when we get more contractors on site and dumpsters and everything else. It's going to get pretty hectic.

Missy said and I know you've worked really hard at trying to keep everything. We've talked a couple times.

Jake Donham said we're trying.

Missy said so, I appreciate it.

Jake Donham said we're trying.

Gary said anything else, Missy?

Missy said nope.

Gary said I'm good. Progress is moving. Are you guys warm enough?

Tom said I'm warm.

Missy said yes.

Gary said on your way out, could you do something with?

Jake Donham said I'm not done yet, but I will turn that down. While I'm here just real quick, I'd talked to Jack Hinty over the weekend. He shot me a price for the door roughly. I just told him to get it coming. So, he's got it ordered. As soon as he gets it, he's going to get it stained, get in here and get it hung. He's waiting on pricing on ballistics, bulletproof material for the benches. As soon as he gets those numbers.

Gary said that's all he wants, the back of the benches, not a small shroud on the front?

Jake Donham said I talked with Superior Court Judge and she said she didn't want anything on top of the bench, everything below deck, all the way across, and then the court reporter's bench as well, I believe that she said. But yeah, she didn't want anything above.

Gary said Circuit Court, as well?

Jake Donham said I'd priced both of them, yes. I do have a quote for down in the lobby on the north set of doors, from Glass. This would be to put a door on the east and west side of the entry you have now, a 36-inch door. And then the double set there now would be an emergency egress only. And the quotes to install the doors with hardware, relocate one power opener, put another power opener on the other new door, to create traffic pattern for security. So, and that number came in at \$22,649.00.

Gary said do we need to get moving on that right away?

Jake Donham said so, I don't know if that's the direction you want to go or if you want to wait with the security company after they come in to kind of see if that's still what they would do. I wasn't sure what you guys' thoughts were.

Missy said how soon do you think we can get the security company, I've got a couple of emails from them, do you think they'd come in, I think they'd come quickly to try to tell us.

Gary said they're coming in at the next commissioners' meeting.

Missy said yeah.

Gary said to move forward from there.

Jake Donham said correct.

Gary said I think we could have it all resolved by then and take action on this at our next meeting.

Jake Donham said okay.

Gary said and yeah, we can all reach out and ask what their preferences are. I kind of think that's the way to go, personally. Then you have the middle ones for emergencies where you can very disabled people in and out if your needed to.

Jake Donham said yeah.

Gary said ambulances and all, I mean you can get.

Jake Donham said yeah. And so, on the east and west set of doors, we have now existing, I'm still waiting to hear back from LEAP on those, however, we want to alarm those for notification if somebody does egress once we go to, if we do lock them down. I also had Taylored Systems in last week. They did a walk through and they're going to put a number together for an emergency call device per work station, rather than have one at certain locations per office. They have different options to go directly to your computer, so everybody will have the same one. And of course, it's got all kinds of bells and whistles and so forth. So, they're working on a number for that as well, a rough number, so we'll kind of have an idea what that's going to cost if you want to pursue that as well. I got a call last week from Dallas and Carol Yaney. They live on Old 27, right next to some of our county farm ground and she was concerned about some thorn trees on our county side that were growing over on their side, and was wondering if we could address those. And I don't know exactly how I got the call. It was passed from another place called building commissions office and they gave her my number. And I was talking with Ed and he said that would probably fall under the farm, Chris Peacock, maybe.

Gary said Meeks? What do you say?

Meeks said I don't know where this is.

Jake Donham said it's on county farm ground out on Old 27.

Tom said it would be part of our maintain property for pasture grounds. We can discuss it with, talk to Chris about it.

Meeks said it's up to the commissioners.

Jake Donham said I'm okay with somebody else taking care of this is what I'm getting at.

Gary said Chris is here later on. We'll ask him.

Jake Donham said okay, yeah. She was very nice about it. She's just concerned with the thorns that are falling into their yard and if there's anything we can do about it is all I know. And I was kind of at a loss of what to tell her, but I said I'd mention it to commissioners to see what kind of direction we could get.

Gary said okay, well, we'll see.

Jake Donham said just sounds like some fence row maintenance.

Gary said another thing too, and the commissioners will all have to think about it, after we have our next meeting, if it's a go with protection plus, to begin the courthouse security, we need to begin stopping the traffic at all doors in except for. Even if they're not ready with egress, we need to get some chains and posts out there to divert everybody to the front doors that we prepare for this.

Jake Donham said I think we need to find a definite date when we're going to enact this and then post it on all the entry doors for a couple weeks, post it so people can see it and then maybe a few weeks later, go to shutting down the east and west and start directing everybody in to the front, and kind of work it into a phase so we don't hit them all at once. That's just my thought.

Gary said sure. At our next meeting, they'll be here then. And what I relate to the judge you asked about it, and if that all goes well, and as I think it might, should then in the first, that would be the Wednesday in May, it'll go to the council for funding approvals and what not. And then, it's projected to have this begin in June.

Jake Donham said okay.

Gary said are you alright with that Tom?

Tom said yeah.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said yeah. I'm very much in favor of those cameras.

Jake Donham said so, with, when I talked to Joe with LEAP, he's working on some cameras and, to go existing with what we already have, to go along with the system we already have, and I think maybe 3 or 4, 5 locations. So, we're just adding to it. We may end up have, we may have to buy a larger server for adding that more cameras, then buy the cameras and licenses and however all that works. And he said he's also working on another quote from Missy, maybe, for cameras for this building, with facial recognition something, whatever.

Missy said that would be at the main, that would be at the north door particularly. There's nothing to stop an employee from coming in and then going and opening a side door during this. So, I think cameras need to be there also. And cameras are not that expensive.

Jake Donham said well, so that was one of the cameras we have to put in is at the main entry door to watch the secured entrance.

Missy said right, yep.

Jake Donham said but I don't, so are you wanting facial recognition on all the cameras, or what were your ideas there?

Missy said I don't think it's that, depending on the cost, yeah, I think it's a possibility.

Jake Donham said okay.

Missy said because somebody could get in.

Laura said I think LEAP is already working on that.

Missy said they are.

Laura said because I met with Mike last week and he kind of indicated that he was working on a camera quote with Verkada.

Jake Donham said I just want to clear up because I was working on cameras just the existing system and then the facial recognition is a whole different thing and changing out all the cameras. So, I just wanted to make sure I was on the same page, doing what you guys wanted me to, is just getting camera added to assist we have. Where you're thinking if we do facial recognition, that's changing the whole system. So, I just want to make, I don't.

Missy said how many cameras are in the courthouse right now?

Jake Donham said 10, I believe.

Missy said well, if we can get a quote, if we could get a quote on those for facial recognition, and then without it, maybe we, if it's that, you know, exorbitant, maybe we don't do it right now. But, a lot of courthouses have gone to that.

Gary said it doesn't hurt to get the quotes as an option.

Missy said no.

Gary said as far as somebody breaching a door, it doesn't have to be an employee, it could be anybody.

Missy said oh, it could be anybody.

Gary said right. There's going to be an alarm system on the door.

Missy said once you're passed through, you could go to, anywhere and open the door.

Gary said yeah.

Jake Donham said that would be part of the policy you'd have to write up because once you do it, secure a building, you'll have to have some sort of a policy for employees and corrective action and so forth.

Missy said yeah, exactly.

Gary said there'll be an alarm. You open the door, you be getting an alarm.

Jake Donham said right and the same on the other side. If you have someone from the public that goes through that door, I mean, it sets an alarm off, so are we just going to say yeah, they went through it or are we going to act on it? What do we do, what do you do?

Missy said right. If you open a door that you're not supposed to be opening, then we act on it, I think, from the very beginning. No if, ands or buts. If it's employees, then we're going to talk to that employee.

Gary said I don't think we'll have an employee issue. I would hope not.

Missy said I hope not.

Gary said anything can happen. We've just got to do our best to make sure we cover all of them properly, you know. Anything else, Missy?

Missy said nope.

Gary said anything else, Dave?

Dave Inderstrodt said nope.

Gary said Joe?

Joe Copeland said the advertisement for the notice to bidders for the bids, there needs to be some ADA and Title Six language put in there for non-discrimination. I can, if I know where to send it, I can send the information.

Gary said you got that, Dave?

Dave Inderstrodt said if you want to get it to Jake, and he can forward it to me. Would be the cleanest path, I think.

Jake Donham said or actually, Jay, you've got his information.

Dave Inderstrodt said yeah, they can send directly to me and if there's anything you want to add, I normally have an owner section, if you have specific language that you want to have added as the owner, I can create a section in the front end of the specs with the drawings. There's about a 200-page specification book that spells it all out, so I'll just add the owner section of that information.

Tom said if we're going to add that, it needs to go quick if we're going to keep our current.

Dave Inderstrodt said if I can get it here in the next, you know, by the end of the week or before.

Joe Copeland said I'll get it today, to you.

Gary said that's good enough. Alright. You guys have anything else?

Jake Donham said the only other thing I had was I'd heard rumors of GRIC in the 3rd floor of the old hospital, as this being their last year as a high possibility. It sounds like they're going to spread out and put everybody back in their school systems, versus having that 3rd floor rented.

Gary said how much space do they rent from us?

Jake Donham said I'd have to look. I think it's 5, between 5 and 6,000 square foot I think, but I'm not sure. So, that might be coming.

Gary said keep us apprised on that.

Missy said have you heard anything about the Journey Home leaving?

Jake Donham said just that they were looking at a facility in Jay County is all I heard. I don't know how that's going.

Missy said okay, yeah.

Gary said I tend to believe not well, but I don't know, haven't heard.

Jake Donham said there's still a bunch of them there.

Gary said are they paid up to date?

Laura said as far as I know.

Gary said as far as you know, okay.

Laura said I know they were paid through March last time I sent you, so.

Gary said the reason I think that maybe that didn't go well since they held off their payment for January and February, so, then they paid up to date. So, who knows? We'll see. Anything else? Missy?

Missy said nope.

Gary said Tom?

Tom said no.

Gary said thank you gentlemen.

Sherri Thompson – Preparedness grant

Gary said Sherri Thompson, preparedness grant. This is the standard preparedness grant?

Sherri Thompson said yes.

Gary said go ahead, please identify yourself.

Sherrie Thompson said Sherri Thompson, Randolph County Health Department Coordinator and Registrar.

Gary said so, we have amount request for \$20,000.00, the Health Board has signed off on it?

Sherri Thompson said yes.

Gary said and Dr. Sowinski as well?

Sherri Thompson said yes.

Gary said somebody like to make a motion to allow them to proceed the grant?

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

Gary said anything else for us?

Sherri Thompson said no, that's it.

Gary said Tom, anything?

Tom said no.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said no.

Gary said thank you.

Sherri Thompson said thank you.

Gary Moore – EMS equipment request

Gary said Gary Moore, EMS equipment.

Gary Moore said Gary Moore, Randolph County EMS. First thing I sent out and I talked to Gary last week, was approval for a 30-day net to open an account with HSI. They provide CPR advanced cardiac life support training. We are trying to find instructors and that's becoming more difficult. Ball Hospital, IU Health just won't allow anymore instructors and we've got to be certified not only in paramedic or EMT, we've got to be certified with the American Heart Association every two years. So, this is just to open an account with them and provide instructors.

Gary said we can handle that piece right now. Have you looked at the paperwork, Tom?

Tom said yep.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said uh huh.

Gary said somebody like to make a motion to approve opening the account?

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

Gary Moore said the next one on the equipment agenda stair chairs. We have to have stair chairs to get second, third story access, due to our cots being so heavy and they're automatic to save your back with lifting. These stair chairs are the same idea. We have two strikers and previously, they had bought some refurbished Fernos, different company. The Fernos are a little more bulky, don't really fit in our compartments. The thing is, they're \$4,500.00 apiece, and I need two of them.

Gary said okay.

Gary Moore said and I think I sent you the quote in the email.

Gary said you did. Do you have, do you have enough funds in your equipment account?

Gary Moore said yes.

Gary said so you just need, you have it already.

Gary Moore said yeah. That's just something, bring it to your attention. I don't want, like I've said, I've said many times, I don't like spending that kind of money without you guys knowing. And I believe even still, I think Danita and I talked and Laura was in on some of the conversations, we've tentatively set aside the money for the Striker contract payment that wasn't officially put in the budget line in a line item. We've got that money earmarked too, and I will double check and I will email you. But, yeah, we have the money in the account to purchase.

Gary said okay, so we just give the approval to buy them?

Gary Moore said yeah, yeah.

Gary said somebody like to make a motion to give the EMS director approval to buy the stair chairs?

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

Gary Moore said and I just need, I think we'd talked before, maybe last meeting, after the meeting, Tarter Auction, we sold the ambulance. I've already got to work on cleaning out some of the storage, the steel storage bins at the back of the building, and just need your permission to, for Jake to reach out to them and get some stuff in the auction for them. Tables, chairs, the storage bins, themselves, because they're not really functional for us to use. They were from, I think probably when the building was put in.

Gary said I think specifically, that takes a resolution. Isn't that right, Meeks?

Meeks said just shoot an email, what you want to get rid of.

Gary Moore said okay, items.

Gary said yeah.

Gary Moore said okay. Picture would be fine too?

Meeks said pictures won't be in the resolution. You give a description.

Gary Moore said okay, got you.

Meeks said send it to Laura too, because then Laura will get it to me.

Gary said did you give the auditor a copy of the credit application.

Laura said well you need to sign it.

Gary said oh, you have the credit app with you?

Gary Moore said I think I do.

Gary said they'll need a copy though. Auditor's office will need a copy.

Gary Moore said yeah, perfect, yep. That's all I have.

Gary said that all you have?

Gary Moore said yep.

Gary said Tom?

Tom said no.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said everything going good?

Gary Moore said it is. Going well.

Missy said yeah, I hear it is.

Tom said actually, one thing. Do we need to eventually, with you losing part of your parking, designate some of the spots across there some way?

Gary Moore said absolutely. Absolutely, because it, since we had talked, it's been pretty fully over there. I think they had some kind of change over there to where there are a lot more people there. So, yeah, we're losing 5 out of 8 parking spots right there at our building.

Tom said right. And they're basically gone now because of construction.

Gary Moore said right, yeah.

Tom said so whether, if there's some way we can mark or designate part the spots on the, we should have brought that up with Jake while he was here, right on the east end of that parking lot.

Gary said we'll ask Jake to get that taken care of. I imagine just chain off, how many spots do you need?

Gary Moore said I'd do 4 probably, at least, yeah.

Gary said 4?

Gary Moore said yeah, yep.

Tom said there may be some additional because of construction for now, temporary.

Missy said 4 or 5?

Gary Moore said right, yeah.

Missy said I think you need at least 5, counting the vehicles you had there the other, when I drove by the other day.

Gary Moore said yeah, probably. Yeah, because we have, yeah. At shift change we have 4 and then my vehicle. So, yeah.

Missy said it's going to really make parking for anybody who needs to go in that building, not your building, but the, going to make that tough for people to find if you need to go in there and get vaccines or whatever else.

Gary Moore said yeah, yeah, it'll be congested.

Gary said for a while, yeah. It'll clear up.

Gary Moore said alright, thank you.

Gary said thank you.

Joseph Baldrige – EMS Camera's, additional hard drive storage

Gary said Joseph Baldrige.

Joseph Baldrige said good morning. I'm Joseph Baldrige from LEAP IT. Okay. So, I believe the first thing on our list here is talking about the cameras at the EMS stations. We did get those moved over at no cost to the county to the courthouse system. And I have gotten Gary Moore access to those cameras now. And I think, did you guys have any questions or concerns about that?

Missy said who else has access to those cameras besides the chief?

Joseph Baldrige said for the EMS cameras, only Gary.

Missy said okay.

Joseph Baldrige said and I did not change any other courthouse access.

Gary said meaning who had access in the courthouse cameras, still do?

Joseph Baldrige said yes.

Gary said I think it's something we're probably going to have to review, the names, decide who we want on there, who we don't. I think it's a little more than it needs to be right now.

Joseph Baldrige said yeah.

Gary said department heads, I don't have a problem with. Of course, the court system, they're going to do what the court systems do, but as far as employees being on there, I don't think that's necessary without going through their department heads code to get in.

Joseph Baldrige said yeah, I do agree.

Missy said I'm not even sure we want to give a code, I don't want department heads giving a code out so employees can be watching it. I think we need.

Gary said well the only reason I say that is you can find a situation where they're not here and you've got a situation that needs to be handled, that they can be a designated, I mean I don't want to send the message out to our employees they're not trustworthy. We just have to have a redundancy system.

Missy said no.

Gary said I think. What else?

Joseph Baldrige said and so, the next thing here is we have found that the backup system that we installed, I believe it was early last year, for the county servers, the storage we originally quoted was not adequate. You guys had a lot more data than we expected. So, I do have a quote and I believe Laura may have gotten you guys a copy.

Laura said yes.

Joseph Baldrige said the quote to add an expansion unit to the device and what that'll be is it'll be a little box that'll sit under the current backup server, and it'll add a, additional drives to that server to free up a lot more storage.

Missy said how long do you keep storage?

Joseph Baldrige said so, right now, we do keep, I believe we keep all backups for at least 2 or 3 days before they hit the retention policies. And with those, with that backup system, there're several different areas of retention. So, you have a yearly backup, which I think we keep for 2 years, weekly, I think we may keep for about a month, and then daily, we keep for 7 days.

Gary said is that adequate in the IT world?

Joseph Baldrige said we would like it to be a little bit more. We did have to lower that to try to kind of squeeze it into the current space we have. We can't really lower it anymore without them not being adequate enough for pretty any backup solution. So, once we, if we do purchase that expansion unit, we're going to extend those probably to keep at least the daily revisions for about a month and then the weekly revisions for about 3 or 4 months.

Gary said are we going to be adequate, have adequate storage when we go, the courthouse security goes on line?

Joseph Baldrige said yes, I believe so, because right now, which that's actually another thing I did want to talk to you guys about, because right now, with the EMS cameras and the current amount of courthouse cameras, we have enough storage to keep all footage for just under 30 days. I'm going to add a little bit more to bump it up to 30 days. Would you guys like to have that retention policy higher or would 30 days be adequate for the courthouse?

Gary said what's it cost to take it to a 90 day?

Joseph Baldrige said for a 90 day, it wouldn't be any charge to you guys, because we do have.

Gary said for equipment, that is.

Joseph Baldrige said plenty of storage in the scales. Do what, I'm sorry?

Gary said we just need to decide if 30 days is adequate or not?

Joseph Baldrige said yeah.

Tom said there's plenty of storage even if we add the additional cameras?

Joseph Baldrige said yes, there should be.

Gary said Meeks, what would be appropriate legally?

Meeks said if you're going to have a problem it's going to be the next day, right?

Gary said yeah.

Meeks said when you think about it.

Gary said is 30 days adequate, Missy?

Meeks said what would you suggest?

Missy said if you can give 90 at no extra charge, I'd rather go 90 days. You never know when somebody may say I slipped and fell, broke my, you know, didn't think I was hurt, then I find out my ankle is fractured and you have no film to go back on and look at it.

Gary said what do you suggest?

Joseph Baldrige said I would suggest at least the 30 days, but 90 days would be preferable.

Gary said okay, and you can just do that?

Joseph Baldrige said yep.

Gary said Tom?

Tom said yep.

Gary said someone like to make a motion to have 90-day storage for the courthouse?

Missy made a motion to approve 90-day storage for the courthouse. Tom seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said we've got this particular, do we have funds in their account for this, Laura?

Laura said you have funds in your budget.

Gary said okay. Someone like to make a motion to approve this extension for the backup service? \$2,119.86.

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

Gary said anything else?

Joseph Baldrige said I don't believe there was anything else I had. Did you guys have any questions concerning anything?

Gary said I don't. Tom?

Tom said nope.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said nope.

Gary said thank you.

Joseph Baldrige said thank you guys so much.

Chris Peacock – Farm management of pasture

Gary said Chris Peacock, Farm management of pasture. Good morning.

Chris Peacock said good morning.

Gary said are you going to answer the thorn tree question right away?

Chris Peacock said I could not hear what the question was back there that you were discussing.

Gary said go ahead and identify yourself and we'll get started. Identify yourself, then we'll get started.

Chris Peacock said Chris Peacock, Halderman Real Estate Services. I work with you on the county ground.

Gary said we had a question from Jake where a neighbor had a problem with thorn trees growing over from the pasture into theirs. We didn't know if that was something that your contract would take care of.

Chris Peacock said we actually have looked at removing some of thorn trees. Any idea, I can check with Jay to see where those are located.

Gary said Jake, Jake.

Chris Peacock said yeah.

Gary said if you would do that, that would be fine.

Chris Peacock said we can check into that. Actually, he took bids and that's one of the things I was going to update you on, bids on grinding down the thorn trees inside the, around the pasture area and spoke to Ed Thornburg about that as well. Bounced some things off of him as far as where the bids came in and we felt totally removing the fence rows at some point here in the future would be the best or the most financially reasonable way to address that, rather than to remove the trees today build new fence. Some of that pasture area could be cropped. Some of it has a little too much roll to crop, but a lot of that pasture area could be cropped. So, we thought in two years would be great to address that. But yeah, I'll check into the thorn trees and we'll get those cleaned up.

Gary said okay, thank you. What else do you have for us?

Chris Peacock said okay, so, all the tile repairs have been completed as well as the open ditch, cleaned up on the county land. And then as far as Open Arms, opportunity, you know that proposal that sells 6.398 acres to the Open Arms, we'll have that appraisal wrapped up in the next couple days here. It'll have Three approach to value as requested by Meeks. A surveys marker has been reset out there. So, you know, once we get the survey completed or the appraisal completed, then you should be able to make an informed decision on how to proceed.

Gary said thank you.

Chris Peacock said and that's all I have. Any other questions for me?

Gary said alright. I do not. Tom?

Tom said I do not.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said no, thanks Chris.

Chris Peacock said okay. Thank you.

Joe Copeland and Jay Long – additional funding and hwy. update/chip seal

Gary said Joe and Jay.

Joe Copeland said good morning. Joe Copeland, highway engineer.

Jay Long said Jay Long, Randolph County Highway.

Nate Moore, Randolph County Highway.

Joe Copeland said what I passed out was a spreadsheet showing the bridges that we currently have on our agenda and those that, and where that funding is coming from. We need some more funding, hoping to get maybe Wind and Solar money. And those in yellow are the ones we need. The last one, the bridge bundle, it also needs it. I didn't get that yellow shaded, but it also needs it for this year, some money to finish the design and get us ready to go to construction. Bridge 32 is currently under construction. Bridge 85, they're preparing it for bid in July. But they're a little behind. We've had one parcel purchased, and no more at this time. So, we may have to move that bridge 85 back. As long as it's in the same fiscal year, INDOT won't have a problem with it, okay. So, we may have to move it from like July maybe to January of next year. So, I'm just waiting to see how things move along. You can see on here which, what funding we're using whether it be Federal funding, Community Crossings or local. And most of them are replacement except for bridge 68. It's a super structure replacement. Going to replace the deck, and there's one bad beam, steel beam, right down the center. So, I plan on being at the council tomorrow if you approve this for the Wind and Solar.

Gary said how much additional do we need from Wind and Solar?

Joe Copeland said well right now, it shows 1.8 million, 1.1 million, 801 thousand. But bridge 308, the 20,000 up here is already in place.

Gary said \$1,780,000?

Joe Copeland said so, 1,781,000.

Gary said additional, other than what's already been committed?

Joe Copeland said yeah, yeah, because the council wanted, when I proposed before for additional funding, they didn't want to just give me a lump sum amount for the next few years. They wanted it year by year. So, that's what I'm trying to do is. Now these totals, the reason that bridge 85 is so high is that when it goes to bid, we have to put up our 20% of the total job, or the construction, right up front. They will not award it until we pay them that money.

Gary said right.

Joe Copeland said so, that's a fair amount of money right there. We're just getting started on, or will be, on bridge 5, alright, and bridge 303, on Orange Street here in Winchester.

Tom said were some of these funds already ones that we had committed to in the future but didn't have the individual project, or are these all?

Joe Copeland said no, no. All these are ones that we'd, I'd brought up before, except we just got approvals for bridge 5 for Federal aid and bridge, well we got 114, alright, and 303 now is also Federal aid, okay. So, and bridge 29 is Community Crossings. We did get approved for that. And that's moving forward.

Gary said I guess my bottom line question is of the million 8 that's on here, a million 781, is any of those funds in that number already been committed?

Joe Copeland said that's what we were looking at, JC and I and I don't, 308, I think, is the only one on this list that's already been committed.

Gary said no, I mean where the council and the commissioners have committed to the future, or would we get commitment letters for funding, is any of that money, or, is this a million, I'll call a million 8, just for simple, is this a million 8 in addition everything we've been dealing with for the last 2 or 3 years? So, we're going to be a million 8 short from bridge projects?

Joe Copeland said yes, it's committed.

Gary said that million 8 is real, but I feel like we've already committed some of it.

Joe Copeland said yeah, you've committed it as far as to INDOT, that you're going to pay the money. We just now have to figure out where that money is coming from.

Gary said okay.

Joe Copeland said in the system.

Gary said which was the question we had a little while ago, right, okay.

Joe Copeland said yeah. I just need to make sure we've got all our duck in a row.

Gary said okay. So, you need from the commissioners today if we're willing to ask the council to go with us and commit \$1,781,000 out of Wind Farm funding for bridge work?

Joe Copeland said yes.

Gary said alright. Folks, we've heard the request. Any questions?

Tom said nope.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said I have a comment to make.

Gary said okay.

Missy said I, just talking to some people, I think we need to move forward with this, simply because the way the budget that Indiana is setting out is, if I'm understanding this, and it was explained to me

correctly, I was in Greenfield, that we better act now or the monies may disappear. And are you hearing that, that's it's going to be more on us than it ever has been?

Joe Copeland said highway funds, I'm not hearing that. I mean as far as, unless, Jay, did you hear?

Jay Long said no, I haven't heard that.

Joe Copeland said MVH, Motor vehicle highway, road, street, now Cum bridge, that's a whole other story.

Missy said yeah, that's what I think they were referring to.

Joe Copeland said yeah, because that's based on property taxes.

Missy said right. Which, if we don't have any property taxes collected, then that was the big discussion there.

Joe Copeland said yeah, big zero.

Gary said okay, so, we've already made the commitment by letter. Now it's time to make the financial commitment and where it's coming from. That commit is \$1,781,000 correct?

Joe Copeland said yes.

Gary said out of Windfarm fund.

Joe Copeland said that, a portion of that will be reimbursed.

Gary said I understand. I see that down here. That'll come back into help down the road. Somebody like to make a motion to approve these fundings out of Renewable Energy Funding?

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

Tom said when that gets reimbursed, does that go back into Renewable Energy or does that stay in one of your accounts?

Laura said Renewable.

Joe Copeland said I think it's been going back, yeah. And then next year with that cash on hand, I probably won't need as much in some of these categories or some of these bridges, because it's, the funding is there.

Gary said well, this finalizes the question I'd ask a month ago about all these commitment letters. When's it going to come to fruition, well right here it is.

Joe Copeland said it's coming due, right.

Gary said okay. Anything else?

Joe Copeland said not from my end.

Jay Long said the list I passed out to you guys, it's just our 2026, it's our plan for the year. It breaks down like, on the miles we're going to chip seal, grind and chip seal, then pave, just so you guys are aware of what we're doing all year, and things like that. So far, we've got about 80 miles of chip seal, then we've got 6 miles of grind and chip seal. That's where we completely grind the whole road, lay it back flat, and then chip seal over it. That's a triple layer. Then we've got 6 miles of paving to do. We're going to do 12 West, 5 West, and then Base Road.

Missy said can you give me that number again for a total chip seal?

Jay Long said 80 miles.

Missy said thanks.

Jay Long said 6 on the grind and chip seal, and then 6 on the paving.

Missy said thanks.

Joe Copeland said is that double seal?

Jay Long said uh huh, yes.

Gary said 92 miles of road resurface?

Jay Long said yep.

Gary said okay. You had asked me about expanding highway department personnel?

Jay Long said yes.

Gary said possibility to, have you thought any more about that discussion?

Jay Long said actually, me and Nate have been working on that plan.

Gary said you're not ready to present it yet?

Jay Long said we didn't get everything number-wise.

Gary said commissioners are not aware, Jay is thinking about if it had the right manpower to eliminate contractors and do all the paving.

Jay Long said yes.

Gary said if that could be, you need to show it line item-wise that it can be paid for by not hiring contractors, then, the personnel that comes out of the highway is paid by the MVH funding, including their benefits.

Jay Long said yep, yep.

Tom said the bonus of that would be if we could get to that point, it would also help in the wintertime having enough guys to plow.

Jay Long said as of right now, it takes all of us, pulls me and him out of the office and then at that time we can't check everything we need to, and then we're trying to scramble around in the evening to, you know what I mean.

Gary said well, the recycle rate becomes quicker too, of the repeat. So, once a day you can get out, you know.

Jay Long said it would benefit us tremendously, benefit the county too.

Gary said I think it makes sense. It doesn't cost out of County General, but you've got to put the plan together, show us, because we'll have to present it to the council. I don't have a problem with that. And that the benefits are paid through MVH funding also.

Jay Long said yes.

Gary said any more, Tom, on that?

Tom said no.

Gary said Missy, you have any thoughts on that?

Missy said nope, I don't on that. I just want to say kudos to you guys in the last however many years, the progress you've made on our county roads has been, I hear it all the time, it's been phenomenal.

Jay Long said we're trying. And also, I'll be going to council tomorrow to give them the numbers on the money for our chip and seal and things like that.

Gary said anything else?

Jay Long said nope.

Gary said Nate?

Nate Moore said nope.

Gary said Joe?

Joe Copeland said no.

Gary said Tom?

Tom said nope.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said nope.

Gary said thank you.

Anna Lark, Sonder Energy & Will Vesely, AES – update on South Salem Solar

Gary said Anna Lark, we're back on track.

Anna Lark said hi, I'm Anna Lark, Development Manager at Sonder Energy and on the development team for the South Salem Solar project. I'm here to provide an update on the project. It has been a while since we provided you with an update. We apologize for the lapse of communication. But there has been some progress made in the last few months that we would like to share with you. As you may know, the timing of utility scale solar development is primarily driven by the PJM interconnection study. After a multi-year delay, our project received results from phase one of the PJM study last year, and made the decision to proceed into phase two in December. This represents a major hurdle cleared. Phase two results are expected to come mid-year and would be followed by phase three results at the end of the year. After all, three of these phases are completed, we would then sign an agreement to fund the necessary network upgrades to bring our project on line. Because of the timing of those projected upgrades, we are anticipating construction start in 2029 with operations commencing in 2030. We will provide an update again after we receive phase two results and make a decision around progressing the project into phase three of the PJM interconnection study. Based on the current interconnection study schedule, our stakeholder engagement team is currently planning for further community engagement later this year. Thank you again very much, for your support of this project and we look forward to providing you with another update again this summer after we get those phase two results.

Gary said okay. Tom?

Tom said nope.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said no. Thanks.

Gary said thank you.

Anna Lark said thank you.

William Greer – Funding for the Parker House renovation

Gary said William Greer.

William Greer said hi, William Greer, Parker City House, and Parker City, Indiana. I left some packets there with you guys if you want to take a look at, but I was, been working on this building for, my wife and I have been working on this building for about a year and a half now and trying to make it turn into like a community event center, community events and as well as private events. And I've been about a year and a half working on the ceiling alone. Got that cleared off and then now I'm working on, heading on into the flooring. Floor joints are all in great shape and I found a lot of the sub-flooring is in really pretty bad shape. I just put some pictures there. I don't know if they came out very well or not on that, but. And to date, we've, as far as community events go, I'm here looking for some funding to help me out with the flooring some. I bought the flooring but I still need some help with the sub-flooring. My wife and I probably personally invested around \$20,000.00 on just material and work and things like that. Today, we've done like mostly just worked with some, some non-profits and like Promise Closet is a help fund prom dresses for kids going to their high school proms for the kids who can't afford dresses. Most recently, we had an anniversary for our employ, Mick Deckman, our water and sewer guy there for his 60th year in Parker City working. And it's become our hub for our volunteer committee there in Parker City where we do our meetings and keep our equipment. And we hosted Christmas on Main thing there, so we're looking to take it to the next phase and hoping for some help with you guys and it's going to, I think it's going to revitalize our main street. I'm determined not to let that building become another Main Street casualty with plywood on the windows and things like that. And we're going to hold vendor markets places year-round, help other small businesses too. So, it's going to have an economic impact. I

pretty much summarized most of that on the papers that I sent up there. And I had an estimate from a company there that I could, that was going to do the entire project and it was, he was like around 16,000. But I started doing, my wife and I, and my daughter started doing most of the work ourselves, tearing out the old carpet and seeing what we had to work with. So, I pretty much got everything down to where, just kind of got a gap of like around 4200, I think, to just get the sub-floor repaired and leveling labor, and I was looking for some help, and I pledge to keep working hard in the community and making it pretty much a joint private, public venture there with it, so.

Gary said I have a couple questions and a couple concerns. First, thanks for your service to Parker. I mean we were, the commissioners were willing to help with the park over there.

William Greer said yeah, we appreciate that, Gary.

Gary said this is a leased building, not an owned building, correct?

William Greer said correct.

Gary said has Parker City put any money in this?

William Greer said they have not. I don't know, it's, I lease it personally, like I'm the town president there, but I lease it personally, myself and I've got like a long-term lease, like a 20-year lease through the Masons' Lodge upstairs. And they own the building. But I didn't, I don't know how to go about asking Parker since I'm there, I don't know.

Gary said Parker gets EDIT funds and we also give Parker EDIT funds, extra 10,000. But, my concern for the whole thing, this is a private endeavor, this is not a public service endeavor as far as we look, I look at public service. And I'm really not in favor of doing that because you don't own the building. It's like a pet project for you to do. And it looks really nice and it'll help Parker, but it's not a governmental responsibility the way I look at it. It opens up a big door that we would have a hard time closing. And there are other ways to help get funding for this, a campaign drive for one. We've got a forum of funders of Randolph County.

William Greer said yeah, I been, I'm sorry, go ahead.

Gary said but to use tax dollars on this particular private endeavor is not some where I'm comfortable with doing.

William Greer said okay, I see.

Gary said I mean, I'm comfortable with your park. That's a public project.

William Greer said right.

Gary said so, that's where I'm at. Tom?

William said okay.

Tom said I'm the same thing, if we start this we'll have every project in the county is going to be coming to us.

William Greer said I understand, yeah.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said and Gary is absolutely correct. The forum of funders would be an excellent place to go. That's the community foundation just right across the street there. And they're looking, they're asking people. Submit your proposal so we can you know, spend some of the money that we've put in, they've put into that. Their funding, and it is a good, I'm not saying it's not a good one, it's a good one. But they're having to go back and fund sterilization for cats because no one else is applying.

William Greer said is that the same as the Randolph County United one?

Missy said no, no.

William Greer said because I've been, I'm in the process of applying for that too.

Missy said yeah, but Randolph County, or Randolph Community Foundation, right across here, they take all kinds of people have investments and so they have quite a bit of money. And they're, in my opinion, they're looking for projects like this. I sat in and approved a grant last week with them for the high school, Winchester Community High School to create a green house environment with gardens for the summertime. And I think you, how much are, well how much will you need in your asking on this one?

William Greer said 40, like 4200 to finish getting that sub-flooring leveled up there, but I can, I can put the floor down myself too.

Missy said when you're done if I were you, I would walk straight over there and talk to Lisa Jennings or Grant Cox on how you get, and it's a very informal. You just, this proposal and then there's a small group that sits and decides yay or nay whether they want to do it.

William Greer said okay. That's different than Ashley Stephens, is he part, because I've been over there a couple of times.

Missy said Ashley is over there also.

William Greer said and they said, they told me that I needed to be a 501C3 in order to qualify for some of that stuff, is what I was told by them. But I'll talk to Lisa also, but.

Missy said yeah, talk to them again, and then if that's the case, it is tough, Gary's absolutely, I agree with him a 100%.

William Greer said I understand.

Missy said it's just tough to give an individual and not that you're going to do this, but two months and you get it fixed up and then you sell it.

William Greer said no, it's, I'm there for good.

Missy said no, I know, but people have, and we have to you know, guard against that. I love your project. And crowd funding may be a great way to do it too.

William Greer said I thought about that too, also.

Missy said yeah, yeah. And if you need help, I think Mayor Spence in Union City, he's done it for different things and had a great opportunity for community members to chip in 20 bucks, 100 bucks, 1,000 bucks. You'd be surprised how much they've gotten done on using some of those funding areas too. It's a great project.

William Greer said okay. Well if stop back by when it's open, come in and take a look. I knew you've been over there a few times. Everybody, come on to town, have a look. It's been, it's been fun. It's been a project, way more than a pet project. It's going to be a, I'm hoping it's going to revitalize, may even bring some people from out of town in, because instead of town, just all of us trading our money with each other, get some out-of-towners in there and spend some money.

Gary said just say there's some projects that are hard for me to say no to and this is one that's hard to say no to, but I have to say no, personally.

Missy said yeah.

William Greer said I understand. Yeah, I understand the logic behind that. Like I understand the door opening up you know, on every Joe Smoe would come in and asking for something. I appreciate your time.

Gary said okay. Thank you. Anything else? Missy?

Missy said I'd be glad to help you and get you more information from over there or whatever.

William Greer said yeah, if you find something out, let me know or I'll stop in there. But I've talked to them several times.

Missy said okay, maybe they can't do it because it's private. Yeah, that's probably it.

William Greer said yeah, the building is owned by, it's 501C10. Said in order to get funding you had to be a 501C3 I think, I'm, maybe I'm reading it wrong, maybe I'm understanding them wrong, but I've been there a few times. But, I'll try again.

Missy said yeah, yeah, that could be. That could be, because the last one we did was the you know, involved Winchester Community High Schools. Community gardens they were going to put in and that's non-profit. I'll try to find out some information on crowd funding for you and the different ways that Union City has raised money for their parks.

William Greer said yeah.

Missy said I'll get it to you.

William Greer said okay.

Gary said thank you.

Debra Johnting – Proposed amendment

Gary said Debra Johnting, proposed amendment.

Debra Johnting said Debra Johnting, Area Planning Director.

Gary said and you're hear for Ordinance 2026-08?

Debra Johnting said I am, and I would like to make a short statement.

Gary said sure.

Debra Johnting said I wanted to make it clear this affects only secondary existing residence, because it's been stated that if you have a home that is non-conforming, you can't rebuild. If you have a residence that's legally established but non-conforming prior to 2017, you can rebuild right now regardless of lot size if it is standing or not. This is for existing or formerly existing, before 2017, secondary residences. We have a lot of lots that have mom and dad's home and then kids build on it or siblings built side-by-side on the same property. This is for, and just because it's a secondary residence doesn't mean that it shouldn't have the chance to be rebuilt. It's a residence that's been there maybe 50, 60, 70 years. And, but once that's gone, then it loses its grandfathered status. So, the changes to the ordinance will allow anyone with a residence prior to 2017, to rebuild on the same lot, regardless if there's another house, regardless if there's 2 acres per residence, and there is a limit to this change because there shouldn't be anymore after 2017. We're not creating anymore of these. We'll just go back and protect the few that we have out there.

Gary said it also includes moving the structure on the lot if its setbacks are.

Debra Johnting said yes, it does. And in cases, even if there was one house and it was destroyed or they decided it couldn't stand any longer, they might have to move it because of setbacks and you know, the road has been widened, so they might have to move it back. But anywhere on that lot.

Gary said a tornado hits a non-conforming lot, they can rebuild it and move it on that lot if they choose to now.

Debra Johnting said yes, yes.

Gary said okay. Tom, you're in all the meetings.

Tom said yeah, I think it's the way it ended up was really good. It kept it really narrow so that we weren't having a bunch of non-conforming lots. But it took care of the people who ended up having existing situations.

Gary said yeah. They don't have the opportunity to split it off and go into non-conforming either, if that made it clear in there?

Debra Johnting said it does. I'm not sure I agree with that long term, but that's for another day.

Gary said okay, fair enough. Missy?

Missy said nope, fine.

Gary said okay, we have before us Ordinance number 2026-08, an ordinance to amend the text of the Unified Zoning Ordinance of Randolph County Indiana, as has been explained. Is there anybody here to speak to this ordinance? Somebody like to make a motion that we pass Ordinance 2026-08 on the first reading?

Tom said I make that motion.

Gary said this reading is by title only. We have a motion. Do we have a second?

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

Gary said this has been a well discussed ordinance. I would like to see, would like to entertain a motion to suspend the rules and have 2nd and 3rd reading and passage of the same day.

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

Gary said somebody would like to make a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-08?

Tom made a motion to approve. Missy seconded the motion.

Gary said a motion and a second. Any further discussion? All those in favor signify by saying aye.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said help me understand some of that literature that you sent out about the 90-day rule that you were, Chris had put out, that everybody needs to adopt or it automatically becomes automatic whether they do it or not? That's talking about cities?

Debra Johnting said yes.

Gary said but the county is taking care of county side, right? So, does this probably exist in the cities too?

Debra Johnting said this article will go to everyone.

Gary said okay.

Debra Johnting said and it could affect someone in the city if they.

Gary said okay. I can see where it could. I just didn't know for sure.

Debra Johnting said and we did have some issues with the flood plain ordinance even though the state says whether you sign it or not, 90 days, you're in. We had a city who's covered by the flood plain insurance program that didn't sign it, or they didn't realize, they did sign it. It just didn't go to DNR. DNR couldn't find it. And they said if they didn't actually sign it, they were not in the insurance program. And we said but you're the state and the state says if they have, whether they sign it or not, in 90 days, that's their Ordinance change. So, we're working harder on making sure they sign it, making sure we get a copy, and not just assuming that they'll be in 90 days, that's the law, that in 90 days that is adopted whether they signed it or not.

Gary said alright. Anything for Debra, Tom?

Tom said nope.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said nope.

Gary said anything for us?

Debra Johnting said I think this is a good change. I wouldn't be in favor if it didn't have a cap on it that protects the county from creating anything else, but it protects the homeowners if they own a home now, they can have the assurance that they can rebuild it if something happens.

Gary said okay, thank you for getting it done.

Debra Johnting said thank you.

Ruthie Rose & Clyde Shaffer, RCU – RLF Program

Gary said next Ruthie Rose and Clyde Shaffer.

Ruthie Rose said good morning. Ruthie Rose, Randolph County United. I'm accompanied by Clyde Shaffer, our board chair. So, last time that Sydnee and I were here, we gave you guys an update on where we're at with some of our financial programs through Randolph County United. So, she touched on the business support grant that we have currently launched and then the other thing she touched on was our plan to restructure our revolving loan fund programs through Randolph County United. So, I'm here today to kind of give you an update on that. So, we, in the past, had two revolving loan fund programs, one through the EDA and the other through the USDA. So, last spring, early summer, Sydnee and I began working with both agencies to begin getting those funds defederalized. And so, defederalizing the funds would allow us to no longer have the funds obviously tied to Federal regulations in reporting and then also Randolph County United would be able to manage and administer the revolving loan fund. And then also, we would be able to structure the programs that would be tailored to Randolph County businesses and be able to fit our needs here. So, we did actually get the USDA officially defederalized. So, those funds have been defederalized. But now, we are in the works of defederalizing the EDA funds. And, so, we have completed all of the documentation, resolution letters, things like that, certificate of compliance. We have turned all that in on our end. And the EDA, I got an email from our point of contact early last week, they've rediscovered that the original EDA funding that Randolph County received, we were a co-grantee, which meant that Randolph County, as well as Randolph County United were both grantees of the original funding. So, in order to officially get everything defederalized, the next step in the process would be the county submitting a letter, resolution letter stating that Randolph County United is going to continue using these funds for our Revolving Loan Fund and that we would be the primary administrators of that. And so, it's just you guys submitting a resolution letter, and then once we do get the EDAs officially defederalized, we plan on creating a revolving loan fund that would better support business growth and expansion, provide more accessible financing options and then just overall, like I said, just be a better support system specifically tailored to Randolph County businesses. So, that's kind of where we're at. We just need your approval and signature on that letter, and then we'll get it submitted and then we'll just be waiting to hear back from them to see if there's anything else required for the defederalization.

Gary said okay. Yep. I don't have a problem at all with the request. Do you Tom?

Tom said no.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said I don't have any problem with it. I think it's a great, and I was the one who signed it several years ago to get that going. I think it's a great program. I'd like to sometimes have a little update on who you're thinking about, who's applying for those grants, somebody else may know something and we're going to wait a minute here, or you may not. And it's just putting two eyes and ears on it. I think it's a

great program. That's why I supported it years ago. I think it's a great one. I appreciate all your work for it.

Clyde Shaffer said there'll be boundaries put in place. And when they are, we'll bring them back of course, just out of courtesy, so you guys know what's what.

Missy said yeah. I just want to work together on this.

Clyde Shaffer said yeah, absolutely.

Gary said would somebody like to make a motion to allow me to sign this letter for defederalization?

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

Gary said okay. What else?

Missy said I'd like, can I ask another question?

Gary said sure.

Missy said what's the update on the Brownfield grant?

Ruthie Rose said we haven't heard yet. We don't have any new updates, I don't believe.

Missy said okay.

Gary said do you know the locations you're talking about?

Clyde Shaffer said on the Brownfield, do you have?

Ruthie Rose said I have not.

Clyde Shaffer said we have a list.

Missy said I have it.

Clyde Shaffer said you've got the list too?

Missy said I do, I have. I've put it on a map so I could understand it.

Clyde Shaffer said okay good. I don't know, Gary. I don't know the address off the top of my head.

Missy said yeah, I'll get it.

Clyde Shaffer said but I know they're on it.

Gary said there was just said there's one for each corner of the county and I still don't know where they're at.

Clyde Shaffer said can you share that with Gary?

Missy said yeah, yeah. I have, I'm going to have to dig a little bit in my home computer, but Gary, that's an excellent point. We need to, we need to know what's, that Brownfield.

Clyde Shaffer said well, Gary's asked for it before and I think we forgot.

Missy said yeah, yeah.

Clyde Shaffer said so, that's our fault.

Ruthie Rose said I can touch base with Sydnee, but I don't believe there are any new updates on it.

Missy said yeah, no, there shouldn't be.

Gary said I don't have the original update, was what I was asking.

Missy said yeah, just the original one that we applied for. Yeah, I think Gary, we need a complete map on that, but it's kind of ones you already know about that and.

Gary said well but she said in a meeting that she could only apply it for a few.

Missy said yeah.

Clyde Shaffer said yeah, there's a limit.

Gary said my question was which ones are they and where are they?

Missy said right.

Clyde Shaffer said yep and where are they. Put them on a map, show you a map, simple.

Gary said yeah.

Clyde Shaffer said okay.

Gary said you want Andy to come up? He's got his hand up. He's here. Hold on, you've got to come up and identify.

Andy Fahl said Andy Fahl, Randolph County United.

Gary said in the chairs.

Clyde Shaffer said you've got to get in the chair.

Andy Fahl said I was just going to go off memory and I'm almost certain, I'm almost certain that I remember Sydnee said that we wouldn't get results of that Brownfield grant until maybe some time in May.

Gary said it's not my question. It's not my question. My question is what are the locations that we are submitting?

Clyde Shaffer said that were submitted.

Andy Fahl said I don't think it's at that stage yet.

Gary said it has to be.

Missy said yeah, it is.

Clyde Shaffer said yeah, it is.

Missy said they were submitted.

Gary said they were submitted.

Andy Fahl said okay.

Missy said I was on that committee and they were submitted.

Clyde Shaffer said yeah, and she's got the, a map of it.

Andy Fahl said okay. Well, I'm sorry for mis-speaking, but I do remember her saying the results would be the end of May. So, it's, but, I guess I can't answer your question. Sorry.

Clyde Shaffer said we have a map, I don't have a map. Missy has a map.

Missy said it's my own map that I created of the county because I wanted to see where they were, if they were evenly distributed among those who let us know.

Clyde Shaffer said put it this way, before the next meeting, you'll have a map.

Gary said okay. In a meeting, I don't know if you were there, Andy, Sydnee brought all this up, I said what are the locations and where are they? She said I'll get that to you, and I'm still asking for it.

Andy Fahl said okay.

Gary said thank you. Anything else?

Andy Fahl said no, I don't.

Gary said okay, Clyde?

Clyde Shaffer said no. I'm easy today. Quick, not stalling up your meeting.

Gary said Ruthie, do you have anything?

Ruthie Rose said I'm good. Thank you.

Gary said you guys have anything, Tom?

Tom said no.

Gary said thank you. Mayor Bob McCoy, are you still here?

Bob McCoy and Brandon Barndollar – funding request

Bob McCoy said I am.

Gary said we actually wrote you on the agenda, so you're here wondering if I was going to address this, right? And Brandon.

Bob McCoy said as far as Brandon's request?

Gary said yeah.

Brandon Barndollar, deputy chief of police, Winchester Police Department.

Bob McCoy said Mayor Bob McCoy, city of Winchester.

Gary said can we start with the request for the radios?

Brandon Barndollar said yes. So, in the last meeting you asked for me to make contact with all the law enforcement agencies, find out how many radios they had, who purchased them, I believe is what you asked.

Gary said and the reason I asked that, and I explained it to mayor was I wouldn't personally just give money to Winchester, as a levy. If I were to do this, it would be percentage-wise, everybody in the county would get a little help, according to their size.

Brandon Barndollar said right, and I completely understand that. And so, when I reached out, the one thing that I did learn is that obviously, I was not in the initial radio meetings when the whole transition first took place. That was a different admin. In talking to several of the chief and town marshals, apparently there had been discussion in those meetings that the county was going to contribute money and somehow, that never came to fruition.

Gary said do you know why?

Brandon Barndollar said have no clue.

Gary said come back with an enormous amount of money.

Brandon Barndollar said I'm sure, I'm sure it probably did at the time. So, you know, again, I wasn't involved with that so that's all the town marshals and chiefs could tell me at that time. I know, in talking to Union City PD, they said that the biggest reason they paid for their own was the dual state having to be programmed in both states because Ohio was wide expensive, because of different things that the state of Ohio has to have in their radios. There are some extra costs and fees, annual subscriptions, things of that nature. But, as you asked, I went through every department and only Modoc and ourselves were the only ones that had not been able to upgrade. Modoc needs one. And talking to Marshal Miller, he asked if he could get on board with our costs and maybe get you guys to do half of his as well. I said that was something that I would be more than glad, since I'm already here, instead of both of us occupying your time, I would let you guys know that information and bring it to you.

Gary said Brandon, I don't, I really don't care who's already bought theirs and not bought theirs. I'm basically looking at an EDIT fund grant that can be used for radio equipment, so anybody can use it to upgrade what they already have or.

Brandon Barndollar said right. And what I explained to Missy earlier, there will be, so, if we do this encryption, all these radios will need, from my understanding from Mr. Shaneyfelt, will be for them, I believe J&K is who they're contracted with, they'll have to come in, flip their switch to turn their encryption on, but as far as all of us agencies, they'll come in and re-program that encryption with each radio. There is a fee associated with that. So, if you were to do this, and you set out however much you decide, then that would be something that maybe the other agencies just a thought, that the other agencies could come and say hey you set this amount out, we need to pay for that out of that encryption, as a you know, I will tell you that if we get this half, we'll pay for our own encryption, we're not going to ask for that later. You know, if you're going to help us now, we're not going to ask for help later on that. But that would be something the other agencies could look at possibly, just an idea.

Gary said if we were to do an EDIT grant to each one of the cities and towns, it could be opening up and use it for hardware or software?

Brandon Barndollar said yeah, absolutely. So, that's one avenue that I was looking at that, you know, if we could get that half help on the purchase, then that money I save now, I'll use for the re-programming to get this encryption done. You know, I will tell you that it's going to be beneficial. I've already seen posts where after we discussed it in the last meeting, one person was making a post, we had an operation where we had to utilize the Sheriff's ERT and people were posting what's going on, you know, and one gentleman got on there and flat said you are the reason that the county and the cities are looking to go encrypted, because they posted radio traffic and stuff like that. That, to me, isn't anybody's business except that family that's going through that and us.

Gary said yeah, so, for me, if we were to get some granting out for that, I mean, we could say hey, we want you to use it all on software encryption, but that's still money being funded allows you to open up funding to buy radios, this type of thing.

Brandon Barndollar said right. If you label it however you want to label it, whether it's for radios or what have you, you know, if you just label it radios programming software, whatever. I mean, that's entirely up to you, but that was what I came up with was each agency, how many radios they have, who, you know, I even went to the next step to find out who had purchased them or how they got them and then, so, tried to get you all the information you needed.

Gary said okay. Tom, any input?

Tom said well we want them to have what they need. But the question is if you do make a grant available, how are you going to do it, for size of the community?

Gary said my thoughts were, it has to be, let's just say a grant is this amount of money, populous size of the city would be the percentage. And, obviously, we'll have to decide, discuss, probably can't get there today, on how much we want to do, what we want to do, and if we want to do it. So, anything else?

Tom said I'd just like to see total cost, what.

Gary said that would be up to us.

Tom said well I meant what they're paying for their radios, what encryption cost.

Brandon Barndollar said and that's the thing, the radios, the proposal I gave you last time, that's this time, that's right now. Our radio guy flat told us the Kenwood Motorola because of everything going on in the world and the cost he pretty much guaranteed me June, I was looking at a substantial increase.

Missy said the chips are going up.

Brandon Barndollar said you know, just like anything else, certain things, especially in technology, it advances, it goes up, it goes down, and I get that.

Gary said do you know by chance, off the top of your head, how much those radios were? I don't have it.

Missy said yeah, you have that list.

Brandon Barndollar said yeah, actually, I think I had my last proposal with me here, double check.

Gary said I just want to write it all on one list here.

Brandon Barndollar said so, the quoted cost was \$2,359.28 per radio for a total for us.

Missy said let's just go the whole county, the total was \$16,000.00, am I correct?

Brandon Barndollar said no, that was for my half.

Missy said okay.

Brandon Barndollar said that was for my half. That was from my half. My half was, I was requesting 16,000, half of \$33,029.92.

Gary said do you know what the encryption cost is to get encrypted?

Brandon Barndollar said no, I do not. To re-program, I do not have a cost at this time.

Gary said how could we get that cost?

Brandon Barndollar said I would assume it's anywhere from 50 to \$100.00 per radio. That's a quick phone call or email to our radio guy. But then again, I don't know what J&K would cost?

Gary said is that licensing and any, are we talking about a license?

Brandon Barndollar said that's, so, the licensing and everything is already done on these radios. Everybody that's already updated is already, that 33,000 for us, that was licensing, that was your DSAS encryption, everything that was needed to get you on board. Until we turn that switch on for the encryption, we are, that particular channel is not encrypted. We would then, once Chris and the department heads make that decision to turn that on, then we'd have to call the radio people back and say hey, okay, this is our date, we're going encrypted on this date, we need to have our radios programmed and done by this date, we need you to re-program every portable, every mobile, by this date, so that it has the encrypted channel, so dispatch and our each officer can understand the radio traffic.

Missy said I just strongly feel like we've got to get updated radios in the hands of everybody who's an emergency person in the smallest little burg or our largest city.

Brandon Barndollar said right.

Gary said we're on like, 50 radios, count?

Missy said I think it would be 51.

Gary said 51?

Missy said I think.

Brandon Barndollar said what's that?

Missy said did I count right? I think it would be 51.

Brandon Barndollar said 15.

Missy said 15, okay.

Brandon Barndollar said so, Winchester needs, we need 14 and Modoc needs 1. Everyone else is updated.

Missy said okay. That's a total of 16?

Brandon Barndollar said everyone else has current portables.

Missy said what did you have on there, 16,000 for that?

Brandon Barndollar said so, I have, we're asking for half, so I had 16, you know, half of \$33,029.92. I did not include Modoc's because at the time, he was still working with their council, so I only included what Winchester was requesting. And again, I didn't know Modoc needed one until Mr. Friend had asked me to do the research and find out what other agencies needed. And Modoc only needs the one.

Gary said and the reason is because these others that don't need it have spent their money out of their own treasury.

Brandon Barndollar said right.

Gary said and if I do this, I want to make sure that.

Brandon Barndollar said everybody is being fair.

Gary said everybody's being fair.

Brandon Barndollar said I get it.

Gary said okay. Anything else Missy, on this?

Missy said sometimes you've got to come and ask. So, those who didn't come and ask.

Brandon Barndollar said yeah, I get that. And I, you know, I don't work for the other towns. I work for Winchester.

Missy said no, I know.

Gary said a lot of them have asked and been told no, so they probably just see if we're going to do something or not.

Brandon Barndollar said right. I've been told no before. That's fine. Doesn't hurt to ask.

Gary said I think what we need to do is decide how much money we want to, if we want to put some money out, how much it is and how we're going to pro-rate it out to each one of the cities and towns, equitably. Do you want to look at this in two weeks and see if we want to do something, Missy?

Missy said yeah, get some numbers.

Gary said Tom?

Tom said yep.

Gary said and get some numbers and so we'll revisit this.

Brandon Barndollar said if there's a way that I can help with this, I'd be more than glad. I mean, I just.

Gary said oh, I think you've done some heavy lifting so that you didn't have to do and I appreciate you doing that for us so, we have some information to put together some kind of grant for cities and towns for emergency services. Well we put a grant together to get houses done, we can probably put a grant together to get software radios.

Brandon Barndollar said yeah, like I explained to Missy earlier, fire departments in the state and everything, there're grants everywhere for them. There's not grants for police officers and the police departments you know. We can't get new, new buildings come out of our budget, radios come out of our budget, you know, if we can budget, but when emergencies like this come up, it's a little different.

Missy said cars come out of your budget.

Brandon Barndollar said cars come out of our budget, yeah.

Bob McCoy said well and you know, like training and things like that, I mean, used to be the gun permits, all that money would go into their training fund.

Brandon Barndollar said and the state took that away.

Bob McCoy said and the state took that away. So, yeah, they're limited on the amount of funds for this, certain things.

Brandon Barndollar said they limit how much we can charge for crash reports and reports you know, we don't.

Bob McCoy said the catalytic converter is the newest one.

Brandon Barndollar said yeah, they do, we have to do an affidavit now for any catalytic converter that somebody does and they didn't even, they haven't said whether we can charge for it or what. But we actually have to get under the car to see where it's been cut off.

Gary said okay. So, we'll revisit it in two weeks. I want to do a little bit and then see how we're going to fairly get it out to everybody equally, proportionately.

Brandon Barndollar said that'd be great. I guarantee every agency would greatly appreciate that.

Gary said anything else? Mayor, do you have anything?

Bob McCoy said Summers Pointe, we initially applied for the Community Crossings grant. I got denied. State House ended up allocating an addition 75 million in funds, first come first serve, we already had our quotes available, so we bid project. We were awarded last week. So, that project will move forward, so, we're going to repave the whole Summers Pointe area as well as do some drainage.

Gary said in Community Crossings?

Bob McCoy said Community Crossings. So, that was a, close to 800,000 I think. So, and the tornado tore that up out there, besides of the roads not being good to begin with is built very little base out there. So, working on that. Like I said, the bids were awarded, so, we're just waiting on the purchase order to kind of give them the go ahead, hopefully by August, October that'll be done. Finishing up last year's soon as the weather breaks, I think May, second week of May we're going to finish the paving on Thompson, South Street, Meridian. And then I'm working with building owner across the street, the old part of the dime store, there're 3 buildings there. One of them we had a floor collapse, third floor collapsed into the second floor during the winter, more than likely from ice from the roof leaking. I've got an engineer coming in very soon. Going to be at the city's expense, but it'll go on the property owner's property taxes. But I need that engineer to basically, declare that building's probably unsafe and then she has agreed to a court order for a tear down. But I need kind of all that information to kind of move forward with that. So, kind of where we're at. Although I hate to see another building in downtown go, I don't know we're going to be able to save that one.

Missy said I don't think you have a choice on that. You can walk around the alley and look at it and watch out for the squirrels running out when you get ready to tear that down.

Bob McCoy said I think you're going to see that all throughout the county, Union City, Winchester, Farmland, all these larger buildings are starting to crumble and it's just going to be a matter of time when you're going to see more of them come down.

Missy said lucky that nobody was hurt because there was somebody in that building when it collapsed.

Bob McCoy said that's all I've got.

Gary said thank you. Missy, anything else?

Missy said no.

Gary said Tom?

Tom said no. Thank you.

Gary said thank you. We'll address this in two weeks. That's all of the new business.

Other Business:

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

Gary said other business. Sheriff.

Art Moystner said morning. Art Moystner said Art Moystner, sheriff of Randolph County. I have a couple of things that I just want to discuss this morning. One is, I wanted to let you guys know we have rolled out the sheriff's app that we'd talked about. So, it is up, not fully functional yet. There're a couple of things that we're still working on some interfaces with. There's a QR code that I'm going to give you guys, anybody that's here today. I'm going to leave one laying here. I'm going to talk to Laura about getting one on the website. At this point in time, it's just getting word out to try to get people into that. From what I see on it, I like it a lot. I think it's going to be a great tool for the sheriff's office moving forward. So, I wanted to give you guys that update.

Gary said thank you.

Art Moystner said second, I would like to plant a seed. We have purchased the evidence dot com system, the Axon system for body cameras and what not. Last week I learned that they have a translation channel that goes on that bodycam that is AI based. In watching the video on it, it's pretty fascinating. If you go up and make contact and it's a, someone that speaks a different language, the body camera itself will recognize that language, detect that language and automatically translate for you. So, it will translate what they say to the officer and then what the officer says back to them. The cost of that is \$7,600 a year for that AI interface.

Gary said everybody, the whole?

Art Moystner said that's for anybody that has the body camera that's on our system. So, that would cover all of our body cameras.

Missy said how much again?

Art Moystner said \$7,600 per year, ish. To share with you, I'm going to let the council know tomorrow. I have asked for a training phase with that so that they'll let me have it as a demo. I want to make sure before I bring it and ask for actual funding, that we have that. But it would be a contractual thing because we signed the 10-year contract with Axon to lock in that cost. And I would recommend doing the same thing. And to share with you guys with numbers, I had an opportunity to talk to some of the officers last week. It's not uncommon to encounter or have a language barrier, each officer 2 to 5 times per 4-day shift. So, we're running into this more and more, and more frequently. And I know they've told me there has been probably 3, 4, 5 different languages at this point in time, that they've tried to, that you try to figure out. And try to do something with, and right now, they're trying to go with their personal phone and you type a message and it translates and they type and it translates. And I think this would be, one, I think it would be an officer safety thing if you have two people speaking a language that we don't understand and they're talking about doing harm to the office that's out there to have that translated quite rapidly would be nice. So, I wanted to plant that seed with you.

Gary said so, if the council goes for it, it would be \$7,600.00, the commissioners go off on it, with the contract you can get it into 2027's budget as a yearly expenditure?

Art Moystner said correct. We could tag it right on to the regular Axon because it's from Axon and it's just, it wasn't a feature that was available when I originally was negotiating that.

Gary said I see the value in it. Tom?

Tom said yeah.

Art Moystner said and I think it would be an officer safety.

Gary said Missy, do you see the value?

Missy said yeah.

Gary said yeah, okay.

Art Moystner said so, I'll bring it to their attention tomorrow and it's 7,600 a year for officer safety.

Gary said that's nothing. I mean that's, yeah.

Art Moystner said I agree.

Gary said so, we could probably get that on our agenda in two weeks after the council looks at it, puts it in the 27 budget, we can.

Art Moystner said well what I would like to do is I would like to still trial the product for, and maybe we'll look at it, next month and try to get all that at the first of next month. But I would like a trial basis on it because I want to make sure that it's yeah, not a bright shiny distraction.

Gary said sounds good. What else?

Art Moystner said that's all I have for you. Do you guys have any questions for me?

Gary said I do not. Tom?

Tom said nope.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said I do. How's the improvements or corrections of our construction on the inside of the jail going?

Art Moystner said right now, he's in the process of putting a date together to get the bids out. I had told him to give me a week's notice and we could walk him through. He's wanting to do a meeting in the building, and we'll open the building up and accommodate provided there's not anything that's already locked in. So, he's going to give that to me. We'll get it on the schedule and then we'll just go from there.

Missy said do you see any, in the foresight that some of your prisoners might have to be moved to another county for a short amount of time when the work is being done in an area?

Art Moystner said currently no. Currently, I think we can accommodate because in talking to Tony and working on some of that, what we would like to do is probably shut down or have them work in two blocks at a time. And I think we can accommodate shifting people, at least currently. The only way that I would foresee we would have to move any inmates is if we would have a couple of them that we can't put together for whatever reason, then we might have to move one or two into another county. But that's something that I do frequently for Delaware County and Wayne County, is we will hold inmates for them

for a specific, certain reasons. So, they kind of owe us anyway, so, I think we'll be alright working with them.

Gary said okay.

Missy said last thing. Gas prices. How about your budget for gasoline?

Art Moystner said right now, we're just in April, so, right now, I'm not seeing a whole lot. But I will come back if need be, and let you guys know as we move closer and closer. I haven't seen an enormous increase in the monthly printout that we get. So, right now, we're still doing pretty good I think.

Missy said okay. Thanks.

Art Moystner said you're welcome.

Gary said anything else?

Missy said nope, that's it.

Gary said Tom?

Tom said nope.

Gary said thanks sheriff.

Art Moystner said thank you.

Payroll Claims \$ 374,087.98 & 365,901.94

Gary said payroll claims, two of them. \$374,087.98 and \$365,901.94. Someone like to make a motion to approve these two payroll claims?

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

Regular Claims \$903,058.85

Gary said next, we have our regular claims, \$903,058.85. Somebody like to make a motion to approve the regular claims?

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

Tax Refund Claim \$939.16

Gary said next we have a tax refund claim, \$939.16. Somebody like to make a motion to approve?

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

BF&S \$18,085.95

Gary said we have a claim from, there are two claims here. I'm going to send this over to Meeks for one look at. On the bottom line right here, Meeks, it says agreement dated March 4th, 2015. Seems 10 years out is a long time for.

Meeks said I think it's 2025. It could be though. I don't know.

Gary said just curious.

Meeks said that's just mis-dated.

Gary said okay.

Meeks said this is for hanger inspection?

Gary said yeah.

Meeks said well we might have an inspection thing going back that far.

Gary said okay. You see it, Missy?

Missy said yeah.

Gary said okay. We have these two claims for a total of \$18,085.95. Somebody like to make a motion to approve?

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

Courthouse Camera access

Gary said courthouse camera access. I think we need a list and then we'll just make some decisions on it. Is that fair?

Tom said yep.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said yeah, I think we should get department heads to, elected officials to add in on our discussion, what they feel like they need and who needs access.

Gary said okay.

Public hearing countdown clock discussion

Gary said after our public hearing, I think we need a countdown clock up, Tom and I can see the clock over here, because Tom was the timekeeper, but the people speaking can't. They get cut off. We could easily put a countdown clock up there on the wall and just push it when it's time. So, when we have a public hearing it's fair to people who are speaking to wrap up and get it done. What do you think, Tom?

Tom said I think it's a good idea.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said me too.

Gary said and I'd sent you guys pictures. I'll just get ahold of Jake, something like that and just get it in here. It can be battery operated and not take up anymore.

Coroner's station location

Gary said coroner's station location. I'm not sure what this is all about.

Missy said oh, I've already voiced my concerns on that, but it's.

Gary said oh okay. Okay.

Executive session set meeting

Gary said next up, executive session set for a meeting. Should we identify what we're setting an executive session for?

Meeks said to receive grievance from, about an employee.

Gary said okay. So, that meeting.

Meeks said and I have it here. And I can send that out to everybody after this meeting.

Gary said okay. So, we should have a meeting set for, we need two days.

Meeks said 48 hours.

Gary said 48 hours.

Meeks said I can get you the IC Code, which one.

Gary said okay. Is Thursday evening good for everybody?

Missy said yeah.

Gary said at 6:00?

Missy said uh huh.

Gary said Tom?

Tom said sure.

Gary said okay. So, we'll set an executive session for this Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Resolution 2026-07- Transfer of Property

Gary said okay, we have our Resolution 2026-07, transfer of property. This is the Modoc property, and a quit claim deed. So, first, we do the resolution 2026-07, transfer the property to Modoc that we discussed the last meeting. Somebody like to make a motion to approve this resolution?

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

Gary said and now we have quit claim deed for that property.

Tom said move to approve.

Gary said we have a motion to approve signing the quit claim deed for the property. It's West River Township, lot.

Meeks said it is not a very good legal description. I talked to the recorder, and I think they'll accept it with the understanding if Modoc wants to do anything, they're going to have to get a survey.

Gary said okay.

Meeks said I mean, look at the, I mean.

Gary said it says West River Township, lot number.

Meeks said I mean, I think it goes back a 100 years.

Gary said northwest section 6, township 18, range 13...

Meeks said I don't know, you guys might have gotten it from the....

Gary said alright. We have a motion to approve signing the quit claim deed? Did we get one, a motion?

Tom said yes. Missy seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Laura said I'm going to need this notarized.

Meeks said I can notarize it.

Laura said okay.

Meeks said I'll bring it back and we'll file it.

Randolph County EDIT Plan and set a date for EDIT meeting

Gary said Randolph County EDIT Plan. We have our EDIT plan updated. Somebody like to make a motion to approve the two updates of the EDIT plan? \$50,000.00, town of Albany. \$40,000.00 to the park project in Union City.

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

Gary said we need an EDIT meeting date. So, what works for everybody. Usually do those on Wednesdays towards the end of the month.

Meeks said 22nd or 29th.

Tom said 29th, if possible.

Gary said 29th, okay. Wednesday the 29th. Missy, are you okay with that?

Missy said yeah, that's good.

Gary said at 6:00 o'clock?

Missy said uh huh.

Gary said someone make the motion to set the EDIT meeting for Wednesday the 29th at 6:00 p.m.?

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

Courthouse clock tower

Gary said courthouse clock tower. We have a letter here. Is it the light doesn't work?

Missy said yeah, the light bulb up there doesn't work. So, I received a letter from retired judge Peter Haviza and his wife. He wanted to be here today. He cannot because he is sitting judge over in Delaware County for all this, I think, most of this week. So, Judge Haviza and several other citizens around Randolph County have asked about the light at the top of the clock tower that used to be there. And I understand that in the past it would burn out often. And so, I want to see if we can get an electrical person who can go up there, not Jake, because we need somebody, he doesn't, I don't need to ask him to go climbing up there. Not his job, and he's so busy anyway. But to see what the issue is with the light and so, I called the company who's going to be doing some work on the clock. They're going to clean it and get it all refurbished to keep it looking like it should. And I think there are many people who really enjoy when they come into town, at any direction, that that clock tower is lit. And it could be one that, we have them in our house and our exterior doors and things, that it's got some kind of a red button there and when the sun comes up and when it gets light, the light bulb goes off and then it comes back on at a certain time, or certain darkness in the evening. So, I don't know what the cost on that's going to be, other than it could be as simple as if the electrical wiring is good, then it could be as simple as having someone go up and, and it needs, we need an electrician to go up there and look at it first. And I can get a quote from them or from a couple and see are you willing to take on this small project. But, I'd really like to have that, and I agree with Mr. Haviza, Judge Haviza, and I have his letter here. So, if anybody wants to read it, you're certainly welcome to. I'd appreciate that he brought that up again. It's been something that when it was lit several years ago, well a few years ago, it really was an amazing thing to see. When we had the Veterans Day, first Veterans Day program, it was lit at that time. And it was really neat to see that lit up there. And I think as a historical courthouse like Randolph County has, they haven't torn it down and come up with a justice center or another building which we meet at, so I would like to have the okay and I can get you bids on what someone says it's going to take to, it is a ladder that goes up there. There aren't stairs like you see in the old castles thing, but to move forward to try to get that clock tower lit.

Gary said sure. Tom?

Tom said yeah.

Gary said you might work with Jake hand in hand.

Missy said I will.

Gary said and the clock tower that does the maintenance on it, surely, they can take care of a light.

Missy said yeah, I think they can. He indicated, he emailed me back and said yeah, they'd be glad to take a look at it.

Gary said yeah, it's part of our routine maintenance

Missy said yeah, that would be great. Great, thank you.

2026 Salary committee appointment

Gary said salary committee. Council has requested that we assign somebody to the salary committee. I've done it, I did it two years ago, Tom Kerns did it last year. Missy, you want to do it this year?

Missy said sure.

Gary said I'll make a motion that we assign Missy Williams to the salary committee for 2026.

Missy said what's the dates on that?

Gary said they don't have them yet. Council put theirs together tomorrow and get with you.

Missy said okay.

Gary said we have a motion and a second, and you're willing, Missy?

Missy said yeah.

Gary said all those in favor signify by saying aye.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said Missy, anything?

Missy said nope, nothing else.

Citizen Comments (3 minutes)

Gary said well before we get that route, citizen comments for 3 minutes. Do we have any citizens here today in attendance that would like to approach the commissioners?

Troy Prescott said thank you. Troy Prescott, local Randolph County land owner. I'm here about the solar ordinance that they've opened back up again. I offered to be a part of that committee as a landowner that's involved with solar. I thought that would be a good person to have on there. I know Clyde's on there. Clyde travels a lot, so if he can't be there, you kind of have nobody that's involved with projects or wanting to be involved with projects. I understand you guys have the final authority to either accept or do nothing with their recommendation at that point. I guess I'd like to be on that committee. If you guys strongly suggested I be added, I think might help. But if that doesn't, you're not going to do that, that's fine too. If they add me, if they have to add another person, that's fine. I don't see how, I don't know how many is on the other committee they had before, but I don't think 9 is an unreasonable amount of people to have. But I mean, there's just a lot of concerns that I have, I want to make sure that are addressed. And I say if they don't do it this time, and don't add me, what if I get a group and we put our own committee together and we come back to, I mean, how many times are you going to do this back and forth. So, I think if you address it head on, put everybody on there that wants to be involved with, to bring something to, I mean, as a landowner that's been involved with the project for almost 9 years and dealt with the neighbors and things, I think I bring a lot to the table. I didn't understand why just keep the committee to 7, is the reason I didn't get on there. But I mean when you've got homeowners that are opposed.

Gary said the APC put the committee together Troy. The APC actually opened it. The commissioners didn't request it.

Troy Prescott said I understand that. I understand that.

Gary said I don't have a problem you getting on that as long as they have an opportunity to balance off on the other side. I don't have a problem at all. If you get a hold of Don Calhoun. He's the chairman.

Troy Prescott said I don't think it's going to go that way unless it gets a, I've already talked to them. I've tried to get on.

Gary said so, you'd like a recommendation for us to add 2 more people to the committee, you being one of them?

Troy Prescott said yeah, yeah.

Gary said Tom?

Tom said I will say that ahead of time, I asked for somebody to be put on the committee that has or is part of the project, and, on the solar. And we did not get that. I think they thought that was a conflict, but I think just the opposite, that we need somebody representing every aspect.

Gary said so, are you making a motion to?

Tom said I would make a motion to ask to add two more if we need to balance it and Troy being one.

Gary said okay.

Missy said I'd second that motion.

Gary said we have a motion and a second to ask the APC, recommend adding two more people to the solar committee, and Troy Prescott being one of the two. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Troy Prescott said appreciate it.

Gary said anyone else in attendance today.

Larry Preston – appreciation for our school ball diamonds

Larry Preston said Larry Preston, Randolph County Council. I'd like to give some kudos out. As we all know, we're in, starting the height of the high school baseball and softball leagues. And I've been to all four diamonds in Randolph County because I'm a baseball nut. And the staff and the schools, the diamonds are spectacular for a small county, you know, non-populated county, and especially give kudos to Ken Hendrickson, one of our own. I went out Saturday to the ballgame and the Winchester field is just of utmost, utmost condition, and it's nicer than it's been in 50 years. So, I'd like to give a shout out to Ken for the coaching Falcons and his staff and Monroe Central and Union City and Randolph Southern. It gives our young teenagers great places to play and I know that they can hold these memories for a long time. So, kudos to these schools and everything for the ball diamonds.

Gary said thank you. Anything else?

Larry Preston said huh uh.

Gary said anybody in attendance today would like to come up? Missy?

Missy said nope, I don't have anything.

Gary said Laura?

Laura said the only thing I have is that I've been asked by a candidate, and I would probably put myself in there, not one that asked, but they're going to start absentee voting early voting, here at the courthouse. And they asked me if they could put their signs out of a morning and take them out of the yard of an evening while that voting is going on? My only reply to them was about the mowing. But they're like well, if we take them out, they usually mow in the evening.

Gary said I'm not sure that we need to have anything on the courthouse lawn. They put anything on the sidewalk which is on the Winchester side, but I don't know Meeks, have we ever done that, allowed it?

Meeks said you only do it on election day.

Gary said on the election day.

Laura said and that's what I had said.

Gary said I thought you meant every day coming up.

Meeks said I think that's what she meant.

Laura said no, that's what they're asking.

Meeks said on election day.

Laura said yeah, on election day we've always done it, but we've never done it during early voting.

Meeks said you've never done it before.

Laura said I told her you need to go to the commissioners for approval.

Meeks said I would think I wouldn't know why you'd change it.

Gary said I'm not in favor of changing it. Tom?

Tom said I agree.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said yeah, I agree.

Gary said okay. What else?

Laura said that's all.

Gary said I have nothing. Tom?

Tom said I don't have anything.

Gary said Meeks?

Meeks I have nothing.

Adjournment

Gary said alright, seeing nobody else having any business for the commissioners, would somebody like to make a motion to adjourn?

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

Reviewed and accepted this 20 day of April, 2026



Gary Friend



Tom Kerns



Missy Williams

ATTESTED: 
Laura J Martjn, Auditor

