

Randolph County Commissioners

June 16, 2025

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

Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearing

Gary said alright welcome everybody. We'll officially open up. We'll start with a public hearing. So, this public hearing now is open and there's a tablet up front and an ink pen. When you come up to speak on the ordinance for closing, vacating an alley, then now is the time to do so. So, are there anybody here, it's an ordinance to vacate part of a public street in the Dickerson Addition in Harrisville in Randolph County, Indiana, Ordinance 2025-02. This is a public hearing, and you can come forward. Is the person petitioning here, please come forward. Mrs. Burke, it's Burke, right?

Samantha Burke said yes.

Gary said please sign your name and put your address on that particular tablet and speak it into the microphone for the record.

Samantha Burke said Samantha J. Burke. 4911 East North Street, Union City, Indiana.

Gary said okay. As soon as you're ready.

Samantha said I sent a petition of request to vacate the alley between a property to the east of me. It's county-owned land. And so, I have petitioned for only requesting the legal separation for what would potentially be the half that I would be entitled to. The remaining half is for the other potential owner to the east to deal with. I'm only requesting for the portion that I would be allowed to be able to get. And so, everything's been done, certified letters have been sent, preliminary survey has been sent, so, I'm just waiting on approval from the board.

Gary said do you have all the letters in, Laura:

Laura said her attorney contacted me and he was sending the letters to the adjoining property owners.

Gary said that's all, currently done?

Laura said as far as I know, yes.

Gary said and all the letters have gone out to all the property owners?

Samantha Burke said yep. I have a copy of the sent receipts if you want them.

Gary said I think the auditor's office might need the receipts. In the absence of our attorney, that's where we'll stand right now. Do you have anything else to add on this?

Samantha Burke said they do have belongings on that strip of land. It looks as though, based on the surveyor that they're actually over around 25 feet of my original deed of property already. And so, there's a lot of hostility between the neighbor and I. Has been since, 2 hours after I closed on that house originally. And so, there's never been any ability to have any communication with them. I am unable to maintain a fence. They have since fenced that property. They have planted gardens on it. They have a camper parked on it, trees, a chicken coop and a boat. And so, I have asked my attorney, I do not rent to them, I don't lease to them. It's not my property to do such. And so, I would ask that they only be given 14 days from the day of this hearing to have that property removed and if not, that I have permission to have material removed in any way that I can get that done, because they've not, you know, they know that this property doesn't belong to them. There should be 64 feet between the two properties.

Gary said I'd like to stop you because I believe this is a different issue than the vacation of the street.

Samantha Burke said okay.

Gary said the legal issues downstream from that, the possible

Samantha Burke said do you have any suggestions of what I can do about getting that off of there because it won't, it wouldn't legally be mine until.

Gary said not at this time, I don't. Right now, we're dealing with the vacation of that street.

Samantha Burke said okay.

Gary said okay. Anything else?

Samantha Burke said nope.

Gary said alright. Thank you.

Samantha Burke said thank you.

Gary said is anybody else here to speak for this closure of the street? Sir?

William Duff said 1492 North 500 East.

Gary said Will Duff, you said?

William Duff said yes sir.

Gary said okay. Is it Will or William for the record?

William Duff said William.

Gary said please put William down for the record.

William Duff said okay. As far as the half, the only property that we've, okay, 9 years ago, I lived in this.

Gary said may I ask, you are the adjoining property owner, right?

William Duff said yes, yes, I am.

Gary said okay, thank you.

William Duff said I've lived there for 15 years. There were 2 previous home owners in the home that she resides in now that I shared that vacated area with. We put gardens, cow, and we made an agreement to maintain, I was told, when I first moved in, some other guy already refusing it, part of it, and he said hey, this is for both of us. He pointed it all out. We could share it, yeah. And he said you know, it's important for us to maintain this and not let these trees and stuff get out of line because I'm afraid the county is going to come in to whack everything out. And it was very important for the flooding there, especially that water maple. But a bunch of trees ended up getting cut out anyway on the other side. So, we had these agreements and then, when the last resident moved out of there for two years, three years, no one took care of the center part of that adjoining. So, we mowed it and I still took care of the trees on it. There, it was only like a 2-year area. I had trimmed those trees, I don't know how many times, but during that time, I think I might have done it once, because I know the electric company came out and they just, oh, we ain't got to do anything, and they turned around and left. So, all that happened. When she moved in, for 2 years we had that. We had flowers growing up and stuff, nobody said anything. When she moved in, she was adamant about putting up a fence and dividing it. So, and whatever the verbalization aside, we, me and her made an agreement. I made a raw guess, I'm no surveyor, on what the center was. I said it's going right through that maple tree. I said do you want the trees, put your fence on this side, right on this side of the maple tree or right behind it. Oh, I don't want the trees, I'll put it right behind the apple tree. And we shook on that. Now, since then, she has continued to push things behind our yard. And to be honest with you, I know roughly where our yard ends out there by the telephone pole. Me and my wife have maintained that since day one. We've never ever claimed ownership and I never had any fences except for along the railroad tracks that whole time. I did have a corner fen, had a little 8-foot, 8-foot with flowers, and all's that did was indicate the easement that was the open part for both of us, for when the next person moved in. And when she moved in, she knocked all that out, or whatever, told us we could come get our flowers. And then we had the issue with the fence. So, we made that deal and we don't have no, whatever it. I don't want the county coming in here and wipe all this out where we put it out. So, she put up her fence, said she wanted it behind the trees, said she was going to kill the apple tree and she succeeded in doing that by piling up food behind it. But, you know, we never claimed anything down there and I don't know exactly how far her property extends, and I see these coordinates, but I don't understand them. And she is wanting the half to my mind, which the surveyor here has said is that basically, my camper, part of that camper that I've got parked out there, which I'm moving anyway, back up to my house, is slightly, would be, would be on her side if it was split evenly. But I don't know where this survey is saying that my property ends. As far as with the county, the surveyor here, he's saying that if you look at those pictures that they show there, it'll be her fence, her back part of her fence on the tracks is already where it needs to be. She'll just be rotating the front out 32 feet. And when she does that, she'll get right, which I offered her 9 years ago, she'll be right in front of the maple tree and a little section of that camper, that line goes through that camper. I'm going to move that camper anyway, and there's a tad bit of a chicken run. But my chicken coop and all that is on this side.

Gary said are you saying you're for or against this?

William Duff said against what is what I'm asking right now?

Gary said the splitting of the road.

William Duff said no, I'm not against splitting it if it's, as long as it's split the way I think it's going to be, or close, as long as it's not split way ridiculous to where I'm losing property. I don't know. The surveyor said that the county would do a survey and then do the dividing. He offered that, and then he said he was going on vacation. So, I don't know how that works, but I have no problems with her whatsoever, for her rotating her fence. That's what I offered her 9 years ago. But she didn't want, she didn't want the front of the fence, and she'd said that that was, you know, she was going to go ahead and take over it. I guess she thought she was you know, entitled to more of the yard for years. But yeah, as far as rotating her fence up there and 32 feet all the way up, I have no issues with that whatsoever. I mean, that'd make it nice and simple. And once this comes into effect, there should never be any more advancements either way, right? This will be, there would be no way that anyone could back?

Gary said providing the, without our attorney here, but providing the ordinance is to pass today and legal property lines and all other legal property line laws would be in play, so, what's considered trespassing and what not would be then in play. But I would refer to the attorney.

William Duff said well what I mean that, I don't mean that. I meant like could a person go back and get it surveyed again and say wait a minute, back in the day, it was way over here, you know. Or, it was way over this way, you know. Could that come up, you know. I just want to know if this is going to be a definitive.

Gary said our attorney can answer that question. I know what I think, but.

William Duff said this is a definitive answer. I mean, this is going to be a definitive line forever is all I was asking. Is there anyway you could answer that?

Gary said I would think once the survey is in and it's recorded, then it's recorded.

William Duff said and that's it. Okay. I have no problems with the half whatsoever.

Gary said okay. Anything else?

William Duff said well I would like to know what the half is for sure.

Gary said I understand, I understand.

William Duff said and that's all I've got.

Gary said thank you.

Missy said I was the one out walking that property the other day. I think you waived at me or something. I knew I wasn't, or somebody up there. So, my question is, has George, who's going to have that surveyed and who's going to pay for the survey, who's going to have it surveyed?

William Duff said who's George?

Missy said George Caster, sorry, the assessor.

William Duff said oh.

Missy said yeah, I'm sorry.

William Duff said oh, he told me, were you talking to me?

Missy said yeah, because I haven't had a chance to talk to him.

William Duff said he told me that that they would do it, that the county would do it, or whatever, we don't have a problem of paying for a survey, but I don't want to do a private survey and then the county say no, we're going to go by ours. You get what I'm saying?

Missy said yeah.

William Duff said what's that?

Gary said once the public hearing is over, we'll close the public hearing and the commissioners will go into discussion on this ordinance and the particulars.

William Duff said okay.

Samantha Burke said if I may, I had the surveyor come out and survey.

Gary said hold it. We are on live camera, just so everybody knows. If you've got something to say, you have to come forward and you have to say it into the microphone and the camera.

Samantha Burke said I had Richard Mote to come up and survey. He dropped temporary pins. He's going to drop permanent pins once you guys make a decision. And that way, because I didn't know what he was going to get into going over there and the way they've got it fenced down the front of the road and up to the back, there's no way you could get in there anyway. Can't drop a pin on what would be the railroad easement, and so he dropped a pin in the middle of the road, drove one down through and showed me preliminarily, and then he will drive permanent pin. He is paid for the survey to have that done. I paid for everything on this end.

Gary said okay, thank you. Is there anyone else here who would like to come forward and speak? Please come forward. As mentioned, please state your name and address for the record and then write it down on that.

Rikki Duff said Rikki Duff, 1492 North 500 East, Union City, Indiana. Technically, our address would be North Street legally. So, there's a bit in the front that actually looks like it would be, like it goes at a diagonal. The problem is, is I tried to ask her from 32 feet from your end, you know, where are these going to be, and she trapped me with a dog bowl to club me. The problem isn't us. I want to physically see. I'm fine with 32 feet from her property line, but that part on the north side, for the railroad tracks, is angled more towards the church corn fields going that way. You can see it in the picture. But I do know roughly, my red car is parked where my barn used to be that I had to take down. That would about indicate where the start of my property is from the road on that north corner. And, I would like to physically see, because I want it to be done, to be honest.

Gary said okay.

Rikki Duff said and we have talked to George. And we have talked to a surveyor, but I'm perfectly fine. We know she is being untruth, because she's been deceitful, as far as where the starting point from the vacant land from her bed is angles over 32. And even if she wants to straighten it out, I'm fine, it leaves .12 acres per person. I'm fine with that. And I'm willing to pay for it. But no one has come to us about this, other than her, I will say that.

Gary said okay. Thank you. Is anyone else here to speak to this issue? Okay. Seeing none, I would entertain a motion. Somebody like to make a motion to close the public hearing?

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

Gary said now we will officially open the commissioners' meeting for today.

Ordinance 2025-02

Gary said and the first item on the agenda is this ordinance 2025-02. And I see here that this ordinance is pertaining to just half of the right-of-way there. And, I think we were going to have to have more than this to close. I'm not in favor of closing half a street. So, in order to close the whole street, I believe the other party, the Duffs, should make a petition to the county along with a petition from Mrs. Burke and that we close the whole street at the same time, with all parties at agreeable. Right now, we don't have parties agreeable. One party doesn't agree where the preliminary pins are at versus the other party. So, with that, Missy, do you have any input?

Missy said no. I think that's a good idea, to completely.

Gary said Tom, do you have any input?

Tom said no. I think it should be vacated. But looking at the property it doesn't look like, you know, it's both of the properties now, just have it surveyed.

Gary said okay. So, as far as ordinance 2025-02 goes, I think we should have a motion to do this ordinance and let the parties come back together.

Tom said do we table that ordinance and come.

Gary said this ordinance will never last because it's specific to one side.

Tom said just to one side.

Gary said that's my understanding of it. So, we should probably, in my opinion, decline this ordinance here and wait until the ordinance before us both has, both parties completely and totally agree. What do you think, Missy?

Missy said I think that's a good, just split the property and have each one of them have 1/2.

Gary said right. And by doing so, both parties are, the ordinance recognizes both parties have petitioned to close the street and they have agreed that the markers are correct. Or, we can table this until our attorney is back and let him guide us through it, because we do, we have a disagreement.

Samantha Burke said may I approach the table?

Gary said sure.

Samantha Burke said I kind of expected, I kind of expected this would happen. So, I just want to make it aware that when the other side was done, to the west of me, Tina and Kenny, Tina Scarberry and Kenneth Woodriff petitioned by themselves to vacate the other portion. There were structures and driveways on that portion that really caused a headache. And so, they also purchased their own survey. They petitioned by themselves and I was not in a joint party to that survey or petition also. And we were also, not in agreeance. And it was still granted.

Gary said I believe you signed of complete agreements on that.

Samantha Burke said well, Mr. Meeks had me come up and he drew lines on their petition during this meeting and just wrote a scratch mark on the line and had me sign as in agreeance as in agreeance as a petitioner at that meeting to get it completed that moment. And so, I would ask that that be done today so this doesn't continue to drag out. This has been like, I mean.

Gary said you'll have to get the other two commissioners to do that. I'm not doing that without an attorney here to do that particular step. So, I think right now, I'm in a position I would like to have a motion to table this until our attorney is present.

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

Gary said we will not handle this until the next commissioners' meeting.

Samantha Burke said okay.

Thank you everybody. She came up sir. Did you have another thing to say?

William Duff said what does.

Gary said please come forward.

William Duff said what does all this mean?

Gary said it means our attorney is not here to help guide the commissioners through a dispute.

William Duff said oh, okay.

Gary said that's all that matters. There's a dispute.

William Duff said what was the dispute?

Gary said the dispute is the legal description on the ordinance.

William Duff said oh, okay. So, what should we do from here then? I mean, get an attorney?

Gary said probably should get an attorney, and go through the same thing that Mrs. Burke's going through so there's amicable or equal agreement between both parties as to close this street.

William Duff said okay.

Gary said I'm with Commissioners Kerns and Commissioner Williams, that street should be closed. But we have to have.

William Duff said what does that mean, to be closed? I don't, that's what I'm.

Gary said it means it'll go back to the property owners.

William Duff said oh, okay.

Gary said these survey pins matter, because that will be the new property line.

William Duff said right. Okay. And that's all I was interested in seeing where they were at.

Gary said and for us to get you to sign that today, when that happened on the Burke property when that vacation was going on the other side, our attorney was here to make sure that was done properly and correctly and recorded properly. We don't have that today.

William Duff said okay. Yeah, we don't want to do that, right.

Gary said but it is in your best interest to get an attorney of record to contact our attorney and get this done properly so everything is done.

William Duff said okay.

Tom said the way this is written, just her side would be vacated today if we passed that and your side would still be.

Gary said public property.

Tom said public property. So, it needs written so the whole thing would be vacated, is what he was talking about.

William Duff said okay. Alright. Thank you.

Gary said right. Her half would be private and your half would still be public according to this ordinance. Missy, did you have another thing?

Missy said no.

Gary said alright. Thank you everybody. Now we're going to move on in this meeting to the council update.

Council's update

Gary said good morning, Larry.

Larry Preston said good morning, good morning.

Larry Preston from the county council. I did miss the last meeting because I was in southern Indiana, but I talked to Todd Holaday, which was here, and he said the council agreed with the discussion the commissioners had on the overtime for 911 staffing the EMT, and the crisis prevention from Jay County. And they did agree with the judge allocating the money for an interpreter. And under the understanding

that the judge is going to get a grant to try to cover that at a later date. I guess they heard an update from the Randolph County person and said George Caster was anticipating hiring a part-time person right now in anticipation of eliminating a full-time person in 2026. And the current budget hearings are set for August 19 and August 20th. That's all I have.

Gary said okay. Anything for Larry?

Missy said no.

Tom said no.

Gary said thank you.

Ed Thornburg – Utility Agreement

Gary said good morning Ed. You're up. Utility agreement from Indiana Michigan Power.

Ed Thornburg said yep.

Gary said are you recommending this agreement?

Ed Thornburg said yes. They're replacing a pole. It's just basic maintenance.

Gary said okay. Alright. Somebody like to make a motion to approve this agreement, for county utility agreement?

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

Gary said that's it, thank you.

Ed Thornburg said alright. Thank you.

Brad Mullens – Job description approval

Gary said Brad Mullen.

Brad Mullen said good morning. I'm bringing the new job description for the paramedic supervisor for you guys' approval.

Gary said anybody need any input on this? Tom?

Tom said my only thought on it is you're either looking at 3 positions and you have one job description, would, is, are you going to create a line of command of those 3 in case like you're out of town on vacation?

Brad Mullen said yeah, I discussed that I would have, once I hire them, I would send an email to you guys saying these are the three that's in, you know, what days they're in charge and their phone numbers. And if something happened to me or I'm out of town, I would let you guys know call here and here and here, on who to contact on those days that I'm out of town.

Gary said so, the day would derive the person to contact first?

Brad Mullen said yes.

Gary said and that would always, would that always be the case, no matter whether you're in town or not? Would that be the immediate?

Brad Mullen said yes.

Gary said that would be the first call or you would be the first call?

Brad Mullen said if I am in town and available, yes.

Gary said then you'll pass it down?

Brad Mullen said yep.

Gary said Missy, anything on this?

Missy said no. I understand everything you had written there. I guess my question is, you've got a lot of chiefs, fewer Indians in there, do they absolutely know the job responsibility? I know you have it all listed there, but that you're the, you are the person who's going to.

Brad Mullen said yes, the candidates that have applied so far, I've spoke with all of them and explained how the chain of command will work, you know how they can start actions, but it has to come through a process, and that's the way it has to be. I mean, we can't let them making decisions and not me knowing about it and stuff like that.

Missy said right.

Gary said there should be a flow chart that shows how it comes down, okay? And the council, when they were talking about this, they were okay with the?

Brad Mullen said yes. When I went to the council they were okay with the position.

Gary said with the changing of the salary lines and such?

Brad Mullen said yes. But, I do believe, Laura, didn't they pass that at the last council meeting?

Laura said yeah, yeah. We still have to do an additional appropriation. It's a whole line with money, but other than that.

Gary said right, and then have an ordinance for what they did.

Laura said they approved it.

Gary said alright. Well, I don't have any problem with doing this. So, somebody like to make a motion to accept the job description for the 3 positions?

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

Gary said for the commissioners, you and I had a discussion about the new vehicle being in Richmond?

Brad Mullen said uh huh.

Gary said would you explain what you explained to me just so everybody is?

Brad Mullen said I was on call that day and I was going down to get some quotes on some pagers and radios and have some work done on our VHS that wasn't programmed right at first. That's why I was down in the area. I did leave because the guy needed to take a break and I went and got lunch. I ate lunch and was driving back and I mean, the guy sitting right across from me sent the pictures in so.

Gary said what we were talking about though is why the vehicle was out of the county?

Brad Mullen said because I was the only supervisor on call.

Gary said right. I know. You told me that.

Brad Mullen said and with you know, the new, the new 3 supervisors, that will never be out of the county.

Gary said okay. That's what I was getting at.

Brad Mullen said I mean, I don't like taking it down there, but if I'm the only one in charge, if something does happen, there is agreement where I can come back and help. But with the 3 supervisors, there would be no reason to even leave unless we are called to help them out.

Tom said you didn't have it down there when you were working at your other position?

Brad Mullen said no.

Tom said just when you were.

Brad Mullen said just getting stuff for the county.

Gary said okay. I just asked you because I figured you had the right to respond to. Missy, anything?

Missy said no.

Gary said Tom?

Tom said I don't have any questions.

Gary said thank you.

Joe Copeland, Jay Long, Perry Knox, Sam Magers- SJCA proposal for the design of the new 800N and estimated cost

Gary said Joe Copeland, Perry Knox, Jay Long if he wants to, Nate, if he wants to.

Sam Magers said Sam Magers with SJCA. Today we have a revised task order based off of previous discussions, different iterations of this proposal for this county road 800 for the rock quarry realignment. This is where we're at now. We're gone through iterations where we originally proposed taking the road to the north and then continuing on the same alignment and now hopefully, our final proposal is to take the alignment to the south. This addresses the sight distance concerned at State Road 1. So, realigning the road through the existing farm field, and this is what we're proposing.

Gary said why do you have red lines through peoples' property?

Sam Magers said so the red line would be the new road.

Gary said we can't do this without interrupting somebody's trees?

Sam Magers said trees. You're talking about that?

Gary said property to the south on Highway 1? And then you're taking right-of-way. This is taking right-of-way from the landowner right to the east of the S curves. I wouldn't want to do that. I don't understand why.

Sam Magers said so, right-of-way, the pink lines, the red lines would be the road. So, hopefully, we would avoid, I mean we're not planning on just disturbing any of those trees.

Gary said the pink it's in the right-of-way. It could be at any given time. I'm just trying to say we're going to be dealing with a landowner that may not really want this at all, and if we put the county right-of-way through those trees, if we needed to, we could take them out without asking, both sides. I'm not in favor of that, not when we have the opportunity not to do that.

Joe Copeland said why don't we just say that, Sam, can we just make the right-of-way butt up against the property lines of those people?

Sam Magers said yeah.

Joe Copeland said and then we won't have to worry about it.

Gary said Tom, Missy, what do you think?

Missy said yeah, I agree with you.

Tom said yep.

Gary said okay. Thank you.

Sam Magers said yeah, that's totally feasible. None of this has been fully designed. This is really just a conceptual level drawing right here.

Gary said yeah.

Missy said Joe, are you okay with that, with not, is this going to work to take that, now that I understand what the red line versus the pink line, that red line, you're seeing that as doable and will work?

Joe Copeland said oh yeah, yeah.

Missy said without interrupting. That's going to totally get.

Joe Copeland said and that'll give the trucks, the trucks will have, with the curve that they're putting in, they'll be able to take that curve at well, I think 40 miles an hour.

Sam Magers said yep. I think it's a 40 mile per hour curve.

Joe Copeland said you know these, they're going to take it as fast as they can take it. So, we need to make that as safe as possible. We don't want a truck on its side.

Sam Magers said the primary motivation for moving this is for that sight distance issue.

Gary said yeah.

Sam Magers said turning left, those trucks turning left onto State Road 1.

Gary said and this, from my opinion, so when this is all done, the ordinance and stuff, I don't even want it to be 40 out there. There's no need to go 40 mile an hour from 1 back there for that half mile.

Joe Copeland said oh, I agree. I, just in case. I'd rather be safe than sorry.

Gary said okay.

Joe Copeland said they could, I think they're going to put a little super on that right, super elevation?

Sam Magers said yep, that's the plan.

Joe Copeland said so as they're coming to the curve on that, around to 1, instead of being 2% this way, they'll probably raise it maybe 2% the other way okay, something like that. So, it gives them a little better.

Gary said yeah. As far as entering the road here on the S curve when you come, I don't care about that.

Sam Magers said right. And that's, that's.

Gary said I'm sure that the stone quarry would be responding to what we.

Sam Magers said exactly. And we're totally willing to make that maybe a 3-way stop or whatever condition needs to be at that location. But, the big change is obviously, cutting a whole new line, a whole new roadway segment.

Gary said you've been to the state, INDOT on this?

Sam Magers said yes. So, we've got some preliminary approval from INDOT that it would take a permit for them to move that approach, but they're in favor of it. They saw no red flags when we proposed this to them.

Missy said do you have that in writing? I mean, have they corresponded back and forth with you?

Sam Magers said I do. I don't have it here with me today, but I have an email I can.

Missy said if you could send that to Laura and she send it out to us, that would be a little more reaffirming.

Sam Magers said yep. Sure. Yeah, no, they're in favor because they're aware of a sight distance issue here.

Gary said they didn't mention they'd help pay for it, did they? Just wondered.

Sam Magers said I don't think so.

Joe Copeland said good luck with that.

Gary said thank you anyway. Go ahead.

Joe Copeland said this cost estimate down here includes 1400 tons of number 73 stone being provided by US Aggregates, and I'll send an email to Chad confirming that, okay. On page 3, down at the bottom, it says SJCA's cost estimate assumes US Aggregate will provide approximately 1400 tons of number 73 stone for sub-grade treatment shoulder edge protection. So, I'll double check that with Chad.

Gary said the survey exhibit Joe, one's in yellow and one's in purple, what's that?

Sam Magers said so, we have an existing task order number 6 for, and that was approved, I think 2 months ago, that was for we were only looking at the reverse curve that, improving that curve segment. So, that yellow segment was the original survey, which the field work has been done for. And then the pink would be the new survey required.

Joe Copeland said the additional.

Sam Magers said sure.

Gary said what's the total? I still haven't found the total yet.

Joe Copeland said total construction estimate.

Gary said for the road.

Joe Copeland said 1.8 million.

Laura said that doesn't include their cost.

Gary said does that include SJCA's cost or is that just construction?

Sam Wagers said no. Our preliminary engineering fees are \$226,568.00 and then we included \$180,000.00 for construction observation services.

Gary said so, the county's outlay would be 2 point what? 2.2?

Sam Wagers said 2.2, yeah. 2.2 and some change.

Gary said okay. Anything else? I think we're getting close.

Joe Copeland said yep. The quicker they can get started, the better.

Gary said yeah, and we haven't had our final discussion with US Ag too about everything they're going to offer. The did say they were going to offer the stone, and at one time, they're were going to offer a little bit of land value, so we've got to do some, but that has nothing to do with this.

Sam Magers said right, I think they had, last I had heard.

Gary said they were going to stop the land value I think if they had to move the weigh station, yeah.

Sam Magers said which is still the plan right, but move the weigh station, pull the drive out to this intersection?

Joe Copeland said yeah, they're going to do that.

Gary said yeah, because we're going to close the road right behind them. They're not going to have a choice I think, I don't mean to be rude to them, they're going to work with us on this, yeah. They originally, I think they said something up to two years and that won't work. 700 or the other road, 1,000 can't hardly take it now. Okay. Missy, do you have anything to add to this?

Missy said a question for Perry if that's okay. So, you've looked this over and you're, I mean, I'm much more satisfied with this road route since it doesn't cut through anybody's, I mean it cuts through the field, I understand that, but the barrier, the tree barrier there, as they come off of that, talking in that top section, Perry, and also in the bottom with the other farm, would we need to put, at their request, put any kind of trees in there to be a little bit more of a noise barrier as the semis go in and out of there? Make that curve off of 800 North and go down? Do you see any cost in that?

Perry Knox said I talked to Joe and I think Sam some too about, I mean, those are, those are options.

Missy said yeah, okay.

Perry Knox said in the total scheme of things.

Joe Copeland said that's minimal cost.

Perry Knox said it's a minimal cost, yeah.

Missy said yeah. Okay.

Gary said I agree with Missy, I like an you see them along interstates when one needs a sound buffer. We're going to be, have to take land, it's probably not going to be what, probably have to take it by eminent domain.

Joe Copeland said we can set it close to the property lines, trees.

Missy said yeah. And when it intersects Road 1, we obviously don't want it so it blocks anything, any traffic coming from Road 1, you know, coming south, and I know you know. I know you know that.

Gary said I'd say the closest to that house to 800, they're used to a little bit of noise.

Missy said yeah, yeah, you're right.

Gary said but I think the aesthetics too goes a long way.

Missy said yeah.

Gary said anything else, Missy?

Missy said any chance on any grants or anything out there, Joe, to help alleviate this or that?

Joe Copeland said Community.

Missy said Crossings?

Joe Copeland said I don't know if, they say the Community Crossings, they will not, they will not let that money go for new roads. It's maintenance only if I remember correctly.

Gary said new road construction, yeah.

Joe Copeland said you can't get that. Federal money, it would be really tough to get it. So, no bigger project than it is.

Missy said yeah.

Joe Copeland said I don't know of any at this point in time. Perry, do you know of any?

Perry Knox said you'd have to, the location of it being rural and the low traffic count too, I think your only option would be to try to tie it to economic development, and I just don't know how much economic development you could, you'd have to have a study, that's an expense, you know.

Missy said yeah, I know.

Perry Knox said I think the only thing you could tie that to would be economic development, what the impact is, you would need a study. And again, I just don't know how much, you know, when you're, it's competitive grant, so you're going against economic development situations where you know, which one

is getting the most economic development, you know, for the value. And I just think it's not probable that you would get a grant.

Gary said that's my understanding from the beginning too. Back, clear back to when we were looking at a bridge across the Mississinewa River, it wasn't going to be probable to get any kind of grant money. Anything else, Missy?

Missy said well, I sure like this plan a lot better than coming out on 1 on that downhill when cars or trucks, vehicles couldn't see that, if somebody's pulling out, this is a great alternative. So, I really appreciate your work on moving that further south on Road 1, the entrance into road 1.

Perry Knox said well I have to give Joe credit. I mean, he, you know, we spent a lot of time up there on that hill and Jackson, our intern was very good at walking up and down the road to try to see where he was at you know, in sight distance relation.

Gary said did you put a vest on him to help him out Perry?

Perry Knox said yes, we did, yeah, we did.

Joe Copeland said I give a lot of credit to Scott for bringing it up. I do. It was a good idea.

Gary said anything else, Missy?

Missy said nope.

Gary said Tom?

Tom said yeah, Do you know how much land we'll need for this. Has that been determined yet?

Joe Copeland said no.

Tom said and is there anything in this quote as far as the cost of acquiring that land?

Joe Copeland said there is isn't there? Right-of-way Engineering?

Perry Knox said not acquisition, not acquisitions.

Tom said nothing about acquisitions at all?

Joe Copeland said Right-of-way Engineering is in there, which gives us everything we need to do that, okay, legal descriptions and, so, but we'll be to that point.

Tom said and is there anything in this as far as removing the existing?

Sam Magers said yes. The existing alignment from where currently approaching State Road 1 will be.

Tom said up to the S curves, that homeowner's driveway?

Sam Magers said excavation is included in ours.

Perry Knox said we had discussed Commissioner Friend, at the last meeting potential removal of those utility poles through that farm field.

Gary said yes.

Perry Knox and I don't know if that was.

Sam Magers said that'll be a conversation once we get into the utility coordination aspect will tell us the best how to best.

Gary said I'd like to get them out of there just to help them, the owner.

Sam Magers said it would make sense just to move them. The question is whether they're reimbursable or not, which will be a discussion to be had.

Perry Knox said it's kind of an unknown. We can certainly pursue it.

Joe Copeland said on minimizing the utility conflicts with this too, so that'll help.

Gary said oh, absolutely, yeah.

Missy said can I ask one more?

Gary said yes.

Missy said Scott, you really have been instrumental in a lot of good changes in this. Do you, you know, you're a council member, are you okay? Will you come forward?

Gary said oh, yeah. I didn't see Scott. Pull a chair up Scott.

Missy said I know when I spoke to them briefly, they really appreciated your input.

Scott Fisher said Scott Fisher. I think this will make the County Council feel better about it. I mean, it's still a large expense. But I do know for a fact County Council will be more open to funding this new route versus the other one.

Missy said appreciate that. Appreciate your work on this and working with them. I know you've worked with them a lot.

Scott Fisher said it's a better route. It's a better route. It doesn't seem to be any more expensive from what we were looking at.

Gary said no.

Scott Fisher said we do have to take some land to do it. But I think it's well worth the cause.

Tom said yeah, safety-wise.

Scott Fisher said safety-wise.

Tom said because we'll have an accident.

Scott Fisher said because you know, we were going to spend 2.2 million and still have a serious situation there at Road 1. This solves that problem. I think you'll get the council's blessings on it.

Gary said thank you for your input and your help with it. I appreciate it too. Okay. Anymore discussion on this before we approve everything. Scott, thank you. Jay?

Jay Long said I think it's a good start to a great finish.

Gary said alright. Jay, introduce who you are.

Jay Long said Jay Long, highway superintendent.

Gary said thank you. Alright, now we have a task order, and I think, do you have this in PDF?

Sam Magers said I do.

Gary said can you send it to our, to Laura, the auditor, so she can send it out?

Sam Magers said sure.

Gary said mainly since our attorney is on vacation, I'd like for him to get it.

Sam Magers said okay.

Gary said is it okay to sign this task order after he reviews all this, only because eminent domain is going to be involved and we want to make sure that.

Joe Copeland said yeah, it shouldn't be a problem.

Gary said is that a problem with SJCA to sign the task order in 2 weeks?

Perry Knox said that's fine.

Gary said Missy, what do you think about that?

Missy said that's fine.

Gary said Tom? So, we get a PDF we can get it sent out for him to review on the airplane back from wherever he's vacationing, and then, because we're going to have to get another element involved with this. Your task order has nothing to do with following through acquiring the land, yes, no?

Joe Copeland said no.

Sam Magers said correct.

Gary said correct, no, okay. So, with that, I would, I guess, for the commissioners, we can approve this claim now or wait until Meeks get back for a final look. What do you think, Tom?

Tom said I think we just wait.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said I'm either way, you know, I'm ready to approve it. I think we've talked about it enough and I felt like Meeks was in full agreement, actually a month ago when we first brought this up because of the liability of the entrance on that Road 1. I can go either way on it.

Gary said okay. I agree and I think with going either way too, that we should probably just wait just in case eminent domain has a stumbling block we don't know about, and then does US Ag have copies of all this?

Sam Magers said I haven't got them.

Joe Copeland said I'll send it to him and ask him about that 1400 stones and get his consent.

Gary said we will move on this, and it's likely, at least in my opinion too, that we will need to begin the process in our July meeting of the commissioners.

Joe Copeland said okay.

Sam Magers said okay.

Gary said anything else, Tom?

Tom said if we move in July, still looking probably at early 26 as potential?

Sam Magers said yeah, it would depend on the right-of-way.

Gary said Missy, anything final?

Missy said nope.

Gary said okay. Thank you, folks. I appreciate all the work.

Other Business:

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

Gary said other business. Sheriff, good morning.

Art Moystner said good morning. I do not have anything for you this morning.

Gary said will you come all the way up so everybody can see your smiling face please? We've all got to get used to this new approach.

Art Moystner said I do not have anything for the commissioners this morning, but if you have any questions, I can answer those.

Gary said I have one, and it's not anything at you, but when you were off last time we had a meeting, is there supposed to be a representative law enforcement for commissioners' meeting for us?

Art Moystner said I would explain to you that currently, this time of the year, we sometimes get short staffed. So, I made everybody aware that I wasn't going to be here, so that if you did need anything, it would there, I know the.

Gary said I guess my question is, is it a statutory issue?

Art Moystner said the law is upon request. And sheriffs, we normally come to all of the meetings that we can attend. We historically, have sent representation when we're not able to attend, but we also have a community and other functions, so sometimes, it gets complicated when I'm on vacation.

Gary said yes, it does. I would like to request that we have, it doesn't have to be you, you could coordinate with Winchester too, because I think it's easy to respond out of here in a hurry. I think, speaking for the commissioners, we need to have presence of a law enforcement at our meetings.

Art Moystner said was there an issue two weeks ago?

Gary said no, was not, no, nothing happened. I was just talking about I didn't have the answers to the questions.

Art Moystner said and I believe that's something that I would like to sit down with you, being the president, maybe we can have that discussion.

Gary said but it's not just me, it's for the other two commissioners too. We would vote for it, say that we request it.

Art Moystner said and I don't disagree with you.

Gary said okay.

Art Moystner said I also would tell you that there are considerations that the commissioners aren't aware of regarding duty to protect and have the staffing on the street, and when we run short staffed, sometimes there're only two. So, we would have one of those sitting in this room, and they would have to be contacted by phone, so, you're talking about somebody requesting it, dispatcher calling it, the person sitting up here receiving the phone call and then going out, we're at 3 or 4-minute delay. So, I would love to have that discussion with you. I just don't know that a public meeting is the.

Gary said okay. I think we should probably have it with all of us.

Art Moystner said and that's fine. I don't know that the public meeting is the forum to have that discussion. And I can have it one at a time if that's what it takes, because I think when 2 of you are together, you're considered a meeting, so.

Gary said 100%, that's a quorum.

Art Moystner said yes, so, I'm more than happy to have that discussion and you contact me, I'll meet you wherever you would like, or you could come to my office.

Gary said alright. Missy?

Missy said nope, good.

Gary said Tom?

Tom said thank you.

Art Moystner said you're welcome.

Payroll Claims \$366,226.84

Gary said payroll claims, \$366,226.84. Somebody like to make a motion to approve these?

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

Regular Claims \$1,580,945.79

Gary said and then we have regular claims, \$1,580,945.79. 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.

Randolph County United Claim \$16,245.45

Tom said question. You have United claim here.

Gary said yes.

Tom said is Tourism still submitting claims?

Laura said they're caught up other than the June claim. And they've been sending them like the first of the month after that. So, like, they've not been coming in together, but we are caught up.

Gary said next, Randolph County United claim, \$16,245.45. Somebody like to make a motion to approve?

Missy said do we get an itemized list of that money spent, or is it just the total we?

Gary said just the total. They don't, they don't have to provide us.

Missy said okay.

Gary said right now, the way the contract is, it's not in there.

Missy said okay.

Gary said somebody like to make a motion to approve?

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

Thor Construction Claim #6 \$22,080.52

Gary said we have two claims from Thor Construction. One is #6, sent it to everybody, everybody has got it. Number 6 is done. Number 7 is the retainer and I do not believe we should pay it. The siding is still not up to acceptability.

Missy said I agree.

Gary said, so, we'll take 6 first. Somebody like to make a motion to approve Thor Construction claim #6?

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

Thor Construction Claim #7 \$21,750.00

Gary said and on Thor Construction claim #7, I'd like to have a motion and a second not to pay it.

Missy said so moved.

Gary said we have a motion to not pay #7. Do we have a second?

Tom said second.

Gary said we have a second in further discussion, we'll have sent the pictures that come in after the 2nd repair or 3rd, and they're not acceptable. They've been sent to Little Construction. Little Construction sent an email back saying they were going to fix it. He didn't have a super up there on the job. But, it's beyond time that this is done and done correctly. So, we have the retainer held back until this is resolved. Any other further discussion?

Tom said my only question would be is after it's completely resolved with the problems we had there, is there anything in the contract where it's a time period once they're completed with the job that we're supposed to.

Gary said to hold the retainer?

Tom said to hold the retainer.

Gary said I don't know, so we can ask Meeks.

Tom said ask Meeks on that.

Gary said yeah. Anything else?

Tom said no.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said no. These pictures I've seen, I mean, I've been over there, that.

Gary said me too. They've got the pictures too. I sent the pictures to them and anyway, we'll have legal input on that when Meeks gets back on where we stand. As far as functionality of the building, it's up and

running, everything is operating. This doesn't have anything to do with the full operation of the facility, but it is a cosmetic issue that they have to get right. Okay. So, now we have a motion and a second on that. So, all those in favor not to pay claim #7, signify by saying aye.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

BNY Mellon Bond Payment \$103,000.00

Gary said okay, next on our agenda is BNY Mellon Bond payment, 103. Which one is that for Laura?

Laura said there are 3 of them.

Gary said which bond do they represent, do you know? That, we have to pay it. Wondered which one we're paying.

Laura said we're paying all three of them.

Gary said I know, but what are they?

Laura said this is 2019 series bond, county highway project.

Gary said highway, thank you. That's what I was after.

Missy said is that the 103?

Laura said that's the 198,500. This one is there's 2005, that one's for, I'm missing one. One would be for.

Gary said this is 211 here. Is that the end of the RCCFO?

Laura said yeah, one's the HVAC.

Missy said what's the amount on that?

Laura said it's the series 2005, so this bond was taken out in 2005. I will say that these have already been paid, because they're due July 1st and then they'll be penalized for not paying. But, I can get you more details on those.

Gary said that works. We have to pay it. I was just curious. It's hard to hear the time to remember what they're standing for. BNY Mellon bond 103 thousand dollars, somebody like to make a motion to approve?

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

BNY Mellon Bond Payment \$198,500.00

Gary said okay, this one here is RCCFO final payment, \$211,500.00, that's the third one down.

Laura said is that the one you just approved?

Gary said no, we just approved 103. And then this is bond payment highway, so we don't have the other one, so, it's got to be the HVAC system.

Laura said right.

Gary said alright. 2nd BNY bond payment \$198,500.00 and it is a bond payment for the highway building that we build. Somebody like to make a motion to approve?

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

BNY Mellon Bond Payment \$211,500.00

Gary said and then the final one is \$211,500.00 BNY Mellon bond payment. Somebody like to make a motion to approve?

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

Covered Bridge Certification

Gary said next on the agenda is Covered Bridge Certification. The certification basically says we don't have any covered bridges.

Laura said yeah, and the state requires us to file this, your names above your signature line.

Gary said oh, I didn't see that.

Laura said they require us to.

Gary said would somebody like to make a motion to certify that we do not have a covered bridge in Randolph County?

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

ARGO Consulting Agreement

Argo Consulting agreement. This is an invoice for where they're at so far, or the agreement.

Laura said it's an agreement.

Gary said somebody like to make a motion to approve the Argo agreement for the work on the county jail?

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

Missy – Farmland EMS

Gary said Missy, do you have anything for us this morning?

Missy said just wanted to go back on the stonework on there.

Gary said yes.

Missy said I'm not going to be satisfied for them sticking caulk or sticking whatever else in between. I've looked at that several times and it's been incorrect, to me, it's been incorrectly done the entire time. Where do we say take it all down and do it correctly, and not take a fixed job that I think is going to, in the future, give us nothing but problems with.

Gary said I think they have to, well, I mean, I don't disagree with that. I'm not, it shouldn't be where it's at. That's a given. And the 100% of it is not wrong, but which is wrong, they're not scraping down the mortar to the cement board into the back of the piece, and reapplying as if it was done the first time. That's the discussion I will have with Dan Stamper. And I sent him an email that it was unacceptable, but I told him we would be discussing it today in the email that I sent him. I think we have to give him one more chance to pull it off the building, take it off down to where it started, and I mean, take it down.

Missy said all of it? All of it?

Gary said no, the pieces that are not good. If that doesn't work, I'm thinking all of it's got to come off. If they just can't do that, they gave us a 3-year warranty for anything that could bust off of it. If it's not going to bust in 3 years, it's not going to bust off, in my opinion. But what they've done is more disturbing that they're not taking this seriously.

Missy said yeah.

Gary said that's what's bothering me. The first time it should have come off. To say it's intertwined and they can't get them off, it's not right. All it is, is a staggered step. One piece staggers, the other piece staggers on. It's not like they're looped in like a weave or the middle of a parquet floor in a home, that's not the case. Otherwise, it wouldn't fall off like it does. So, I think they have to take it off, the pieces that need repair, they have to get a small block hammer in there and remove the border and re-mortar it back on properly and secure. Otherwise, then we probably would tell them tear it off. Even if we go to the point and the commissioners vote to redo it all, then they have to redo it all, but they still need to do what we bought, was the stacked stone for the décor look in the area. Otherwise, they'd be pulling off the concrete board too, which the building protection is behind it, and you know, I don't want to go to a lesser look because they didn't get it the first time.

Missy said I don't either. No, I like the look of it. It's just when you've got gaps, I mean, I've been over there several times and you got gaps almost an inch, you're going to have bees, you're going to have wasps, you're going to have stuff in there that.

Gary said well, stacked stone by design, is a mortar, it's mortared in there, but it doesn't have the mortar between stones. That's a design look. It's out there, that's the way it is. As far as creatures, little ones getting in there, yeah, I don't know if there's any way to stop that ever, even if it was 100% from day one, but the concrete door behind it is what stops anything from intruding into the building.

Missy said I'm not so much, I mean, I'm concerned about it intruding into the building, I didn't think that was going to happen, but as far as safety is, wasps, bees, whatever, around that outside of that area, I'm amazed they did this and then said yeah, we're done. I appreciate Jake going over there and taking a look at it. I went over and looked at it also, and it, it's certainly not up to standard of what we should accept.

Gary said it is not. I will be calling him and telling him. Where he stands with it, this will certainly be, how the commissioners feel about it. We're going to have to agree totally of where it's got to go, we've got to just say we've agreed to vote. In the application, the installation, I don't believe is what's, the stacking of it is not what's wrong. It's the mortar behind it is what's wrong. Anything else on that?

Missy said nope.

Gary said Tom, would you like to weigh in on that before we go on?

Tom said no, I don't think there's anything else to be said.

Gary said okay. Anything else, Missy?

Missy said nope.

Gary said I do not have anything. Tom?

Tom Kerns - morgue

Tom said nope. Oh, wait a minute, yes, I do, just real quick, the morgue. Have the new set of preliminary drawings pretty much what it was before. He did not have a roof or canopy over the new entrance. Probably want to try to do it to match the existing entrance to the EMS side, is one change we would want to make. Another thing I did not, the property doesn't not have the, on the drains, the drain we probably had over there, we had to put it on the plumbing for the drains from the building in the bays.

Gary said oh, grease trap?

Tom said the grease trap. There's not an.

Gary said oil separator.

Tom said oil separator, so, we are going to actually talking about trying to add that in even though it's already grandfathered what was there existing-wise, we're going to connect while we're there, connect all the bays and put in an oil separator.

Gary said good idea.

Tom said as part of that project also.

Gary said okay. Any input for comment, Missy, on the morgue?

Missy said no.

Citizen Comments (3 minutes)

Gary said okay. Anything else? Alright, now before we go to the citizens comments, we are streaming live, so anybody that has anything to say has to come forward and sit down and state their name, and have anything they'd like to say for 3 minutes. Is there anybody in the audience today that would like to come forward and address the commissioners? Please, come forward.

Stanley Garrett said now my voice box is off a little bit. I've had 40 radiation treatments.

Gary said oh mercy. Do your best just to say who you are and we'll go from there.

Missy said if you could sign in there, that would be great.

Stanley Garrett said oh, okay. I'm Stanley Garrett.

Gary said hold on, that's for the public hearing.

Missy said oh, sorry.

Gary said we'll check into that. We may have to have that, but don't sign in on that one right there, that was for the public hearing.

Missy said okay, sorry.

Stanley Garrett said my question is about solar panels. First off, I want you to know, I'm not against solar panels, but I would like to know what's going on with the solar panels out by me. I'm on 100 South 650 East.

Gary said state your address for the record please.

Stanley Garrett said 984 South 650 East, Union City, Indiana.

Gary said okay.

Stanley Garrett said and you know, I know the farmer that owns the property the 900 acres of solar panels is going to be quite a few solar panels. And I've got questions and you'd think that the company that's doing this would come out and talk to people that it's going to affect. My big question is, is the temperature going to go up on the daggone things around that area, you know, with the sun and everything like that, and then, in Union City, we had a situation where they got solar panels at the end, by the street department, they were under water, flooded, completely flooded. You couldn't see them. So, does water, and I've got low spots in some of the fields across from me, will the water feed down into the wells and stuff. Those are my questions.

Gary said all's I can tell you that I can do for you is I could let the representative of EDPR from the area, if you don't mind, give him your address and phone number.

Stanley Garrett said I'd be tickled to.

Tom said Gary, that's the solar panels he's talking about the South Salem solar.

Missy said yeah.

Tom said which is not an EDPR field.

Gary said oh, I stand corrected. Thank you.

Stanley Garrett said they're not, see that's, I don't know whether it's really going to go through or not. And if I was to sell my house, like I say.

Gary said they're not built yet, right?

Stanley Garrett said no, no, they're not built yet. See, I got, like I say, with this radiation, I may sell my house, and I want somebody, if I sell it to them, to know that there may be solar panels coming around. And nobody's really told me that it's a done deal.

Tom said the agreements are signed with the county commissioners as of the end of last year for that field. So, there's really not any road blocks in their way, but this is a new company that hasn't developed in Randolph County.

Stanley Garrett said okay, that's what I heard. And nobody can give me a true answer. You gave probably the best true answer right there. That's all I got. I'd like to see the company come to my house and knock on the door and say hey, we'd like to talk to you about this and everything else.

Gary said I don't believe we can make them do that, but we can send out a request that they contact you personally and answer a question. But like Commissioner Kerns has said here, it's already signed. Everything is signed and moving forward.

Stanley Garrett said yeah. And if the farmer that owns the land is Dale Dirkson, he married the Detling girl and I coached him in wrestling back when he was in 8th grade and stuff like that. So, you know, I talk to him all the time. He says, but he hasn't really told me whether they're really going to do it or not. That's what I want to know. Are they really going to do it or they?

Gary said as far as the county knows, they're really going to do it. Now, whether they, they've got, I'll put it this way, they've got all the permission from the county they need to do it.

Stanley Garrett said okay.

Gary said whether they do or not, I don't know.

Stanley Garrett said and like I say, you know, I didn't know whether the, are they going to put goats in there or sheep in there like they did down at Modoc to mow the grass and stuff like that you know? I just wanted to be, everybody to be, I just thought I'd come over and get some kind of information.

Tom said in the long run, we don't have any say over it, you know. They do maintain the grass usually, but, when they put goats and sheep and eat, it really wasn't designed for that.

Stanley Garrett said yeah.

Tom said so they had some issues with that, but there would need to be some extra designs where they did the engineering of the project. Yeah, we have no answer for that.

Stanley Garrett said it don't bother me that they're going to do it. It just, you'd like to know what the hell is going on.

Tom said the one thing on the, when you asked about the heat, that was discussed in some of the Area Planning meetings, and there is some information out there on that if you look it up, I don't want to give you exact numbers, but everything I've seen, it dissipates pretty quick away from the field.

Stanley Garrett said okay.

Tom said there was a slight increase in temperature, but it dissipates relatively quick away from the field.

Stanley Garrett said yeah, okay. That's all I've got guys.

Gary said if you would, take the 2nd page back, write down an email address if you have one. Do you have an email address?

Stanley Garrett said I, my wife right there will tell you because I've got a flip-top phone so.

Gary said would you provide us your email address and name and then we can get an address from South Salem and see if we can connect you with them? We can't guarantee they'll talk to you but we can at least let them know that you are concerned.

Stanley Garrett said yeah, I mean.

Gary said you have to come back up. We can't see you in the camera now. I'm sorry, we'll all get used to this.

Stanley Garrett said it would be, you know, beneficial for them to let, there's one of my neighbors, he's going to have it worse than me. He's got them completely around his house and everything.

Mrs. Garrett said so just put it on the back page?

Gary said on a different page please ma'am and just write down your name and your email address and I'll see to it that it gets off to South Salem and see if they will contact you.

Stanley Garrett said but if you guys send them the letter, I'd appreciate it.

Gary said we won't, I'll just look it up for you to get in contact with them.

Stanley Garrett said oh, okay.

Gary said that you had a concern. And then the commissioners, we can't tell you what they may or may not say. We've already.

Stanley Garrett said I apologize for my voice.

Gary said it was fine actually, doing well.

Mrs. Garrett said you want my address too?

Gary said please.


Gary said while she's doing that for us, does anybody else have anything to bring to the commissioners?


Adjournment

Gary said okay, seeing no one approaching, I would entertain a motion that we adjourn this commissioners' meeting.

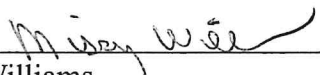
Missy made a motion to adjourn. Tom seconded the motion. All aye votes. Meeting adjourned.

Reviewed and accepted this 4 day of August, 2025



Gary Friend

Tom Kerns


Missy Williams

ATTESTED: 
Laura J Martin, Auditor

