

Randolph County Commissioners

July 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.

Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance

Council's update

Gary said alright, good morning everybody. We'll open up this morning's commissioners meeting and start off with a council update. Morning Greg.

Greg Cheesman said morning sir. Greg Cheesman, Randolph County Council. I didn't give an update the last meeting, commissioners meeting, so I thought I better do it today. Some of the things we did last meeting, Beth Krieg from Community Corrections came before us and needed more money for all the extra paperwork that was coming through her office. So, we allotted her \$2,600.00 to try to get through the rest of the year for that. We approved an agreement plan for Baker Tilly financial plan agreement for 30,000 and then another Baker Tilly plan for the MUST agreement that we've got to work on here probably the month, end of September, is what we're thinking about. Got to get that ball rolling. Then we went down through the regular additional appropriations and then of course, as you well know, we approved the money for the ResQ911. That's working very well as far as I know. And then the other regular stuff and announced that our budget time would be, was the month of June, ended the 12th, and yeah, that was about it.

Gary said alright. I don't have any questions. Anybody have any questions for Greg?

Tom said no. Thank you, Greg.

Missy said when's your next budget meeting?

Greg Cheesman said our budget meetings?

Missy said or discussions that you guys have, that little committee, do you have a committee?

Greg Cheesman said you mean our wage and salary?

Missy said yeah, yeah.

Greg Cheesman said I couldn't tell you that. I'm not on it so I don't keep track of it. Our budget meeting is the very end of August, 24th and 25th, I believe, isn't it, Laura?

Laura said yeah, I believe so.

Larry Preston said Greg, the salary is this Wednesday at 6:00 o'clock.

Greg Cheesman said okay. Larry says it's this Wednesday at 6:00 o'clock. And did that change, are those public meetings now?

Laura said yes.

Missy said I think they have to be.

Laura said yes.

Greg Cheesman said okay. That's what I just found out.

Laura said and it's been advertised.

Greg Cheesman said okay.

Gary said easy way to think about that, there's not much that's not.

Greg Cheesman said yeah. Very good. Thank you.

Gary said alright. Thank you.

Joseph Baldridge, Leap – Security camera quotes and MDM (Mobile device management) quote

Gary said Joseph from Leap.

Joseph Baldridge said good morning. How are you guys doing? I'm Joseph Baldridge with Leap.

Gary said I don't see on your quote, Joseph, where you can identify.

Laura said that's the MDM. Okay, he's going to explain this, but it's.

Gary said okay, go ahead.

Joseph Baldridge said yes. So, the quote that you guys have currently, is for mobile device management. What that is, is that is actually a program that we would install on laptops and cell phones that have county information. And that would allow us to say if the device were lost or an employee were to leave or whatnot, we could actually wipe just the company information off the device.

Gary said remotely?

Joseph Baldridge said what?

Gary said remotely?

Joseph Baldridge said yes. We would be able to wipe it remotely. And it would, especially, for cell phones, it would only wipe the company data. It wouldn't wipe any user's personal information off the device.

Gary said cell phones such as, what most of us have our own?

Joseph Baldridge said yes. So, it would actually be on you guys' personal cell phones. And what that would do is be a program, kind of be like an application we would install in the phone. And it would actually remove all the company apps from your phone. So, like your email app, mostly is what you guys use, and then we would download it from it's own app store and so, say, if you were to like lose your device or it would get stolen or whatnot, we could actually wipe just that information off of there for you guys so that way, that way nothing would get out or whatnot.

Gary said okay. You couldn't just do it otherwise?

Joseph Baldridge said no, unfortunately.

Gary said does the request have to come from the person that lost the?

Joseph Baldridge said yes. Yep, yeah, we wouldn't do it without you guys' permission.

Gary said I wouldn't or couldn't?

Joseph Baldridge said wouldn't. Technically, we could, but.

Gary said okay. That's what this quote here is for?

Joseph Baldridge said yes.

Gary said that means everybody in Randolph County would have to be willing to download it on their phone?

Joseph Baldridge said yes.

Gary said employees and elects?

Joseph Baldridge said yes.

Missy said but they wouldn't have to if they didn't want to?

Joseph Baldridge said they wouldn't have to, and that's another thing we were actually, I was going to talk to you guys about I unfortunately, didn't get the policy today, but I was going to work with you guys to create a policy that, we normally recommend if they don't want the, if they would not like the MDM on their phone, we would rather them not have the company email on their phone, just for security purposes. But that would, you know, be up to you guys what you would decide for the handbook policy.

Gary said is this normal, new?

Joseph Baldridge said well, it is, it's a growing concern, cyber security concern with mobile competing getting more popular and more people installing, having company data on their cell phones and personal, and laptops, especially personal devices. It's kind of been a growing concern within the last couple of years of people you know, losing data. Hasn't really come up here, but in other companies, we've seen where people have lost cell phones and data has possibly gotten out or cell phones have been stolen or whatnot.

Gary said and you do this through LEAP for any other?

Joseph Baldridge said yes.

Gary said has it went over smoothly there or has there been concerns you've had to go through?

Joseph Baldridge said as far as I know, I haven't been as part of, much a part of that team, but as far as I know, it's been pretty smooth. I think there's been a few times where there's been some push back at a couple companies. But, for the most part, it's been pretty smooth.

Gary said okay. Tom?

Tom said I don't know. I haven't thought about it. That's, getting into everybody's personal devices is pretty intrusive.

Joseph Baldridge said yeah, and that's one thing about MDM.

Tom said it's, yeah.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said no questions.

Gary said Meeks, any advice for us legally on this?

Meeks said from our last handbook's discussions and things that we've asked people just to put their thumbprint on a, to check in, I think it might be a lot of things to think about and you would probably really want to see what the employees are doing with that data on their phones right now. So, there probably needs to be some investigation by the commissioners. I would be very hesitant from what we went through several years ago.

Gary said at this point in time, yeah.

Meeks said for just to get a clock in and clock out.

Gary said I would agree.

Meeks said we used to give a cell phone stipend.

Gary said yeah.

Meeks said do we still?

Laura said just to specific people.

Meeks said yeah, so, I think you probably, if you're going to do something like that, then you would probably want to reinstitute that stipend.

Gary said yeah. I would agree with you. I have some pretty good concerns myself, with how, even myself, how I feel about it.

Joseph Baldridge said yeah. And that is a big concern with MDM. But it doesn't, how we will set it up, is it doesn't touch your personal information. So, we wouldn't, we wouldn't actually even be able to see any of that on our end. We would only be able to see the company.

Meeks said I don't think that's the concern. That's not the concern. The concern is requiring that as of employment, to have that on your cell phone.

Joseph Baldridge said I got you, yeah.

Gary said let us table this and if the commissioners, Missy, Tom, do you guys care if we table this?

Tom said no, I think we should.

Missy said no, I second that.

Gary said okay. Let's get a motion to table this.

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

Gary said we'll all think about it and discuss it. We'll bring it back up, we'll have it put on other business on our agenda in 2 weeks. We won't act in 2 weeks, but at least we'll have time to wait until the public and employee, not the public, but the employees hear too, I'm sure we'll be hearing back.

Joseph Baldridge said yeah.

Gary said do we have any reason right now, have we had any concerns of security breaches of significance in Randolph County?

Joseph Baldridge said not right now, no.

Missy said nope.

Joseph Baldridge said we wanted to bring this to you guys because we've been kind of bringing it forward to more and more of our clients just as an option.

Gary said that's how it starts, okay. Alright, we have a motion to table this particular matter, and a second. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said what else?

Joseph Baldridge said and then we also have the security quote for the courthouse just about ready. I apologize. We have most of the numbers and I can actually.

Gary said you're talking about the computer panic buttons?

Joseph Baldridge said yes, yep.

Gary said okay.

Joseph Baldridge said we have the panic buttons and then the necessary wiring for those and for the cameras, as well. So, we have those just about ready.

Gary said when you were talking to me about cameras, is that when you were discussing only have 89 days of capacity, if we would accept that?

Joseph Baldridge said yes. And that would be for you guys' current system. The new system should have around that, at least that 30 days. I'm not quite sure how much they, storage they quoted you. But I do have, I can give you an estimate here of kind of what we're looking at. Just a moment here. And so, as an estimate right now, we do have about 45 grand for the whole project. So, that includes your cameras, all the wiring, and then also all the panic buttons. We also did include cameras for the outside, because Jake let me know that you guys were interested in possibly putting cameras on the poles outside, probably one around each, on each side of the building. So, we did include that as well. And then that's our estimate now. We've got one more thing to add, the tv for the lobby to be able to see the cameras down there for the security guards. But once we have that in there, I'll send that over to you, Laura, and you guys to look that over.

Gary said is there going to be any reoccurring monthly charges once this is all set up? Is that part of our contract?

Joseph Baldridge said from this quote, it looks like the licenses are 5 years.

Gary said okay.

Joseph Baldridge said so after that 5 years, we would have to renew that licensing.

Missy said would you forward that quote on to us?

Joseph Baldridge said yeah. Yep, and like I said, this one's not the finished quote, but I'll get you guys the finished quote here too, as well.

Gary said okay. Anything else?

Joseph Baldridge said I don't believe so. Did you guys have any questions for me?

Gary said I do not. Tom?

Tom said how long will it take to put all this in place?

Joseph Baldridge said I would imagine it shouldn't take more than a week once we get that approved and do all the wiring and stuff.

Missy said does that count the contractor who may have to do some drilling or anything else? Or is that everything?

Joseph Baldridge said yes.

Missy said when it's done, you're done?

Joseph Baldridge said yep. That'll be everything in that quote. Then we'll do, we'll probably do one day of the wiring and then the next day we'll, the next few days, we'll do the camera installations.

Gary said anything else, Tom?

Tom said nope.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said and I'm sure, that if electricity goes out, it all still works, right? You've got on a battery backup?

Joseph Baldridge said yes. Yep, we'll have a battery backup. We'll probably end up hooking it to the backup for, that's already in place in the courthouse basement.

Missy said okay.

Gary said anything else?

Missy said nope.

Gary said that's all. Thank you.

Joseph Baldridge said thank you buys so much.

Debra Johnting – Ordinance 2026-10 amended zoning ordinance Article VIII Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance

Gary said Debra Johnting. This the flood plain ordinance?

Debra Johnting said yes. Debra Johnting, Randolph County Area Planning Director. I just need you to approve the new Article VIII flood damage prevention ordinance, which mainly just includes a list of the towns. It doesn't just say entire county. It had to list all of the towns for them to be covered

Gary said okay. So, ordinance 2026-10, an ordinance to amend the text of the unified ordinance of Randolph County. Whereas, the Area Planning Commission of Randolph County, Indiana, has recommended that the text of the Unified Zoning Ordinance of Randolph be amended. I'm looking for, there's not much information on this.

Laura said well, here's all the attachments I took off, just because it's, and that probably explains it, but there's a lot here.

Gary said well I just want to make sure that were attached to the ordinance.

Laura said well that'll be attached to it in the book.

Debra Johnting said they wanted to make sure that we repealed the 2024, not that replaced it. They wanted to repeal it and replace it.

Gary said this ordinance will do that, the repeal?

Debra Johnting uh huh. Yes.

Gary said this will do it, Meeks?

Meeks said yep.

Gary said taking this

Meeks said yep, yeah.

Gary said alright. Any questions on this before we go, Missy?

Missy said nope.

Gary said Tom?

Tom said no

Gary said Meeks, anything we need to?

Meeks said you need to pass it.

Gary said yeah. We probably should pass it today if we can.

Meeks said we've been discussing this for a while now.

Gary said right, okay. Alright, we have an ordinance 2026-10, an ordinance to amend the text of the planning zone ordinance of Randolph County, Indiana, and one more time, it's specific to flood?

Debra Johnting said the flood. It's the flood damage prevention ordinance. And by signing this, it will continue to keep the county and all the towns and cities in the National Flood Insurance program.

Gary said thank you. Alright, by hearing that, would someone like to make a motion on the first reading to pass 2026-10?

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

Gary said would somebody like to make a motion to suspend the rules and have a second and third and final passage today, same day?

Missy made a motion to approve.

Gary said we have a motion to suspend the rules and have a second reading and final passage today. Do we have a second?

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

Gary said and would somebody like to make a motion to adopt ordinance number 2026-10?

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

Gary said what else?

Debra Johnting said that's it.

Gary said okay. Thank you.

Debra Johnting said thank you.

Gary Friend – Security Update

Gary said while this ordinance is going around, I've got security updates on this. Joseph gave me some of the stuff there that I was looking for. Meeks, do you have any input from the security committee about any of this?

Meeks said they're meeting tomorrow.

Gary said meeting is tomorrow.

Meeks said yeah. I don't think they've met since the last meeting.

Gary said okay. Just wait on anything else?

Meeks said I think probably at the next meeting.

Missy said usually, once a month, so, we'll just.

Meeks said I know Judge Dowling is working through the plan that they need to send to the Supreme Court.

Gary said okay. Alright, just want to keep it on our radar.

Ed Thornburg – Utility agreement

Gary said Ed. Good morning.

Ed Thornburg said just that time of day.

Gary said utility agreement?

Ed Thornburg said utility agreement. South Arbor Pike.

Gary said work order 26-13. You recommend this work order?

Ed Thornburg said yes.

Gary said we have a recommendation from the county surveyor to approve work order 26-13.

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

Ed Thornburg said alright, thank you.

Joe Copeland – Traffic counter

Gary said Joe Copeland.

Joe Copeland said give you a copy of the quotation.

Gary said this the traffic study down on 900?

Joe Copeland said well we could do, these counters will count and they'll do speed, check speed too. We've been getting requests, Joe Copeland, Highway Engineer. We've been getting requests for intersection, 4-way stops and speed, and I've got some now for bridges, want to know the speed around dome bridges. You had asked to check into getting traffic counters.

Gary said our own?

Joe Copeland said yeah. And so, I called a traffic engineering firm in Indianapolis I'm familiar with, probably one of the biggest, A&F Engineering. And they work for Fishers, Carmel, Indy. And I ask them who they use or what they use and they'd been using some road tubes and some other type of counters. And the company they had been using went out of business. So, they can't get maintenance. So, now I said well where are you going, what are you going to do? So, they're going to this company to get new equipment. And not only, I believe the tube counters, but they're looking at, they use a, not necessarily radar, but they use a different kind of counter that actually films the intersection when they do intersection counts, so they can go back and look at it. We don't need to do that, okay. But this particular one uses radar. It can attach to a power pole, it can attach to a square sign post. So, it's at least handy to be able to set out and count all this traffic. We need 4 to do a full intersection, each leg. And this is the quote I got. There was one thing missing on the quote, and that was, they do have a laptop that they sell that can go with the equipment for \$300.00. And I was thinking about maybe using Lonnie's, but if Lonnie's not there or Lonnie's using his, then we've got a problem. So, I, for \$300.00, that's, for a dedicated laptop, that's, I didn't think that was too bad.

Gary said is that on this quote?

Joe Copeland said down at the bottom, I added 300.

Gary said oh, okay, that's what it is?

Joe Copeland said yeah, \$17,280.00 for all 4.

Gary said I'd agree with you, because it can, it's more transportable that way.

Joe Copeland said yeah. I mean, you can take it with you.

Gary said well, I mean, I think we're at a point in time that we probably ought to have our counters for our own business. Did you have an idea where you might want to take this funding from?

Joe Copeland said I checked with Jay and Jaycie and they've got a couple of places they, equipment I think, was one, and there was road, I think road equipment or road something.

Gary said they can come out of road use. It's one of those things that can.

Joe Copeland said yeah, I mean, that's what it's for.

Gary said so, what would be the recommendation? Could we, Jaycie, can you come up here, please? We want to pass it. We want to identify its funding source.

Joe Copeland said okay.

Tom said do they train us to use this equipment as part of it?

Joe Copeland said I can call them and I think they will, yeah. It shouldn't be that difficult.

Tom said right.

Jaycie Bergman said Jaycie Bergman, Randolph County Highway.

Gary said where do you see this funding coming from preferably?

Jaycie Bergman said I would say the road equipment.

Gary said road equipment, it's already a line item?

Jaycie Bergman said yeah.

Gary said okay. Alright. Missy, anything on this?

Missy said nope. I'm glad to see it.

Joe Copeland said if, there's a lot of roads in not only this county, but every county, does not have a speed limit and you're supposed to do a speed study to determine the correct speed, and this will help with that. That'll solve our problem.

Gary said okay. Anything else, Tom?

Tom said nope.

Gary said alright, I'm good. Would somebody like to make a motion to approve purchasing this traffic counter equipment out of the road equipment line for the highway, for \$17,280.00?

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

Joe Copeland said I do have one more item I'd like to.

Gary said I've got one too, if it's not the same one. Go ahead.

Joe Copeland said bridge 85.

Gary said that's the one I have.

Joe Copeland said up on Main Street. They've been buying the right-of-way from the adjacent property owners and we've got one property owner that's not in agreement with the, well two, actually, with what was offered. And I, from what I understand, is the guy that was doing the buying, she wasn't too happy with. So, what I did is I have a meeting scheduled for this afternoon. This is for D&D Rentals. It's on the northeast corner of the bridge. And the first page is the statement of basis for just compensation, which shows how much they're giving her for the property and the buildings, and then how much, there's a sign she wants relocated. Has a lawnmower on top of it. And that was for \$3,325.00. I didn't think that was too bad. So, I've asked her to come up with a list of things and at 2:00 o'clock today, we're going to have a meeting. I'm going to have the design engineer on computer. I'm going to have the actual buyers, the guy that owns the firm, Chad Roots, he'll be there, and see if we can come up with an agreement to get this thing settled. No guarantees. My question is, if we can't get that settled today, can we move forward with condemnation proceedings?

Gary said for me, I would say yes.

Meeks said you need to vote for that.

Gary said we've got to vote for it, yeah.

Joe Copeland said we're going to try.

Gary said how about Burton, is he going to be a problem too, the Burton property?

Joe Copeland said he's, I was told that he's following along with her. Now, I don't know if that's true. We're not doing very much with his property, very little.

Gary said what are we doing with it, what's the rub?

Joe Copeland said excuse me?

Gary said what are we doing with it? What's causing the problem?

Joe Copeland said oh, with this?

Gary said yeah.

Joe Copeland said I, she, well, first the sign. She doesn't want to take care of the sign. She wants us to do the sign. And I'm not sure she agrees with the amount on there. She wants more money for the ground. I've got to talk to Chad Roots about that subject. But here, the bottom line is, this is a federal aid project, okay.

Gary said right.

Joe Copeland said and if we start giving her things that's not on this appraisal, then the state's going to be looking at it and saying you know, we better have a good reason for why we did it. So, not only can we set there and negotiate to some degree, but we've got to have a good reason behind us or the state won't buy into it. And the state's representing the federal highway.

Gary said okay. So, I think what's before us, if Joe can't come to a reasonable conclusion today, that the commissioners vote to agree to proceed to condemnation.

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

Joe Copeland said alright. Thank you. Is that the thing that you had, Gary?

Gary said yes, it is. I was going to defer to Meeks to see what the next steps were.

Meeks said you know what the next steps, I think Joe told us what it was.

Joe Copeland said okay. Thank you.

Charity Cox-Willows Edge business update

Gary said next up, Charity Cox with Willows Edge. Morning.

Charity Cox said good morning.

Gary said please identify yourself.

Charity Cox said my name is Charity Cox. I'm the owner of Willows Edge, right here in Winchester. And I am here, wanted to take a few moments to look back at how far we've come since opening our doors in November of 2023, and offer a sincere thank you to this board. In the very beginning, you stepped up and provided critical funding to replace the county tile running through our property. Today, I want to show you the direct return on that investment. Since opening, Willows Edge has hosted 34 weddings in the past 3 years. Based on average guest count of 175 to 220 per event, we have brought between 5,950 and 7,650 total visitors directly into our community. But what is most impactful for our county's economy is where those people are coming from. 80% of our weddings, couples come from completely outside the county, because 4 out of every 5 couples bring their business from surrounding areas such as Jay County, Wayne County, Delaware County and even Madison County, bringing couples from cities like Richmond, Portland and Anderson. We have brought roughly 5,000 out-of-county tourists across

our borders, just from our weddings, and even more when you include the visitors from our other events. These thousands of visitors are eating at our local restaurants, staying in local lodging, shopping at our stores, and at the very least, filling up their gas tanks right here in Winchester. Beyond tourism, we look at our venue as a major job creator for the local economy. For every single wedding hosted, a couple hires an average of 7 local vendor teams. Across the 34 weddings, that represents nearly 240 individual businesses getting bookings directly from our clients. Those could be local caterers, bakers, florists, photographers, DJ, hair stylists and makeup artists. Our calendar is structurally keeping local small businesses booked and working. We want this board to know that we are fully committed to this community and any profit we're able to save, goes directly back to improving our venue. We are continuously reinvesting in Randolph County, by reinvesting in our own infrastructure projects such as concrete parking lot and landscaping for our grounds. Looking ahead, we have big ideas to further serve the community through community events and we have big ideas to add value to our venue. We are incredibly proud to be an economic engine for Randolph County, but we know we didn't do this alone. We want to thank this board again for your early infrastructure support and we want to extend a massive thank you to our local community for their continued support, trust and warm hospitality to everyone who visits our property. Thank you for your time, and thank you for investing in our business that gives right back to Randolph County.

Gary said thank you. Tom, anything to add?

Tom said no. Thank you.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said no.

Charity Cox said yeah, I just wanted to say thank you and to give you guys an update on just where we've come.

Missy said and you really are bringing people in there. I see it all the time.

Charity Cox said yeah.

Gary said if there's nothing further, thank you very much.

Charity Cox said thank you.

Missy said not only just people, but the school events that you're bringing in has really been nice, because.

Charity Cox said yep. We had 4 out of the 5 county proms this year.

Sydnee Cseresznyes- RCU Presentation

Gary said okay, next up, Sydnee with RCU.

Sydnee Cseresznyes said Sydnee Cseresznyes, executive director of Randolph County United.

Ruthie Rose said Ruthie Rose, Randolph County United, office administrator.

Gary said thank you.

Sydney Cseresznyes said so, today I have a presentation. I'll keep it as concise as possible. There's a lot of updates that I have. But last time I met, I came to this meeting, I told you I was going to come with a mid-year report for the commissioners. And this is that report. I know that there was a meeting in between my presentation and this one, and I think this presentation will address some of those comments and some of those concerns that were brought up during the last commissioner meeting. So, I'll start with, I'll start with just our basic mission from Randolph County United. Randolph County United exists to support existing businesses, attract new investment, strengthening community assets and position Randolph County for regional and state funding opportunities, as well as serving as a connector between businesses, local government and community organizations. And this presentation will outline how we achieve each of those buckets of tasks. So, what we have completed so far as business investments in the county, we worked on a 30-million-dollar abatement from Ardagh, and one of Winchester's biggest employers. That was completed last year and we facilitated the conversations with Winchester and the company. And so, while they're not expanding their business, they have over 400 employees and most of those employees live within Randolph County borders. And so, when you think about the definition and the reality surrounding on what economic development is, 90% of economic development happens from businesses already existing in a community. And so, we have made it a point at Randolph County United to continue investing in our businesses and making sure that they stay in the long term. Ardagh has consolidated businesses across the United States in this 30-million-dollar investment that they made into their own company, will help them stay here for the next 2 decades. So, we're really proud to have been a part of that process. As I've updated before, we facilitated the reallocation of the one million dollars that was awarded to Randolph County for the READI 2.0 funding. So, we have Monroe Central's child care who has received their pre-commitment letter from the IEDC. So, they're going through the final stages before they receive their funding. Cardinal Greenway is in the same position. I believe they've already completed their last task work with the IEDC and should receive their funding for their Randolph County trail project. And Envision Corner has some additional information to provide to the IEDC before they receive their pre-commitment letter. That's another task we were really proud to be a part of that we had a quick turnaround for that and keeping that one million dollars in the county was incredibly important to the businesses and education institutions that it served. In progress, so when we talk about attracting investment, while that is only about 10% of what economic development is, it's really hard to do. It's a really long runway to attract new investment. Randolph County has, Randolph County United has been a part of a lot of conversations. One of which is a manufacturing project that wants to come to Union City. This would bring about 20 jobs to the city, and 33 workforce housing units. This company actually has, is in the process of applying for our RLF program. So, they need some gap funding for this project, and we're awaiting or their application submission. Outside of this, and I did not include this in the presentation. I apologize. But, there're some parcels in Randolph County that we have on our Site Selector Website through the IEDC called Site Prospector. We have, in the last 12 months, we've submitted for 4 different site selection

projects. We have not been awarded them. They look across the nation, not just in Indiana, but we are actively keeping up with the Site Selectors in Indiana and what criteria they're looking for in submitting where we do have a fit. Additionally, we have been contacted by a site, two site selectors directly about land that was adjacent to the Ethanol Plant. They, unfortunately, they lost funding for their project, so it was nothing on our end that happened. We had land that was appealing to them. But, they are in the process of trying to re-fund that project. And so, we continue to stay in touch with those site selectors so that we can market our land appropriately. Additionally, we have been contacted by no less than 6 data center developers. They are very interested in Randolph County. I think the policies really aren't there yet to support the presence of them. But as far as attracting investment, you know there is some interest. And Randolph County continues to be kind of the liaison for those projects. And I think there is some momentum, and you know, we look forward to, you know, continuing some of those long-term efforts in those areas. Funding allocations, I went over some of this, but since May of 2025, Randolph County United has facilitated or coordinated more than 1.3 million dollars in funding opportunities benefitting Randolph County businesses and projects. Part of that is the one million dollars and READI 2.0. We have about 90 thousand dollars in a business support grant that was recently completed, and we now officially have rolled out our RLF program where we'll have over \$242,000.00 to loan out to businesses looking to expand or support their operations in the county. Business retention and expansion, as of today, over 100 businesses, both chamber and non-chamber members have been visited since January of 2026. Sixty plus businesses have inquired for state and local business development support. So, Randolph County United pays for a membership, if you will, to the Indiana Small Business Development Center, where any Randolph County business, not just a chamber member, can talk to a business liaison that works for the state, whether they need help with a business plan, whether they need help with applying for permitting, or they have, they do 2 lunch and learns a year, with our businesses and hosting that with our offices on training, retention, workforce development, things of that nature. So, along with the programs that we offer, we also invest in state driven resources that benefit all businesses in the county. The common themes we are seeing in our business retention and expansion program are workforce attraction and retention efforts. It continues to be a strong theme in the barriers that impact Randolph County. It's a timely comment to make. We actually have our business retention and expansion committee meeting today for the first time to talk about some of the trends we've seen. We really had to collect that data before we talked with the committee. But, workforce retention and expansion, housing, as well, has been a consistent theme that we've seen our businesses express concerns or barriers over. And so, the intention and the charges of the business retention and expansion committee is to say okay, here is our trends, here's are statistics that we are seeing in our community. What can Randolph County United do to help maybe break down and address some of those barriers so our businesses don't shut their doors and can continue to operate and, or expand? Regional collaboration. This is where I'll kind of jump around to the additional documents that I gave you. So, this past legislative session, the General Assembly created a 35 million-dollar annual award for regional development authorities. It requires strategic plans and local participation and prioritizes collaborative multi-county projects. So, what this is, this is something I've been working directly with Region 6 on for GCI and so, this funding is broken up into a couple buckets. And I won't go into those, but 35 million is the whole pot. 15 million has to be designated to local communities under a certain population, then you have a couple million within that, that is designated to downtown revitalization and things like that. But, in order to achieve getting this

funding, you have to be a part of a regional development authority. And Randolph County is not currently, a part of one. So, our region's RDA is actually only comprised of 2 of the 9 counties. And so, what that looks like at the regional level right now is we've been in the process of trying to figure out how to legally dismantle the current RDA and reform an RDA so that the counties in this region can be a part of regional funding opportunities going forward. So, I think what you'll see and what we have seen from the administration right now is regional funding is really how the state is going to allocate economic development funds going forward, and if you're not a part of a regional collaborative effort, then you are going to be left out. We obviously, have a new secretary of the IEDC, former representative Chuck Goodrich. He's in my back yard and a friend, and I think he will lead that organization in a very positive and productive way. He actually just implemented or repealed a rule. So, there was an edge tax credit. It's one of the only tax credits right now that's available through the IEDC. And in order to get it, the new hires you have would have had to be 125% of the average county wage, which is, a lot of communities were finding it almost impossible to meet those wage metrics. He actually repealed that program as of I think, two weeks ago, one of his first weeks in office. And now, you only just have to meet the county wage at 100%. And so, I think, we actually have some businesses that we've talked to who were looking for some state tax incentive credit opportunities, and they couldn't meet that original requirement, and now that that has been repealed, we actually have a meeting on Friday with some of, one of those businesses to see if, you know, that is something that they would be able to utilize, along with our RLF program that just rolled out. So, state driven funding opportunities continue to call on regional collaboration to be successful, Randolph County United continues to work with Forge ECI and regional partners to ensure Randolph County has a seat at the table when future funding opportunities arise. Communities that collaborate will be better positioned to compete for future state resources. So, this brings me to the Indiana opportunities own 2.0 opportunity. So, what is it? There is one opportunity zone right now that was designated in 2018. That is the Union City property. The Union City property that you see right in front of you is eligible to be recertified as an opportunity zone. So, an opportunity zone is not a grant. It is a federal tax incentive that encourages private investment in economically distressed communities. Investors receive significant federal capital gains, tax advantages when investing in designated opportunity zone. So, basically, if you have between two areas of land, opportunity zones make it more appealing. It makes Randolph County more competitive for private investment. It supports future housing, redevelopment, business expansion and quality of place projects. It strengthens future applications for state and regional economic development initiatives and it benefits the entire county through increased investment jobs and long term tax based growth. So, prior, in 2018, all of those opportunity zones and I don't have the date yet, because the state does not know the date yet, but all of those 2018 opportunity zones will phase out and these 2027 opportunity zones will phase in. We don't know if there's going to be an overlap, but Indiana this time around may only nominate 126 of the 501 eligible census tracts. So, this is going to be an incredibly competitive opportunity. So, when this started in mid-June, is when the region first started talking about this Forge ECI and the county's talked about potentially applying as a region to make ourselves look more competitive. Towards late June, the region decided not to apply regionally so, communities are, and counties are left up to apply on their own. So, I had sent an email to both the mayors in Union City and Winchester. Those are the only two areas that have eligible census tracts. Winchester has two. Union City has one. I've included the maps for you. So, Union City has hired a consultant for their application, which I highly recommend considering this is such a competitive process.

Their quote is \$5,000.00 per census tract, so they're requesting assistance from Randolph County United in the county, and I told them that I would come here on their behalf. Winchester has two census tracts, and we received a proposal from KSM consulting that would charge 3 to 5,000 per census tract if Winchester decided to go forward with applying for both or submitting applications for both census tracts. That would be between 6 and \$10,000.00. Randolph County United has committed. We are in the process of committing to providing funding for \$1,250.00 per census tract. So, that would be \$1,250.00 for Union City's application and 2,500 for Winchester's two eligible census tracts. Our request is that the county match Randolph County United's investment, so, our investment together would be half of what those overall proposals would be, and the total in county investment would be \$3,750.00. I think that Union City is going to go forward, and they're in the process of this. The proposal was sent to Winchester when we got it last week, and we'll follow up to start that application project so long as it is, they decide to do it. I don't know if you want to pause there for discussion, because that was a little bit of a newer update that we had as of late, or I can continue with my presentation and have questions at the end.

Gary said I've got several questions for you, but, I guess we can pause for a minute. The consultants to do this are who?

Sydney Cseresznyes said I don't, Baker Tilly is who Union City is using, and KSM consulting is the proposal I got for Winchester. Both have significant experience in economic development projects. I personally worked with KSM and Baker Tilly across the state. So, I think those are both great consulting firms.

Gary said and they're going to do what, that you guys can't do yourself over there?

Sydney Cseresznyes said it's, it's about holistically looking at the poverty rate, the stakeholder engagement, the current projects, the eligible projects, the proposed projects in the state this, while, could we do it, yes. Do we have the expertise to put together the narrative that is needed to be a competitive application? I would say an economic development consultant who has done this before, would be the best approach in making our applications competitive. We would be an integral part of the process because we have a lot of the information as well as the elected officials locally.

Gary said and Union City is not here requesting money from commissioners, they third-partied through you?

Sydney Cseresznyes said well I talked to Mayor Spence Monday of last week when I was heading out of town, and he was going to ask Randolph County United for funding and I had asked him if you know, this is what I think we can do, I'm presenting to the county on Monday, so, would you like me to ask on your behalf to match our commitment?

Missy said well if we're going to match Union City, shouldn't we match Winchester for both of them?

Sydney Cseresznyes said that's the ask.

Missy said for both of them?

Sydney Cseresznyes said yeah, that's the ask. And it's in there on this document.

Tom said so, when Union City was declaring opportunities, in 18 you said?

Sydney Cseresznyes said uh huh.

Tom said what was done then? You know, was any of this done then, you know, how's that been promoted, how's that been marketed?

Sydney Cseresznyes said their opportunity zone. That's a really great question. I don't know what coverage, I know that they've had a lot of conversations. I think there has been multiple housing projects that have been discussed. There has been a data center project that has been discussed. There has been another private investment I'm aware of. Why those fell through or why those didn't come to fruition in the last, from 2018 to today, I don't know the answer to that.

Tom said part of that development property over there is owned by RCU, correct?

Sydney Cseresznyes said uh huh.

Tom said what, has RCU done anything to promote, to sell, the market?

Sydney Cseresznyes said actually our land is the land that we've submitted for 3 of the IEDC projects. I actually talked to the former mayor last week about that property, and that is on our site selector website. We have talked to a data center developer about it. So, I've had half a dozen conversations about our land and especially now that there's a utility kind of being built through that.

Tom said one that just went through it, yeah.

Sydney Cseresznyes said yeah, so.

Gary said okay. Anything else on that subject, Missy?

Missy said no.

Gary said okay. I mean, it's not much money. I generally like to see the elected officials wanting it in front of us asking for it, not by third party. And I don't mind telling the mayor that. Because they also have a city administrator to come in here too. I don't know, well, I'll just leave it at that. So, we would have to add this to our EDIT plan to do it. So, what do you think about that, Tom?

Tom said like you said, it's not much money. I would be inclined to give it to them.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said I agree with Tom on yeah, I would definitely give it to them. And I understand why to go through Randolph County United, because they worked with those things before and know some of the, I guess hurdles that you might have to go over. So, I do want them doing that rather than, those mayors are doing everything in their cities. And particularly for Chad, who does hold down a full-time job also. So, I think RCU taking this on is, I'm glad to see that.

Gary said okay. I don't have enough issue with it to not do it, so, I mean, I prefer more notice. I prefer more background. I mean, you coming up and ask us right off the bat, so, I mean that happens, so, I'll leave it at that. Somebody like to make a motion that we add this to our EDIT plan? Well let's get specific, \$1,250.00 for Union City and 2,500 for Winchester. That would be the, add to the EDIT plan.

Missy said I would make that motion and it be not to exceed those two financial statements, the 1200 and.

Gary said okay.

Sydney Cseresznyes said that was the max of our Winchester proposal, so, it might be less than that if that's what they come back with.

Gary said Tom, you want to second that?

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

Gary said I want to go back one step further in your presentation. The housing barrier is the reason we don't have employers in Randolph County? You said that on the trends, number one was the housing barrier in Randolph County?

Sydney Cseresznyes said workforce was number one. Housing was in the top five.

Gary said of the barrier of business coming in or businesses that need houses? I mean, I.

Sydney Cseresznyes said these are existing businesses in Randolph County.

Gary said you're saying that their problem is we don't have any housing?

Sydney Cseresznyes said for workforce. They feel that, and I think Ruthie can speak to some of this too, and some of the discussions you've had. Are we right in saying that it's, they feel that part of the reason they cannot attract workforce is because we don't have.

Ruthie Rose said some of the bigger industries, yes.

Gary said I think a big part of the reason is they don't want to pay a little bit higher wage. Let's face it. I mean, I've seen it over and over again where companies say we can't find help, but then again, we don't want to pay for help. You pay the highest in the county, you get the

employees. You pay the least, you struggle. I want to connect the 20 employees that you were talking about coming from Union City possibility.

Sydney Cseresznyes said uh huh.

Gary said how does that connect to 33 housing units?

Sydney Cseresznyes said they already have, so, they already operate.

Gary said I mean, to me, it sounded like you were saying that they would come in and build 33 units over there. How does the 20 employees' presentation in the Union City, how does 33 housing units become part of that discussion? Does that mean there's going to be 33 homes built from this company when they come in?

Sydney Cseresznyes said so, from my understanding, they already have an operation on the other side of the border in Ohio, on the Union City. They want to bring another part of their manufacturing operations to this side of the Union City border. And that would add an additional 20 jobs to their current operation. So, there's more employees, from my understanding, and they want to add 33 workforce housing units.

Gary said what's that mean? 33 workforce housing units. What does that mean?

Sydney Cseresznyes said this, my definition of what.

Gary said what's their definition? I don't care about mine or yours. What do they mean?

Sydney Cseresznyes said they need housing for their employees and the intention would be for their employees to live in this, this, this workforce housing area.

Gary said so, they're going to jump across the Indiana/Ohio border and just live in Union City, Indiana versus Union City, Ohio?

Sydney Cseresznyes said well, they'll have 20 additional employees and I think the intention is yes, for some of their employees that do need housing to have the opportunity to look. I think that's 20, it's 20 employees to start out with. I don't, his intention is to grow pretty significantly in the employees that he needs, in the next 12 to 18 months, he said.

Gary said well I hope it happens, but I don't see how that equates to a presentation that says 33 housing units are involved in it, unless you tell me there's a plan to build out 33 homes.

Sydney Cseresznyes said and that's a part of our Revolving Loan Fund application before he would be awarded, this company would be awarded.

Gary said but is he saying he's going to build out 33 new homes in Union City?

Sydney Cseresznyes said I believe that is his intention.

Gary said I don't think I know how that would be.

Tom said that was how it was explained to me, they wanted to put up company housing of some sort.

Sydney Cseresznyes said yes. And I, we need to see.

Meeks said is that in the new governors' addition?

Tom said I have no idea where it's at.

Meeks said okay.

Tom said but that was explained to me also, they wanted to.

Meeks said it was explained to me that they were putting housing in the governors' addition. But I don't know if that was.

Missy said that's what I've been told.

Meeks said okay. Yeah.

Sydney Cseresznyes said we're waiting to see the application to, they have to provide a whole business plan.

Gary said but if they come to Randolph County and they're wanting something and the cities are involved, and you tell me there's going to be 33 houses, I want to see the ground broken.

Sydney Cseresznyes said uh huh.

Meeks said I'll tell you there's, I saw the survey. I mean, there's a survey out there.

Missy said I did too.

Meeks said if it's the same one, it's pretty, I think, very detailed survey.

Gary said okay.

Missy said and they have a, in that one, Meeks, I think I saw this.

Meeks said probably the same one we saw, Missy, I don't know.

Missy said it also doesn't have a cap by any means. If anybody wants to build in there, who comes and wants to build their own home, but it's also keeping it at a price range of \$285,000.00 around that ballpark, which they feel like is a little more affordable.

Meeks said yeah, it was lower. But then they figured out the cost.

Missy said yeah. Well, I think, I think this, yeah, building supplies have gone up. I don't think they can do it the way they thought. And not to say they aren't going to put any 350,000, you know. That's what houses are going for. It's amazing they want their.

Tom said that is the reason.

Meeks said I will say we did 250 closings last year, Randolph County Abstract. Absolutely, we have a housing shortage.

Missy said yeah.

Meeks said absolutely, no doubt that we have a housing shortage. And that's driving prices and that's driving people away.

Missy said and that house shortages, Union City, it's Winchester, it's Parker City.

Meeks said it's every, it's Randolph County.

Missy said yeah, it's everywhere. Those are the top 3 places.

Meeks said heck, it's probably even in Jay County and Wayne and Henry, to get right down to it.

Gary said correct. And on and on through.

Meeks said yeah.

Gary said okay. Tom, anything?

Tom said no, I do not.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said no.

Gary said okay. Continue.

Sydney Cseresznyes said I just have one, two more slides. Pivoting to chamber operations, Kerry will be here in August to present to you about her fundraising initiatives that she has conducted year in a more detailed update about her operations with the chamber, but I did want to give a picture, if you will. So, our chamber operations in June of 2025, we had 147 members that equated to a \$60,636.25 income for the chamber. This year, June of this year, we're up to 169 members, so about 20, 22 additional members, and that's a \$70,668.14 income. So, a strong chamber strengthens local businesses, creates partnerships and provides a sustainable foundation for economic development efforts. You know, when I started, there was a lot of foundational

work to do, to no fault of the staff. You know, I think they inherited some of these, some of the issues that we needed to work through, like updating chamber memberships, making sure people paid in the last, you know, few years. And I think both Ruthie and Kerry have done a good job at the office level, of making sure that it's a well-oiled machine now. And so now, you know, that took a while and now we have some meat and bones to our organization and what offer to the business community, as a whole. So, challenges and opportunities. So, stable support for RCU allows us to continue serving existing businesses, maintain regional and state relationships, pursue grants and outside investment, coordinate projects that individual entities cannot accomplish alone, and insure Randolph County remains competitive with surrounding communities. And I want to thank you for your continued support and engagement with our organization, and I'm happy to answer any questions.

Missy said did you email that stuff?

Gary said yeah.

Sydney Cseresznyes said uh huh.

Missy said didn't get it.

Gary said Laura sent it out on her RCU I think.

Laura said uh huh. It should be with your meeting materials.

Missy said oh, okay.

Gary said I've got solved my questions, Tom?

Tom said I don't have any questions. Thank you.

Gary said Missy, do you have any more for now?

Missy said no, I don't.

Meeks said just real quick, one question. On the EDIT plan, that is for an application for the opportunities zone 2.0, is that how we would.

Sydney Cseresznyes said yes, through the IEDC.

Meeks said through the IEDC. Thank you.

Gary said is that all, Meeks?

Meeks said yep.

Gary said alright. Thank you very much.

Sydney Cseresznyes said thank you.

Lauren Abshear – Roots Recovery a not for profit recovery

Gary said okay. Lauren Abshear, Roots Recovery, a not for profit recovery.

Lauren Abshear said I have somebody with me. This is Jaylon. I'm Lauren Abshear with New Roots Recovery Village. And Jaylon is our Executive Assistant Director, and he's going to be our Program Coordinator. And, okay, this is my first time. Bear with me. I'm a little nervous but, so, obviously, I said, my name is Lauren Abshear. I am the founder and the Executive Director of New Roots Recovery Village. We are an up and coming non-profit in Randolph County. We plan to serve Randolph County, surrounding counties, Delaware also. We're working with foundations in Jay County and we have actually met with quite a few government officials, people here in our county, people in other, Delaware County, we have another meeting this coming Friday, as well. We've met with Mayor Bob McCoy, and he actually encouraged us to come up here. So, okay, let me take a breather for just a second. Alright, this mission is deeply personal to me. I know personally, what an addiction can do to individuals and families. I've lived through addiction and recovery and I've lost family members to addiction, including my brother and my father. Those experiences have inspired me to create a place where women can heal instead of falling back into the same cycle. Recovery is about much more than getting sober. Many people carry a lot of trauma and lasting recovery requires safe housing, support, purpose, accountability and hope. We've made a lot of progress in Indiana over the last few years. I think they started doing a lot of Naloxone distributions and things like that. But besides just Naloxone we need other things. You have to have, we need a supportive environment for people to come out of and into, after addiction, after incarceration, anything like that really. Women might have been out, even like domestic abuse, violent situations, usually come out with nothing. I've lived it. I've went through it myself. I've been recovered for 10 years now. So, I've served, I've served time. I went through the whole spiel, like I said, I went through it before I even realized I was an addict, with my family. I was 6 months away from getting my nursing license. So, I was educated. I've been, it's not like I just, I kind of grew up around this I guess. So, I see both sides of it now, and I think we have a big lapse in Randolph County. We need, we really need some support services here for some of the people in recovery, people getting out of the jails. We want to lean towards helping women in our facility. I don't think it's a good thing for men and women to be together right away in recovery, initially, just starting off. Usually, that can cause a lot of problems. Just that's a whole other avenue to go down to. So, we want to focus on women and children basically. I think it's important for women also, to, I guess kind of go through the recovery part with their children, if that's something we're able to do later on down the road. We want to look into that. But, they need therapy sometimes. You need a lot of stuff after going through any of those situations. Incarceration, obviously, but addiction, definitely in general. Like I said, I was in, I guess I was probably, never realized I was an addict, but I had addictive tendencies before I got into the situations I was in. And now, looking back and seeing those things, I needed some help at that time. And I know how we, I think we could help people, the same way that I needed the help and the same way a lot of other women need that help. Since I've been home for 7 years now, I've basically, recreated a whole life for myself. It sad a lot. So, I know what it takes to work from the ground up to get where I need to be now. And I think I know what we could do to help other people in those situations. I know, obviously,

you guys, I'm sure are all aware of the issues we've had in our county with addiction. So, you guys know, we've got a long road. It's getting better, I think, and we have a lot more supportive people, I think, in the county now. Jaylon has, actually, I met him at Ardagh. I'd been at Ardagh since I came home for the last 7 years. And he has been great. He actually, I don't even know if he knew my story before we met and got, I was a trainer at Ardagh. So, he sees the other side of it. So, it's been nice to have somebody on board that connects that and sees the side of law enforcement, the side of addiction, or I guess, government, that really, I guess where we need in that aspect. What else?

Missy said can I stop you for a second?

Lauren Abshear said yeah, go ahead, yes, yes.

Missy said everybody just take a deep breath. We're going to, what.

Lauren Abshear said sorry, I ramble.

Missy said no, no, you've been doing great. But what is it you're asking us for today or what do you want us to know today?

Lauren Abshear said okay, I kind of want to direct or I guess.

Missy said I'm not trying to cut you off.

Lauren Abshear said no, absolutely.

Missy said I'm just trying to.

Lauren Abshear said I need that probably.

Missy said just, yeah.

Lauren Abshear said okay. Like I said, we want to have a structured recovery home. Right now, we're looking for land. We're looking for properties. Jaylon actually went and looked at a property for me yesterday. We are going to, we want a structured, like to hold people accountable basically. We need to hold women accountable. We're going to have people come in. We'll have to do drug testing, things like that. But we have partnered with, well we plan to partner with Ivy Tech. I've got a meeting, another meeting coming up with a lady from Ivy Tech. She is their chief, do you remember?

Jaylon said Workforce Development committee.

Lauren Abshear said Workforce Development committee, yes. And she has some really big plans for our program as well, to get maybe like GED programs, to get nutrition and wellness programs for some of the women and children, to get classes, things like that. We need basically, a jump to get off and going. We're going, we have long-term sustainable funding plans so, we

will not have to solely rely on just grants and funding, for the long haul eventually. But, right now, we are going to have to, we'll need help. But, we are, like I said, we're working with Delaware County as well. I'd met with their sheriff over there. I'm working with a lot of people over at the JRDC in Jay County, and we're attending the SOFR meetings once a month also, which is our Suicide Overdose Prevention committee here in Randolph County, doing some really good things I think. We've got a really big, like a lot of big things in the works really. Ivy Tech we, oh, FSSA and Indiana Treatment, so, I don't know if you guys have seen there's a new detox facility in Muncie. It's, basically, it's a 30-day facility for people coming right into detox out of. We don't want to deal with detox and stuff like that. That's a whole other level of care for like, a facility care. We're a level three, which means we have peer support specialists on board. We are going to do peer recovery support classes. Ivy Tech is going to work with us to get those for free. We'll be able to offer those classes later on for our employees in the home as well. FSSA and Mental Health and Addiction Services of Indiana, I've met with all of them as well. And basically, if we can get up and running at a 40% occupancy for 30 days, then I will be able to get funding through Indiana Recovery Works and the Treatment Center for referrals and things like that.

Gary said let me knock on what Missy has asked there. What do you need from us or what do you want from the commissioners at this point in time, other than inform us that you're out there? Are you asking us to monetarily get involved?

Lauren Abshear said yes, if, yes.

Gary said and how much money are you thinking to propose?

Lauren Abshear said we want to discuss that. I guess we're open to what you guys feel like would be, I guess valuable, or what would work for us, what you guys think would be worth investing into something like this. I mean, it's going to be a lot.

Gary said to me, it's going to be really hard to get a decision today.

Lauren Abshear said that's fine. Absolutely. No, yes, absolutely. We weren't asking today. We just.

Gary said do I know you?

Jaylon said you did know me. I graduated with your son.

Gary said I thought so. You played baseball in Ridgeville?

Jaylon said yes.

Gary said yeah, I thought so.

Jaylon said with your son.

Gary said I know.

Tom said one thing we would need is to see what your budget is going to be, and actual numbers and a business plan. I mean, you just kind of have a business plan laid out here, but budget numbers.

Lauren Abshear said okay. Yes. Yes. I put it just for you guys to get together.

Tom said what's your projected, for the next year, maybe next 3 years of where you're at number-wise?

Lauren Abshear said okay. I don't have specific numbers yet. I will get those for you guys. I can come to the next meeting and bring that stuff, or whenever I can get with, I talked to Missy here and there, but I can get some numbers and bring those for you. It's kind of been hard to get an actual number. I've met with some other recovery homes, but to get an exact number of what our budget would be, but I am working on that.

Gary said it takes a little more than numbers too.

Lauren Abshear said yes.

Gary said you've got to have a plan. I mean, this is an idea, but you've got to turn this into a plan that's workable.

Lauren Abshear said yes. Yes.

Gary said and then how it becomes self-fundable.

Lauren Abshear said yes. We have a, okay, so that's where the grants through Indiana Recovery Works and the Treatment Center.

Gary said can you get that in writing for us on paper and the time line.

Lauren Abshear said yes. There should be a lot of that in, did you get a grant packet too, a grant packet?

Gary said well maybe. I don't know. I've got a lot of stuff piled up here.

Lauren Abshear said okay. There should be some in there. There's a lot of their program overviews. I can email you guys some things also.

Missy said that would be great.

Lauren Abshear said okay.

Gary said well this is pretty info.

Missy said so.

Gary said go ahead, Missy.

Missy said so, have you sought out a location, and what are you thinking on that and you know?

Jaylon said so, we've talked about the location. We would like to be somewhere out in the country to match the New Roots, I guess theme that we're going with. What we would like to do is obviously, be able to give them tangible skills for the whole recovery process. We don't want to just bring them into the house, put them through a couple programs and then kick them right back out. We're not doing anything beneficial for them. So, we want to give them tangible skills. So, at that point, like we're looking at, we would have a, we're working to basically build a large garden, and a way to give them tangible skills, but then also that they would give back to the community. I mean, that would be something, it would be like a free community garden-type of thing. And then with Ivy Tech coming in, they would be able to give us, they'd be able to provide classes for us. We've also talked with DCS. They're looking to do classes for us as well, with the whole motherhood side of everything, because, I mean, that's a large part of.

Missy said it would be women only?

Lauren Abshear said yes.

Jaylon said right. That's a large part of it. I mean, I've seen it from the law enforcement side where you go to jail for charges like this, and then you lose your kids. I mean, that's the way it happens part of the time. I'm not saying every time, but most of the time, it's the way it happens. And so, then they have to start that fight to be able to get clean and to be able to get their kids back and during that, we would like to be able to provide some sort of support and be able to give them the classes for that. And so, we're looking at being outside of the city. We do not, we're not looking to be within, basically, within Winchester. We looked at a property. It's out by the Ethanol plant. Right now, it's a 7-bedroom, 5-bath. It's 2 different houses with a, it sets on a little over 2 acres of land. The problem with it is, it's 300 and some odd some odd thousand dollars. And we're like, we're no where near looking to buy obviously yet.

Lauren Abshear said we started fundraising efforts, but.

Jaylon said we've started fundraising efforts, but.

Lauren Abshear said and grants. I've applied for grants.

Jaylon said that's where we're at now, is you know, we're just, we're kind of in that stage where we need to secure some sort of funding to be able to move on.

Lauren Abshear said or property even.

Jaylon said to be able to move on to the next stage of where we'd like to be.

Gary said okay. I think you've got a lot way to go here yet.

Jaylon said right.

Gary said you've certainly got quite a way to go before you get taxpayer dollars. It's not that I'm not sensitive to your mission, but you've got to take this into a goal with a layout and how it could even happen.

Lauren Abshear said we have a pretty good layout really established and we've got our 503c profit established already. We have board members. We have people on board already in place to help as well. I can send you guys some more detailed, or come to the next meeting I guess, bring some more detailed things. I don't know what you might need for that, but we really are pretty prepared. I've got a CPA accountant on board with us that does these kinds of works with non-profits as well. I've applied for multiple grants. I've done so much for months and months now. We basically need a property to get up. Once we get our property going, then it's going, I mean, we might need renovations, whatever we end up having to do, but I think, like I said, within 30 days of opening, we'll be able to sustain funding as well. So, it won't, really have to rely on you guys, we won't have to rely on the county for a lot more.

Missy said so, do you think that you can make connection with Medicaid payments?

Lauren Abshear said absolutely. That's what we'll do with Indiana Recovery works with the treatment, yes.

Missy said that's the first thing you need to really do.

Lauren Abshear said yes, we will.

Gary said are you going to bring Delaware County people over to Randolph County?

Lauren Abshear said well, the detox treatment center, or facility is over there.

Gary said the reason I asked is if so, they would, are they going to be requested to help fund?

Lauren Abshear said yes, absolutely. We have a meeting with them Friday, as well. So, and I'm meeting with their community chamber and we're meeting with, actually, we have quite a few meetings over there as well, coming up.

Gary said we've gone for an hour, this right here.

Lauren Abshear said yeah, sorry.

Gary said could you get us a flow chart of how you're going to put it together and how the timeline is going to be? How you're going to fund, how you're even going to survive the first month?

Lauren Abshear said yes, yes.

Gary said how much money that will take, how much Randolph County you're asking for, how much from Delaware County? You can see where I'm going. You have a lot of work to do.

Lauren Abshear said yep, yep, yep.

Gary said to even come for taxpayer dollars, I believe, myself.

Lauren Abshear said okay. Okay.

Jaylon said yes.

Gary said Missy, what do you think?

Missy said I agree with you wholeheartedly.

Gary said Tom?

Tom said I don't have anything to add.

Lauren Abshear said okay. I think, was that it? Oh, I did have one more matter if that's okay, real quick. I was made aware that the probation office up town might be, they might end up using that here for the, for the DCS.

Gary said we're a long way from that.

Lauren Abshear said you are, okay. Oh, you mean for us, yes.

Gary said for anybody. It's still occupied. The rooms below are not even begun, the build out.

Lauren Abshear said oh okay. Right, okay, okay, alright.

Missy said I think the idea of putting it out in the country is a really good idea.

Lauren Abshear said well I knew they had issues at the VOA.

Gary said you got your transportation worked out, that needs to be.

Lauren Abshear said we've got, I've got grants in the works for that already. I've applied.

Missy said and you've got to have a purpose for what, what are they doing? If they're going to sit in, and I'm not criticizing, start recovery, but you know, if you're sitting there all day long watching tv, nothing, not a whole lot of purpose, I think you're going to need a lot, I mean, it's just my personal opinion, you're going to need to allow them to seek employment so they have something to do.

Lauren Abshear said yes. We have a food truck also, my husband and I. And that's another thing, my husband, Jason Abshear, he works at Ardagh. He's a mechanic right now, so he's not here today, but we have a food truck as well and that's what we're going to plan on. That can kind of be a form of employment for the girls also. I've been at Ardagh for 7 years, so our HR manager is aware of what we're doing and stuff, so we might be able to also work with them some for jobs for the girls as well.

Missy said you've got a lot of great ideas.

Lauren Abshear said yes.

Gary said yeah.

Missy said got to bring it altogether.

Lauren Abshear said okay.

Gary said yeah, well put. One thing too, I don't know if you're familiar with the opioid restricted funds?

Lauren Abshear said yes, absolutely.

Gary said but I would get very familiar with that account and how to build a structure within it.

Lauren Abshear said yep. Okay, that's why I was under the assumption that we came here to talk to you guys about, and well that you guys dictated those, but, I guess. Do you guys, yes?

Gary said I don't know what you mean by dictate.

Lauren Abshear said well I mean, not dictate, but you know, yes.

Gary said we have the ability to let them out.

Lauren Abshear said yes. And that we were, yeah, there were unrestricted and restricted funds, and we were trying to get basically, our program under the guidelines to fit to be available for the restricted funds. I think it will be able to follow those eventually, but we are hoping by January. I would love to be open and running by January is the plan.

Gary said okay, that's a goal.

Lauren Abshear said yes, that's a goal. Alright.

Gary said thank you for your time today.

Lauren Abshear said thank you.

Other Business:

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

Automated Logic contract

Gary said other business. Sheriff.

Gary said good morning sheriff.

Art Moystner said morning. The only thing I have today is the contract that needs signed. I believe I emailed that to everyone.

Gary said yes. For the inspections?

Art Moystner said yes.

Gary said this is just for one year, isn't it? Or, it's two years.

Art Moystner said I believe they have two years.

Gary said two years, yep. Somebody like to make a motion to allow me to sign this contract, has everybody seen it?

Missy said uh huh.

Tom said yes.

Gary said okay. Somebody like to make a motion?

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

Gary said what else?

Art Moystner said that's all I have this morning.

Missy said I'm not trying to put you on the spot, but you completely assured us and according to what's going to go before the Supreme Court next Tuesday or Wednesday, the floc cameras are perfectly legal. They do not impede on anyone's privacy, because on the road, you're on public property, correct?

Art Moystner said correct.

Missy said thank you.

Gary said I've read that up. I think that is correct too.

Missy said just wanted us to clarify that.

Art Moystner said that is correct. Yes.

Missy said and they're very, have been very beneficial also, haven't they?

Art Moystner said they have. Then have. With what they use them for, we, yes, absolutely.

Tom said no expectation of privacy.

Gary said huh?

Tom said no expectation of privacy on public property.

Missy said no.

Gary said no, actually.

Missy said there is a lawsuit that was filed last Thursday.

Gary said in Indiana?

Missy said yeah.

Gary said oh, okay.

Missy said and it's kind of gotten.

Art Moystner said it's all kind of new, so we'll have to watch and see how it all works out.

Gary said I followed one where you can actually stand on a public sidewalk and if somebody don't pull their curtains, you're not.

Missy said right.

Gary said yeah, okay. Anything else, Missy?

Missy said nope, that's it. Thanks, Art.

Gary said Tom?

Tom said nope.

Gary said thanks sheriff.

Art Moystner said thank you.

Minutes of May 4, May 18 and June 1, 2026

Gary said minutes, May 4th, May 18th and June 1st. Somebody like to make a motion for all three of them to be accepted?

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

Payroll Claims \$376,533.76

Gary said on the payroll claims \$376,533.76. Somebody like to make a motion to approve the payroll claims?

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

Regular Claims \$1,102,818.15

Gary said regular claims \$1,102,818.15.

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

LWC Inc. Claim \$17,512.00

Gary said I have some questions on this one. Somebody could probably help me. What's it for, this LWC?

Laura said I think it's where they drew up those designs for the terminal.

Gary said for the hanger, I mean for the terminal?

Missy said what?

Laura said I think that's what it's for.

Gary said \$17,000.00 for that conception. Is that what they're saying?

Laura said I don't know what else it would have been for.

Gary said I don't either.

Missy said I motion that we table that until we get more information.

Gary said well I'm with you. I have a motion to table it.

Tom said second.

Gary said I have a second. Before we take further discussion, I think somebody from the airport needs to come and explain that.

Laura said are you reaching out or?

Gary said Missy is liaison so.

Missy said I can.

Gary said you don't mind?

Missy said no.

Gary said okay. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

All aye votes.

Gary said we may owe that, but I don't see it, I don't remember. I don't know.

BF&S Civil Engineers claim \$21,423.82

Gary said and then the other one, BF&S on that one there? I don't see any sign off from the airport that it ever, anything's, other than. I want to table them both and talk to the airport. I mean, they've got to recognize that it happened for us, I believe. Tom?

Tom said I'll make a motion to table.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said second. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Randolph County Tourism June Claim \$2,365.66

Gary said Randolph County Tourism claim for June, \$2,365.66.

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

Winchester EDIT claim \$10,000.00

Union City EDIT claim \$10,000.00

Town of Ridgeville claim \$10,000.00

Town of Parker City claim \$10,000.00

Town of Losantville claim \$10,000.00

Town of Lynn claim \$10,000.00

Town of Saratoga claim \$10,000.00

Town of Farmland claim \$10,000.00

Town of Modoc claim \$10,000.00

Gary said so let's, if no one minds, we'll pass all these at once. Winchester Edit claim. Wasn't Winchester and Union City 20,000?

Laura said no, this is their 10,000 they get every year from the county.

Missy said yeah.

Laura said it's the same for all of them.

Gary said okay. Winchester, \$10,000.00, Union City, \$10,000.00, town of Ridgeville, \$10,000.00, town of Parker, 10,000, town of Losantville, 10,000, town of Lynn, 10,000, town of Saratoga, 10,000, town of Farmland, 10,000, town of Modoc, 10,000. Somebody like to make a motion to approve all these EDIT claims at one time?

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

Property tax refund claim \$1,012.48

Gary said okay. Property tax refund claim, \$1,012.48, includes interest.

Missy said what is that?

Gary said it's for over charge on property tax.

Missy said okay.

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

County Administrator

Gary said okay, the next line here, coming through here is the county administrator. I had that put on as we've been discussing the possibility of a county administrator. We're not there yet. We haven't made a decision, but we need to get it into the budget for the year 2027, if it were going to happen. Any discussion on that, Tom?

Tom said no, I would make a motion, we had a county administrator line. It doesn't mean we're going to actually hire one, to the budget, so it's there if we would decide.

Gary said for not to exceed the amount of \$65,000.00 plus benefits?

Tom said I'll accept that, yeah.

Gary said Missy, what do you think about that?

Missy said I agree. I second.

Gary said okay, we have a motion and a second. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

All aye votes.

Meeks said I was going to say, you'll need a job description. So, I don't know if Laura or I, you can reach out to Erwin, and ask them if they have a job description. Isn't that who did our job descriptions?

Laura said what are you wanting this person to do?

Meeks said yes.

Gary said affairs of the commissioner.

Missy said we might be able to look on some other county websites and see what they're doing too, because there're some pretty good ones out there.

Meeks said right. They will have it.

Gary said yeah, I wanted to make sure we got it in the budget for the 2027. I understand we've got a lot of work to do on what you're talking about Meeks, to get it lined up.

Meeks said yes.

Gary said all the information we can get from what's already established would be helpful.

Meeks said so either Laura or I, we can, I'll call you, Laura, figure it out.

EDIT board meeting date

Gary said EDIT board meeting date.

Laura said I have two EDIT plans and I know Meeks is going to amend yours, so he wanted to do I after your next meeting, so, yours will be approved. Bob, does that work for you, if we do it after the 2nd commissioners' meeting?

Bob McCoy said I'm fine with that.

Gary said so, we need to, usually we get EDIT on a Wednesday night?

Laura said uh huh.

Gary said towards the end of the month. Gives everybody time to.

Meeks said July 29th.

Gary said July 29th work for you, Meeks?

Meeks said yeah. I'm not here the 22nd, so.

Gary said okay. Tom?

Tom said I'm.

Meeks said I don't vote though.

Tom said I'm okay with the 29th right now.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said yeah, looks good. Wednesday? It's a Wednesday, right?

Laura said yeah.

Gary said Wednesday, 6:00 o'clock, July 29th. Okay. Great.

Covered Bridge Certification

Gary said covered bridge certification. I would certify I don't know of any in Randolph County, and that's what our report says. Somebody like to make a motion to approve that it's true that we have zero covered bridges?

Meeks said the one at Goodrich Park. It's a walking bridge.

Gary said I don't think it counts on this one.

Meeks said probably not.

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

Flex time policy & Insurance policy

Gary said flex time policy. I like the way you wrote it Meeks.

Tom said yes.

Missy said yeah.

Meeks said would it be beneficial, and this is what I was thinking, before you guys pass it to send it out to.

Missy said I think it would be a good idea.

Meeks said and maybe Laura can send it out to the department heads?

Gary said okay.

Meeks said and so if they did have questions, they could come up at a meeting.

Gary said the next meeting.

Meeks said to ask, instead of just passing it.

Gary said that's a good idea.

Meeks said I mean, I just, after the last one, I just thought that might be appropriate.

Tom said yeah.

Gary said yeah. Okay. I don't see any reason why, I haven't changed my mind.

Meeks said well I think then the vote would be just to have Laura send it to department heads and tell them that we're going to discuss it at the next meeting.

Gary said okay. Somebody like to make a motion to ask Laura to send our flex time policy presentation to the department heads?

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

Meeks said and just, I'm not going to be here at the next meeting, so maybe tell them we'll discuss it at the first meeting in August. Okay, have them a month to have it, unless you want to talk about it without me at the meeting, that's perfectly fine too.

Gary said we probably ought to have you here. There're other angles that come up that are just like, okay.

Meeks said no problem, yeah.

Gary said attorney at law, take this question. But that's a good plan. Okay. Hope everybody when they read that can see the true intention that we meant.

Meeks said no, I think the insurance one which I sent out also, doesn't need to be, I think you can pass that now, because it's deleting the insurance. I sent that a long time ago.

Gary said insurance, yeah, it says and insurance policy.

Meeks said yeah.

Gary said okay, on this one, can pass right now. Somebody like to make a motion to delete insurance from the requirements in the handbook, as we discussed, auto insurance?

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

Meeks said you still have to have automotive insurance if you drive in Indiana. You just don't have to tell the Auditor, or provide proof to the Auditor.

Gary said the requirement in the handbook part, yeah.

Meeks said yeah.

Gary said Missy, you have anything for this morning?

Missy said nope.

Gary said Laura?

Laura said I seen an email regarding ResQ911 and not having the scope of work signed.

Gary said oh thank you, because I've got that on mine.

Laura said so I brought a copy for you to sign because I could not find a signed copy. I have the contract. I just didn't have a signed scope of work.

Gary said and we need to send them \$20,000.00 up front.

Laura said yeah, it tells on there, how much. It was 60 some thousand.

Gary said 60, 20,000 is the agency start-up fee, yeah. \$63,200.00 to begin. Okay. Somebody like to make a motion to accept the scope of work?

Tom said I'll move we accept the scope of work for ResQ911.

Missy seconded the motion.

Gary said does this motion include also the auditor getting a check sent out for 63,000?

Tom said yes.

Missy said sure.

Gary said you second that?

Missy said yeah.

Gary said 63,200. Okay. We have a motion. We have a second. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said anything else, Laura?

Laura said no, I don't believe so.

Gary said Jake had to replace AC units in our towers. I would suggest that we ask Jake if we pay for a backup for each one of those air conditioners on standby at all times.

Tom said they are air conditioners, heaters, they do both.

Gary said yeah. Somebody like to make a motion?

Missy said make a motion to approve.

Gary said and we'll do it out of Cum Cap?

Missy said yeah.

Gary said okay, we have a motion to approve buying backup generators to have on the shelf, basically.

Tom said second.

Gary said out of Cum Cap.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said I had asked Laura to get information and if you could, send it to all three commissioners if the Journey Home is up to date, because they are struggling, I believe. Okay. That's all I have. Tom?

Tom said tires. We started a, some extra grant money through Solid Waste, and asked a business in Union City that had inherited a tire mess on one of their properties, that they did not create, and offered them some money. Well the communication wasn't fantastic and we have, what we are offering them won't pay for only a fraction. They're putting quite a bit of capital in themselves. It's going to take them, they've already hired equipment to come in and clean up and move and they've had to have brush cutters to get to them, and excavators to get to the tire mess. So, they, themselves are putting in a lot of capital. I would like to use some EDIT money to help pay for additional dumpsters to remove the tires, since we've started it. The company didn't ask to start. We asked them, so I would like to make sure we, since they're in it, we help finish cleaning up the mess that is there. I would probably, we, and I think that we're, I would like to ask Solid Waste to actually supply a little bit more money there, and I think it's, that's available, but I would, I don't know, it's a thousand, fifteen hundred dollars per dumpster. Probably, I went out yesterday and took quite a few pictures, but probably, looking at 15 to 20 dumpsters of what's actually there.

Missy said they'll get it all cleaned up and moving forward?

Tom said yeah.

Gary said I think the way to do it, is have Solid Waste pay for it, keep it moving and we reimburse them out of the EDIT fund.

Tom said that's fine.

Gary said then we'll know what we're asking for.

Tom said yes.

Gary said does that sound good?

Tom said do we want to, so wait until?

Gary said well I think commissioners can vote to agree to reimburse Solid Waste for the extra expense to get these tires out, but we don't know the price right now. We just let them know that we're going to.

Tom said okay.

Gary said does that sound right Meeks?

Meeks said yeah, you can vote on that, but I can't put it in the EDIT fun until you have the number.

Gary said soon as we get a number, yeah.

Meeks said yeah.

Gary said alright. Somebody like to make a motion that we are going to ask Solid Waste to pay this and then use EDIT funds to pay it back?

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

Gary said anything else?

Tom said that's it.

Gary said just for commissioners to know, we'll find out here in the next meeting, sometime today that there's another tire problem that's found its way to us.

Tom said yes.

Gary said what else?

Tom said that's it for me.

Gary said Meeks?

Meeks said I don't have anything. I will not be at the next meeting, but if you have any questions, let me know and I'll get that out. I did send some emails out yesterday, so I'll have you guys review it, just my thoughts on some of those issues.

Gary said alright. Before we go to the attendees, anything else from the commissioners?

Missy said just one really quick thing. Hoping the entire community and the county looks into this. I'm wearing this Winchester Speedway top today because I volunteer out there occasionally. And it has, the first race got a little bit of rain and so they had to postpone it. But last weekend, it was a go. It was delayed just a little bit, but the hotel was sold out of all rooms for both nights. People coming in, and restaurants, if you were out at Amazing Joes, it was packed with race people. So, just asking the community to really support them and kind of keep Charlie in your prayers. He's having a little bit of health issues. And so, he's going to try really hard to get out to the next race, which is, I think, on July 29th. But great entertainment and it'll be the Rich Vogler so, it will be a really big race for Winchester, for Randolph County and for Indiana really. That's it.

Gary said okay. Great.

Citizen Comments (3 minutes)

Gary said anyone in attendance today who would like to come forward? If so, you can have 3 minutes. Mayor?

Bob McCoy said mayor of Winchester, Bob McCoy. First thing, after Lauren was up here talking, we've got basically, 3 groups now kind of going after the same problem with a variety of approaches. We've got Randolph County Recovery, Re-entering Recovery, we've got Roots Recovery and we've got Community Pathways. With the exception of Community Pathways, I think everybody's got their 501, Community Pathways is in the process. I've been telling people to maybe approach Drug Free Randolph County, present there, and maybe let that board kind of look at it and see what's going on, and where and when we can possibly help, and then maybe Drug Free Randolph County can approach the commissioners and say this is the need and maybe make some suggestions for funding. I know the city has got money, probably close to 80,000. The county's got a good chunk, and Union City's probably got a good chunk. The restricted, is just that, so, and I know there's a big push at the state side to start utilizing that money. So, I applaud them for what they're trying to do, but everybody I've talked to, they're right on that, there's a plan, but they have not implemented it and how do you fund something you don't know how it's going to go? So, that's kind of where you know, where everybody's at.

Gary said I think it's a good idea that Drug Free Randolph.

Bob McCoy said exactly, but I talked to William Clarkson from Roots Recovery yesterday, or Saturday, and it's the same thing. And I told him, I gave him Dave Rees' contact. I suggest they go to Drug Free Randolph County and start there, and I think that's a good starting point. I mean, I think, to put that on you guys to decide how to allocate that money is kind of like to put you guys, same thing you did with the farm, let somebody maybe have a little more knowledge about what's going on with the drug problem and maybe let them maybe make some suggestions.

Gary said I appreciate it. I think you're right on track actually.

Missy said Bob, does the Randolph County thing that Dave Rees does are those videoed, I mean, public now to where everybody can see them, they know when they're meeting, where they're meeting and a recording of what they're doing?

Bob McCoy said it is not a recorded meeting. I don't know why, apparently there's never been a requirement there. I mean, anybody can attend. I mean, I don't know whether published, but anybody wants, it's a good question.

Missy said yeah. Since they're getting government funding, I'm not sure they shouldn't have to be required to record. I mean you even with their phone.

Bob McCoy said I think the government funding is so minute, I mean, from the court, \$16,000.00 a year.

Gary said it's under 250. It's not 500.

Meeks said it's \$600,000.

Bob McCoy said right. I mean, again, I mean, you look at RCU. I mean, they're technically not open meeting to the public and look at the funding they receive.

Gary said I knew it 5, or at least I believe I remember it was \$500,000.00 and below doesn't require the open door.

Missy said okay.

Gary said the money they spend is of course.

Bob McCoy said good question though.

Meeks said it's whether or not you're subject to the account, State Board of Account's accounting and, or, have like \$500,000.00.

Missy said because I really don't know what do, I mean, because I don't go to any meetings or anything, so, I'm just kind of curious, what do they do?

Gary said either.

Meeks said they're not.

Bob McCoy said there's under \$20,000.00 worth of money that comes from the courts that Drug Free Randolph County allocates to different groups for probation, drug testing, K-9 for the city of Winchester, different things like that. But I mean, we've been looking at avenues to assist with the restricted opioid money because I mean, everybody that sits on that board has some sort of knowledge as to what's going on there, you know, the police department, sheriff's department,

everybody's been on that board, if not, on the board currently, but they have been so, they've got more knowledge about what's going on and the research been done.

Gary said yeah.

Bob McCoy said Winchester City Council tonight, we'll be discussing the VOA building. I know that was brought up earlier. We've had some appraisals done on it. Basically, the city is, council voted last, is that correct, Meeks, last meeting to go ahead and purchase that building? So, looking at that, we're also looking at 115, 117 South Main, which is right over here, the building that's caved in during the winter, possibly purchasing that. The 48 units at the nursing home site, that's on the agenda tonight as well, for zoning approval. Once that zoning approval moves forward, it can go to IHCD. I think they meet this month for funding of that project, so if they get funding, I'd say that old nursing home will be coming down probably next month or so. We just put the infrastructure in for right at the end of Newton Street, for a couple homes down there near the Gaslight Industry, or Gaslight District.

Missy said you already have a developer that's really looking at doing something there too, right?

Bob McCoy said yep, yeah. I think the houses, more than likely, are probably already sold, or we've got some interest in them. North Main continues to be built out. Huntsville continues to be built out. And I know Sydney was here earlier, something I would like to see and I think we're already set up for, is to develop the other side of Huntsville at some point in time, kind of the back side of the Gaslight. I mean, I think we could probably put 30 to 50 homes back there. So, that would be a nice area to build, somewhat country, somewhat city, right close to the golf course.

Gary said the infrastructure is there.

Bob McCoy said yes. And, you brought up the MUST meeting, or the MUST thing through uh, the Baker Tilly is doing that, first the study?

Laura said yeah, they're managing it for us.

Gary said yes.

Bob McCoy said I'm kind of, where are we going to go with the whole tax thing anyway, because I know now there's talk of eliminating property taxes. Are we wasting our time with this MUST?

Gary said we don't know. I don't think we cannot do it.

Bob McCoy said well I kind of agree with you, but I'm, I mean, nobody's come here to really talk about the plan, but they're going all over the state talking about the plan. And I'm kind of like, what exactly is going on?

Missy said we probably should invite to some meeting, Representative Prescott to explain what the plan is and if it's, you know, fine tune.

Bob McCoy said yeah, because, I mean, my understanding, there's what, 10 million dollars that comes in, in property taxes. That's statewide, right?

Missy said right.

Bob McCoy said and his plan.

Missy said well more than 10 million.

Bob McCoy said more than?

Missy said oh yeah, lots more.

Bob McCoy said but his plan actually brings in a lot more than that, but I mean, are we basing that on what we're bringing in locally or it is going to be put all in one pot and they're going to decide who gets what?

Gary said don't know.

Tom said that's what I've seen. Which, we'd lose all local control.

Bob McCoy said yes. Yeah, and if we lost local control, that's not a good situation. That's all I got.

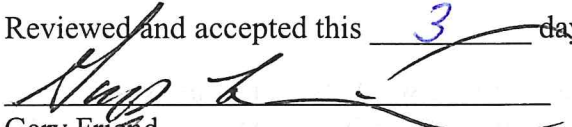
Gary said that's enough, thank you. Anybody else in attendance?

Adjournment

Gary said alright, seeing no one, would somebody like to make a motion to adjourn?

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

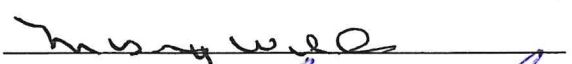
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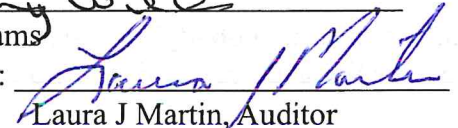


Tom Kerns



Missy Williams

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