

Randolph County Commissioners

December 18, 2023

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening of Sealed Highway bids

Resolution 2023-32

Mike said first item on the agenda this morning is the opening of the sealed highway bids.

Meeks said the first bid is from Cobalt Civil, for equipment, labor, equipment and labor. The next one is from E & H Bridge and Grating, for bridge grates I guess.

Mike said what?

Meeks said weathering steel beam and concrete deck bridge. Annual bid for pre-engineered bridges. Next one, Barrett Paving Materials, Inc. This is for aggregate. Next one is Ag Best, LLC. This is for fuel. The next one is IMI. This is for aggregate. The next one is Milestone Contractors. Liquid emulsion, well I guess this is for aggregate also. Next one, the Klink Group, liquid asphalt.

Gary Friend said the who?

Meeks said the Klink, K L I N K. Next one, E & B Paving, LLC., asphalt. Next one is from US Aggregate, this is for aggregate. Next one, ECC., small equipment rental. The next one is from Asphalt Materials Inc., its liquid asphalt. Civil Con Inc. This is for culvert pipe, structural plate pipe and steel bridge package. And that is it.

Mike said is that all of them?

Meeks said looks like it.

Mike said Mike, Joe, want to come up here and take these under advisement, you guys review them. I don't know if you'll have time to review them yet today to get back to us before the morning is over or we do meet on the 28th of December.

Council's update

Mike said that brings us to the council update. I see Mike and Missy, any other council people here this morning?

Missy said I won't take much of your time. We started off our meeting with the Health Department asking about some reimbursement for CPR instructors' training, and that's very necessary. I don't know if everybody knows, but every school teacher in Indiana and every coach.

Mike said they presented to us as well.

Missy said yeah, I'm sure with that one. And had a really great update on the hanger project out at the Randolph County Airport.

Mike said look forward to that this morning.

Missy said yeah. You're going to enjoy it. And the transfer of some real estate, what used to be Camp Slingshot, that was really it, some small things like the appointment of Dawn Keys to the Winchester Library board, and I think that was about it really. Thanks.

Mike said okay. Any questions of Missy? Thanks Missy.

Brad Mullens – New furniture and EMS Building at Farmland

Mike said Brad Mullens, new furniture at the EMS building, and then also at the EMS building in Farmland.

Brad Mullens said morning. Did you guys get the emails that was sent out, all three of you?

Mike said yes.

Brad Mullens said we wanted to upgrade our furniture out at the station. We've had it for about ten years. It's starting to break down, fall down. We're using, we got a quote from a company that makes them for the fire department and EMS services, and we're kind of hoping that they last a little bit longer, a little bit sturdier, have a little bit better warranty.

Mike said okay. Do you need the money to buy these?

Brad Mullens said Duane has texted me and said that we have \$5300 left for this year's budget.

Mike said I noticed the quote was less than that.

Brad Mullens said yeah, one's \$4499 and one's \$4299.

Mike said so the one's you're recommending would be?

Brad Mullens said the \$4299.

Mike said the \$4299. That would include chairs for the new Farmland?

Brad Mullens said yes.

Mike said what would you do with those until that Farmland facility is done?

Brad Mullens said I don't know if we would, there's a four-week process that when they have to make them, if they would like ship them at a later date once that building is done, or if they can ship them to our station, we just hold them there. The plan is to put one couch and one recliner at the Winchester station, and then put the other two recliners at the Farmland station.

Gary Friend said can you put them at the Farmland fire department while you're waiting?

Brad Mullens said we could. I mean, it would probably work out great because one of our chairs has broke down there. And we're down to one. So, we could just put them there for the time being, to use them there.

Gary Friend said I looked at their furniture two weeks ago. It's falling apart then Duane spoke to me about getting a better grade.

Brad Mullens said yeah, they're supposed to send the warranty and stuff like that to you guys.

Mike said okay.

Gary Friend said if your fund will cover it, your line will cover it in your budget?

Brad Mullens said yes. We have \$5300 left for furniture for those, station.

Gary Friend said I think you're already approved.

Mike said yeah, I'm not sure if they need our approval or not.

Meeks said if they have it in their budget.

Mike said do you have any questions of Brad? You're ready to go Brad.

Brad Mullens said okay.

Mike said okay. Thank you.

Mark Forcum, envoy – EMS Building at Farmland

Mike said moving on to the new potential EMS building at Farmland, Mark Forcum.

Mark Forcum said Marc Forcum with Envoy, a construction management company out of Fishers, Indiana. Been doing this since the mid-80s. Got currently, a couple dozen projects going on in the state of Indiana right now. A commissioner friend asked us to come take a look at you guys' project and what you guys have in your hand, just a general overview of our company and what we've done, and how we do it.

Mike said so, how do you do it?

Mark Forcum said so, we do many different delivery methods. We design bid build, design build, BOT, so, we don't just do one type of delivery method. We try to put options on the table. So, we did take a look at your project. I also want to get into going through that.

Gary Friend said well we've got to start somewhere.

Mark Forcum said yeah, perfect.

Gary Friend said but we can't make any commitments.

Mark Forcum said no, just for discussion. Yeah, to, came here to do. Talk real quick. We looked at it, kind of estimate, about \$350,000.

Gary Friend said how much?

Mark Forcum said \$350,000.

Gary Friend said for the project?

Mark Forcum said uh huh.

Mike said that's turn key?

Mark Forcum said that does not include some furniture. You just talked about furniture. You've already bought the land.

Gary Friend said yeah. The land was donated by Farmland.

Mark said yep. So, doesn't include any of those costs. That's just getting the building, constructing it. That's the number we kind of came up, rough number what we've come up with right now. So, and our suggestion is to go design bid build. A few other procurement methods would be a little more expensive. This is going to save you some money doing that way. So, that would be our recommendation.

Mike said okay.

Gary Friend said and that's for the simple print that I sent you of the kitchen area?

Mark said correct.

Gary Friend said the bathrooms?

Mark said yep, yep.

Gary Friend said the heating units, the one that we all have?

Mark said yep, as you sent it to us, yes sir.

Gary Friend said okay.

Mark said nothing extra, nothing less. Just, that's what we.

Gary Friend said I understand that.

Mark said I think there's some ways you could probably value engineer if you wanted to, but that's the number I came up with.

Gary Friend said well there're are some things too, that's likely going to be added on, that's, a generator and a washer and dryer hookup, and things that the codes require.

Mark said exactly.

Gary Friend said nothing big.

Mark said yeah.

Gary Friend said a sealed concrete floor?

Mark said yeah.

Gary Friend said proper installation package from inside out?

Mark said yes sir, as you described.

Gray Friend said okay.

Mark said yep. So, yeah, our recommendation you go through design bid build, and not through BOT. So, it would save your procurement costs that way.

Mike said okay.

Mark said that's all I had for this morning. Are there other questions?

Mike said I don't have any questions.

Gary Friend said neither do I, other than I'll ask our attorney what's our next step.

Mark said sure.

Meeks said well if you wanted to do design build, and then that's the way you do it, then, you need to vote on however you want to do it next.

Gary Friend said are we pre-empted anything

Meeks said well I don't think you hire them. I mean, if we need to do the bidding, probably RFP's is what request for proposal. What it sounds like, we got one already.

Mike said for a design build project?

Meeks said yeah.

Gary Friend said for a design build project?

Mike said it makes sense to me. I mean that's what we've been talking about ever since we started talking about this. Someone want to move that we go with that direction and we make the next step being a request for proposal?

Gary Friend said I'll make a motion that we do a request for proposal for the design bid project for the EMS in Farmland.

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

Gary Friend said I trust you'll be sending a bid. When it goes out, you'll be sending in a bid.

Mark said yes sir.

Ed Thornburg – fiber contract, new copier

Mike said Ed Thornburg, fiber contract, new copier.

Ed Thornburg said okay. First thing we've got is a right-of-way request to bury some fiber. It's on County Road 400 South. It's, we used the same agreement, paperwork that we've been using. It's very straight forward. I didn't think to make enough pictures for everybody.

Mike said usually only look at one, if you're recommending it.

Ed Thornburg said yeah.

Mike said have you talked to the Highway Department?

Ed Thornburg said I have not. I will send him a copy of this. I intended to talk to him and didn't get there.

Gary Friend said who's the company.

Ed Thornburg said BSM.

Gary Friend said who is BSM?

Mike said I think they're part of Charter Communications.

Ed Thornburg said Charter, yes.

Mike said so, you would be recommending our signature on this?

Ed Thornburg said yes.

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

Ed Thornburg said the other thing I had for you this morning is our copier died on us, and LEAP had a used one, had less than a thousand black and white, and less than a thousand color copies on it. So, what it's used is the same as a new copier. They delivered it. We'll be paying for it the first of the year.

Mike said your monies?

Ed Thornburg said yes.

Mike said okay.

Ed Thornburg said our cornerstone money, we can use it. It's one of the few things we can use that money for. And I have here, the maintenance agreement, which is all inclusive, and I need you guys to sign that.

Mike said so, it says on here you've got an overage of 1 ½ cents per copy. How many?

Ed Thornburg said 1 ½ cents would be for color and then .0 something for.

Mike said it says 1 ½ cents for the black and 8 ½ cents for color on the maintenance. But I was just curious how many do you get? Do you know how many you get before that kicks in?

Ed Thornburg said I think that's on all of them.

Mike said oh, okay. It says overage rate.

Ed Thornburg said I don't know. I assume it to be everything.

Mike said can you, well, it makes a big difference. How many copies do you make a month?

Ed Thornburg said I had 140,000 copies on the machine I've had for 13 years.

Mike said a thousand a year?

Ed Thornburg said more than a thousand, yeah.

Mike said less than a thousand. Say it's 1200 a year, a 100 a month. You think this is, maintenance starts the first time you push the button?

Ed Thornburg said I believe so.

Mike said I'm not sure why they would have it in, oh, there's no, so, that must be it. Okay. You're right. I misread that. So, you're recommending that, so that's the maintenance agreement that's going to cost you 8 ½ cents per color copy and a penny and a 1½ for black copy for each one you make. There's no base rate. We need maintenance, so does someone want to move?

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

Mike said do you want us to approve the purchase of your copier too, or you've already done that?

Laura said he has the money in his line.

Ed Thornburg said if you want to approve it, great.

Mike said that's alright. Okay. If it doesn't work, it's your fault. Thanks Ed.

Mike Stults, Leap – Adding redundancy to courthouse

Mike said Mike with Leap, adding redundancy to the courthouse.

Mike Stults said I appreciate you guys meeting with me today. One of the things that we've discovered throughout our switch upgrade project that we've been working on with you guys, we actually did the backbone switch, the main core switch on Saturday. It went pretty well. We have just a couple of issues that we're still working through this morning to get completed. But we discovered when we started building that out in the jail, that there's a lot of additional fiber that has been ran to the courthouse that isn't being utilized. And it can be to make a little bit better redundancy set up for this building here. So, the two pages that I just gave you guys that is on top of that quote, is your current state, and what the new additions would add to that. So, looking at the current state document, it's just a basic flow of your connections through the network. So, coming from the fiber from the jail, that connects to a fiber junction box that connects to a switch in the basement, and then there's one ethernet line that runs up to each connection through the floors. So, in situations that could happen, if that basement switch would die, the whole courthouse is down for any network issues. Same with the next floors up. So, you've got the first second as well. So, if either of those would die, the floor above them would cease to work. would lose connection to the internet and to the servers there. So, we discovered that there's already enough fiber running to the courthouse that just isn't being utilized. It could

be running to all those additional switches. So, the fiber is there. We just have to connect it in, bring that into that fiber junction box, and then run the fiber to each floor individually. So, that would give you a redundancy connection to where, if that one main line would fail, you'll still have that direct direction to each floor, directly to the jail. So, plus, it's going to give you better speeds, better, you know, connections to everything there. You're not relying on the other floors for activity. So, I apologize we didn't discover that in our original quote. It was found as we were deploying and setting up the stuff for the jail, and then we found hey, there's all this additional fiber that's back here that could be used. So, to get that completed, the full quote for that is \$5,668.00. That is the additional to our current switch quote that you guys had already approved. It will save you a little bit of money doing that now because we'll be able to do it while we're installing the switches in the courthouse, and not have the additional man hours of that happening and then having to reconfigure all the switches to take that in. It's going to save you about 10 to 12-man hours of time if we do it at the same time that we do the switches.

Mike said I read through your quote twice looking for extra charges in there. I felt \$5,600.00 was pretty reasonable.

Mike Stults said yeah, that includes all labor and materials.

Mike said I think it's probably a worthwhile thing to do. I move approval that we accept this quote and have this done at this time.

Gary Friend said well I would too. Where do we want to pay this from?

Mike said out of CUM CAP.

Gary Friend seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike Stults said on the left side of the folder there I gave you guys is some quarterly reports. I don't get in front of you guys enough, so I wanted to make sure that you guys got those. I'll be going over these with Laura next week in our quarterly review meeting, but I wanted to provide those to you as well. That goes over the amount of ticket that we have done for the quarter, who has put in those tickets. You'll see Laura's name is on there with like 62 tickets. That's not her, so don't worry about her. That's just any of our automated fixes go in under her name. So, but a lot of people putting in tickets, a lot of people know how to reach out to us, which is awesome, and also there's a report on you guys end point protection response that's in there as well, showing you the protection that we're giving you on just malware and possible ransomware protection.

Gary Friend said I have a question. If you have all these folks listed, the automated tickets, they're not these? What are they? What are the automated tickets?

Mike Stults said automated tickets are back end tickets so they're alerts from our systems back in tickets. So, that's going to be alerts from the server, which from the firewalls are switches or any of our software put in automated tickets for us to let us know, hey, there's an issue that we need to resolve that's happening on the back end.

Gary Friend said why not just list them as automated and not really Laura?

Mike Stults said so that's the way our ticketing system works, we have to have a point of contact on that. I wish we could do that. You're not the first person to recommend that to us. I wanted to provide this to you and then my card also is in the full bid as well. So, if you have any questions about those, you can definitely email me, give me a call, and we can discuss further on anything that's in those reports if needed.

Mike said okay. Any questions of Mike?

Gary Friend said no.

Mike said Gary?

Gary Girton said no.

Mike Stults said okay. Perfect. Thank you, guys.

Jason Clearwater and Conan Wallace – Funding for taxi lane and loan for new hanger

Mike said Jason Clearwater and Conan Wallace, funding for taxi land and loan for new hanger.

Conan Wallace said good morning. I'm not sure if everyone knows Jason. Jason is from BF & S Civil Engineering firm, out of Plainfield, Indiana, and he's been our airport engineer for 15 plus?

Jason Clearwater said pretty close.

Conan Wallace said a lot of improvements obviously, has been done with BF & S. We're here for, actually, we're going to add a third item. We need an additional appropriation for the design of our T-hanger. So, anyway, we'll let Jason go through that.

Jason Clearwater said sure, thank you. Just a little bit of update on the handout. So, the last hanger was built at the airport 2019, local share, 5%, \$24,000.00 approximately. And that's been rented since the day it was open, approximately \$63,600 plus fuel sales, so that hanger's more than paid for itself from a local standpoint. And then 2021, the airport started to design taxi lanes for future t-hangers, which the second page shows what that will look like. The left picture is existing conditions. We've already got the asphalt installed, which we'll talk about some more. And then the t-hanger will look similar to the one on the right side that recently was done in another airport. So, that will provide 10 additional hanger spots for the airport when that is constructed. So, back in 2022, we bid the pavement, and at the time, the FA was not quick in getting the grant out, so we ended up having to re-bid it because the contractor couldn't hold their bid. And that bid came in a little bit higher. Of course, they were the only bidder, so, that's how that worked out. So, one item for your review is the original appropriation for that pavement project was \$36,027.15. That was based on the first bid that we had. Then after we re-bid it and then the construction actually came in about 1% over, so, we're a little bit short on

that appropriation to finish the construction. We've got one final FA grant reimbursement coming. But the local share is a little bit short based on this report from Sherrie. So, in order to finish the asphalt portion, we looked at, asked for additional appropriation of \$5,000.00 to be able to fund that 5% of the final construction draw down. We can come back to that. The 2nd item we've got is the design of the T-hanger. The airport has applied for that FA grant. We're waiting. It could come any day is what we're being told. The 5% local share of that grant is \$3,839.88. So, the 2nd ask would be for the funding for the 5% match, \$3,839.88. That's the 5% match. Again, these are 90% FAA, 5% state, 5% local. That would be for the design of the 10-unit T-hanger. And then the last, the last page kind of tells us the cash flow story, and I won't, I won't read it word-for-word, but based on, recent 10-unit T-hanger construction, our estimated construction cost is about \$859,000.00, so we expect the local share to be approximately 43,000. Right now, between infrastructure bill funds, and the traditional FAA funding, the airport has about \$412,000.00 available today. The current shortfall is about \$446,000. Right now, the plan is the airport is going to roll their funds for the next two years to be able to have enough money to construct a T-hanger. And, some of those numbers are shown there. So, I guess the final discussion or ask would be if there's a way to cash flow this earlier, and then pay the county back, we feel that just in the rental, you know, not counting, well between rental and fuel sales, we think that essentially the 5% local share of the construction could be paid back within 24 to 30 months. There're some assumptions there that it will fill up, which we think it will. There're currently no hangers available at the airport. And I do work with other airports in the area that are also full. So, I do anticipate those filling up over time. And then after that 24 to 30 months, the county would continue to essentially profit on that rent much like the hanger on the cover that's essentially paid itself back three times over just since 2019. So, that's kind of where we're at, at the airport, looking to close out the pavement project with that potential additional appropriation of \$5,000.00, and then the design match that's \$3,839.88, and then just the discussion of is there a way to cash flow the construction sooner and pay that back with grant funds over the next 2 to 2 1/2 years. Regardless, the hanger will be built, it's just a matter of time. And can we, is there a way to expedite the construction to start to receive that revenue back or do we just need to wait until the FA funds are available.

Mike said so, the shortfall, I guess I'm looking at a document that was emailed to me, said need additional \$4,450. Is that the shortfall?

Jason Clearwater said yeah, so.

Mike said for the taxi lane or?

Jason Clearwater said yeah, so for the pavement construction, the appropriation that was originally set of \$36,027.15 was based on the first bid. And then we had to re-bid it. And then the construction final cost was about 1% over the original contract amount. So, yes, we are short, the actual short that I calculated is 4,446.11. I rounded it up to \$5,000, but \$4,450 is a roundup as well. And that's to be able to pay the final construction costs and close that FA grant.

Mike said and that's over bid our 5%.

Jason Clearwater said correct.

Mike said and we originally paid that out of EDIT.

Laura said we paid it out of ARPA.

Mike said did we pay that one out of ARPA?

Jason Clearwater said yeah, the top left of this ledger says fund 8950 ARPA Corona Virus local fiscal.

Mike said and that is one request and the 2nd would be our 5% match for the design fee of \$3,839.88?

Jason Clearwater said correct.

Mike said question on the 80 by 80 hanger. Have we always gotten \$1200 a month out of that? I was thinking there was some time in there during COVID that we had reduced that rent to the tenant to \$600 a month for a period of time because he wasn't able to charter flights, but we wanted to keep him as a tenant.

Jason said I have the same recollection as you do Mike, but when I asked Eric last week or two weeks ago, he said it's been \$1200 so, that's to be determined, I guess. I do remember that conversation.

Mike said it's been a money maker for the county so, I was just curious about that statement.

Jason said absolutely.

Mike said then if we were to loan you the \$447,000.00 that covers, that doesn't, and you pay that back over a 24 to 30-month period, you're not also suggesting that you pay back our 5% match, are you?

Jason Clearwater said we can't pay back the 5% local with Federal or State funds.

Mike said I thought I heard you say that.

Jason Clearwater said well, that would be in the revenue. If we were to build it early, that two years of ramped fuel sales in my calculations would affectively cover your 5% local.

Mike said okay, that's what you meant, by that.

Jason Clearwater said so, at the end of that 24 to 30 months it would be all profit for the county thereafter.

Mike said right. Okay. That's all the questions I have. Gary, Gary?

Gary Friend said I think we should give them additional appropriation for the \$5,000 & \$3,839.88 out of ARPA and then ask the council to join us on a loan out Windfarm funding for the \$446,000.

Gary Girton said I think it's something that's needed. I know we've talked about it for a couple of years, and moved forward with different projects a little at a time, As you had the funding. Met some of your needs, not all of them. But I think we're at the time now, we've talked about it, but we're at the time now we need to move forward to complete this project, and keep moving forward, because I think through my observation, you know, there're are people who don't agree on what the airport has needed, and I think we could substantiate that with some of this information. So, I think we need to move forward with it. I agree with Gary, take it out of ARPA at the present time.

Mike said so, do we want to round the shortfall of \$4450 up to \$5,000 or leave it at \$4450?

Gary Friend said I'd round it to \$5,000.

Mike said okay. So, we've got a, is that a motion?

Gary Friend said yes.

Mike said we've got a motion to cover the shortfall with a \$5,000.00 appropriation out of ARPA, cover the design fee of \$3,839.88, the 5% of our match for the design fee of the 10-unit T-hanger out of ARPA and then vote to loan the airport \$447,000.00 from Windfarm funds to be paid back, and I assume it's zero interest to us to be paid back by the airport after the T-hangers are built then, or excuse me, after the funding comes in from the FAA future grants. Do I have a 2nd?

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

Jason Clearwater said thank you. We will be able to move forward as fast as possible.

Mike said okay. And the terminal's in the READI grant.

Jason Clearwater said yeah, we did submit the READI 2.0 grant to be determined. I did see the Purdue University airport terminal did receive the first round of READI grants, which was interesting. So, I think that's the first aviation use of READI. So, there's a potential. I guess we'll see who else submitted.

Mike said yeah, we'll see where it takes us. Jason, thanks for recommendation to Allen with your firm for our trail project. He was a great guy to work with, knew his stuff and presented a nice grant to the DNR, not sure whether we've received that or not, but it's coming up in a couple of weeks I think.

Jason Clearwater said very soon I believe.

Transfer of Real Estate to Camp Slingshot to Open Arms House of Worship Church

Mike said I think it's Wednesday. So, thanks. That brings us to the end of our, the top of our agenda, but I think if you don't mind, I'm going to move memorandum of sale of real estate up. We've got the buyers here, our represented by an attorney. And so, we can move them up. You guys want to come up, or you can stay where you are, but we do have the memorandum of sale agreement to the Open Arms House of Worship Church, which we're going to transfer and sell to them the Camp Slingshot and the improvements out there. We've passed a Resolution approving this sale at our last meeting. Council passed the same Resolution for their body at their meeting, so I think we're down to just approving the signatures on the sale of real estate. I guess we need to approve the agreement.

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

Meeks said we still have the closing to do.

Mike said pardon?

Meeks said it's just the sale. Jane will get with you with the closing documents and stuff, for you guys to sign, from my office. I'll have Jane get it from you Laura this afternoon.

Mike Haffner and Joe Copeland – Highway bids

Mike said looks like our highway department is back. You guys want to come up and share what you discovered?

Mike Haffner said we'll start off with the aggregate. US Aggregate, IMI and Barrett, I want to accept all three, but this year, there is a substantial price difference. US Aggregate is over \$3.00 a ton lower than the other two. So, try to do our best to go that direction. Our paving, we've got E & B Paving and Milestone. I'd like to accept both of them. Prices are pretty comparative and depending on location, availability, we want to be able to go both there. Our liquid asphalt bid, the Klink Group was significantly more money than Asphalt Materials, so I'd like to go with Asphalt Materials. That's who we've done business with in the past. Always got along great. Our fuel, we only had one fuel bid, Ag Best. That's who we've been with, so, I'm recommending to go, stay with them.

Mike said why do you think we only have one fuel bid?

Mike Haffner said well, we had a new company that we sent bid packages to. We worked and we confirmed they got the bid package, and I was quite surprised I did not see them.

Gary Friend said there's some testing involved in the fuel and the engine knock that's?

Mike Haffner said they didn't supply the grade that we require. And we require a higher.

Joe Copeland said cetane rating.

Mike Haffner said yeah, cetane rating. And Joe's.

Joe Copeland said cetane.

Mike said cetane?

Joe Copeland said C E T A N E. Diesel, it's diesel.

Mike said and we believe that that is necessary?

Joe Copeland said I was told years ago by a very good diesel mechanic that you don't want low cetane for those engines. He recommended 50/50. I was doing 51 in Hancock. He said don't go below 50. He told me, so that's what we switched to.

Mike said so that's what we have? We require that?

Mike Haffner said yeah, we require the higher.

Gary Friend said is that difficult for other fuel manufacturers to maintain a cetane rating? Is it cetane fuel and you just buy it and resale?

Joe Copeland said I don't know how they mix it, but if you go to some of these, like Speedway or some of these places, for pickup trucks and things, they're in the 40s usually, is what I've been told.

Mike said okay.

Mike Haffner said Civil Con was their bid for our small pipe. They've also bid other things, but I'll accept them on the small pipe for the highway side.

Mike said okay.

Mike Haffner said now over to Joe.

Joe Copeland said on bridges, Item number 1 with small equipment, rental and labor, we've got two bids. We've got Cobalt Civil and ECC. They're relatively close. I want to do some more investigation. Some's higher than some, so, I'm going to take a typical day or two, and I'm going to put numbers to it based on these bids and see who is lowest. Alright. I'd like to accept both with the idea that if the low bidder cannot do it, then we have somebody else that we can go to, to get the job done.

Mike said where is ECC out of?

Mike Haffner said Lynn.

Mike said okay. So, both local then?

Joe Copeland said yeah. The second item was pre-engineered, pre-fabricated bridges, and we have two bidders, one, Civil Con, and the second is E & H Bridge and Grading. There's a significant savings with E & H Bridge and Grading. They were low by far. Using weathering steel, and then the bid that Civil Con come in with was a concrete deck. And they have a concrete deck in E & H, and it was significantly less. They also bid the metal grid deck too.

Gary Friend said either or with both or either or with using?

Joe Copeland said my recommendation is to go with low bid of E & H Bridge and Grading.

Gary Friend said to do both, open steel deck and concrete, is that?

Joe Copeland said yes.

Gary Friend said Civil Con doesn't do an open steel deck?

Joe Copeland said it wasn't in their bid.

Gary Friend said okay.

Joe Copeland said they had the steel was concrete deck and they had pre-stressed box beams. And the box beams are tremendously higher.

Mike said we've heard the recommendations. Any questions or comments? Someone want to move approval of the recommendations?

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

Mike said we also have a recommendation from the Highway Department that we accept the renewal of certain bids of the Highway Department for 2024, and it's for Duncan Robertson bid on large equipment rental and labor. Would like to just renew the bid at the same price that they bid on in 23.

Joe Copeland said yeah, they will hold their price through 2024. I have sent him an email last week asking him for a letter.

Meeks said we just need the letter with the logo on it.

Mike said should we wait on the resolution?

Meeks said no, I'd do it. If he doesn't, if he doesn't send the letter it doesn't matter.

Mike said have a motion to pass resolution 2023-32, a resolution accepting the renewal of certain bids to the Highway department for 2024, which would Duncan Robertson large equipment. Do I have a second?

RESOLUTION 2023-32

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RENEWAL OF CERTAIN BIDS FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR 2024

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners published a notice to bid for the Randolph County Highway Department for 2023. The Commissioners received the seal bids prior to Friday, December 16, 2022. As part of the bid any contract may be renewed any number of times.

WHEREAS, Duncan Robertson bid on Large Equipment Rental and Labor for 2023. Duncan Robertson desires to renew its bid at the same price for 2024.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners agree to renew the bid of Duncan Robertson for Large Equipment Rental and Labor for 2024.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED, by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners that they agree to renew the bid of Duncan Robertson for Large Equipment Rental and Labor for 2024 at the same bid amount that the bid was in 2023.

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

Mike said we also have an email from you regarding reimbursement of vehicle expenses between us and Henry County?

Joe Copeland said I didn't know exactly what you were looking for as far as reimbursement. So, I talked to Steve Dellinger the president of the board, and told him, I said what about you know, doing what the contract says now, which is they pay half the maintenance, half the insurance, correct Laura?

Laura said yes, we bill them annually.

Joe Copeland said and yeah, and they pay fuel, some of the fuel. If I'm over there and I get fuel, I get fuel there. That's not a problem. So, and then the GPS equipment that I use, they will pay for that and the annual fee, GIS, which is the same as what you have here in Randolph. They'll pay for that. They'll pay for my computer, and they'll pay for the software for the computer. I don't know if you want anymore? The GPS annual fee, I think is up around 700 or 800.

Mike said \$795 is what this says.

Joe Copeland said yeah. And that's just for the software. The GIS is several hundred too.

Mike said our expense is going to be half the insurance, the plates and maintenance, plus the miles on the vehicle and the depreciation of the vehicle. I don't think this is an unfair proposal of Henry County. Has it been approved by Henry County?

Joe Copeland said no. I took it to Steve and asked Steve if that would be acceptable.

Mike said well I wouldn't want to be accused of not being cooperative with Henry County since we got the INDOT cooperative award a couple years ago. I think this is a pretty good deal.

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

Mike said anything else this morning gentlemen?

Joe Copeland said large culverts. I've got to go look at three this afternoon, so I'm busy. One road is closed.

Mike said I notice that INDOT is going to do culverts on 27 and 36, projects coming up.

Mike Haffner said yeah, out west of Lynn there.

Mike said they won't close the roads for those, will they? They won't close the roads for those, will they?

Mike Haffner said on 36, I've got about 4 of them running. But I believe that one is just one lane restriction.

Mike said okay. I looked for that in a letter but couldn't find that.

Mike Haffner said the big ones will be 32 East.

Joe Copeland said if you have any concerns about State highway intersections in the county, let me know. There's a new traffic engineer at INDOT and he's being very cooperative. He'll sit down and have meetings about potential problems and how they can fix them. I had a meeting with him last week. He's a very cooperative fellow.

Mike said alright. Very good.

Joe Copeland said alright. Thank you.

Other Business:

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

Spillman upgrade \$33,529.54

Mike said that brings us to other business. Art Moystner, Sheriff. Morning Art.

Art Moystner said morning. To clarify for you, I did get notification that 36 is going to be closed.

Mike said oh, it is going to close?

Art Moystner said yes, because I know it's going to affect Randolph Southern School corporation.

Mike said is that west of 300?

Art Moystner said I believe it's just west of the school there.

Gary Girton said no, it's four miles, it's this side of 1.

Art Moystner said maybe they've got two places, because I know they did something at the school meeting the other day, earlier this week, that they were talking about it could affect the bus routes for Randolph Southern.

Gary Girton said well that would affect them because they go clear to 1.

Art Moystner said I think there's also a culvert closer to the school that they're looking at.

Gary Girton said I don't know. I know the one that we just got the email on was four mile east of 1 and maybe they run buses over to 1 and north, west of 300.

Art Moystner said I think they're going to make it interesting for us to go anywhere for a while.

Mike said so, we've got the Spillman upgrade we've been talking about for six weeks, and the cost of \$33,529 is our share?

Art Moystner said yes. And I know in speaking with the chief from Union City and Winchester, they are very interested in moving forward, but it would take us doing that also. I know I just talked to the mayor of Winchester this morning. And they're very interested in moving it forward. It's the first building block in some additional technologies that we can look at down the line. And Spillman itself, we've had since 1997, I believe. So, it just builds on the capability of that system for patrol units.

Mike said right.

Gary Friend said what's it do for us again exactly?

Art Moystner said there's a lot of things that come with it, but basically, we would have the mobile dispatchability. So, it would allow dispatch to communicate a little differently, without necessarily the use of the radio all the time. But it would allow officers to run drivers license and license plates from the vehicle. It would integrate the crash reporting system, the E-ticket system, and the Spillman system, so that we're not doing multiple entries when we have

something that we're doing all that. Whenever we're putting information into either the ticket system or the crash system, it's also going to run that information through the state BMV automatically, plus it will check for warrants for the individuals we're dealing with as soon as you scan it. All that's going to be automatic. Plus, it would send out a notification if somebody would run across a person wanted on a warrant or a stolen vehicle. It would alert anybody else that's on duty around their computer, and also dispatch, that there was a warrant for that individual or that person was wanted for something.

Gary Friend said and Spillman is our communication with the databases?

Art Moystner said Spillman is our records management system for the sheriff's office and also the jail management system. And the other agencies in the county use the same system. This also allows us to build out eventually so that we can get license plate reader technology into the vehicles. We currently have a camera with AXON that does it on the front now. So, it's a building block that's necessary to keep moving forward with technology.

Mike said and this quote has \$2,800.00, one-year maintenance?

Art Moystner said correct.

Mike said is that something you're going to be able to absorbed into your budget in 24?

Art Moystner said it is. I've talked to the council about this previously. And for the cost moving forward, I think the first year is at that cost, and then I'd given the council, and I'm sorry, I don't have that paper with me, the cost moving forward of what they're saying that annual maintenance is going to be? But, I think we're going to be able budget for that.

Mike said but you don't have the budget this year for it?

Art Moystner said I would be able to absorb it this year, yes.

Mike said for 2023?

Art Moystner said for, no, it won't go into effect until 2024.

Mike said so, if we were to approve this, we could reduce it by \$2,816?

Art Moystner said no, I'm sorry. That money I need. I need the quote as it is, for this year.

Mike said okay. That's what I'm getting at.

Art Moystner said no, I'm sorry. I was misunderstanding. No, I need that this year, because that'll get us, and the I will have to, yes, pay again at the end of next year. And I can absorb it at the end of next year.

Mike said okay.

Gary Friend said this can become, like Mike was saying, part of your county general budget?

Art Moystner said correct. Yes, I will include this because we have a Spillman maintenance contract now.

Mike said okay. Gary, do you have any questions of Art?

Gary Girton said no, I think we need to move forward. We've talked about this. Art's brought that up before. He's explained to me a couple of times when I was trying to ask questions about it.

Mike said do you want to move approval?

Gary Girton said I will do that.

Mike said how do you want to pay for it?

Gary Girton said you can decide.

Mike said well I would probably call on ARPA.

Gary Girton said I think that's a good approach.

Mike said I have a motion to approve the Spillman purchase of \$33,529.54 paid out of ARPA funds. Do I have a second?

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

Mike said anything else for us Art?

Art Moystner said the only thing I would share with you is the list I had provided earlier this fall. We, I was looking at some things for the jail. I think the two priorities that would be left would be the kitchen and then possibly the flooring at the jail. So, I'm trying to get those figures now and get it all put together and waiting on a grant for some of the stuff in the kitchen to see whether the state is going to come through with that grant or not.

Gary Friend said did you inform, did you talk to anybody, the quote for the A/C upgrade, that's went down significantly.

Art Moystner said well I had talked to Jake a little bit, and the information that Jake had provided to us is or the equipment there, and does not include the labor, my understanding is. So, it has gone down significantly. It's still a pretty significant figure, but it's less than half of what they had originally told us I believe.

Mike said is that the email we got?

Jake said the email that was provided, he just wanted to get something together because it's been a time period from when he was here on Friday, he just wanted to get us something where he's at. And he just did projective cost of equipment only. That doesn't include any labor or other materials and stuff. He's just trying to give us an idea of what we're looking at. And he said those are all still just out-there numbers.

Mike said but at that time it was 2 million dollars.

Art Moystner said that number I think was 1.1.

Jake said it could be. I didn't have the email with me to look, but it was just rough numbers. So, they're wanting to plan another visit the first of the year with an engineer, do another quick walk through and start crunching on it. I think the main portion of that email was you know, is this something we're serious about looking into, that's why he through some numbers out there on their end, how serious are we on this project, or do we need more information, what do you guys want to do is where he's just feeling out for.

Mike said well let's fix the kitchen first.

Art Moystner said I will get those numbers for you the things that aren't covered under the grant.

Mike said this facility was 1.75.

Art Moystner said yes.

Mike said so, by the time we get connectors and labor, it's going to be there or above.

Art Moystner said I think it's going to be significant, but I just, I wanted that on your radar as commissioners for that building because I think we're going to have to replace that sooner rather than later.

Mike said yeah, I think you're right.

Gary Friend said that's a lot more palpable than the 5 million you started with.

Art Moystner said oh, I don't disagree. I think Jake and I exchanged quite the look when they dropped the first figure.

Mike said so you will then, the kitchen is still, a new icemaker and a new stove?

Art Moystner said correct. And then we're waiting to hear about washers and dryers and a sanitizer.

Mike said okay. I didn't see those listed.

Art Moystner said well, those haven't been listed because I thought we were going to get them on the grant.

Mike said okay. You're still waiting on that?

Art Moystner said we are.

Mike said okay. Any other questions of Art? Thanks Art.

Minutes of 12/4/2023

Mike said next item is our minutes of December 4th, which we received a copy of via email, and I trust we've reviewed.

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

Payroll Claims \$292,424.23

Mike said next item is our payroll claims that are at our place in the amount of \$292,424.23. I'd entertain a motion to approve the payroll claims as presented.

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

Regular Claims \$514,918.20

Mike said now we've received a copy of the regular claims in the amount of \$514,918.20 via email. I'd entertain a motion to approve the regular claims.

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

Myers Landscaping claim \$19,080.00

Mike said next item is a Myers Landscaping claim for the cleanup and work around the Deerfield site and the highway garage location and the Modoc site, and the total bill is \$19,080.00. And I think we approved this project, but I don't recall if we decided at that time where we were going to pay for the Myers bill of \$19,080.00. Would you say it would be part of the emergency tower project, which we don't have any funds left in there.

Gary Friend said CUM CAP.

Mike said pardon.

Gary Friend said CUM CAP could probably do it.

Mike said it could probably do CUM CAP?

Laura said CUM CAP or farm maintenance.

Gary Friend said I was saving that for a ditching project. I make a motion to take it out of CUM CAP.

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

Gary Girton said while we're on this, Jake's here, what's our project on caring for these next year, for maintenance.

Jake said when Myers looked at it, he priced out complete all three projects to where they're at now, he gave me pricing on maintaining them three times a year spraying everything and putting visual on it. He also priced out, and was okayed, he's going to paint and seal up those units for us next spring, now weather got away from us. I think that's, I think that's all we have to do in the spring is get those painted, rust taken care of, sealed up, and then yearly maintenance agreement just to keep it sprayed down.

Gary Girton said so he's projecting three times a year for residual?

Jake said he just said three times a year or as needed. You know, if it dries off enough and nothing is growing, obviously, there's no need to spray, so there won't be a charge. Or it may be four times a year if it just keeps raining and gets weedy. We'll have to keep an eye on it. We're going to explore some options on spray. They make some stuff that's a year around kill on vegetation. So, he was going to, he said he's never really used it, but he'll look into it. It might be something where we could spray once a year, and if it holds, depending on what the weather does again.

Mike said well will he take a look at that or will we be responsible to check about that, see where needs sprayed?

Jake said he's already out mowing and this and that, and in the general areas. So, you know, I'll keep an eye on it as well as Royce and we'll be in connection with one another, just keep an eye on them. If one of them need it, obviously, the other two are probably going to as well. This is going to be a lot easier to manage now because outside the fence, we went out you know, anywhere from two to four feet on locations, and the plan is just to keep everything sprayed, burned down.

Mike said the pictures look great.

Jake said they did. There're a few extras he added on. He called me and I said just do it while you're there. One of them in Ridgeville, that Conex box is up so high. I sent everybody an email, yes. The box at Ridgeville was about four foot off the ground. While he was there, he went ahead and got a set of concrete steps and put up to that so he could get it all leveled up. And in talking with Chris and Royce back and forth, there are some things on the safety report that Chris had mentioned that needed addressed as well so, we just everything, we just took care of the whole shooting match and got it all done.

Mike said all except the painting?

Jake said yeah.

Mike said okay, great.

Gary Girton said so with the way that stone is now, it should one application for residual contact should last a year.

Jake said we're going to find out.

Gary Girton said because, you know, it's still backfilled with several feet of stone.

Jake said yeah.

Gary Girton said so it's just the surface area where you're getting some soil infiltration.

Jake said yeah.

Gary Girton said so the newer residual product, since it's clean and you've done what you've done should last.

Jake said yeah, we'll find out. It's an as needed price, so it's not like he's going to bill us three times a year and not do anything. So, we'll try to keep an eye on it and see what it does.

Mike said okay. Any other questions of Jake? Any questions Jake?

Jake said I just, there's been a lot of discussion back and forth with the jail project on the HVAC side of things, and I've talked with Art on a lot of it. I'm just going to throw this out there and see what you guys feel. I think we may need to bring somebody in and do a complete building evaluation of that facility, because with ARGO, we're looking at HVAC only. And Art's been working with some other outfits doing some plumbing remodels, and this and that. If the HVAC is worn out, so is the plumbing in my eyes. And if it's not, have somebody prove me wrong, but I think we need to have somebody come in and do a study on the building, see where we're at with everything and give us a timeline on expected, you know, life expectancy of what we have. And then, maybe decide what direction, what do we want to do first, do we need to do all of it, is it worth doing? I don't want to do a HVAC project and two years later, have to do a complete plumbing project with the same type of contractors. If it's something that needs to be done simultaneously, side-by-side, lets do a wing at a time, plumbing and HVAC, and do the whole project. I don't want to, I don't want to half it, if you know what I mean.

Gary Friend said what plumbing are you discussing, the plumbing for the HVAC system, or the entire plumbing?

Jake said HVAC plumbing is HVAC plumbing. I'm talking about domestic water, you know, sewage, puddle of water, and that, pretty much the whole building. I want to look at the

electrical too, you know, do we need to make changes on it, what's the condition of it, the whole building, outside, inside, the whole shooting match and see where we're at with it.

Gary Friend said what's it going to cost for an engineer to look at the building?

Jake said we won't know until we find out. I mean we can, I'm just throwing this out there. I'm just spit-balling, because we've gotten several, a couple different numbers now on HVAC side of things, you know, some of it just in discussion, some of it as equipment cost, and nothing's nailed down for sure. And Art, I mean, I'm not stepping on anybody's toes by any means but if I'm talking out of turn, let me know.

Art Moystner said you are not. I don't disagree. I just know it's one of those that over the years, we've had drain issues that Sheriff Hendrickson addressed. The plumbing issues I think, with what Salyer Taylor is doing right now, I think a lot of the plumbing draining, drainage issues, we're getting taken care of now. I know at some point, if there's somebody out there that can do it to look at the inmate facilities as far as the showers.

Mike said I wanted to say we've replaced showers, but we've not really looked at the plumbing behind the showers.

Art said well we've never replaced shower. We fixed showers.

Mike said okay.

Art Moystner said as far as welding the stainless steel into place, it's just something that there's someone that's able to do that, but I have no idea who that would be.

Mike said have you got any thoughts on where you go with that?

Jake said no, no, I'm not going to put effort into something unless I know it's a direction you want to go. That's what I'm getting at. I don't want ARGO to spend a lot of time putting this together and then be like now we've got this to go, you know.

Mike said okay.

Jake said well so let's try to do it all in one shot, if that's what we need to do. I mean, as simple as jumping on the inter-web or reaching out to ARGO, say hey Tony, we're going to back up a minute and look at the whole entire building and see if he has some recommendations on somebody who could do that, or maybe he could. I don't know. I know in the past, I think there're some, is there some specialized shower valves or water valves that they're having problems getting parts and pieces for?

Art Moystner said they are.

Jake said and that's only going to continue. If we can't get the parts and pieces to fix what we have, eventually, we're going to have to start putting in new fixtures with parts that are replaceable. So, stuff is worn out.

Gary Friend said basically, we're looking at what it would cost and the timeframe to refurbish the entire facility.

Art said and some of the refurbishing can be done as it breaks down. Some of it is the entire building, so we need that priority.

Jake said but I'm looking at it on my end, or on a building management end, if we're going to shut an entire block down for a HVAC project, while we're in there, let's go ahead and look at the shower valves and change those out as well. So, when we turn that back open, it's going to be done.

Mike said well that may not be the end of the story. You may want to do something else too.

Jake said absolutely.

Mike said so, I guess the key here is, who do you hire to do that, to come in and give you a foundation to, evaluation of your facility, and ask them for a close to real figure, and after you get up off the floor, then you'd say well what's the alternative to doing all that.

Jake said absolutely.

Mike said but I don't know, I don't, I wouldn't have any idea where to go to have somebody do that.

Jake said just like anything, if you're going to work on your car, you do some research. You try to reach out to people and talk to people. I would call the contractors we've used in the past and see if they have somebody who specializes in a correctional facility, construction basically, an evaluation, and then start putting some feelers out and try to find you know, just make connections. That's what we do. Now, like I said, I'm just throwing this out there and kind of see what you guys thought. I just, I don't want to have ten years of projects.

Mike said so for me, I'm not ready to go ahead and say let's do HVAC. So, I would agree with you in that respect that I would rather spend the money on getting a foundation for a roof evaluation on the building to see what we are interested in doing.

Jake said and some of this, I skimmed to, I've been reach, reached out some different contractors on some service stuff, just seeing what's out there available. I'm not committed to any one service contractor. And the one I did talk to said, and I'd mentioned kind of where we're looking at, at the jail, and he said that they kind of specialized in helping with energy-efficient type remodels, where they can get different grants and stuff that's out there to apply for, so when we do this we can use energy-efficient equipment and there's grants out there to help along as well. And so, there's all kinds of avenues.

Gary Friend said an engineering firm, but we're going to need are an architecture engineer.

Jake said absolutely.

Gary Friend said with grant writing abilities.

Jake said yep, yep.

Mike said well then, I guess if we were to say we would prefer to consider an evaluation of the jail, would that be something you could pursue to find somebody that can do that?

Jake said yeah, I mean, that's, I'll reach out to some people and kind of put some feelers out and try to make some connections.

Gary Friend said likely we may need an RFP.

Mike said well we could find out what it would be.

Jake said right, right.

Gary Friend said I'd agree we need an evaluation.

Gary Girton said we definitely need, we've fixed along the lines, done things what we've had to do, Jake and Art, we've all talked about this for several years, of getting something like this done. So, we've got, particularly since you throw in this, heating and cooling system which is a big factor, but I think we need to prioritize the whole building and see where we need to go first. And if we can combine it, to make it more efficient and more cost effective.

Gary Friend said well and that will give us something to actually gauge on contracting pricing. They could be out in left field and I wouldn't know.

Jake said absolutely. Yeah, and that's what, with ARGO, the initial discussion we had you know, with some just spit-balling numbers and it was you know, pretty high. Then when he came back with just his equipment cost, I've had a look at it and thought he was low on some of those on his numbers. He had \$200,000 for the boilers, we just spent \$250,000 on boilers at the old hospital. And so, that didn't jive to me, and it's similar square footage. And so, I didn't hold a lot of, those numbers, I didn't put a lot of confidence in, just being equipment only cost. Now maybe he's got a different line of equipment he's looking at, maybe they're on demand, I don't know. But, there's all kinds of different directions to go with anything. But, I'll definitely reach out to ARGO, kind of talk about this discussion, and I'm pretty sure Tony is going to agree that, you know, the rest of your building probably needs looked at as well. See if he has some direction for us.

Mike said I think if you googled it, you'd find a lot of engineers and architects ready to go.

Jake said and you know as well as I everything on google is for real. This is true. No, I'm want to reach out to the people I've used in the past to guide me. And Luther Mock up in the Ft. Wayne area might be another one. I know he specialized on outside. Well, actually, he may be a good one because he works for the state on doing correctional facility roofs and outside stuff.

Mike said so he might be able to help.

Jake said he might be a good contact on doing a complete building evaluation as well, if he's still in business. I'll reach out to some previous contractors we've used in the past, we've had success with, and put some feelers out and see what direction they can give us.

Mike said I'm good to go that direction.

Gary Girton said I am too.

Mike said thanks Jake.

Milestone Contractors claim \$34,742.07

Mike said next is the Milestone claim, shortfall of another additional appropriation.

Sherrie Timmons said we're \$740.00 short to pay that. So, out of that \$5000.00 additional appropriation, \$700 will come out that. And, then, we've not gotten all the invoices yet.

Mike said \$734.02 is what this says.

Sherrie Timmons said so, of the \$5,000.00, we have to finish paying that to Milestone.

Mike said so, really if our appropriation was for \$5,000.00, we're \$184.02 short.

Sherrie Timmons said no, we have enough to pay that.

Laura said the \$734.02 that we're short on this, that's included in the \$5,000 that Jason said we needed to finish that project.

Sherrie Timmons said yes, but Jason would actually have to answer that. I'm assuming that he did. He has some bills that I don't know of. That's the last bill that I know of. And that's when I told them we were short on paying our share. So, he said there's more bills to come after that one. And I've not seen them.

Laura said so, I'm thinking that he already included those.

Sherrie Timmons said he knows about that amount, yes.

Mike said okay. So, we'll just approve this claim then. Okay. Milestone claim, so that claim had, the claim we're approving is the total amount.

Sherrie Timmons said no.

Mike said okay. So, we're approving the Milestone with the money we have, which is 34,742.07, and that'll get them partially paid. And then, we'll come back at our next meeting and approve the \$742.02 balance with the appropriation we made this morning. Is that correct?

Laura said that's correct.

Mike said I'd entertain a motion to approve.

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

Bank of Mellon Bond Claim \$43,200.00

Bank of Mellon Bond Claim \$154,500.00

Bank of Mellon Bond Claim \$211,000.00

Mike said the next three claims are to the bank of Mellon, the bond claims. One for \$43,200.00, one for \$154,500.00 and one for \$211,000.00. I'd entertain a motion to approve the bank of Mellon bond claims.

Gary Girton made motion to approve all three bond payments as presented. Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Fall Settlement 2023 Claim \$13,941,882.83

Mike said the next claim is the Fall settlement for 2023 which is \$13,941,882.83.

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

Randolph County United Claim \$18,467.74

Randolph County United Tourism Claim \$2365.74

Mike said next two claims are for Randolph United. One is for the Economic Development claim of \$18,467.74, and the other is for the Tourism claim in the amount of \$2,365.74.

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

Randolph County amended ARPA Plan

Mike said that brings us to our Randolph County amended ARPA plan. We received a copy of via email. Any questions, comments about the plan? Let the record show we've reviewed the amended plan.

Taylorred Systems Fortinet Firewall renewal

Mike said next item is the Taylorred Systems Fortinet Firewall renewal. This is for our phone system. It has a separate firewall from Leap. And it's \$3,695.00.

Laura said we have a credit with them, so, I'll just deduct it from there. So, we really don't owe them anything.

Mike said don't owe them anything. This is a 3-year plan, renewal, 36-month renewal. You're recommending we do this obviously. I'd entertain a motion to approve the firewall license renewal.

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

Resolution 2023-31 Intent to transfer tax lien certificates

Mike said the next item is the resolution 2023-31, a resolution to the intent to transfer tax lien certificates held by the county in the City of Winchester. It looks like there's one, two, three, four parcel numbers within the city limits that we are transferring by this resolution to the City of Winchester. And these will be certificate's that the city will deal with accordingly.

RESOLUTION 2023-31

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE INTENT TO TRANSFER
TAX LIEN CERTIFICATES HELD BY RANDOLPH COUNTY, INDIANA, TO
THE CITY OF WINCHESTER

WHEREAS, there is a property in Randolph County, Indiana, that is severely delinquent in the payment of property taxes, having been offered for tax sales, and which received no bids equal to, or in excess of minimum sale price. The parcel number of that property is:

Parcel Number	Brief Legal Description
021-01068-00	Beech Grove Add 75' E Side Lot 122 Pt Sw Nw 21-10-14 .11 A
021-01115-00	W W Macy Add Pt Lot 6
021-01203-00	Commercial Row 37.35 X 125.30' Lot 7
021-01873-00	H P N Add Lot 32

WHEREAS, there is an assessed value associated with the property for taxation purposes, but no taxes are being collected, therefore causing a lower than expected tax distribution to those taxing units and taxing districts within which the property is located.

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners desires to have the property back on the tax rolls with taxes being collected or used for a government purpose.

WHEREAS, IC 6-1.1-24-6 et seq. allows for County Commissioners to acquire a lien on the delinquent property and receive issuance of the tax sale certificates for the property, without taking title to the property, therefore limiting the liability and cost normally associated with taking title.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners that the Randolph County **Auditor** shall acquire liens and receive tax sale certificates of the property listed above that is severely delinquent, and transfer said certificates to the City of Winchester, Indiana, pursuant to Indiana Code.

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

Letter of support for Next Level Connections Broadband Grant

Mike said the next item is a letter of support for the next level connections broadband grant, which is addressed to the office of community and rural affairs. This is for New Lisbon broadband and communications. They've applied for and won grants for round one, two and three, totaling nearly \$400,000.00, and would like to have our letter of support in pursuing these. So, John Greene reached out to me, asked me if we could give this letter of support, and I told him I would bring it to the commissioners meeting and we would determine whether we did or not.

Gary Friend said it's okay with me.

Mike said I think if it helps them get this grant I would agree with it so, someone want to move approval?

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

Bob McCoy- Baby box dedication, READI grant

Mike said that brings us to the end of our agenda. And I am in remis and need to apologize. I skipped over the mayor. Mayor McCoy, do you have anything for us this morning?

Bob McCoy said the baby box dedication will be today at 2:00 at the City building.

Mike said okay, my wife, is that at the City building?

Bob McCoy said yes.

Mike said okay.

Bob McCoy said hopefully, it won't be windy and snowy, but so far, looks good. I have a question concerning the READI grants towards the terminal. Where's the match coming from for their applications?

Mike said they've not asked for any match for that. And I think it's, I don't know, Daniel, can you explain that a little bit?

Daniel Baker said yeah. So, they haven't asked for any match. So, right now, they're just in the project coordination phase of it, just trying to see what projects.

The first part is that the IED is funding the strategy for the region, not necessarily individual projects. So, we're going to have time, moving forward, to get these projects in place. It's not like last time where we had to have it in place beforehand. Right now, it's just a region trying to gauge how much support and how many projects there are that's within the region.

Mike said and the local support is region-wide isn't it?

Daniel Baker said yes. And so yes, so, 3 to 1 match for the private, and the 1 to 1 match, it's all accumulative of every project.

Mike said okay.

Bob McCoy said I just had those documents the other day, I was looking through them. I was thinking where are they going to come up with that match, but, being it's a regional project, the money will be pulled from other sources if the grant is awarded, I assume. That's all I have.

Mike said okay. Daniel, do you have anything else for us?

Daniel Baker – Grant updates

Daniel Baker said yeah. You mentioned the trails and yes, Wednesday, the 20th is when we're supposed to find out about the Next Level trails grant. We do have multiple projects for READI that we submitted the trails project for READI. And I was told that the match that the county did for next level trails would also be the same match for READI if we go through with that. So, they would consider that as the local match, so that's good for that. And then we have the airport terminal, Vision Corner, 2nd Level, and some other projects for READI that we have. January 10th, I believe, I'll have to get the, confirm the date. IEBC is coming into the regions to do their, whatever they're doing, they're showboating I guess, no, not, just show and tell, basically for the regions to go after the, how much they're going to get for the READI. So, we're going to be showing them the region. Last time, everybody had to go to the speedway. This time, they're coming out to us and then we're going to take them around to everybody in the region. Other than that, that's all I have.

Mike said anybody have any questions of Daniel?

Gary Friend said no.

Mike said okay. Thanks. Thank you, Mayor. So that brings us to the end of our agenda. Laura, do you have anything for us?

Laura said permanent minutes.

Mike said permanent minutes. Is that all you have for us?

Laura said it is.

Mike said Meeks, do you have anything for us?

Meeks said I do not.

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

Gary Friend said the language for the RFP, how does that happen.

Mike said I think Meeks does that.

Meeks said well, I'll get the legal part, and I'll send it to you then you'll need to put the technical stuff in there.

Mike said I thought yours covered it pretty well.

Meeks said yeah, I was going to get what you had.

Mike said we ought to type it though.

Meeks said I was going to get what you had.

Gary Friend said there're some other things that I wrote down. The washer and dryer, the water softener, generator, outside spickets, a large antenna, I mean, how do you get the communications now?

Brad Mullens said we have a paging system that's connected to the station.

Gary Friend said you wouldn't need any extraordinary communicational needs over there?

Brad Mullens said no. I mean, we hit off the Farmland tower over there at that station anyways.

Gary Friend said and one thing I don't know. I heard grants here and there. Is that a READI grant eligible project?

Daniel Baker said I can ask the question.

Gary Friend said okay.

Mike said if the airport would be, I would think an EMS building would be as well. Good question.

Gary Friend said that's all I have.

Mike said the only other thing I thought about on the generator was it might just put in there to wire for a generator to give us the option to buy the generator at a later time.

Gary Friend said okay.

Mike said and we're not buying it off the building contractor.

Gary Friend said right.

Mike said I don't know if that would save us money or not, not sure. Gary Girton, do you have anything for us?

Gary Girton said not today.

Mike said I had one, received an email from Lisa Jacobs with the high school, and they are, the high school is doing a historic home town history project sign placement. I think they've talked to you, Bob?

Bob McCoy said yeah. We're currently working with them and have met with them a couple of times.

Mike said they've got, last fall, students spent extensive time researching and compiling information about various historic aspects of Randolph County including several key aspects of our city. One is the Randolph County Airport, Randolph County Courthouse, Randolph County Jail, the Winchester Fire Department with the city. But the jail and the courthouse are both in the city as well. They have a, they'd like to place a historic marker which is simple. Looks like they're going to have a historic trail. So, they're going to ask us to place these someplace. Based on their short list, all three of them are going to be in Winchester.

Bob McCoy said yeah, and actually, Sheen and I met with them, along with Kristen Wallace. I think Sheen will assist in anything that would go out in the county as well.

Mike said okay. Can we rely on you to represent us fairly in the county?

Bob McCoy said yes, you can.

Mike said that works for me. Okay. Thanks Bob, appreciate that.

Bob McCoy said and we did pick up the tab on Baker Tilley for the joint meeting we had. The Redevelopment Commission went ahead and paid that since it would probably benefit Winchester in the long run.

Gary Friend said the Executive meeting we had, right?

Bob McCoy said yeah.

Mike said okay. Very good. Okay. Thank you.

Bob McCoy said and I did want to bring up, which I shouldn't have forgot, Brian Poler had passed away last week just unexpectedly. So, that's going to be a huge loss to our community because he was involved in many projects with HWC.

Mike said he's a nice man, nice man.

Bob McCoy said yes.

Mike said well that's all I have. So, are there any citizens here that would like, well I guess there're no citizens left. Ray, I think you're our only citizen here and you've got a seat at the table.

Citizen Comments (3 minutes)

None

Adjournment


Mike said I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

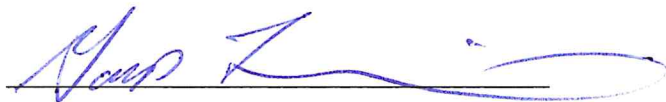
Gary Friend made motion to adjourn. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Meeting adjourned.

Reviewed and signed this 2 day of January, 2024.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS







ATTEST:



Laura J Martin, Auditor of Randolph County