

Randolph County Commissioners

December 19, 2022

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, Tom Chalfant and Gary Girton. Also present was Randolph County Auditor Laura J Martin, Sheriff Art Moystner and County Attorney Meeks Cockerill.

Michael Wickersham, President presided over the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mike Haffner & Joe Copeland – opening bids, utility agreement

Mike said Mike and Joe, you might as well come up with Mike and we have several bid documents to open. Do you want to deal with the utility agreements first?

Mike Haffner said I've got one over in Union City, Safety Equipment. They're installing a camera system for the Union City Police Department. So, basically, they're just going back 650 foot on the state line. And just it would be, like a light pole, so to speak. And I don't have a problem with that.

Tom said it's out of the county though.

Mike Haffner said doesn't raise any safety issues. There's not power or anything.

Mike said it's in our right-of-way.

Mike Haffner said it's in our right-of-way.

Mike said okay. And you're recommending it.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike said someone want to move approval of this.

Tom made a motion to approve. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion granted.

Mike Haffner said and the other one is the BSM Group, 400 West, 700 South. Actually, this is one that they talked to us about before about electrical box. But we've moved it back off the intersection, there is a windmill radius there originally. And I was concerned, if they put a structure, with a blade, then we'll have to put that radius back in. So, they've moved it back even farther past that original radius. So, even if something would happen, they would still be able to service this.

Tom said is that in our agreement with EDPR that we would, I assume they would want us to keep that clear.

Mike said I believe so, yes.

Mike Haffner said yeah, it's just, they're back off that radius far enough.

Mike said it's in our right-of-way, but it's out of their way.

Mike Haffner said it's in our right-of-way, yes.

Mike said okay. Any questions on that one. Someone want to move approval.

Tom made a motion to approve. Gary seconded. All eye votes. Motion granted.

Mike said so, are we ready for the annual bids.

Meeks said yes. I was just starting. The first one is from Cobalt Civil, large equipment rental and labor and small equipment rental and labor. And they have a whole ton of them in here. The next one is Duncan Robertson, Inc., looks like large equipment rental and labor.

Mike said okay.

Meeks said and labor again. The next one is Pritchett's Backhoe Service, LLC, small equipment labor. Next one is WA Jones truck equipment, dump truck equipment package, looks like for a dump truck, bids in there. Next one is E&H Bridge. I couldn't read their writing. E&H Bridge and Grating. It looks like it's an annual bid for pre-fab purchase. Next one is IML. Looks like this is for stone and aggregates. They put sealed bid on this thing four times. They really wanted me to see this one. Lindco Equipment Sales. Two new multi-purpose dump bodies with central hydraulics, front plow and optional under body grader. Next one is East Central Contractors. This looks like for equipment and labor. Next one is Barrett Paving Materials. This looks like it's for aggregates. Next one is for Asphalt Materials Inc. Looks like it's for liquid asphalt. The next one is US Aggregates. Looks like this is for stone. The next one's Ag Best. Looks like fuel. Looks like a fuel bid. Next one is Marathon Petroleum. Looks like emulsions, another fuel bid. Next one is Milestone Contractors. This looks like a fuel bid also.

Tom said no emulsions.

Meeks said bituminous materials. Yep there it is. The Klink Group. Liquid asphalt and emulsions. Civil Con Inc., pre-engineering and pre-fab bridges. And the last one, Sam Martin. This is pre-fab bridges for E3 bridge. Looks like culverts, bridges.

Mike said okay. We'll send those over to the highway department.

Meeks have them look at them.

Mike said if you can get them back today, that would be great. If not, we'll deal with it at another meeting.

Mike Haffner said we'll take a quick look.

Mike said but don't leave yet. I've got a couple things I want to talk about.

Joe Copeland said these are the costs so you'll have them. The costs that I've compiled. The installation of bridge, total cost, \$258,383.28 less asphalt. There's no asphalt on that.

Mike said so that would be plus asphalt.

Joe Copeland said plus asphalt.

Mike said okay.

Joe Copeland said I just made it three hundred and something.

Mike said so, I guess congratulation to the highway department, Randolph County. We got a Community Crossings grant for the three bridge overlays out near Windsor.

Joe Copeland said yes.

Mike said and I've got an email from Kelsie Bishop congratulating us, and indicating that INDOT has gone to DocuSign, and that we need to, and before your program director can request a local road and bridges matching grant agreement for your projects, that we need to know who will be signing the grant agreement. Please read the information attached. So, and they document the passing of a resolution. We need to pass a resolution for one position to sign the INDOT LPA contracts and Community Crossing matching grant agreements. Or we all can sign it.

Joe Copeland said I thought you were already set up to do that. You've been signing all the other agreements.

Mike said well but they haven't been docuSigned though.

Joe Copeland said I thought, you weren't signing by with DocuSign on your phone.

Mike said I'm not sure. This is the first time I've received one of these.

Joe Copeland said oh, you haven't.

Mike said from INDOT.

Meeks said I thought you docuSigned the last one.

Joe Copeland said that's what I thought.

Mike said well I guess my question is why would they be sending another one if I'm already authorized to do that.

Laura said we have a resolution naming you. I just don't know that it's for INDOT, I can check that.

Meeks said we did that resolution last year I thought at this time.

Laura said I just don't remember who that was for.

Mike said well if we don't need another resolution, then we don't need another resolution.

Joe Copeland said I wonder, I wonder if, there may be a resolution.

Tom said annual, an annual one.

Joe Copeland said I know once you do it, you do it. Can Laura look up and see if there's one like last year or something.

Laura said I know we have one. I just don't know if it's from INDOT, but I'll look. I just don't remember who it was for, for him to sign.

Meeks said I thought it was INDOT because I thought.

Laura said and it may be.

Mike said it may be. It may be. I just don't want to get caught without one.

Joe Copeland said if you have the letter of the award, could you forward that to me. I do not have one.

Mike said okay. I can do that. And then the additional thing that they've sent us is an email that is indicating if we choose to do so, we can combine the three applications 11770, 11772, and 11771 into one grant. And if we decide to do that, we have to sign and return this notification by Friday.

Joe Copeland said Lonnie signed one, sent it back already. The ERC.

Mike said does that satisfy this.

Joe Copeland said should. They sent it to him, being he's the, what they call the ERC.

Mike said so that doesn't have to be LPA. That's just the ERC then.

Joe Copeland said well yeah. He's acting for the commissioners. ERC stands for employee responsible charge.

Mike said except he's not acting for us in the signing of the grant app.

Joe Copeland said right he cannot sign for you. But that is a good idea to put those three together.

Mike said yeah, I agree.

Joe Copeland said so we wouldn't have to bid three times. We can bid for all.

Mike said so, he's already done that. So, Kelsie Bishop is okay with that.

Joe Copeland said yes.

Mike said okay so.

Joe Copeland said I'll double check. I'll have Lonnie check.

Mike said okay. See this says assigned by a local public agency official.

Joe Copeland said he should be able to sign that I would think.

Mike said well that's the LPA.

Joe Copeland said the actual contract needs to be signed by.

Mike said well my confusion is, this calls for an LPA signature. The actual contract calls for an LPA signature designated by a resolution. It says it's one or us, or all three of us. That's where I'm getting confused but.

Joe Copeland said we sent it to them.

Mike said okay. So, you guys are okay with me signing this one then. Okay. I'll do this and return it, and copy you.

Joe Copeland said thank you.

Mike said okay. I believe that's, that answers my questions then. Anybody else have anything for the highway department. You have anything else.

Joe Copeland said no they're working on that bridge on 400 South, 173, and then when they're done there, they're going to go up to 700 North and work on that one. It won't be after the first of the year until they get it done.

Mike said anything else Mike. Okay well appreciate it, thank you. If we don't see you later today, have a Merry Christmas. Okay Duane come on up. I guess we don't need to pass that other resolution until.

Laura said well I'll check. I have one that you are allowed to sign, but I just don't know who that was for, who we were giving it to. We don't have a resolution to pass today anyway.

Mike said we have a copy of one.

Laura said oh you do. Do you want me to go check that now.

Mike said no that's okay. We can pass it next Tuesday.

Laura said is that soon enough.

Mike said a special meeting, so we can do that. If you don't have one, I'll share this with Meeks and Meeks can come up with a resolution.

Duane Petry – Training reimbursement

Mike said morning Duane.

Duane Petry said morning.

Mike said sorry for the disruption.

Duane Petry said that's alright.

Mike said training reimbursement contract. Meeks has re-written it for Randolph County, and it looks pretty good. It's got some blanks in it. I guess, do we want to fill in the blank of who the employee is now.

Duane Petry said we can, Ethan St. Myers.

Mike said Ethan St. Myers.

Meeks said I think we just have a motion of entering a contract with him for whatever, and then give him the contract. And then after.

Mike said get him to sign it.

Meeks said then after he signs it, just.

Duane Petry said bring it back and the commissioners sign it.

Meeks said I'll just have

Mike said and do you know what the cost of training is.

Duane Petry said I think it's \$6,000.00 and then there was a couple hundred dollars for some extra fees.

Mike said so we don't know that.

Duane Petry said and stuff, but.

Mike said so if we approve this, do you want to go to not to exceed an amount. And if we do that, what would that amount be.

Duane Petry said I, the way I look at it, if we go three thousand, then he's got some skin in the game and he's more apt to work a little harder to make sure he gets through it.

Mike said okay.

Duane Petry said I've got, I think I've got that in my training budget so there won't be any extra money to have to come up with or anything.

Mike said so, if we pass this, agree to this contract, we should put a not to exceed amount in here so, do you want to say three thousand, or thirty-five hundred or, which one.

Duane Petry said whatever you guys think.

Tom said thirty-five.

Mike said thirty-five. Is that okay with you.

Gary said yes.

Mike said thirty-five hundred. And I think that's all the blanks we have. So, I'd entertain a motion to approve this training reimbursement contract for the emergency medical services.

Tom made motion. Gary seconded.

Mike said and as part of that motion, this amount paid will not exceed thirty-five hundred dollars.

All aye votes. Motion granted.

Meeks said Duane if you just fill in the blanks, have him sign it, send it to Laura.

Mike said and then we'll sign it at our next meeting. Okay. So, anything else Duane.

Gary said if things go well, then when would he complete.

Duane Petry said I think it's, I think it's 14 months I think is the class.

Mike said okay thanks Duane.

Duane said thank you.

Mike said we have a couple council representatives here today. Anything to share.

Gary Friend said I would, one thing. I've been on the council for ten years. We've always been able to manage with the help of the commissioners, to get what Randolph County needs done, so I appreciate that. Thank you.

Mike said okay thank you. I don't see a mayor out there, Bob or Chad, neither one. Then to other business. The sheriff's not here, but the chief deputy is here. Ken.

Other Business

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

Mike said Ken, nice to see you.

Ken said no business.

Minutes of November 7, 2022

Mike said that brings us to our minutes of our November 7th meeting, which we received a copy of via email. Any additions, corrections, or deletions to those minutes. Hearing none, I'd entertain a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Gary made a motion to approve. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion granted.

Payroll Claims \$228,948.08

Mike said next item, our payroll claims. These are at our place in the amount of \$228,948.08. I'd entertain a motion to approve the payroll claims.

Gary made a motion to approve. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion granted.

Payroll Expense Claims \$265,918.08

Mike said next item is the payroll expense claim in the amount of \$265,918.08. This is the state board of accounts claim that they make us do. I'd entertain a motion to approve this claim.

Gary made a motion to approve. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion granted.

Regular Claims \$1,648,181.03

Mike said that brings us to our regular claims in the amount of \$1,648,181.03.

Gary said I have a question on page 9 on 38101. Under building maintenance, we've got Thomas Business Center. What's that. Am I not understanding something.

Mike said page 9.

Gary said yeah. 38101. Building material, building maintenance.

Mike said I would suspect that Danita could answer that questions. I can't answer that question. It could be a matter of.

Laura said how much is it?

Mike said \$1818.80.

Laura said they are easel type boards I for Jake to put the signage on instead of taping them on the windows of the doors, for him to post the signage.

Gary said okay thank you.

Mike said okay any other questions.

Gary made a motion to approve. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion granted.

Lifestream Services Claim \$22,250.00

Mike said next item is the Lifestream services claim in the amount of \$22,250.00. This is an EDIT claim. I'd entertain a motion to approve the Lifestream Services claim.

Gary made a motion to approve. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion granted.

The Bank of New York Bond 2005 Claim \$211,000.00

The Bank of New York Bond 2016B Claim \$73,500.00

The Bank of New York Bond 2020 Claim \$43,200.00

The Bank of New York Bond 2019 Claim \$100,500.00

Mike said the next four claims are the Bank of New York Bond claim. Bond,2005 claim, 2016B claim, 2020 claim and a 2019 claim. These are for bond payments. I'd entertain a motion to approve these four claims.

Gary said do you know which ones these are?

Laura said yeah. Bond 2005, Bond 2016B.

Gary said yeah, for what.

Mike said bond for \$211,000.00 is the first mortgage refunding bond, series 2005.

Gary said okay.

Mike said \$100,500 is the lease bond for the 2019 loan in Randolph building. The \$43,200 is for the first mortgage improvement bond series 2016B. And the \$73,500 is the special purpose income tax for the Randolph County bond service 2020, which I believe would be the garage.

Laura said I believe the 2020 is the communication. 2019 is the highway garage. 2016B is courthouse. And 2005, I think is the HVAC at the RCFFO Building.

Gary said okay thank you.

Mike said okay. I'd entertain a motion to approve the bond payments.

Gary made a motion to approve. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion granted.

J&K Communications Claim \$5000.00

Mike said next claim is the J&K Communications claim in the amount of \$5,000.00. This is the retainage for the work on the 911 communication system. Any questions or comments. Are we ready to approve this claim.

Gary said I'm not. I think we still, they still don't have the paging system corrected completely. We've paid them roughly \$2,000,000.00 and I think \$5,000 of that is only appropriate until we finish.

Mike said okay. You okay with that. Okay we'll just table that until they finish.

Elected Official Bond Approvals (7)

Mike said that brings us to the elected official bond approvals. Six of them.

Laura said seven. I got one more in the mail. The second page is where you guys sign.

Mike said so the first one is for the sheriff, Arthur Moystner. The second one is for Brenda Tharp, and that's the Randolph County Treasurer office. Third is for Randolph County government. Fourth is for Laura Martin. The fifth is for Melinda Peed. The sixth is for Jane Grove, and the seventh is for Darrin James, our coroner. If there's not any questions about these, I'd entertain a motion to approve all six, seven elected official bond approvals.

Tom made a motion to approve. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion granted.

EDIT Plan

Mike said next on the agenda is the Randolph County Indiana capital improvement plan, otherwise known as the EDIT Plan, which we have amended of late over the last two or three meetings. And I believe we've added Item 28 and 29?

Laura said yes there's two.

Mike said 28 and 29. The housing resource hub in the amount of \$58,000 to be paid over the next two years, and the façade grant to John and Katie Lash in the amount of \$20,000.00.

Meeks said and then you added the Eastern Indiana.

Mike said and then we've modified the Eastern Indiana Regional planning commissioner to, for our dues for 2023.

Meeks said Promise.

Mike said Promise 529.

Meeks said \$10,000.00.

Mike said is \$10,000.00 a year for the next five years. Those are not at the bottom. Those are up in the body of the plan. So, it's \$60,000 on here. It should be 50. It's 10,000 a year for five years.

Meeks said oh yeah, but this only goes for another year. I didn't add the.

Laura said yeah, we'll redo our plan at the end of 2023.

Mike said so you added, okay.

Meeks said the last time we did, 529 if you remember, they came in and said well we need it for five years, we need a five-year commitment. And he said well it's a three-year EDIT plan.

Mike said okay.

Meeks so what, how we did it was we gave them the five-year commitment and the three-year EDIT plan, but didn't add the money.

Mike said I'm following you now. So really this one just has the one, the two years that we just did, and the one for the next five-year period, so. Someone want to move approval of the capital improvement plan as amended.

Gary made a motion to approve. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion granted.

Mike said and then our EDIT meeting is Wednesday night at six o'clock in this room. Any other questions about the EDIT plan.

Head Start modification approval letter

Mike said next item is the letter we received from the Head Start, our tenant at the community and family services building, their request. Has everybody seen this request. I'm not seeing any

reason not to grant it. Do you have any reason that you know of not to grant it. We don't have Jake here, but, I don't think Jake's here. It's going to be at their expense, and I trust that when they re-did that they got rid of all the lead paint.

Gary said they surely would have had to.

Mike said yeah. I guess we'll find out.

Gary said has Jake seen this. Do we know.

Laura said I think I shared it with him too.

Mike said I didn't talk to Jake.

Tom said should we say under no circumstances would we be liable for any alterations.

Mike said well I presume if they had lead paint, if they have a lead paint issue, then they could have a reason to break their lease. I guess my question would be should we wait and do this at our next meeting after Jake's had opportunity to review it.

Gary said yes since he is not here, I'd be in favor of that.

Mike said let's table this until the 29th. I mean I'm not sure what Jake would object to that, but we should give him the opportunity.

Gary said I don't either.

Laura said I think I shared it but we'll check to make sure.

Resolution 2022-17 Transfer of tax lien certificates

Mike said next item is a resolution 2022-17, transfer of tax lien certificates. There are four properties in the city of Winchester, and this is typical of what we do at this time. I guess one of the questions I have is, I guess I'm just going to make this statement, we do have a Randolph County housing committee that is meeting periodically, and I think I've shared with you, the housing hub is something that we've enlisted their help on. But one of the other things that we've been discussing is maybe either through Randolph United or through some other organization, that the housing committee could spear head the purchase of a property in Winchester or Randolph County, or Union City, and take on the responsibility to rehabilitate that property.

Tom said Union City, Indiana.

Mike said Union City, Indiana. And take on the responsibility to rehabilitate that property. And it's just, it's really just in the beginning stages so, and it might be that we leave these to the city, and we negotiate with the City of Winchester.

Meeks said I can tell you the three of these, the city has town down, so those are empty lots.

Mike said oh they are.

Meeks said the top one, I don't think is an empty lot, but I think that was, I need to talk to Danita about that one.

Mike said so can we table this.

Meeks said Cindy hasn't done their resolution either. I can tell you. I know the three other ones, because I did two of the teardowns.

Mike said that's part of the motion. I didn't know that so.

Tom said is the first inhabitable.

Meeks said I think the first one was, I'm not sure. I told the guys the son thought he had paid the tax. I'm like well it showed up on our thing. You better go and check.

Mike said our sale's not for a while.

Meeks said he was supposed to have called Danita. I don't know if he did or not.

Mike said so, if we could total this, maybe do a little, and get the housing committee coming to see if there's opportunity. So, I'd recommend tabling this resolution.

Gary said I do too, but I think that's a good group to work with and let them kind of spear head this for us.

Mike said well Union City, Indiana has a program that's doing that now. They've rehabilitated one and I think they've sold it.

Gary said yes, they did.

Mike said I think they're on their second one so it might be an opportunity for us, or maybe Winchester would want to.

Meeks said the City's not meeting today, so I think their next meeting is probably early January.

Mike said so this can wait until then.

Meeks said I don't, I mean the sale's not until later.

Mike said they're not going anywhere.

Meeks said they're not going anywhere.

Mike said okay. Very good.

Laura said 12/29.

Mike said no.

Laura said January.

Mike said yeah.

Memorandum updating Handbook

Mike said next item is the memorandum updating the handbook. And that was one we discussed at our last meeting.

Meeks said so, Laura found the part of the handbook where that was in and we pretty much just changed the last sentence to, from may to shall.

Mike said okay. So, the FMLA policy employee shall use any accrued vacation leave for any part of the 12-week period of such leave under the county's FMLA policy.

Meeks said it was may before.

Mike said so, someone want to move approval of this modification to the, to all handbooks.

Tom made a motion to approve. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion granted.

Mike said that brings us to the end of our agenda. Laura do you have anything for us.

Laura said just two sets of permanent minutes.

Mike said is that it.

Laura said yes.

Mike said Meeks do you have anything for us.

Meeks said when was the next meeting.

Laura said 29th at 9:00 am.

Meeks said I did not have anything else.

Mike said Tom do you have anything for us.

Tom Chalfant – Road work on 1200W, 1000W and 800 S

Tom said yeah, Joe Copeland, I took him down to where we put a curb on those two roads down on 1200 and 1000 and 800 South. And so they were just temporary. We put the new curb in. We did not do anything with the other old road. And we thought it needed to be removed. So, I had Scott Fisher look at it. And he said he could, well it was \$4500 but he said he's fix it for \$5500, partly because 1200 had cement stabilization, so he had to take an excavator down there and he said it came up in 8-foot chunks. So that's, I guess, good to know the road's will last a while. But anyway, I told him to go ahead and fix those. So the farmers, the adjoining farmers will farm those little strips and maintain it so that it's not a, it's not just a no-man's land there where people could park, or, put signage and everything so the road stops and the curve goes around it.

Mike said is there any reason to hold onto those little strips of land.

Tom said no, not that I know of.

Mike said of course we'd have to have it surveyed.

Tom said yeah one was \$1900 and one was \$3900, so I don't know if it's worth, I told the farmer just to farm them and maintain what can't be farmed. And Meeks said he could draw up the agreement. But yeah, we could sell them, or whatever, but I don't know. It would be expensive to buy them.

Mike said I was going to say it would be expensive to sort that out. Don't you think Meeks.

Tom said yeah.

Meeks said I think it would be expensive to get a survey for that stuff. You're looking at \$1800 bucks, \$1500 bucks for a survey.

Tom said it would have to be appraised.

Meeks said I was thinking survey. I mean you're going to spend more than it's worth. I suppose if the farmers want it, they can go get the survey and, if they want to go through that expense.

Mike said yeah, I don't think we ought to pursue it so, okay. Well thanks Tom.

Tom said so anyway, I don't know whether you want to take that out of our county real estate budget, whatever we call our farm, I think, the farm line.

Mike said the Highway's not paying for that.

Tom said no I haven't talked to Mike about doing it.

Mike said I saw you talked to Joe, I thought maybe you.

Tom said Joe, I talked to Joe, but I'll sort out where the money can come from.

Mike said well I suppose we could, we sort it out very long. We need to get it paid.

Tom said well he just is finishing it up now.

Mike said so we don't have an invoice for it.

Tom said no.

Mike said well we'll wait and get it anyways, then we'll determine, I think we can agree to pay it now, can't we.

Gary said yes.

Mike said okay so we'll agree to pay it. Is that all you have this morning.

Tom said yes.

Mike said Gary.

Gary said no I think I resolved my, any questions I had.

Mike Wickersham

Mike said okay. I've got one other matter, and that's I received an email from the Attorney General about our opioid settlement was going to be ACHed to us.

Laura said we have it.

Mike said we have it. Okay well, I guess you know then that we have the restricted amount of \$73,229.81 and the unrestricted amount of 31,384.21.

Gary said what was the last one.

Mike said \$31,384.21. That's unrestricted. Okay then our next meeting is the 29th at 9 o'clock. And the only other thing I have is to thank Tom for his service to the county over the last 8 years. And it's been a pleasure to work with you. And I think you've always put the county first in what you thought about up here. And we've had our disagreements, but as I think the gentleman you are, and I hope I'm as much as a gentleman, I think we've overcome those disagreements.

Tom said I think we're still friends.

Mike said I appreciate your service.

Gary said yes thank you.

Mike said and for those that don't know, there's going to be a reception for Tom and a couple of retiring council people and the county treasurer on December 21st at 2:00 pm in the north lobby of the courthouse. So, refreshments and punch, invite you all to come out. That's all I have. Do we have any citizen comments today. Oh, Mike, I'm sorry, yes, come on up. Mike and Joe are back with the annual bids, and Jay.

Joe Copeland and Mike Hafner – Awarding annual Highway bids

Joe Copeland said I can go through mine first. One I had that's pretty easy is the pre-engineer, pre-fabricated bridges. Low bid by quite a bit was E&H Bridge and Grating. And I would recommend we award that bid to them. There were three bidders, E3 Bridge, Civil Con and E&H.

Mike said okay. And you're recommending.

Joe Copeland said E&H Bridge and Grating.

Mike said E&H Bridge and Grating. We'll take all the recommendations at once.

Joe Copeland said the next item is small equipment rental. There was actually four bidders. There was Pritchett's, Duncan Robertson also bid that. There was East Central Contractors and Civil Con, and, or Cobalt Civil, excuse me. I would, if it's at all possible, I'd recommend to accept all of them. And then use the lowest bid after I put the numbers together, and then, one of the main reasons being, if the low bidder is unable to perform, or unable to do the work because of other obligations, then I have a second bidder to go to.

Tom said yeah I agree.

Joe Copeland said down the line, second, third, fourth, and so on.

Mike said that makes sense.

Joe Copeland said and then the last is large equipment rental, equipment and labor. And I would recommend Duncan Robertson. There was two bidders, Cobalt Civil and the Duncan. The Cobalt Civil doesn't have the equipment to be able to do the work. And he's not been qualified with INDOT to do it. And that was a part of my specification.

Mike said okay.

Joe Copeland said that's it.

Mike said we've heard the recommendations. Any questions or comments.

Gary made a motion to approve. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion granted.

Mike said okay, Mike.

Mike Haffner said okay. Basically, I'm like Joe, as far as aggregate and emulsion, I'm recommending we accept all bids, and then just go with whomever closest and cheapest.

Mike said so that would be IMI.

Mike Haffner said well we had a bid from Barrett, IMI and US Aggregate. We've always accepted all three bids.

Mike said okay.

Mike Haffner said and then as far as emulsion, we've got Marathon, K-Tech and Asphalt Material. There's only like a penny difference. But primarily, we'll be using asphalt materials, because they've got the capability of this pug mix to blend. And that's what we're switching over to.

Mike said so you are accepting the other two?

Mike Haffner said I'm accepting the other two because I want to work with their group. But I'm just accepting it and we're kind of changing out the way we do things in the future. And that way, but right now, the Asphalt material is the one we will be using.

Mike said okay.

Mike Haffner said Ag Best was the only fuel bidder, so we'll go through Ag Best.

Tom said did you reach out to Harvest Land?

Mike Haffner said yeah, we, yeah. They just didn't.

Tom said Shores Oil?

Mike Haffner said we've always reached out, but the specs, Shores don't want to meet the specs that we require.

Tom said diesel X.

Mike Haffner said yeah, or the diesel and stuff. We could revisit something and go from there. But basically, just accepting all bids that was turned in. The only exception to that is W.A. Jones on the truck body was by far the low bid at \$113,643 each or \$227,286 for two. And Lindco was a \$143,476 or for two, \$286,952. Again, Lindco's new, it's a new vendor that we're looking at, but there's several thousand dollars difference. I'm very comfortable with going with W.A. and recommending that, but we've got a hiccup. And maybe Joe and Meeks could help us out. We had no chassis that bid, even though they were sent out. So, I have a hard time being able to accept the bodies if I haven't committed to chassis. Now does that mean if they didn't bid, we can select who we want. International has saved us two.

Meeks said you need to probably then have them rebid it.

Mike Haffner said pardon.

Meeks said I mean I'm not sure you can just go out and solicit. You only solicit those bids.

Tom said and are you ready to buy something now, and nobody's try to sell you anything.

Mike Haffner said yeah.

Mike said do they have it.

Mike Haffner said I can, well, a lot of truck companies can't deliver until 24, but International said they have two that they can sell us that would be delivered in August. And this meets the time frame of the bids.

Mike said we don't know why they didn't bid.

Mike Haffner said we don't know why they didn't bid. They were contacted. So I need to have some time to call them and say do we, you know, and solicit a bid from them, or do we need to rebid these chassis out.

Mike said well I'd say we need to rebid the chassis.

Meeks said you need to rebid the chassis.

Mike Haffner said and if we rebid the chassis, how long, and we've got a representative you know, how long will they hold these prices on a bid, or do we need to rebid the bids.

Mike said W.A. Jones, how long will they hold. Tell them your dilemma and just tell them to rebid the chassis.

Tom said if you pay them a down payment or something that would probably hold them.

Mike said but I'm not sure I guess, I see the dilemma, but I'm not sure if you go ahead and accept the W.A. Jones.

Mike Haffner said yeah, I can accept it and then hopefully, we'll be able to get the chassis.

Mike said but if you're not going to place the order, it's a little like accepting the bid from Cobalt on small equipment. We're not promising them we're going to buy their equip, or rent their equipment when the time comes. It just give us the option to do that. And if we end up not needing a truck bed, or not being able to get a truck until 2024.

Mike Haffner said or not being able to get a chassis.

Mike said I don't know. But I think, Meeks, I would agree with Meeks, you have to rebid the chassis.

Mike Haffner said if they accept it pending we get a chassis.

Meeks said not if you didn't bid it like that, but you could tell them.

Mike said tell them your predicament. When did the bid document say that the bed was going to be purchased off W.A. Jones and Lindco.

Mike Haffner said January, the bid documents as long as the delivery would be in I think the 20th of December of 23.

Mike said so I guess, the question would be are they going to go right ahead and lock in things to provide that bed right away, or would they hold it.

Mike Haffner said we've got a representative W.A. We could call him up and ask him. He is the low bid. We can ask him what he would like to see us do.

Lynn Callahan said I'm Callahan with W.A. Jones Equipment.

Mike said welcome.

Callahan said I understand the situation, and we have no problem. We will hold our pricing until you get the chassis situation taken care of. If it doesn't happen, there's no bid, we understand that so.

Mike said okay.

Callahan said we have no problem with that.

Mike said that answers the question.

Callahan said we'll meet the deadline. We'll get you a deadline, September 1st, if the chassis comes in the end of August, and if you need equipment September 1st.

Mike Haffner said obviously the chassis is not delivered to you late, and we don't hold you accountable.

Mike said so I think you rebid the chassis, and then I don't know who the chassis vendors are, but I wouldn't think it would hurt to call them all and say we rebid this, please send us a bid. Want to buy a chassis.

Mike Haffner said yeah. Okay, so, I recommend we accept all bids, and we accept the W.A. for the two, and then we'll re-advertise and rebid the chassis.

Mike said okay. You heard that recommendation. Any questions.

Gary said no.

Mike said someone want to move approval.

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

Mike said okay. That it.

Citizen Comments (3 minutes)

Mike said any citizen comments out there.

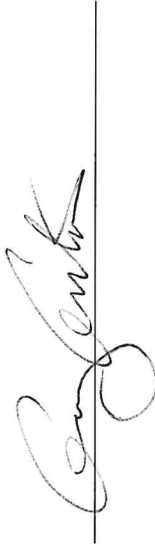
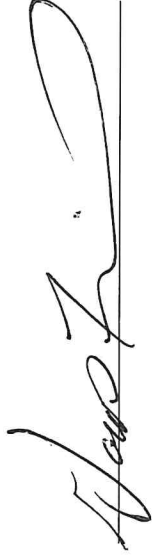
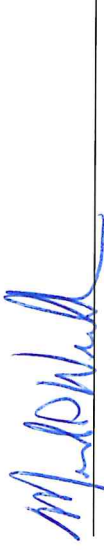
Adjournment

Mike said okay, hearing none, I wish everyone a merry Christmas and ask for a motion to adjourn.

Tom made a motion to adjourn. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion granted.

Reviewed and signed this 6 day of February, 2023.

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