

## Randolph County Commissioners

March 20, 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.

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Michael Wickersham, President presided over the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

### **Joe Copeland – opening bids**

Mike said first item on the agenda is Joe Copeland, opening bids.

Joe Copeland asked how many bids did we get?

Mike said two bids. Duncan Robertson Incorporated, from Franklin, Indiana, and this bid is for preventing maintenance of Randolph County Bridge 162, 174 and 175. And the contractor's bid for part one is \$1,587,639.31. And this is from Duncan Robertson in Franklin, Indiana. And that's for the preventing maintenance of all three bridges, 162, 174, 175. The second bid is from Hoosier Pride Excavating in Springport, Indiana. It too, is for the preventing maintenance of Randolph County bridge 162, 174 and 175. And the total bid amount of \$1,281,079.67. And that's for bridge 162, 174 and 175. We'll take these under advisement, let you review them and make sure they meet our standards of your request.

Joe Copeland said can I review those during the meeting, and at the end of the meeting, award because we're on a time crunch right now?

Mike said you can do that. I'm just going to hand them over to you then.

Joe Copeland said alright. I have another item, if I could, the task order for the construction inspection of these three bridges.

Mike said okay.

Joe Copeland said they put that together. We discussed that at the last meeting.

Mike said right.

Joe Copeland said and they have put together a task order which includes, I had them put it in as an hourly, not to exceed.

Mike said okay.

Joe Copeland said alright. And that includes if they change it to hydro-demolition to actually, to hand removal, if that comes up. So, that task order would cover everything.

Mike said and this will be inspection during construction and then final inspection when complete?

Joe Copeland said yes.

Mike said we did discuss this last meeting. Does someone want to move approval to approve this task order number 20?

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

Mike said how many of these do you need signed?

Joe Copeland said just one.

Mike said anything else for us?

Joe Copeland said INDOT has made a determination on the Federal aid applications that were done in November. And we received one on bridge 308 on Short Street for \$2,410,400.00, we submitted four. There's something that's kind of getting in my craw a little bit about with INDOT. INDOT, they put this out for funding saying it is rural funding, and their giving it to counties in their urban areas. Those urban areas are not rural. So, I'm, trying to ask the, the lady hasn't been answering the phone to ask the question. I want an answer on why it's going to urban. See, the urban areas in certain locations, they can get money from MPO.

Mike said okay.

Joe Copeland said alright. We cannot. That's what I consider rural. I want to hear their definition of rural.

Mike said can we help you in anyway?

Joe Copeland said well I want to see what I get feedback on before I, because one county close to Indianapolis got five projects. Two of those are in urban areas.

Mike said would that be a doughnut community?

Joe Copeland said yes.

Mike said Marion County?

Joe Copeland said yes.

Gary Friend said what does MPO mean?

Joe Copeland said metropolitan planning organization. And the larger cities like Ft. Wayne, Indianapolis, Evansville, they all have an MPO. They get separate money. But they've got to fight for that money. Indianapolis, you know, they got, the city of Indianapolis, Carmel, Lawrence, I mean, all of them, Greenwood. So, it's a harder fight. So, it's easier to get.

Mike said what does Henry, Jay or Delaware do? Do you know?

Joe Copeland said they have, Anderson has an MPO.

Mike said well I meant as far as this.

Joe Copeland said I don't, I don't know. Hamilton county got seven million. Noblesville got six million. Auburn got almost 10 million, 9.8. So, I mean there's, it's a pretty good list. But some of these are rather high. I mean, there's several over 5 million dollars.

Mike said I just wonder if Delaware and Jay were down to one like we are, or Henry, then maybe our state representatives and senators might.

Joe Copeland said Henry got one. They applied for one and got one.

Mike said a senator might have a reason to raise objection as well, state senator.

Joe Copeland said I'd have to look further to make sure.

Mike said okay.

Joe Copeland said Madison County got one project for three million. Boone got one project. So, yeah, it's, I want some clarification. I think it's worth asking.

Mike said okay.

Joe Copeland said thank you.

### **John Green – Fiber optic connection**

John Green said I had some conversations with Gary, I guess Gary has been tasked with kind of taking over the Windfarm and things associated with that. And one of the things that we haven't been able to get off of starting block is the lease or however you want to put it, that conduit that EDPR put in potentially, for fiber optic cable. Been working on that for, I want to say a year and a half now.

Mike said it's been awhile, trying to get permission to get those easements.

John Green said yeah, it's been quite a while. And I think we're down to just a handful.

Mike said I think we're down to one.

John Green said I haven't had a recent update.

Meeks said one.

Mike said and then there's others, is there?

Meeks said all of those others are signed.

John Green said so all that's left Meeks is the one there where the lady that lives in Florida?

Meeks said I'm not sure where she lives.

Mike said is that one the one that can be by-passed?

Meeks said I don't know.

Mike said I think there's one that, there's one that we can go around into the county.

Meeks said she said she's going to sign it. We've just got to get it to her.

Mike said okay.

Meeks said and we got it to her about a week and a half ago. She told me she'd sign it.

John Green said well that's good news. That's good news, because the last I had talked, I think there were maybe three or four. And then the second question had to do with a piece of legislation that I think JD Prescott had proposed. I don't know the details of that. Had something to do with valuing the conduit. I don't know what's taken place on that.

Mike said I'm not even aware of that.

Meeks said well that's when we wanted to take, do a taking of it. And I thought we weren't going to do that. That's when you wanted to buy it. It's the condemnation. I didn't think we were going to.

Mike said yeah, well we weren't going to do that.

John Green said okay.

Mike said that's okay, that was the one that we were proposing that we wouldn't have to go through the individual.



John Green said no, I don't disagree.

Meeks said if they give it to us, I didn't think we wanted to do that. I had not pursued that one at all.

Mike said I did not want to do that.

Meeks said okay.

Mike said I don't know about you Gary Girton. But, the easement is the best way to go.

John Green said I totally agree, but if you try condemnation, that's going to leave a bad taste in somebody's mouth. So, that's probably not a good thing.

Mike said so it is our conduit. But our agreement in the beginning was that we would grant it to you to run fiber, run fiber through for the benefit of the property owners in the southwest part of the county. I think, if I recall, there was some quid-pro-quo in there that we're going to have some expenses in, I want to call them handholds.

John Green said handholds, that is correct. Yeah, what Tom and I had talked about was, and then I have been asking for an exact invoice, which I know the county has to have one somewhere, and the deal was that New Lisbon would reimburse the county 100% for the material and the labor placing those handholds along that conduit. I've heard, 20, \$25,000.00, somewhere in that range. Not worried necessarily the amount, as much as I am, I want to make sure we get an exact accounting on that so that when we do pay it, that everybody is good. We don't come back later and say we found an invoice and it was \$50,000 or whatever.

Gary Girton said we hired Scott Fisher, and it was in the \$25,000.00 range.

Laura said I'm sure there's an invoice on that. That's the first I had heard that we needed.

Mike said then we will probably need some sort of an agreement, at the point that the final easement is granted, that we're granting the use of this conduit to your firm to run fiber through. And that would have the provisions in there, your promises to the property owners as to what you're going to do for them, and that's for all.

John Green said yeah. Of course, we're mandated by the FCC. We want a rural digital opportunities fund grant for that part of the county. So, we're obligated, through that grant to provide that fiber optic service. So, that's a given, that's going to happen.

Mike said why do they draw the lines where they draw the lines on those?

John Green said it's hard to say exact, or based on census, what groups, or groups of smaller census blocks, and they grouped enough of them together in a particular county or an area to say okay, we think this is a reasonable size, you know, geographic area to serve. Some of them were larger, some, obviously, some smaller.

Mike said we've had other providers that have done bids in our county.

John Green said you do. You've got at least two others that I'm aware of now. Having said that, one of them, Charter Communications is planning on building. The other, LTD Broadband, was rejected by the FCC. So, their areas that they bid on and tentatively won, have been rejected. That money goes back into the kitty. And in fact, this week, I asked one of the commissioners in a meeting, what are we going to do with that? Their plan is to have a quote at some point, but it could be five or six years. So, in the meantime, you know, there's state money that's available, there's one more round of next level grants that hopefully, will be announced in April. And then there is the bead, Broadband Equity and Digital fund that's coming out. That's the 42 1/2 billion dollars, that'll be out by this time next year. So, there are some opportunities in advance of that, and those areas will be available. But I guess Meeks, if you're good with this, do you want to put together something.

Meeks said if you guys send, if you guys have something, you can send it over.

John Green said we can probably do that.

Meeks said we'll look at it, because whatever you put together, I would assume would qualify for whatever your grant are getting.

John Green said right.

Mike said anybody have any questions of John?

Gary Friend said on that conduit, how far do you go off, let's just say north and south of it? Or is fiber optic only going to those customers?

John Green said no, no, it'll go, in other words, if you look at the layout of the conduit that EDPR put in, it's cross country. As soon as it hits a north south or east west road, we'll go both directions and pick up all customers within that area. That area roughly, runs from just north of Losantville, on the west side, it will go over into Delaware County, probably half a mile or a mile. On the east side, it goes east to State Route One all the way over to east of the landfill. And on the north side, I want to say it goes all the way to 200 South. So, even though the EDPR conduit doesn't go that far, that's just going to be used for backbone, but every time we hit a north south or an east west road, we'll go both directions. Everybody will be picked up.

Gary Friend said if they want to be picked up?

John Green said if they want to be picked up.

Gary Friend said so what percentage of the rural county, what percentage will this cover?

John Green said as far as a total in the county?

Gary Friend said we've got 400 square miles.

John Green said well this is probably 15%.

Gary Friend said and there are visions to go and do other blocks in the county?

John Green said they, well again, Charter won a lot in the southern part of the county. Watch communications won some years ago, so a lot of the northern part of the county has been restricted because of that. So, it's not eligible for any grants. There's a little bit from the speedway going out toward Farmland that's still left, because of LTD Broadband. But, for the most part, we're kind of running out of areas where there's not some type of a federal grant program, either fiber or wireless.

Gary Friend said so if Watch won the north part of the county, why aren't they required to get Broadband into the, or not Broadband, but fiber optic or any kind of internet?

John Green said well they're not required to do fiber optic because they're winning bid was for a 100 by 20 wireless. You would have to ask Watch why they haven't met that obligation yet.

Gary Friend said okay.

John Green said but that was under an FCC mandate that was about five years ago. And I know there's a lot of areas that are you currently covered under that.

Gary Friend said so the area of Ridgeville is under Watch?

John Green said yes that is correct. Well, outside of Ridgeville. I think within Ridgeville I think they've got Comcast in there.

Gary Friend said they've got Comcast.

John Green said anywhere there's an existing provider like Comcast, then there's no grant money available. These are just areas with nothing.

Gary Friend said where could a person get the map, for Watch, or for Randolph County.

John Green said probably the FCC website. I can, what I can do Gary, is just email you a link. That would probably be the best thing.

Gary Friend said yeah, okay. There's going to be some questions on how they're getting fiber optic down south and nothing up north.

John Green said I'm sure, yeah. The BDC map that the FCC is published and working on now, actually shows for every street address in the county, so it's down to the street address level. It shows what providers are supposedly providing service and what service they are supposed to be providing. So, if somebody is interested in that detail, I can definitely give you a link on that.

They may show multiple providers. But Watch is required to do 100 by 20 and the areas that they won't get 2 funding. Other areas, you may see 25 by 3. It's just going to be all over the board.

Gary Friend said one final question. And this is just an opinionated question from you. What does a county government do to help facilitate getting more broadband? We can't afford to build the network, nor is it in our purview. What can county management do to help facilitate better internet throughout the county?

John Green said personal opinion?

Gary Friend said yeah.

John Green said find a good partner and work with them whenever you can.

Mike said I think we're trying to do that now.

John Green said I agree. Well, and the thing about it is, unless you are a mega corporation like AT&T or Comcast or Charter, you know, you can't take on, you know, 30 million, 50 million-dollar projects in all of these counties without support. My company is not that big. We've grown a lot in the last five or six, eight years, since I've been there. But, we still have to rely heavily on grants, whether it's county, state or Federal grants. We have to rely heavily on that, mainly, because of two things: Number one, there's the lower population density in the counties. You look at Winchester and how many, how many potential customers in a block. You don't have that many customers in a square mile when you get in the county. And the second thing is the low take rates. A lot of older people in the county don't really care if they have internet or not, or their phone is good enough. So, it hasn't gotten to where there's a younger generation living out in the rural areas that say hey, I want gigabit, you know, gigabit internet service. We'll get to that point someday, but we're not there right now. So, the combination of low density and low take rate makes it very hard to economically do these builds and be able to get a return on your investment inside of 20 or 30 years. Did you have a question Gary?

Gary Girton said yeah, I thought Watch, when they got that grant that at the end of five years, if they hadn't completed it, that would be opened up to somebody else.

John Green said well it hasn't been yet. Let's put it that way. You know, my understanding was they were supposed to complete it because they're getting funding for it. I don't know that there's any penalties for not completing those areas. But, you know, the sad thing about it is, when you place a cable down the road, whether it's my company or Comcast, or Charter, or somebody else, everybody down the road can attach to that cable. That's pretty obvious. And you know when there's a cable there. You can look at it, and go okay there's a cable in front of my house, that fiber optic or coax or whatever, I can get service. When you have wireless service off of a tower, you can do propagation studies, and you can say okay, based on ideal circumstances, this spectrum, this type of radio equipment, this type of antenna sector, etc., I anticipate I can serve this area. But that doesn't take into account obstructions like trees or if a neighbor's got a grain bin in front of it or something like that. So, consequently, you're not ever



going to get 100% service out of that type of a wireless network. You may get 50%, you may get 80%. It just depends on the topography. The flatter it is, the fewer the trees, the better coverage. I mean, my company is the same way. We can't guarantee that we can serve everybody within a specific geographic area off of a tower. So, unfortunately, you don't know until you call and try to find out if you can get the service whether it's available or not.

Mike said okay. Anything else? Anything else for us John?

John Green said no sir. I think we're in good shape. Meeks, I'll try to put something together and get it to you, and then we can ping pong back and forth until we get it taken care of.

Mike said we'll find that invoice for the handhelds.

John Green said I know just on that where we're at, we have the fiber cable all the way up to the corner of 1200 and I want to say, 1200 and 800. It's where the laydown yard was. So, it's setting right there, which is where the conduit starts. And I've got my engineer working on a project for TOA right now, as soon as he finishes with that, then that's the next thing he starts on. So, we're hoping to start construction this summer, get a good part of it done.

Mike said it's been a long time coming.

John Green said yep. But it'll be worth the wait.

Mike said okay. Very good.

John Green said alright thank you folks.

#### **Ben Beiler – Old Hwy Barn lease**

Mike said Ben Beiler. The old highway barn lease.

Mike said let me begin I guess, by saying thank you for bringing your lease current, paid the back rent.

Ben Beiler said you're welcome. I would also like to thank you for letting us have it this long. I do apologize for how everything has been going. I want to rectify that.

Mike said well one of the things we found is that we found that, as you know, we're already using the north building for storage. And we found that the entire facility would probably be best for us to have for use of storage. It's kind of a, I mean, for a while, for a long time, you were a good tenant and paid your rent, and we appreciate that, but you got a little upside down, and things changed out there, and when we found out that our new highway garage wasn't big enough for us, and I think you are aware of that because you had conversation with, I think, Mr. Chalfant about maybe adding on a lean to, to the west side of the highway garage for storage. For me, it just didn't make sense to do that if we have another facility that we could store things in.

Ben Beiler said right.

Mike said and unfortunately for you, that is the facility that you're renting. And so, I guess, in good faith, you've come in and paid rent. I wouldn't have a problem, and we're not really ready to move on that building, but if you could, and I'd have to talk to our attorney how we would work this. But I would be willing to extend the lease for I'm going to say, 90 days, 3 months, if you promise to keep the place neat and clean and continue to pay the rent you are paying to give you time to find another location, move your inventory, so you're not out right away.

Ben Beiler said yes.

Mike said now that, I'd have to ask the attorney how we go about doing that if we can.

Meeks said well just tell me, July 1<sup>st</sup> what you were thinking?

Mike said yeah, I'd say July 1<sup>st</sup> is what I would do. That gives us time to consider what kind of improvements we want to make out there, and who we would have do that. What do you think Gary?

Ben Beiler said we're right in the process of maybe switching dealers. So, or who we build for. So, we would be, they would be buying the inventory. Right now, our inventory is pretty much nil. We are trying to use it up, but when we start building for this company, they're going to be buying the inventory for us and just paying us a percentage. And so, there's going to be a lot more inventory coming. So, I'm not sure you know, if the three months is going to, you know, if we want to stock up, or if they just want to buy a little at a time. We probably could work with the three-month.

Mike said well, my thinking is that the three months gives you the three months to find another place. And, I don't know, what's available out there for you to find. But, it's not moving you out right away. It gives you three months. And it wouldn't, for me, it wouldn't have to be a set three months. If you found someplace at the end of May or at the end of April, and you've paid us April rent, then I wouldn't require you to pay June and July if you want to vacate at that time.

Ben Beiler said yeah.

Mike said it would be a month-to-month lease for three months only if that makes sense.

Ben Beiler said right.

Mike said that's the way I would look at it.

Ben Beiler said yeah. We can probably do that. I was hoping to get off the road with our traffic up there, but if you have, I don't know if.

Mike said as long as you keep it off the road, your inventory off the road. You can't have that in the road. For the next three months, and I presume we're going to go like we started, it's going to be neat and the way we started this.

Ben Beiler said we were out there Saturday trying to do what we can. I don't know if you saw it or not, but we got the outside cleaned up. We, pretty much just put everything indoors, and we've got to sort that stuff yet.

Mike said and really it might be a different story Ben, if we didn't need the space. But, we've determined we need space.

Ben Beiler said right. Yeah.

Mike said and obviously, and your proposal was for us to vacate the north barn, and we can't do that. We've tried to do that ever since we've started the highway garage. So, I think we're just, we're going to have to, if you accept that, I think we're going to have to go that direction.

Ben Beiler said yeah. I think we can do that. And for sure, if we can leave before that, the ceilings are almost not high enough. So, it's not ideal. But we can, I was thinking of moving the production so that we can have a little bit more space in the ceiling. We got up, up to our heads right now. But, yeah, I think we can do that.

Mike said good.

Ben Beiler said there might be a chance that we find something before that or even, you know, by the end of April.

Mike said again, if you do and you're, I'm okay to let May go and you get out so, vacate. So, I'm not, I don't want to hold you to 90 days if you can get out in 30 days.

Ben Beiler said right.

Mike said my intent is to give you time to get out.

Ben Beiler said yeah. Another thing is, my guys are starting their own construction crew. So, at the end of April, I will have to either find some more people or just move out. We'll see what we can do, see if we can find a building.

Mike said so you've paid through March, is that correct?

Laura said I believe so.

Mike said and then April would be due the 1<sup>st</sup> of April?

Laura said yes.

Ben Beiler said yes.

Mike said you can write that up, and then when do you think you'll have that?

Meeks said I don't know, we have his number. I'll call him.

Mike said okay. Meeks will just call you.

Ben Beiler said yeah, uh, we might draw up the contract and then we can sign it the first of April, along with the rent. But in the case, we do find another place or decide to move out by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Meeks said that's fine.

Ben Beiler said we could just let that go?

Mike said we could let that go.

Gary Friend said are you looking in the local area to try to find a place, or are you going back to Hagerstown, or what?

Ben Beiler said uh, kind of whatever. Just we haven't, I don't know. Yeah, we're looking wherever. We like Winchester. We have, we do a lot of retail sales in Winchester so, unless you want us out of the county?

Gary Friend said no, I was just wondering if you've been up to see Randolph County United to see if they could help you search for a property maybe.

Mike said yeah, they may have. I don't know if you are familiar with that office or not?

Ben Beiler said no I don't.

Mike said it's, the man's name is Daniel Baker. I have your phone number on your proposal you made to us. I'll just send Daniel an email and say that you're looking for a warehouse space to build the sheds in. And we'll see what we can do for you.

Ben Beiler said okay. Okay. That would be nice.

Mike said I'll have him give you a call. I imagine he's on spring break this week. So, the office should be open. They might, I'll just let them know. I'll find out.

Ben Beiler said okay. That sounds good.

Mike said okay thanks Ben.

Ben Beiler said is that all?



Mike said do you have anything for Ben Gary? Okay. Thank you.

Ben Beiler said thanks for your time.

**Gary Thomas and Mike Stults, Leap Managed IT**

Gary Thomas said one thing we want to do is come to the commissioner's meeting, maybe every other month, more if you guys see necessary. But, just kind of give it a high-level overview of what we're working on, good, bad, or indifference, we're finding in the environment. And we're going to be doing more assessments after some of the projects that we have coming down the pike. But, part of that will be cyber security related, user related, just to kind of give you guys an overview of what's happening, and love any questions or what you guys want to see from us in reporting as well. We don't want to give you so much that you now have another binder. We have a lot of data available to us so. I'll kind of just go through, and maybe have Mike to talk a couple of minutes on the first attachment, which is our, more of our quarterly, executive report. And we'll start emailing those out in advance so you guys can have copies of it and look through it, see if you have any questions.

Mike Shults said so, on the executive summary, a couple big key points I wanted to go over, just talking over the last 90 days. I'm looking at that top number that's on there. That is tickets currently open that's ten. That is all of your tickets. That's not just user related tickets. Those are automated tickets that involve patching desktops or server maintenance, anything that would happen because of our tool sets that are on the machines. 164 tickets closed in the last 90 days. And then below the graph, it shows you the hours against those. So, 164 tickets, 295.1 hours put against those tickets. The graph there, the help desk users. I love this graph because it shows that the county uses us. And it shows the users is across the board. So, you can see that there's multiple people reaching out to us, knows how to reach out to us, we're helping them complete any work that they need done.

Gary Thomas said I might touch on why Laura is so high maintenance.

Mike Shults said so, Laura is at the top of the list, and you guys work with Laura, so you know that. I'm just joking. That is because all of our automated tickets come in under her name as well. So, anything that's automated will be her because she's our point of contact.

Mike said okay.

Mike Shults said projects that have been completed so far, a new computer for Tom, a new desktop for George, had some time against those to get those completed for you. Those will always be listed out as incomplete projects in those 90 days that'll be there. The next page shows you your patching, your desktop policy and your server policy compliance. 100% on server is good. The desktop policy compliance at 86. 90 is the goal number that we want there. We're looking into that and why it's not at 90. More or less, that's because machines are offline, and they set offline during patch time. And we just need to make sure that we get in touch with those users to make sure that those machines get re-booted, or turned on when we need to have them on. And then, install patch classification just goes over what we install. Server resource utilization is just talking about you guys' servers. They're all fairly new. So, everything looks very good on that side. And available at 100% is awesome to see.

Gary Thomas said pretty exciting stuff.

Mike Shults said yeah.

Gary Thomas said we know that there's more riveting things to talk about but.

Mike Shults said we kind of rushed through it, but if you have any questions on that, you can always reach out to me. We can talk further on them.

Gary Thomas said so part of our job is to do the non-fun things, which the patching and the updates, making sure that pcs are backed, you know, or backing up with server reports. You know, all that stuff that if we don't pay attention to, that's when it kind of gets out of hand. And partially, when we came on board, there was, a lot of that stuff was just kind of missing or not happening. From a user number, when we first submitted, we thought there was going to be about 90 devices. Well, you have 148, so we do have a little discrepancy in terms of that number. We talked to Laura a couple of times, and wanted to at least propose something. Part of our plan was to then chew up numbers once we were involved and in place. We first priced those out at \$89.00 per pc per month. That's probably not a very friendly number for the county, and we want to make sure that we're being awfully fair to both sides. So, what we did is we said we're proposing for those additional devices to go at out costs for our patch management monthly cyber security platform, anti-virus and all of our tool sets, which come out to be \$12.89 per device per month. So, although that's more favorable number than the \$89, because that is a major discrepancy. So, we are throwing that out there of a small monthly increase.

Mike said how are those 90 devices billed?

Gary Thomas said part of our original agreement.

Mike said okay. The \$16,775, then it reduced to 12.

Gary Thomas said reduced it to 12. So, didn't want to scare you guys too much, but obviously wanted to talk about that and make sure that we're a whole, and okay with that part. So, feel free to talk about that later if you guys choose to. One thing, what we kind of put in place here, which has taken a lot of time, which was really working on hygiene of the whole environment. Coming on board, there wasn't a lot of documentation, so that was almost the first thing of saying okay, what passwords are going on, what are the users, what are the department levels running into. So, documenting all that, putting all password policies in place, making sure that every device has an anti-virus and cyber security platforms. We use Huntress as an EDR platform. So, it's trying to find from a threat mitigation standpoint, any software that creeps into an environment, think about ransomware, and kind of what happened at Madison County years ago. We're trying to be as proactive as possible to detect, and then if it gets, shoots us a message and says hey, you've got a computer here you need to address, then it gives us what are those steps, should we flatten the machine and rebuild it, is there something we can just remove. Typically, when it gets to that stage, we flatten the device, add all the software back onto it and rebuild it as a new fresh machine. It's not worth having an issue that we're all not confident in a



decision that can be made. And then automated patching, and that's kind of what Mike was talking about. If the computer's not on, so, think about a weekend, somebody closes their computer, turns it off, and a patch schedule comes through. So, we're going to continue to work on that and find maybe a better way to do that for some of those users, because that stuff's important. All the users know how to get ahold of us, which is fantastic. Like Mike said, it's nice to see a wide variety of users getting in touch with us, which is good to see. Joe currently is on site Monday and Wednesdays all day. We aren't sure what that schedule is going to look like, but right now, that's kind of the best piece. And then we're also bringing folks on board, or on site, as needed throughout the week. But Monday and Wednesday he's here all the time, and he's pretty busy. Any questions so far?

Mike said I don't have any.

Gary friend said I don't.

Gary Thomas said okay. More fun and exciting stuff, Mike talked about this, 164 tickets the last 90 days, almost 300 support hours. We kind of live and die by our numbers, and so, we want to share the good, bad and indifference. Your staff is thankful to have, and we're also thankful to have Joe on board. I think Joe could probably run for mayor if only the people at the county were going to vote. But, they've said some amazing things about our team, which we appreciate, and definitely Joe, where he's helped out a ton. So, to see that score of 90.5 is, we're doing a good job. I will say we do call and follow up on the ten goods and the one bad. So, we look at a good rating as a bad rating internally, so, we're going to be, we always reach out to those folks, look at the calls, what's going on. Is somebody upset with the technology, are they upset with the experience, and did we fix it. So, we're always following up on those, and learning from them. Project update, you guys approved the network switch last meeting. So, verifying those with the manufacturer, and then working on the lead times of getting the hardware in. The hardware is probably still 60 days out, better than a year from the last switch order you guys placed. But then we'll get that in line to deploy and we'll get you the updates on what that looks like, and is it going to affect any of the departments. We obviously, have some very sensitive departments and we want to make sure that we're doing our part that they don't have any gaps of service. Did I miss anything on the switches?

Mike Stults said no.

Gary Thomas said and in the future planning cyber security training. So, what I would like to propose is we maybe even use the space, but to give some more hands on examples of what's happening in the world from threats, what people are maybe seeing in their emails. And just having people talk about cyber security, maybe what they're seeing in their inbox from their email to maybe somebody calling in even on a phone and saying who they are and how do they verify, and we've just got to empower them to make better decisions. So, proposing that training, and I'll probably work with Laura in throwing out some dates, and also what the content would maybe look like, kind of tailor it to you guys as being a government entity. One thing we would like to do too, is benchmark as well with a phishing test that every employee would get emails from our team. We want to see what they click on, and we want to see kind of where their level is to say alright I'm empowered to make a decision, I care about making a positive

decision, and seeing those examples, and we'll be able to track that, and maybe come back with another plan, after we do that in person kind of cyber training talk. We would make those not real boring, otherwise they're not going to pay attention. After we do the switch project, we want to do a security audit, which we would do anyway on an annual basis. But, it's a good time for us to do that and report back and say here's maybe gaps, here's what's going on, and then schedule meetings with all the department heads. And then our plan, at least to report back high level, and whatever you guys want us to report back to you, at least every other month. I think that's, every month they'll probably be bored. But at least, kind of say hey let's give you more visual ability in what's happening in the environment, and the challenges we see. And frankly, there's a lot of good stuff that you guys have done here in the county. It's just kind of putting it all under one umbrella and better leadership and conversation around IT. So, there's a lot.

Mike said so, based upon the original proposal, 91 days you were going to re-evaluate this, and is that, are we adding the \$747.68?

Gary Thomas said we would like to.

Mike said the \$12,419?

Gary Thomas said yeah, we wanted to make sure that you guys were okay with that as well.

Mike said so we're at \$13,167 would be your proposal now?

Gary Thomas said yes. I mean your user account and device account is going to pretty much stay where it is. I mean I don't see it like, some of our other clients, they're adding 10, 15% users per month or per year.

Mike said okay. Well, you've heard the proposal. Do you have any thoughts?

Gary Friend said budget-wise, it comes out of your budget?

Laura said no, it comes out of the commissioners' budget. And we just did an additional in there to cover for this year at their old rate. We may have to do an extra additional to cover it if we continue.

Gary Thomas said we want to be flexible to your guys budget. So, if that's something we need to plan for, you know, a few months down the road, or however you guys want to handle that.

Mike said if you're proposing that your new fee would be \$748.00 a month more based upon our users, I mean, we need to make a decision that we like your service, if we think your service is worth the \$13,167.00 a month, compared to the \$12,419 that we're paying now. And if we do that, then we need to treat you like any other vendor that we need to pay you what you are requesting. So, I would say at this point, we can approve it, and as we need the additional appropriation, we'd ask for the additional appropriation and be able to continue to pay you.

Gary Thomas said I just want to be fair to budget cycles and how that stuff works.

Gary Friend said we're okay with as far as getting an additional appropriation in, and it doesn't bust the budget to pay next month's bill either.

Laura said they do a good job.

Gary Friend said I agree with all that, and I think it's a fair assessment to go up the 700.

Mike said you want to make that a motion?

Gary Friend said yeah, I'm going to make it a motion that we accept this new proposal, and then we use additional appropriation as necessary.

Mike said do you second that Gary?

Gary Girton said so what's his motion now? I can't hear all of it.

Mike said his motion is to accept the proposed increase to our monthly technology expense, adding \$747.68 a month to the current \$12,419.00 per month.

Gary Friend said how long will you hold that price? Is this a year-by-year price? Is this price good until?

Mike said your last proposal had, it was a 30 day, 31 to 91 days and then 91 plus, so that's into infinity I think that's what that means.

Gary Thomas said yeah, I mean, I think we can, so what we've typically done is we've tried to really be conscious on our spend as well. And we control that as much as possible. Our tool set costs always seem to go up. But we're also fine in an environment like this which we've had to do for some other entities to say hey, let's make this proposal or this agreement good for a certain time before we raise. I'm fine with coming up with something like that. And if it's okay, maybe I'd look at what we project out, but I can see us holding that true for you know, 24 months, 36 months type thing, which would maybe help you guys out too.

Mike said that would be fair. Yeah it would.

Gary Girton said so your motion is to continue their service, and add on the 747 to the monthly fee.

Gary Friend said monthly. And then apply for an additional appropriation as necessary.

Gary Girton said right.

Gary Thomas said the only changes we would ever have would probably be those of hey, you're adding new technology, or we're changing something. That would be the only piece.

Mike said well if something, I mean, there would be projects in there.



Gary Thomas said yeah, projects in there, or go to a different disaster recovery plan or something like that.

Mike Stults said those projects would be scoped out and proposed to you. Just like the switches, if it would be anything like that, we'd propose that out to you first.

Gary Thomas said we're pretty good at spending peoples' money from a tax side. It's always, there's always something, that's the unfortunate part.

Mike said so I'm waiting on a second.

Gary Girton said so then we're reviewing it every year, then, the tool program?

Mike said we can do that, yeah. But he's going to, he's indicated he could hold his cost to 24 or 36 months.

Gary Thomas said well let's just say 36 months. I'm fine with that.

Mike said it would be basically.

Gary Friend said 36 months.

Mike said we could review it.

Gary Thomas said once a year.

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Gary Girton said so you're going out to 36 then Gary, right?

Gary Friend said well I did recommend it to take that offer of 36 months, yes.

Gary Girton said I'll second that then.

Gary Thomas said part of that challenges us to, you know, how do we get smarter and working environments and reduce ticket load, reduce time.

Mike said well and based on your presentation this morning, it's, the change is because there's more devices than what you originally thought.

Gary Thomas said yeah that's a big piece.

Mike said you know us now, so there shouldn't be any surprises.

Gary Thomas said we do, intimately well. It was an inventory investigation that happened right there at the beginning. We started finding machines left and right, we didn't know where they come from.

Mike said so I have a motion to accept this increase for tech services from LEAP managed IT and I have a second. All votes. Motion carried.

Gary Thomas said and again, if there's anything you guys want to see reporting-wise from us in the future, just let us know and happy to.

Mike said well don't be strangers. You're welcome to come anytime you want.

Gary Thomas said okay. Well definitely, we'll just kind of do every other month, and if anything, else pops up, but I think that would probably help you guys. Thank you.

**Joe Copeland – Bridge 162, 174 and 175 quote**

Mike said Joe are you ready?

Joe Copeland said Hoosier Pride is the lowest of the two. And it looked like they included their bid bond signed form 96. I mean they've done everything that we asked them to do, it looked like to me.

Mike said what was that bid again?

Joe Copeland said \$1,281,079.67. Now, the estimate that was put together was \$1,043,425.19. So, we're about \$237,000 short. Here's my thinking, we've already invested this much money, and we're going to get \$856,575.00 from the state for this project. So, I'm figuring right now, we're about, including everything, we're about just under \$120,000.00 short making it happen. The bid was 22.8% over the estimate. Meeks does that throw a flag, or is that alright?

Meeks said I think so.

Joe Copeland said I haven't looked at each individual items to compare. I didn't have time to do that.

Mike said we're only going to get from the state, 800?

Joe Copeland said \$856,575.00.

Mike said and that is 80% of the estimate, or is that 75%?

Joe Copeland said that was 75% of the estimate.

Mike said of the estimate.

Joe Copeland said yes. So, I figure we're about, not including the construction inspection, leaving it off to the side, just for the bid, because we've already got that included, I'm figuring \$119,571.67 to finish it out. I hate it that it came in over. You know you hate to lose \$856,000.00.

Mike said I'm not sure how you're adding all that up to get to that number.

Joe Copeland said, okay.

Mike said if our estimate is \$237,000 less than what it's going to cost us to build the bridge, we have to repair these bridges.

Joe Copeland said I took, I took out what you guys had approved, and so did the council, \$342,000.00 to finish this out.

Mike said okay. So, we need another 120 to finish?

Joe Copeland said that's the way I'm figuring it, yeah.

Meeks said why are these so different?

Joe Copeland said I don't know. That's a very good question. If you look at the hydro-demolition from one to the other, it's considerably different.

Meeks said I think you guys need to take these under advisement to figure out why they're so.

Joe Copeland said now I have to have this wrapped up by April 4, and into the state.

Meeks said this bid's a hundred and thirty, this is 467 for 162, 467,000 and the other one is almost 593,000 and that's a hundred on bridge 162.

Mike said they're broken down by bridge.

Joe Copeland said yeah, they have to.

Meeks said and that's a, and the second bridge is \$80,000.00 difference between the two, and then the last one is, there's a pretty big difference too, \$80,000.00 difference.

Joe Copeland said yeah, because the other bid was 1 million 587, so.

Mike said yeah, there's a big difference in the two bids, and based upon timing, and the fact that we only have two bidders, I would suspect we're not going to gain anything by re-bidding it.

Joe Copeland said I did have a third request for, I sent out three specs and plans, and the third one wasn't sure they would be able to bid, Milestone, because of their schedule.

Mike said sure. And that may be the difference in the two bids.

Meeks said \$300,000.00 difference.



Mike said one may not need the business as bad as the other one may need the business. I don't know.

Joe Copeland said that could be, very well could be.

Mike said I'm not sure what taking that under advisement is going to matter.

Meeks said well nice to make sure they bid it right.

Mike said well I'm trusting our engineer.

Joe Copeland said they signed form 96, the form which includes a non-inclusion affidavit between, they signed their bid, they do have a bid bond.

Meeks said it looks good?

Joe Copeland said yeah, so.

Gary Girton said so this work is all scheduled for this calendar year then?

Joe Copeland said yeah, we can have it done. I think the last day of work is September 10<sup>th</sup> or something like that. They can start on April 10<sup>th</sup>, if they get a notice to proceed. That's the earliest they can start. And I think the latest is in September, if I remember right. So, they have enough time to do it. The thing we were worried about is the school, closing those roads while the school up there was open. So, we told them they couldn't close the bridge, they had to leave one lane open.

Mike said if we do accept your recommendation, and accept this contract from Hoosier Pride, then we need to find another \$120,000.00.

Joe Copeland said correct. I talked to Mike. Mike says if need be, he could give us some I think, out of MVH to cover it.

Gary Friend said yeah, that's what I was looking at. Actually, it's probably the route to take for expedience, because if MVH has an issue, we can fund it in a different manner down the road.

Mike said yeah, okay.

Gary Friend said I'll make a motion that we accept the bid from Hoosier Pride, and make the shortfall of a hundred and what exactly?

Joe Copeland said the shortfall. I calculated a \$119,571.67.

Gary Friend said okay. And the motion making the shortfall out of MVH appropriate fund. Is it 1176 or 1173 which would be more appropriate for you?

Mike Haffner said we'll probably use 1173.

Gary Friend said 1173?

Mike Haffner said that's the larger account.

Gary Friend said that's a restricted account, right?

Mike Haffner said uh huh.

Meeks said were these all bid as one project?

Joe Copeland said yes. It's one total, but we have to separate each one individually for the state.

Mike said so I have a motion to accept Hoosier Pride bid for the maintenance on the three bridges. The amount of the bid is \$1,281,079.67, and to spend any shortfall that we've already appropriated from fund 1173.

Gary Girton said and that was 119 what again Joe?

Joe Copeland said \$119,571.67 is what I calculated.

Gary Girton said okay. Alright, I'll second that.

Mike said a second. Are you okay with us going ahead.

Meeks said go for it.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Joe Copeland said and I'd like to send this in this afternoon if Laura could send me scanned copies. I need the commissioners to sign form 96 for acceptance, and there's a contract in there I need them to sign. And if I could get those two things plus the pricing on both, both contractors, because I'll send that in too, showing them what the prices were.

Mike said so you need something here we sign?

Joe Copeland said you got to sign the bid from Hoosier Pride for the form 96. Here's the contract right here. And they've signed, they signed their part and then there's bridge preventative maintenance contract, and then I need you to sign there and Laura to attest. And then I've got to get, well form 96, there's a special section in there for you to sign. And there's the acceptance form in the, and that has a date, and it says following conditions are per plans of spec. These are the bids. If you can scan and send both of those documents, form 96 and the contract and all these prices from both contractors.

Laura said okay.

Mike said okay. Is that all you have for us this morning?

Joe Copeland said yes sir.

Mike said any questions of Joe or Mike? Okay. Thank you.

### **DCS Lease**

Mike said I'm going to go ahead and add another thing to the agenda. And that's one we've been talking about for a long time, and that's the DCS lease. And I did receive an electronic copy of that for signature. And I had Meeks review it, and it does have the added square footage that they are currently leasing. It has our current square foot amount, and the additional is, it does have a one-year extension.

Meeks said the one-year renewal says they'll renew it at our regular lease rate, with additional, they're paying 10 whatever, now.

Mike said and that will be the renewal unless we raise it? We could raise it?

Meeks said exactly. But we can't raise it more than whatever we're raising everybody else.

Mike said okay. So, we're good to sign this then?

Meeks said I think you're good to sign it.

Mike said okay. So.

Laura said I don't have a copy of it. I didn't get that.

Meeks said you have to electronically sign.

Mike said I need to electronically sign it. Then they need to sign it, and then they'll send us an electronically signed copy, and I can email it to you. I did for Meeks.

Laura said okay, sounds good.

Mike said so can I get a motion to approve me signing this lease?

Gary Friend made motion to approve. Gary Girton seconded the motion.

Mike said Jake do you have anything to add?

Jake Donham said no, not on that.

Mike said okay.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Meeks said I guess we'll see what they come back with on the design. You haven't heard anything on the design from them?

Jake Donham said no.

Meeks said you stopped all.

Jake Donham said I wasn't talking about any remodeling design or anything until we got a signed contract.

Meeks said right. Sounds like we have a signed contract.

Mike said well they haven't signed it yet. We will have signed it this afternoon and they can, I trust they'll get it back to us.

Jake Donham said from what I gathered from her through the email back and forth, is they are wanting to restructure the way it's laid out possibly because it's different than any other facility that they take care of for the state. But the girls on site here, and their supervisors have no idea of any of that. So, it's just this management company is just trying to brainstorm, and they're going to propose it to the state and make changes I guess.

Mike said okay. We'll see what happens. Anything else this morning?

Jake Donham said if you don't mind me squeezing something in. I've got a couple mowing contracts for this upcoming year. I just had two different guys bid the EMS, old hospital, courthouse and then Camp Yale. They're pretty competitive with one another. They were, one was higher on this property versus this property. So, I just took it as an annual what we would pay, and on a 26-week mow period in the year. Myers came in at \$9,295.00 a year. Logan Landscaping was \$10,220.00 annually. But that's by a weekly price if they were to mow in a 26-period. So, my recommendation would be using Myers Landscaping Excavating. They're done it for several years. They were the cheapest you know, on my pricing year. They do a great job, and work around our schedule, as far as trying to mow after hours, and not disrupt anything workwise as well.

Mike said okay. You heard the recommendation?

Gary Girton said is that bid on Camp Yale the way we've been mowing it?

Jake Donham said that's where the deciding factor was on their pricing because Logan's Landscaping just gave me a weekly price for mowing out there. And then two or three times on bush hogging, whereas Myers, he gave me a bi-weekly price, and he said there's no sense in him dragging a bush hog out there. He'll just knock it down every two or three weeks with his mower while he's out there set up. He said I can just do that as simple as, you know, drag another truck and trailer out or whatever.



Gary Friend said what was the price compared to last year, apples for apples?

Mike said Myers didn't do the Camp Yale.

Jake Donham said yeah, someone else done Camp Yale last year. And I didn't even entertain calling that person back or that company back because I wanted a monthly invoice at the least, and kind of threw a fit about that, he said we don't sit at his desk gave me a whole runaround. So, he just gave us an annual, or a one price in the year is what it cost. There was no breakdown how many times he mowed or anything like that. So, I'm, he's off my list of contacts to call for mowing.

Mike said Myers has done a nice job.

Gary Friend said I'll make a motion that we accept Myers quote for the mowing.

Mike said I have a motion to accept Myers quote of \$9,295.00 for the year to mow the EMS, old hospital, courthouse and Camp Slingshot. Do I have a second?

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

Jake Donham said the only other thing I have, last Friday, or last week, I got to noticing where one of the black boilers at the old hospital had started leaking. So, I had Phil with Salyer Taylor come out to put eyes on it to kind of see where we are at with them. It looks that all three boilers have leaked at one time or another on the exchangers. And the one in the center that's leaking the worse now, and the end one I believe, he's telling me that the boiler sections have nipples that intersect one another when you line them up and bolt them together. And he said it's common for those nipples to start leaking. And they are. And that, with the combined cracks in some of the exchangers, he's going to get some pricing if he can get the parts to put new sections in. And if not, he said we're probably looking at three new boilers. So, yeah, he said it just, just spit balling, he said to repair, maybe a hundred thousand, three new boilers, a half million. The boilers are twenty plus years old. Everything I read on line with these boilers, 15 usually they start leaking. They're not really sought after in the commercial field, according to what I read. He's not sure if he can get parts for them, but the problem is, he said they're going to be super labor intensive the way they're set up in there because they're down in a pit. So, everything's a chain pull in and out. He said those sections are 250, 300 pounds apiece times 10 per boiler. He said it's not going to be fun. He is going to contact a boiler and steam company out of Indy that done the boilers here. He's going to see if he can get one of their reps on site just to see what we got, and kind of feel those guys out, and you know, get some direction while he's waiting on you know, his numbers to come back as far as parts and pieces. So, I told him to give me some numbers, rough idea on a repair providing he can get parts, and then rough idea on new equipment for the size of what we got.

Gary Friend said are they seeping, or are they actually leaking, the pressure worse?

Jake Donham said yeah, this inner one is definitely not good. The other ones got hairline cracks in them. If the pressures are, if the pressure comes up or the heat comes up hot enough, if we have a malfunction of any kind, they'll start seeping due to the cracks, which is, they're not going to get any better. So, that's not going to be a fun one.

Gary Friend said what kind of time frame are we looking at?

Jake Donham said I don't know. I just got to, hopefully he can get the guy in here from Indy to put eyes on it.

Gary Friend said I would like to know how long a repair is supposed to last. Would a repair give us one year or would a repair give us ten?

Jake Donham said if they done the new sections, I would think, that's, that's the main part of your boiler is those cat sections, so, I would assume you could get another 15, but I don't know. Yeah, when I get some more information, I just wanted to kind of bring that to your attention, because that's going to be coming up here in discussion here in the near future.

#### **Ambulance Building in Farmland**

Gary Friend said I heard that you have a boiler plate style print from somebody, a possibility it could be used for like an ambulance depot in small rural areas.

Jake Donham said I might have something floating around.

Gary Friend said okay. There's been no decisions what we're going to do, how we're going to do it, but in the conversation of what we're going to do, we ought to have some options on what it could cost to do such a thing.

Jake Donham said yeah, about a year ago when there was a discussion of an ambulance facility.

Gary Friend said I wasn't being coy on those questions. That's all I know about it. Could you fill us in to what you know about it?

Jake Donham said yeah, I'll tell you everything I know. It's not much but a year or so ago when there was a discussion about an ambulance building, whether we were going to build, lease, whatever, Duane and I done some quick homework. And you know, obviously, they had a property there in Farmland. So, I reached out to Danny Stamper with Carroll Electric. He had been in the process of looking at some prints, Reid was doing a two-bay facility with living quarters in Wayne County. And he sent me a print, I don't know if it's a buildable print, but it was a schematic of what they were proposing, and I think that's what they ended up building. Just to give you an idea, which, it's pretty simple. It's pretty much like what we have here in Winchester with just two less bays.

Gary Friend said is there a price tag on it?

Jake Donham said no. Danny said though if he, you know, he's, he's in the business to, he owns Thor Construction and Carroll Electric.

Gary Friend said he built the Highway barn.

Jake Donham said yeah. He said you know, he would even entertain the idea of building a turnkey facility if the county was interested. He'll just build it, and then if the county wanted to purchase it off him, that's an option, or you know, he was just throwing stuff out there if you were interested. But I think I got that print. I can get it. I can email it to you.

Mike said well I think, I'm trying to, I thought maybe I might have had it here in my documents.

Jake Donham said I can't remember. I think I got that after we kind of decided we wasn't interested in owning a facility. And so, we just kind of dropped it, and then they were discussion in Farmland to doing other options, and it kind of got down by the wayside I guess.

Gary Girton said we looked at it, but we didn't do any serious discussion.

Gary Friend said well and the decisions that are coming, whether we build, whether we lease or we do nothing, we have to have all the information available. I would like to know what it would cost him to build one.

Jake Donham said I don't know, I don't know if he built those for Reid or not, but he might be able to find out what the final cost was on it through Reid.

Gary Friend said well could you ask him what a ballpark figure of one of those would be?

Jake Donham said yeah, I can get him, reach out to him. I think the one Reid done was pretty, you know, I mean, exterior-wise was really fancy with you know, I think, if I remember right on the print, it maybe had some stone, had some wanes coat but I think there's definitely ways to cheapen it up. I mean, a simple steel structure to me, with two bays.

Gary Friend said less expensive, not cheap.

Jake Donham said right.

Gary Friend said well if you would do that I would appreciate it, because like I said, there's no decision on any timeline, but if we get all this information. Melvin said he would never throw us out of the fire department, it's obvious, we're in their way.

Jake Donham said right.

Mike said okay. Thanks Jake.

Meeks said it kind of goes into my question about the building over in Farmland, but email I sent you guys.

Mike said the carwash?

Meeks said yeah.

Gary Friend said it's got to go up on it. It's not tall.

Jake Donham said that whole structure is going to have to come out. When I measured it, it's not wide enough, it's not tall enough, and it's just a block shell. There's, and I think there's, I think there's other issues with that property as well.

Meeks said you got an offer of \$37,500.

Jake Donham said to buy that property?

Meeks said uh huh.

Gary Friend said the other offer that we had from Farmland is to have property there.

Gary Girton said and they voted at the meeting the other night, if we wanted it, they would give it to us.

Meeks said if it's not wide enough and it's not tall enough, then that's a good, you answered the question.

Jake Donham said yeah, that was one of the things Duane and I talked about it over a year ago, when I went out there and measured it.

Meeks said it's a lot cheaper now then it was a year ago.

Jake Donham said well there might be a reason why.

Gary Friend said it wasn't tall enough, the roof's got to be raised. And that's not a, raising a roof is not a killer, I mean, you tear that one off and go on up. You've got to go from 8 foot to 10 foot.

Meeks said if it's not wide enough, it's not wide enough.

Gary Friend said you'd have to turn that into a living facility and build a building behind it, and I don't know if the lot's big enough for it.

Jake Donham said and even then, you'd still be better off just to start over on a blank piece of land because that structure is just, it's a carwash.

Mike said I don't think I have a copy that.



Jake Donham said yeah, but I'll get you that or do you want me just to get you Danny's number and you talk to him? It doesn't matter to me.

Gary Friend said both.

Mike said well if you've got a print of what he showed you before, if you can find that and get that emailed to Laura or even to us, that would be fine.

Jake Donham said I just thought I'd send it to you three guys or all four of you, and that way everybody would be on the same page. Danny's number might be attached to it. I mean, I can call him or if you want to call him, it doesn't matter to me.

Gary Friend said well you've got a working relationship with him and know him, so it would probably be just as easy.

Jake Donham said yep.

Mike said okay. Thanks Jake. I don't see anyone from council here, no mayor here.

**Other Business:**

**Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff**

Mike said Art do you have anything for us this morning?

Art Moystner said I just have a question or request. Do we have a computer committee that consists of department heads and elected officials?

Mike said we used to have that.

Art Moystner said I don't know if the other department heads or office holders would be interested in meeting to talk about some of the computer stuff. There're just a few things that I had noticed of late with the contract that we have. I know I've had a couple computers that I've been billed for. And I understand the hardware, purchasing the hardware that we're getting new, but I think they also charge a build and installation fee.

Laura said \$250.

Art Moystner said on top of that, I also know there's an after-hours rate that probably affect me more than anyone else. And under the way we were doing things previously, we had Fred, and some of that was built in and could get taken care of. I haven't specifically, because of that, hadn't budgeted necessarily for that. But I could see where I could get in some trouble quickly, not having a line for after-hours repairs at the rate that's charged. And I don't know whether that's something we would want to get together and discuss.

Mike said there is a computer committee which consists of the president of the commissioners, president of council, IT personnel, auditor and treasurer.

Art Moystner said and I guess that's just one of those things that moving forward, it's kind of could potentially impact my budget significantly, because I really don't have an item for that. Normally, I would budget for what was in the car, and previously, Fred would take care of the computers that were on a desk. And now that's changed, and basically the number of computers that I'm taking care of, has quite easily doubled at this point, plus the after hours to repair stuff. So, I don't know whether that's something that you guys just want me to consider and submit in the budget this year, that that could increase. But I'm not real sure what to look at for that because you're playing what ifs. Or, if it's something that if it happens, I come to you after the fact and say hey, I have a problem that's not really budgeted for, and go from there.

Gary Friend said I think from their report they give us, they could categorize you specifically, on a chart, which would be beneficial budgeting.

Art Moystner said I don't disagree. I just think it's something we haven't, I haven't, it hadn't really become an issue until I got a bill for it one day. And it was minor enough I was able to take care of it out of computer, the computer line that I have. But if it gets very significant, it's really going to affect that line.

Gary Friend said are you on this list that we provided today?

Mike said I don't think he is. I don't know. Jay Harris is on there.

Gary Friend said oh there we go. Your deputies are on independently aren't they? Do me a favor. Would you circle on there which ones would be associated with your department please?

Art Moystner said sure. I guess I just kind of wanted to bring that up today, put it in everybody's brain and maybe come up with a solution at some point, or sit down and talk about some of it at some point. Other than that, I don't think I have anything today unless you have questions for me.

Mike said well this will be something we need to pay attention to, and that might not be a bad thing to add it to budgets. You and EMS and 911 would be after hours.

Art Moystner said yes.

Gary Friend said plus they're going to be back in front of us from time-to-time, we can talk to them about emergency services after hour charges.

Art Moystner said and I think with regard to EMS and maybe some of the in-car stuff, you know, unless it's affecting the operation, maybe something we don't deal with until a working day, but you get into the weekends and it gets more difficult because we do a lot of stuff out of the computers in the cars. And obviously, dispatch would be detrimental to emergency services operation if it goes down after hours. So, just some things to think about. I'll get these circled and get it back to you.

**Payroll Claims \$ 286,052.43**

Payroll claims in the amount of \$286,052.43.

Gary Friend said make a motion to approve.

Laura said I just wanted to point out that you know how we've been approving two separate sheets.

Mike said yeah.

Laura said I told her just to put the total on this form and then attach the other one to this, so you're only signing one form for the whole amount.

Mike said so the State Board of Accounts payroll claim is attached to our payroll claim and we're approving both.

Gary Friend said so the motions have to include both?

Laura said the number on the front page is of the total that we're paying out. All this report does is list out who we're paying and that was their issue, because you guys were not approving who this money was going out to, like PERF and Social Security, Medicare. So, we've attached it to this, added the total here, so you're approving the total, the whole report total.

Mike said so that's what we pay out to the employee and every other deduction set aside out of their check. So, I'd entertain a motion to approve the payroll claim in the amount of \$286,052.43.

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

**Regular Claims \$1,591,897.87**

Mike said that brings us to our Regular Claims in the amount of \$1,591,897.87, which we received a copy of 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.

**Housing Resource Hub claim \$2,000.00**

Mike said Housing Resource Hub claim in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the month of March. I'd entertain a motion to approve the Housing Resource claim.

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

**Randolph County United Claim \$18,467.66**

**Randolph County United Tourism claim \$2,365.66**

Mike said next two claims are for the Randolph United, one claim for \$18,467.66 is the draw for Randolph United, and \$2,365.66 is the draw for Randolph United Tourism. I'd entertain a motion to approve both of these claims.

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

**J&K Communications Claim \$5,000.00**

Mike said next item is the J&K claim in the amount of \$5,000.00. It represents their balance due to them for retainage.

Gary Friend said I think we're getting to the point we'd have to pay them or tell them we're never going to pay them.

Mike said right, we're getting to that point.

Gary Girton said I don't agree with that, because as long as they still have work to do here, we still owe them. They still have not completed. They were here last week, and I didn't get a report from Chris as to whether or not that accomplished what they were here to do. I know there're still issues with some of the other material. So, in my opinion, until these are resolved, in fact technically, we should have withheld more money, because we'd been good enough to go ahead and pay that down to \$5,000.

Gary Friend said are they aware of everything, why we're not paying them?

Gary Girton said yes, they're aware they got issues to be resolved.

Gary Friend said are they disputing those issues?

Gary Girton said no. They're just technical issues that their trying to work out. And they haven't completed it yet.

Gary Friend said so, okay. Are they trying to assess overdue charges to us?

Gary Girton said no.

Gary Friend said okay. Then there's probably not an issue right now.

Mike said okay. We agree to table it then?

Gary Friend said I do.

**BIS Digital quotes**

Mike said next item is BIS Digital quotes. We found out that the audio quote was around \$20,000, and the audio and video together was around \$25,000.



Laura said right.

Gary Friend said I think we need audio and video. It quite easily could be the law in July. So, I think it's time that we do it, with audio and video.

Mike said and how would we pay for that?

Gary Friend said we can pay from the commissioners' budget Cum Cap, or we can pay it independently out of County General with an additional appropriation for it specifically. And I think that would probably be the route to go because the council and the commissioners would be both using this as an additional appropriation.

Mike said it benefits us.

Gary Friend said correct. I'd make a motion we accept the quote from the audio and the video.

Mike said the \$25,449.66?

Gary Friend said and pay it out of County General with an additional appropriation.

Laura said they lowered it a little bit from the first one.

Mike said oh, it's \$23,779.11.

Gary Girton said and that was for both?

Mike said that's for audio and visual.

Gary Girton said yes, okay. Thank you.

Mike said I have a motion to buy this equipment and pay for it with an additional appropriation out of County General. Do I have a second?

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

Mike said I will say I was at council again in March, and I sat right behind where Ed is sitting, and I couldn't hear anybody up here talking at this table. So, audio should be improved.

Gary Friend said yeah, I was thinking about that too, because when I was talking to Jake about possibly getting these benches extended, and the wiring. I'm not even sure our audio has to be wired. We've got to be in technology today where it's just wireless audio. I mean it shouldn't be a stumbling block of pushing everything back a little bit, and getting the benches extended for.

### **ARPA Plan**

Mike said that brings us to our ARPA Plan, which we added to at our last meeting. It's just a review.

Gary Friend said I've got a question on the ARPA Plan.

Mike said and yes, what is your question?

Gary Friend said do we have to do an amendment to the plan every time we make an expense into ARPA just like in EDIT?

Mike said uh huh.

Gary Friend said okay.

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

### **Treasurer's monthly report**

Mike said brings us to our Treasurer's monthly report, which this report is for the month of December of 2022. I'd entertain a motion to approve the report, ask you to sign it in two places once approved.

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

### **Resolution 2023-05 Surplus property**

Mike said next item is Resolution 2023-05, a resolution to declare certain personal property of Randolph County Indiana, as unneeded and to be considered surplus property for disposal. And that property consists of property at the Community Corrections office, a small copy machine, a desk top scanner, three typewriter desks/tables and filing cabinets. And this has been determined by the Community Corrections as excess and is asking to dispose of this.

#### RESOLUTION 2023-05

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY OF  
RANDOLPH COUNTY, INDIANA,  
AS UNNEEDED, AND  
TO BE CONSIDERED SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR DISPOSAL

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners ("Board") is empowered to declare unneeded property to be surplus property; and

WHEREAS, the Board may authorize the disposal of surplus property pursuant to IC 5-22-22 *et seq.*;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board that:

1. Pursuant to IC 5-22-22-8, the items listed on Exhibit "A", attached hereto, shall be considered to be surplus and worthless property ("Property") for purposes of disposal.

2. The value of the property is less than the estimated costs of the sale and transportation of the property.

3. The Property may be sold at public or private sale, and the Board shall allow the Department for which the item is used and noted on the attached Exhibit "A" to sell or otherwise dispose of the Property.

4. Proceeds from the sale of the items set forth in Exhibit "A", shall be placed in the fund from which the item was purchased. If no fund can be identified for a particular item, the proceeds shall be placed in the General Fund.

5. If the Property fails to sell at public or private sale it may be demolished or scrapped, or, if hazardous, be disposed of for recycling.

6. The Property may be removed from the Randolph County Indiana fixed asset inventory.

Community Corrections

Small copy machine

Desk top scanner

3 type writer desks/tables

Filing cabinets

EXHIBIT "A"

Gary Friend said how do they dispose of it?

Mike said try to sell it at public or private sale, and if it can't be sold, scrap it.

Gary Friend said okay.

Mike said I'd entertain a motion to approve resolution 2023-05.

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

**Ordinance 2023-10 – EMS fee schedule**

Mike said next item is an ordinance, Ordinance 2023-10, an ordinance amending the uniform fee schedule for Randolph County Emergency services. We talked at our last meeting, based upon the recommendation of our EMS director that we should increase our fees, which this ordinance does that, and I can read these if you want, or we can pass this ordinance in title only.

Gary Friend said title only.

ORDINANCE 2023-10  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UNIFORM  
FEE SCHEDULE FOR RANDOLPH COUNTY  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Emergency Medical Services (“EMS”) is under the oversight of the Randolph County, Indiana, Board of Commissioners (“Board”); and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 36-1-3-1 to 9, inclusive, grants certain home rule powers of Randolph County; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board to fix the fees for the Randolph County EMS.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners, that a Uniform Fee Schedule be established effective June 1, 2023, for the Randolph County EMS as follows:

<b>SERVICE</b>	<b>FEE</b>
Basic non - ER	\$575.00
Basic - ER	\$800.00
ALS non – ER	\$750.00
ALS - ER	\$1,000.00
ALS II	\$1,200.00
Specialty Care	\$2,000.00
Mileage	\$20.00 per mile
Return check	\$40.00
Special Events	\$70.00 per hour Minimum charge of 2 hours

NOW FURTHER ORDERED by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners, that the Randolph County EMS shall retain its current hardship policy.

Mike said so I’d entertain a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-10, an ordinance amending the uniform fee schedule for Randolph County Emergency Medical Services by title only.

Gary Girton made motion to approve Ordinance 2023-10. Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary Friend said whether we have public input or not, we’re going to change these fees, so I’d like to make a motion to suspend the rules and have second and third reading on the same day and approved.



Gary Girton said you want both second and third?

Gary Friend said right. Even if we wait for peoples' input, we're still going to have to make the move to change it. So, I don't see why we should wait.

Gary Girton said that's alright. I'm just clarifying your motion.

Mike said I have a motion to suspend the rules and have the second and third reading by title only today on Ordinance 2023-10. Do I have a second for that?

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

Mike said that motion carries. Now I'd entertain a motion to have the second and third reading of Ordinance 2023-10, an ordinance amending the uniform fee schedule for Randolph County Emergency Medical Services on it's second and third reading, and have its adoption today.

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

Mike said that brings us to the end of our agenda. And Laura has permanent minutes for us. Is that all you have for us this morning Laura?

Laura said yes.

Mike said Meeks do you have anything for us this morning?

Meeks said I have a couple things. I have a meeting with Baker Tilley on Friday, this coming Friday. I didn't know if any of you wanted to join, let me know. It should be a zoom meeting, but only one of you. I have not sent out, last time we, I felt like we sent out a whole bunch of emails during the negotiation, I really haven't done that this time, until we get a little bit farther. If you guys want them all, let me know, and I can indulge you with a ton of emails. I don't know if you remember, but, you probably didn't Gary, but there was a lot.

Mike said when they come in, you can't tell which one is the right one, as far as the agreements are concerned.

Meeks said well I couldn't tell sometimes.

Mike said unless the advisors are going to label their PDFs.

Meeks said one, two, three.

Mike said yeah, so you know which one is the last one.

Meeks said I talked to EDPR on Thursday, I think, Wednesday or Thursday, I forget. And they sounded like to me, really are on the wagon to have this thing done by May. I don't know if that's doable, but I told them that they better get cracking on their end basically.

Mike said this is River Start IV?

Meeks said yeah.

Mike said west of Highway One, south of Stoney Creek township.

Meeks said so, second thing is, shall I tell Andy that we'll pass on over in Farmland, the carwash. Or just tell him we're thinking about it?

Mike said I think we're thinking about it.

Meeks said he asked me to get back with him.

Mike said I think we should think about it.

Meeks said I'll call him.

Mike said in Farmland, we're looking at a plan for.

Meeks said he knows we are looking. I'll just tell him we're still thinking, we'll let you know in two weeks. He did tell me it would appraise, we would have to have it appraised for the amount, and he told me, he assured me that it would.

Mike said okay.

Meeks said when John Green was here, the legislative purpose, that was also for not only condemnation, but if we wanted to purchase easement. And to purchase an easement, it's the same thing as purchasing a building. You've got to get two appraisals, and so they were changing the legislation for that. But I didn't think we wanted to purchase anything either.

Mike said I forgot what, I think Tom had asked JD to look into it to streamline our ability to purchase the easement.

Meek said yeah. And I think we weren't going to purchase it either. So, I didn't, I'm just telling you I didn't pursue that either, if you guys had wanted me to. It's a little different than the condemnation part, but. Them people wanted to buy it, but then they donated it, just wanted to let you know. That's all I have, unless you guys have anything for me.

Mike said I don't have anything for you. Gary Friend do you have anything?

**Gary Friend – funding for Winchester Splash Park**

Gary Friend said just one thing. I had spoke to Bob McCoy about a grant that they're putting together for the splash park. It's overpriced, but it's a 50/50, or it's a full match, and I think the commissioners ought to consider at our next meeting of putting in \$10,000.00, which is the maximum allowed for the one for one match if they don't come up with the \$50,000.00 from benefactors.

Mike said okay.

Gary Friend said if they don't have that information, I can email it to Laura and she can send it.

Mike said is Bob going to come and make that request?

Gary Friend said yeah.

Mike said okay.

Gary Friend said I talked to him, he didn't really want to, but he didn't want to leave anything on the table. He believes that the money will come in.

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

**Gary Girton, Union City Wind Turbines, Modoc and Losantville sewer projects**

Gary Girton said I don't know if you're both familiar that they did take down both the wind turbines in Union City.

Mike said I heard that.

Gary Girton said and I wasn't there, I was talking to a fellow who was, and he said it did make a pretty good rattle in town.

Mike said did they take them down by explosion?

Gary Girton said yes.

Mike said did they take all that stuff to the landfill?

Gary Girton said I don't know where, well part of that they won't because that's steel columns. On the Modoc, Losantville situation, as I mentioned last time, Modoc is fully funded, and they're still trying to I think it's a USDA loan that they have carrying it on the facility right now. They're trying to put that over into their other funding so that they just have one bill per month for the whole project.

Gary Friend said for Modoc and Losantville?

Gary Girton said no, no. This is just Modoc on the present existing system.

Gary Friend said okay.

Gary Girton said they still have a debt on that. And then Losantville is still not funded. They're working on two other grants. So, because of that, they're pushing the start date back to August 1<sup>st</sup> instead of July 1<sup>st</sup>. So, I don't know what that's going to do to their work schedule to get much done before winter.

Mike said they're still moving along?

Gary Girton said yes, they're still moving forward.

Mike said that's good.

Gary Girton said the fellow who is in charge, Steve Brock, the guy's working on it.

Gary Friend said will the new fiber optic get done there?

Mike said I think they're pretty close now. It comes up 35.

Gary Girton said yeah, it's north, I don't know.

Mike said NLBC comes up 35 with fiber optic. I don't know how far it comes though.

Gary Girton said Steve Brock is the fellow who is working on the additional loan, consolidating the loan for Modoc, wife died last Monday, so that slowed him down a little bit. But they're working and still shooting for August 1.

Mike said okay. Anything else?

Gary Girton said no.

Mike said mine was DCS lease, so, I don't have anything.

**Citizen Comments (3 minutes)**

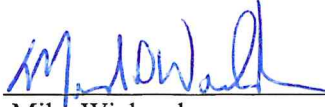
Mike said anyone here have a citizen comment?

**Adjournment**

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

Reviewed and signed this 17 day of April, 2023.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Mike Wickersham



Gary Friend



Gary Girton

ATTEST:



Laura J Martin, Auditor of Randolph County