

Randolph County Commissioners

March 6, 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.

Michael Wickersham, President presided over the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Jake Donham – DCS lease space

Mike said first item on the agenda is the DCS lease space at the Community Family Center. Jake. It sounds like you've got a resolution for the time being that they're willing to sign a lease for the additional space that we said they're using.

Jake Donham said yeah, well that's what the email said, as far as I know. I haven't seen anything yet. But I don't know if Meeks has gotten anything yet or not. But hopefully, they're working on it.

Mike said so, I guess, other than us adjusting that lease to reflect that space and us signing the lease, sending it to them and have them sign it and send, and then they start paying the additional rent, at this point in time, there's not a whole.

Jake Donham said no I don't see any need for any other action. They're, they had a whole wish list of stuff, but, until we get the contractual signed, I don't think I'd be interested in doing anything.

Mike said no, I agree. Do you have anything else for us?

Jake Donham said well I'm struggling to get employees as far as filling vacancies. I've got two part-time positions. We've advertised the one position since 1st of December with very little interest. We, the last week, I lost my other part-timer. So, now I have two of them available. I have one of my full time second shift is off with some serious health issues. So, I've had to, luckily my girl at the other building, at the old hospital, willingly said she'll go to second shift so I have the coverage for this building and the old hospital until we can get some, get some more help. Then that leaves me on days for everything else until we can get back to. But anyways, the two part-times are just a tough one to fill. The hours are from 4 to 8, Monday through Friday. Like I said, I'm not getting a whole lot of applicants that just pop out be like yeah, that's the one. A lot of the applicants, I mean, they're just looking for a little bit of extra to get them by until something else pops up, or out of school and so forth. And I wanted to see if you guy would entertain maybe taking those two part-times and create a full-time. If I do that, I'll have me a full-time at the old hospital during the day, and one full-time at night, and then a full-time

here. And then my additional full-time, if we do it, will cross train as well. And then I'll have coverage for both buildings if someone's off or so forth. And that's where I'm struggling now is just when one of them is off, we've got to pull one to another building or they've got to do both buildings or so forth. Right now, the girl, the two I do have, the two full-time that are with me right now, they're both cross trained on both buildings so I'm flip flopping them back and forth, trying to keep everything caught up the best we can until we can get.

Mike said you're not working overtime?

Jake Donham said what's that now?

Mike said your two full-times, are they working overtime?

Jack Donham said they've some. I told them if they have to stay over, do so, just whatever it takes to get the buildings done. That hasn't been, it hasn't been a huge amount yet. Some of it, I did offer them if they wanted to come in on Saturdays, they can do their main mopping. They can knock the whole building out, stairways and everything. I did open that up to them if they were interested, and they're both willing to, because these two building with one person it's, they're humping to get the whole building done every night in a timely manner.

Mike said okay.

Gary Friend said I think his problem's certainly valid, and probably it's not easy to fix. And I don't have a problem going to one full-time and dropping two part-times. Or, we may never get it filled on a routine basis.

Mike said well if you get it filled, you're going, it's not going to fill for long, I guess that's would be my concern.

Jake Donham said I just a full-time position of second shift is going to be a more desirable than a part-time for sure. And I just hope that opens up to where we can find that right applicant to fill that position.

Gary Friend said also, the fiscal challenges that drove us to go that route are relieved a little bit now. So, I think we're positioned that we can do it, positioned to do it.

Jake Donham said the old hospital now is finally back to about where it was before COVID. I mean there's a lot of evening meetings and more activities. Centerstone is back you know, with their, with their all-day, all-evening visitations and so forth. DCS is really picking up on visitations at night out there too. So, it's, that building is really, it's the trickier of all of them because there's just so random activities from night to night even.

Mike said Gary what do you think?

Gary Girton said I think it's a great idea because I agree with you. The half-time jobs, particularly in this employment time. You get somebody that wants to work, they want to work

full-time. They don't want to work, most of them don't want to work, and if you do find someone, then they're here for a month and gone. And that's a thing, you train them and we've spent that time and that money doing it so. It just makes good sense to me, to go to a full-time employee. And then maybe you, it's going to need a little more scheduling work for you throughout the time, but, you know where they're needed on that particular day. And so, I would say we take Jake's recommendation.

Mike said is that a motion?

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

Jake Donham said thank you much on that.

Mike said thank you.

Jake Donham said what happens next as far as a timeline on making something like this happen?

Laura said you've already got a job description for it, so I don't think they need to approve another job description. So, just find somebody, and then you'll have to transfer money from your part-time to full time.

Jake Donham said what I'm getting at, is it okay to go ahead and pull my advertisements for my part-time and get it published as a full-time position available? Can we do that now and go ahead and try to find somebody, or do I need to wait for.

Mike said I'd say we ought to try and find somebody. I'm not sure you.

Meeks said do you have to have a salary ordinance?

Gary Friend said I was going to say that's what I was thinking about.

Laura said well we will, but he can use his part-time line if we get it done before then.

Mike said my hesitancy would be that if you're looking for a full-time person and it takes you awhile to do that, and you have an opportunity for a part-time to come along for a short time, you could, I don't. You've been out there in the weeds doing it, so I'm not going to tell you not to pull them.

Jake Donham said yeah, I mean, the girls I've got now, they're going above and beyond whatever coverage is needed. And I already told them, if they, if something comes up and they have to be off, let me know and I'll come in and cover. That's not a problem.

Mike said well them I would pull your part-times and change it to full-time.

Jake Donham said okay. That'll work. Thank you much. While you're still here, we, I think what we need to do on the DCS lease is to modify to reflect the square footage they are renting.

Meeks said and I've asked them to do that.

Mike said okay. They're preparing the lease?

Meeks said it's a state form.

Mike said okay. So, we're waiting on them to get that done?

Meeks said it's like a fifty-page state form lease that they put out for every DCS.

Mike said okay. So, did you put a time limit on them as to when that would return.

Meeks said I think you guys were all on that email. I said here's the square footage.

Mike said I know that.

Meeks said I'm not sure if I put a time though. I'll re-email her.

Mike said I think we need to get it in here so we can get it signed so they'll start paying what they're renting. That's my concern.

Meeks said I'll send her out an email this week.

Mike said okay. Thanks Jake.

Gary Friend said got one question. Did that email chain going back and forth with cameras and Where's that at? I don't know if we resolved.

Jake Donham said I think they finally got it resolved. Duane talked, just said the cameras were on his computers. There are so many people attached to that. I got so lost too. But, it sounds like that got them resolved. So, there might be some players here that can interject on that.

Mike said Duane and the sheriff are both here. So, I think that's Duane back there. My last email was that Art was going to get with security camera people, and get it resolved. Do you want to share Art?

Art Moystner said EMS is already up and running. As soon as I get the probation, I'll put their passwords in and they'll be good to go.

Mike said okay. And you're good with that then?

Art said yeah, so, it was taken care of. I think there was just some mis-communication going on between the IT when they set it up, the camera company, and what server we were putting it on.

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

Mindy Peed, Clerk – Kiosk, election update

Mindy Peed said so I emailed, Laura forwarded the emails from the Indiana BAR foundation. They reached out to me to put a kiosk in my office to allow the public a space to E-file their documents to print out additional forms that we don't provide. And this is, I'll give you pictures of what the desktop kiosk will look like. It should take up a lot less room than the free-standing option that they have. And I should be able to cover any installation cost as far as if IT is going to need additional cords or, I should be able to cover those costs. The BAR foundation is going provided the first year of supplies for the printer. And after the first year, then it'll just be up to us to maintain that printer ink and paper and provide IT services as needed.

Mike said so, is this for all civil and criminal actions or just civil actions?

Mindy Peed said it's mostly civil actions. It's guardianships, evictions, I don't know if you've ever been on IndianaLegalHelp.Org, but it's what we direct a lot of our customers to because it also provides instruction that we are not allowed to provide them. So, if someone wants to file, like a guardianship case or something, we don't provide those forms to them. But, they can go on this website and get them, as well as instructions. So, it's, a grant that was provided by the Indiana Housing to the BAR foundation for with eviction cases, small claims, things like that. It's got all of those instructions on there for them so that we don't have to provide legal advice.

Gary Girton said so this will be open whenever your office is open or just when it.

Mindy Peed said the website is open all the time. So, they can go on their own and use that website. The kiosk would be open when we're open.

Mike said and it is web base so there's no.

Mindy Peed said right.

Mike said you don't foresee any upgrades or anything that you're going to have to spend money on?

Mindy Peed said no.

Mike said and you think it's a needed service for the county?

Mindy Peed said I do, yeah.

Mike said where will this set in your office?

Mindy Peed said on the counter. So, we have the big counter in our office. We have a public terminal. It'll go right next to it.

Mike said okay, along with the printer?

Mindy Peed said yes,

Gary Friend said the cost to the county is just going to be IT service?

Mindy Peed said yes.

Gary Friend said printer ink, printer paper?

Mindy Peed said yes.

Gary Friend said and the BAR Association sponsors all this equipment?

Mindy Peed said they do.

Gary Friend said you have a standup kiosk?

Mindy Peed said no it will be a desktop.

Gary Friend said desktop okay.

Mike said and it will become the county's or the Clerk's office, the county's after a year will it not?

Mindy Peed said yes, I believe so.

Mike said I read that it becomes the county's.

Mindy Peed said with them having the first option to purchase it back.

Mike said if we wanted to get rid of it?

Mindy Peed said yes.

Mike said well if it's needed now, I wouldn't know why it wouldn't be needed in a year.

Mindy Peed said right.

Mike said okay. Well I appreciate that.

Mindy Peed said yeah. Okay, so then I also want to give you an Election update.

Mike said I don't know if we need a motion or not. What do you think Meeks?

Meeks said might as well.

Mike said okay.

Gary friend made motion to approve the clerk moving forward with the Kiosk. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mindy Peed said the election board met a few weeks ago. We passed an amendment to the vote center plan. In 2019, we passed the same amendment only for the primary elections in municipal years, only providing two of our vote centers for that primary. We had Husted Hall as one of our centers, and Trinity Lutheran. This vote center amendment changed it to where the Courthouse lobby will be the in-town Winchester vote Center, and Trinity Lutheran will be Union City. We do have an in-town in Union City vote center location, it's Hoosier Place, and we've received several complaints about the cleanliness, the ease of entering, and the parking location. So, we are currently looking for another location in town in Union City. But Trinity is much more user friendly for voters. So, those will be the two vote centers that we have open for our municipal this year. The county election board also passed a resolution setting the times for early voting, both for those two locations and for the clerk's office. We would still like to use the lobby for our clerk's office location for absentee voting. It will only be from April 17th through May the 1st. We reduced those hours to two weeks instead of four weeks for the municipal election. And we have reduced our times. So, we would also ask permission to put signs on all the doors of the courthouse beginning in April to notify voters that our voting will begin on April 17th so that they're not confused when they come in the 1st of April and we don't have anything set up for them.

Mike said and this is just for the primary election?

Mindy Peed said yes.

Mike said will another amendment come through for the general election in November?

Mindy Peed said yes.

Mike said okay. Just going to see how this works then. Anybody have any questions or comments regarding the two amendments?

Gary Friend said I do not.

Mike said Gary?

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

Mindy Peed said okay. Then we also received a recommendation from Spencer Lloyd. He's the assistant pastor at Parker City Christ Fellowship Church. He offered the church as a vote center, as a possible vote center location in Parker. I know we've had some complaints about using the fire department from the fire department itself, because of they're kind of in the way if they had a call or something like that. Parking is an issue with being in their way. And the door, the front door doesn't open well I guess. So, the workers have to open the door for them. So, if people are at the door and nobody hears them, then voters think that they're closed. He provided us

information on using his church. It would be free of charge, which would save us. But it is outside of city limits, just outside of city limits. So, that may be something that we bring to you in the future, just a heads up. And we're also, like I said, we're looking for a place in Union City that's in city limits that's better than Hoosier Place so. If you have any suggestions, we're open to those.

Mike said well we'll keep those in mind. How far outside the city limits is the church?

Mindy Peed said I think it's just like a quarter mile maybe, if that. It's just outside.

Mike said okay. We'll keep that in mind. Don't sound like bad recommendations.

Mindy Peed said okay. Thank you.

Duane Petry – Update on new ambulance, rate increases, Farmland ambulance service

Mike said so what's the word on our new ambulance?

Duane Petry said well, I called him to see what the situation was because I thought we probably needed to get an order for another one going since it's taking at least two years to get them. And he told me they're not making 23 chassis anymore. So, we're getting bumped up to a 24 chassis and he look, said you're looking at probably a 20% increase on the price. And he still doesn't know when it's going to be delivered.

Gary Friend said are you talking about one on order?

Duane Petry said the one we've already ordered, yes.

Mike said didn't we have a firm price on that one we ordered?

Duane Petry said yeah, but I don't, that was for a 23 chassis, and he says they're not available. So, I don't know what, where we're standing on that.

Mike said I don't either.

Meeks said you can call the contract out. If they're supposed to give us a 23 chassis, it's on them.

Mike said I would think so. I guess.

Meeks said I mean, that's what the contract is for.

Mike said that's what they agreed to provide us. At this point, that's what I, I mean, I just, I don't feel comfortable rolling over and saying okay we'll do that.

Duane Petry said well that's what I thought. Okay you told us you'd get it for us, so, you better find, you need to find what you said you could supply.

Gary Friend said yeah, you don't know if they don't really have it or just doing a test to see who'll do it and who won't.

Duane Petry said well, and then he told me that on their, which makes no sense at all, the company has a remount division. And they have, they might have some 23 chassis, but you can't move the chassis from the remount side to the new ambulance side. And it's like, okay, that doesn't make any sense to me at all.

Gary Girton said they probably think since we agreed to purchase one that's a 23, we don't care where they get it.

Duane Petry said I'll call him back and talk to him. And then, I was looking, since the chassis are so hard to come by, I was looking at other avenues to get an ambulance, and there's a place in Michigan that's got a 22 demo for \$239,450 that's ready to be picked up and taken into possession.

Mike said does it meet our specifications?

Duane Petry said well I looked. He sent me the specs and everything. And it looked like they don't have a lock on one of the cabinets to where we can put our narcotic in. So, I think, that was the only thing I saw that it looked like we would have to fix. He said that they would put our, the load system in at no cost. We've got the load system sitting out there at the ambulance building. And then the only other thing would be graphics on the outside, as far as the Randolph County EMS.

Mike said how does that compare to the new one we have on order?

Duane Petry said the new one, it was just short of \$211,000.00. And, one of the guys at Winchester said that they just ordered a demo and they paid about \$280,000.00 for it, and they're supposed to take delivery on it. It's not even built yet, and it's supposed to be delivered the first of the year I think.

Mike said what is this one?

Duane Petry said this is a 2022, Ford Wheel Coach.

Mike said and they want how much for it?

Duane Petry said \$239,450. And they've also got a 2022 Road Rescue, and it's \$269,320.

Gary Friend said what's the difference?

Duane Petry said I didn't, I didn't get the specs on that one because that's \$30,000 more, and I thought I'll go with the less expensive one.

Gary Girton said so the one you're talking about then, what classifies it as a demo?

Duane Petry said it's just, they had a chassis and they just put a box on the back of it. It hadn't been on the road at all. It's just, they're, he said this guy that owns this company, when he found out there's going to be a problem with the chassis, apparently, money is no object, and he just bought a bunch of chassis. And that's how he's still got chassis. I'm still not sure why he's got a 22. You know, as hard as they are to come by, I'm not really sure why they're not, why he's even still got it. And he said there's he's had people asking about it. Whether they have or not, I don't know.

Gary Friend said what's that do for our fleet inventory? If we were to do this.

Duane Petry said if we did this, our oldest one's got, the one that I would replace with this one, has got over 200,000 miles. The next one has got 170,000. The newest one has got just a little bit over a 100,000. Not on the motor. It's probably only got 30 or 40,000 on the motor. But a little over a 100,000 on the chassis, itself. And the fourth one, I'm not sure about the fourth one.

Gary Friend said I guess you're saying this possibility here would be in lieu of ordering another one come two years down the road?

Duane Petry said yes.

Gary Friend said and that would catch us up in ambulances, and we wouldn't need one until when, in the normal operations?

Duane Petry said a couple, three years probably.

Gary Friend said three years?

Duane Petry said probably in about three years we'd have to order another one.

Mike said and we don't know when the one we have on order is coming.

Duane Petry said correct.

Gary Friend said it's certainly something we could do in the ARPA account.

Mike said yeah, and that balance is?

Gary Friend said 3 million isn't it? Somewhere in there?

Mike said available \$3,035,000.

Gary Girton said so the one you're talking about Duane, is one additional that is available immediately? It looks to me like we need to move forward with taking this one that's available, considering that we got one he doesn't even know where he's going to get a chassis for. And, it's sort of hard to use one without.

Mike said what did you say you were expecting this summer?

Gary Girton said right.

Duane Petry said I think so. A two-year delivery date.

Gary Friend said I think we have an opportunity to get ahead on an ambulance once instead of behind so. There's no reason why we shouldn't do it. I'd make a motion we go ahead and purchase this ambulance in the ARPA fund.

Mike said use ARPA funds?

Gary Friend said yeah.

Mike said and that would be the demo for \$239,450.

Gary Friend said right. Continue on with the same plan.

Mike said it's going to take some modification, have to get a locking door.

Duane Petry said right, and graphics. And then whether or not he still want to put that load system in at no charge.

Mike said our load system?

Duane Petry said yes.

Mike said that's sitting.

Duane Petry said yes.

Mike said and not being used.

Duane Petry said yeah. No additional cost to buy the load system. We've already got it. It's just getting it installed.

Mike said okay. So, we have a motion.

Gary Girton said so they come here and do that then?

Duane Petry said no. I would take the load system up. And he'd put it in and then we'd just bring it back. Well, I might even talk to him about doing the graphics.

Gary Friend said what's that going to cost us, graphics and the locked door? Is that a special lock, or you know, regular nicely installed hasp doesn't work?

Duane Petry said it would be, well in the past, we've had one that you use a code.

Gary Friend said okay. That makes sense.

Duane Petry said it keeps track of who's opening up that lock. It might be a cost, the last one we got, we put a, it was like a notch box where it's like a vault, and that worked out really well. So, there might be a cost on doing that, or getting that vault for the narcotics.

Gary Friend said the extra cost what you quoted here could be to get it for Randolph County. Does another \$5,000 work to get it wrapped and get the lock in or, in the load system?

Duane Petry said I have no idea what graphics are. I mean, it's not going to be anything fancy or anything. But I have no, I just have no idea what the cost is on that.

Gary Girton said well that's something we need. I'll second that motion that we go forward with purchasing the demo.

Mike said have a motion to buy the demo ambulance. Can you get quotes on graphics and find out about the installation of the load system and the lock?

Duane Petry said yes.

Mike said okay I have a motion and a second. All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said is that all, you're going to get back on the other ambulance and tell them we want our contract as it's stated?

Duane Petry said right.

Mike said when was the last time we increased our rates?

Duane Petry said it was like 13 or 14. So, the first four columns are what the ambulance services in our locality are charging right now. And then the last two columns is what the billing company has suggested we raise them to. And then the last one is Union City's what their billing company has suggested to them that their pricing ought to be. And I talked to Crawford yesterday and he doesn't know if Union City has decided yet on what they're going with as far as prices. And they said that Medicare is, they're only going to pay so much, no matter what, so we're probably not going to see much of an increase. Even if we raise them, we're probably not going to see much of an increase from Medicare and Medicaid. But the private insurance and the private pay is where we'll see the additional revenues coming from. And I'm thinking about 80% of our payers is Medicare and Medicaid. I sent an email to the billing company to see if she could come up with a figure on how much revenue, additional revenue we would get with going with these prices. And I haven't heard back from her yet.

Mike said it's interesting that they recommended us to be just a little below Winchester and all those except for basic ER, they recommend us to be above Winchester in that one.

Duane Petry said yeah, and I haven't, I have no idea where they came up with their figures.

Mike said well there's no question about it, the operation of an ambulance service is an expensive operation. And it's gained in a lot of expense since 13 or 14. So, I guess I'm in favor of the increase in rates, unless you have something different, I'm in favor of the increase in rates as proposed by the EMS and the firm that made these propositions.

Duane Petry said okay. That's fine.

Mike said how do you feel about it?

Gary Friend said I'm, yep.

Mike said Gary?

Gray Girton said yeah, I move we accept the recommendations Duane presented to us.

Mike said I have a motion to accept the recommendations for the new rate increases. Do I have a second?

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

Meeks said I'll prepare an ordinance for that.

Mike said okay. Can you do that for us?

Meeks said sure. Did you want a return check fee on that? That's the only one I saw that we don't have that. I wouldn't see why not. It's going to cost you 25 bucks from the bank, right?

Mike said yeah.

Meeks said so we might as well put the 40 bucks in.

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Meeks said and do we have ALS intercept, what Jay County has, or do we provide that?

Duane Petry said we have not so far.

Mike said we haven't with other people.

Meeks said so we're not going to put that in.

Duane Petry said no I wouldn't. The only time that would come into play was, would be if Winchester had a ALS truck out and I don't know that it's worth.

Meeks said okay. We won't put that in the resolution.

Duane Petry said we'll play nice with them.

Mike said so we're going to have a return check fee of \$40.00?

Gary Girton said that's what's recommended.

Meeks said I see that Jay County has no discount applied on other fees. I think we have something don't we?

Gary Friend said yes.

Meeks said then we'll keep what we have. I forget what we have.

Gary Friend said what did you say discount for what?

Meek said we have a hardship. We have some sort of hardship program. I don't know what it, I, it's been awhile since I looked at it.

Duane Petry said a lot of times the insurance companies will call up and say we'll pay you this amount right now, if you accept, you know like, they want you to cut down what the charge is and they'll pay you right away. And it's like well you've got to pay in 30 days, so no. So, we've just never.

Meeks said I think that's more for the private pay that we have some sort of a hardship.

Mike said so we'll leave our ordinance the same and just change the amounts. Okay. Anything else for us this morning Duane?

Duane Petry said no, I don't think so.

Mike said we've got a, I guess I would ask you how is your relationship with Farmland working for us?

Duane Petry said I think it's alright isn't it, Melvin?

Melvin Knot said perfect.

Mike said well we have a proposed lease for a new location and it's on our agenda. I don't know if you have anything you want to share. I don't know if you've seen the lease.

Duane Petry said I did see the lease.

Mike said I know Farmland has not offering, I guess if Farmland's adequate, then I think at this point in time, I think we continue with Farmland as far as I'm concerned.

Gary Friend said yeah.

Mike said I didn't care for the lease.

Duane Petry said well that's, I didn't see anything told what the building was. Right now, there's just the old car wash sitting there. You can't, the way it sits right now, we can't put an ambulance in. No living quarters. There's no livable space.

Mike said I think that's the intent is to put living quarters and livable space there. The reverse of that is the county is tying itself up for ten years. And tying itself up in the sense that they can't, I don't think we, if I read it correctly, we can't sub-let it should we decide to just you know. There's been talk for I don't know, a decade now, of taking this ambulance service private. I've heard it from many different people. And I don't want to do that but I don't know about the next governing body. Maybe they want to do that, maybe they have to do that. And we would be tied in there. I have not seen a lease where I'm responsible for making repairs to the building or insuring the building. And so, I just, if Farmland Fire Department is working out as a good relationship, then I understand it doesn't offer you everything that Winchester offers, but it does serve the county better than what we've been doing. So, I would rather just stay there.

Meeks said I don't think we could enter the lease because I think it has to be subject to the annual appropriations of the county council. Anything over three years. And you have to have a public meeting and I just don't, there's statutory problems with the lease that we haven't even addressed.

Gary Friend said could you get Melvin to give us his input from Farmland?

Mike said I think he gave us a thumbs up back there. Melvin, do you have some input for us from Farmland?

Melvin Knot said I do. This wasn't in the long-term fix for the ambulance service in that area. It was supposed to be temporary.

Mike said right.

Melvin Knot said I don't want to see that ambulance leave at all. But I also don't want to see that ambulance stuck in the Farmland fire station because we move a lot of trucks around to provide that ambulance to stay indoors. So, that's why I'm here. And I don't know if you guys know there's an empty lot in Farmland, if you guy have heard that. You know, I know that that car wash wasn't always the main goal. But there is an empty lot that the town owns that's in a residential area, which is no different than what the car wash is in. That would be a good spot to put something in that the county owned.

Mike said right.

Melvin Knot said and I'd rather see you guys go down that avenue and own your own building than to lease something from someone else.

Mike said well based on the lease it would make sense that we would probably pursue owning our own building.

Melvin Knot said and I can't speak on behalf of the town board as far as what they would do with that lot. I know they've had it for sale a long time and never had any bidders on it. Probably pretty cheap.

Gary Friend said yeah, I spoke with the town clerk last week. She said they would give it to Randolph County, however, she's not a voting member of the town board. I reached out to the town president. I was just looking to see what the options are for the commissioners, and he hasn't gotten back with me yet. So, if you wanted to go there or not is to be determined.

Mike said well one point in time, we determined not to build a facility. Only pursued the lease situation with the car wash and it would be a \$1,000 a month, never did determine on how long we were going to pay that \$1,000, nor to determine the terms of the lease. As I said before, with a lease of that nature, it raises the level of interest in building your own building, if you're going to do that.

Melvin Knot said okay I'm not, we're not kicking them out of Farmland anytime soon.

Mike said well I appreciate that.

Melvin Knot said you don't have to worry about that.

Mike said thank you. So, we find out what Farmland wants to do with this property and go from there?

Melvin Knot said we meet tomorrow and I'll bring it up to them.

Gary Friend said I'll give you, you've got my number from this meeting. Could you give it to the town president?

Melvin Knot said yes.

Gary Friend said I might have the wrong number. I don't know.

Melvin said okay.

Gary Friend said thank you.

Mike said okay. Anything else Duane?

Duane Petry said well one other thing on this ambulance. He said a check for 10% he would hold it. So, I don't know if he's, if I call him and say were going to take it, I don't know.

Mike said I'd just tell him we're going to take it and the check's in the mail. I mean, that's all we can do at this point in time.

Laura said I might make this suggestion, it's up to you, but, we have money appropriated already for the ambulance that's on order. So, I guess we could take 10% of that, and then when we because it's all going to be out of the same fund anyway.

Mike said I'd say we do that. And I guess if he, I suppose we could get minutes and our minutes could reflect that we've agreed to do that.

Meeks said so on the lease, I probably need to get back with them. What would you like me to tell their attorney? That the commissioners passed on it.

Mike said I think if we want to make a proposal, I would propose that it's a \$1,000 a month, but the landlord picks up what's typically in a landlord lease, and that would be insurance on the premises, repairs and maintenance on the premises, taxes. I would be okay with sewer. I'd be okay with utilities. And, I think if we end up writing a ten-year lease, there has to be some clause in there, should the county ever get out of the emergency medical services, that the county has a right to get out of the lease.

Meeks said it would have to be subject to the appropriations by the council if the County Council wouldn't appropriate it.

Mike said okay so that would take care of that. So, you can tell them that part of it.

Meeks said should I have them talk to one of you three if they want to talk to somebody?

Mike said you do a pretty good job for us.

Meeks said okay. Which one of you three could I call and talk to, give me one of you guys that I can talk to, instead of call each one of you.

Gary Friend said it doesn't matter to me.

Mike said okay Gary's figuring out the other end of it, so, that's Gary Friend.

Gary Friend said so, I'm not opposed to building our own facility.

Meeks said I need somebody that you know, this is what they said, what are you thinking.

Gary Friend said we want to evaluate it all.

Mike said yeah, because, and we'd like to see what they're planning in that building as well. I mean, maybe we don't.

Gary Friend said yeah, what are they going to do?

Duane Petry said I thought of something else on the charges. As far as ambulance coverage on special events.

Mike said I thought it was in your email.

Gary Friend said yeah it was.

Duane Petry said yeah, in the past, whoever we put on standby, just paid the EMTs \$20.00 an hour, and then out at the race track, on race days we charged \$200.00 for the ambulance to be there. But, I think we need to go to just one set hourly rate to cover the expenses. And then, they just lock in. We don't have to worry about insurance if an ambulance gets wrecked or whatever.

Mike said so, you are saying lump the ambulance sitting there as well as the EMTs being there.

Duane Petry said yeah like \$65 or \$70.00 an hour, and the ambulance sitting, it's not costing us anything to speak, I mean, if it wasn't sitting there, it would be sitting at the. So, \$65 or \$70.00 an hour would cover the overtime for two paramedics out there, and then it's.

Gary Friend said is it dedicated during a race to have a man?

Duane Petry said yes.

Gary Friend said so you have to have other people on staff in case you have other calls, right? When I'm saying that, I'm not in favor of having somebody, the EMTs getting paid secondary for all the reasons we were talking about. Yeah, I'm agreeing there should be one. How does that go with the schools, when you're there at the school?

Duane Petry said the only thing, the only two things we really do is the tractor pull at Lynn and the race. And then the girl scouts have Girls on the run. I just took an ambulance out, donated my time, and if somebody got hurt, I would tend to them until the ambulance got out there, just because they're not making enough money to pay \$60.00 an hour. Or I could send, or I could send a duty crew out. If a call came in, they would just have to.

Gary Friend said well there's a difference in the not-for-profit and the profit.

Duane Petry said right.

Gary Friend said but don't you provide ambulances to schools for football games?

Duane Petry said Winchester started doing Winchester's.

Gary Friend said okay. Union City does Union City?

Duane Petry said yeah, Union City does Union City, and Farmland just never, I think they just had the first responders out there for their stuff.

Meeks said so do you want to make it 70 bucks an hour?

Gary Friend said does that cover true overtime?

Meeks said do you want to do a minimum two hours?

Duane Petry said yeah, that's good.

Meeks said minimum two hours.

Gary Friend said yeah.

Mike said okay. Someone want to make a that a motion?

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

Duane Petry said alright. I think that's it. Thank you

Gabe Winkle, Rhoda Davis – Community Corrections Executive Director appointment

Mike said okay. Thank you. Jim, I'm going to hold you for a minute. I'm going to ask Rhoda Davis and Gabe to come up, Gabe Winkle, president of the community correction advisory board. Thanks for being here this morning. Congratulations Rhoda.

Rhoda Davis said thank you.

Gabe Winkle said I'm here as the community corrections advisory board president to ask your approval to appoint Rhoda Davis as our full-time permanent director. As you may know, our previous director, Robyn Vickery, retired at the end of last year. So, our board developed a search committee. We posted the position. We did interviews. And everybody agreed that Rhoda was the best person for the job. So, our board met February 22. We unanimously agreed that we should bring Rhoda to you for your approval as our full-time director.

Mike said okay.

Gary Friend said I'll make a motion that we accept the board's unanimous decision.

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

Jim Nunez, WCCPC – Wicks Car Show, Mardi Gras

Jim Nunez said I'm here representing WCCPC on a matter of Mardi Gras for next year, using the property on the west, east and south side of the property.

Mike said courthouse?

Jim Nunez said yeah, of the courthouse for our 77th annual Mardi Gras. I was taught by the Winchester Jaycees that even though we do this every year, you ask permission. And every year, since then, I think going on my 48th year doing this kind of stuff. So, I'm just here to ask permission for the lawn and also, the bicentennial plaza.

Mike said and your request is basically, the same as it was last year?

Jim Nunez said yeah.

Mike said okay.

Jim Nunez said, the street will go to the city and the Mayor's usually just okayed for the street blockage. And it's just for the entertainment, and to gather people around downtown Winchester, and that's what Winchester is known for, for Mardi Gras downtown. I know a lot of people would like to have it out in the park or in Union City, or in the Farmland, or whatever, but no, it belongs here in Winchester.

Mike said okay. You've heard the request. Any questions of Jim?

Gary Girton said just for the Mardi Gras. I move to accept the WCCPC's request for use of these areas for Mardi Gras.

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

Jim Nunez said and the next thing on here is for our tenth annual car show for Wicks.

Mike said May 27th?

Jim Nunez said yeah, this is our second year doing it on Memorial Weekend. And last year, we had 200 cars downtown Winchester. We had so many cars, we had to turn down some cars because we just didn't, we didn't have enough room. I called the mayor in desperate to see if I could block off some more streets. And he said do whatever you have to do. And, but the people were fine. We shared the street out here with Farmers Market. The Farmers Market, they went ahead and scooted in, but a lot of them, they just left anyway, because they were done by the time we were getting in our cars. So, Farmers Market has all of this Meridian Street, this little bit right here, and we have, I could show you the drawing, but it just got signed by legal document without being stamped, where we blocked off the street, which is all of this Meridian, all the way down to, down by Cockerill and Cockerill. And we go from Franklin Street to west. And we caddy corner from Jason's Meat Market.

Mike said okay, come across Franklin.

Jim Nunez said yes.

Mike said that leaves Franklin and Main Street open, so that's good.

Jim Nunez said and then we, this year, Mr. Brody Tarter, he wanted to be part of it because he just sees the growth of downtown, with all that car show and nothing downtown or on that weekend Mardi Gras, or this car show, and he wants us to use his parking lot. So that gains us some more space. So, with that, they see the potential of more people downtown for this car show. So, the committee decided this year that we're going to start with a six-foot trophy come down to the one-foot trophy. And because we do the Wicks pie eating contest and all this, just different things that we do at a car show that nobody else does around at other car shows. So, we're asking permission from the commissioners if we can use the grass area on the west side, east side, south side, and the bicentennial plaza.

Mike said and you're not parking any cars on the grass just people in lawn chairs.

Jim Nunez said no we're not parking any cars on there.

Mike said and there's the cars parked there in the shade.

Jim Nunez said yeah and then, like I said, we share the, with the Farmers Market, like we share that up there.

Mike said okay. Well typically, if I recall, they start arriving around 8:00 and the show's over around 3:00 so you're going to need it probably 8:00 till 5:00?

Jim Nunez said yeah. And here on this enclosure, I do the same thing for Mardi Gras. I give the people that live downtown about a week's notice of the blockage and same thing with the Wicks Car Show. I give them a week's notice so they know where not to park at. So, I was there again, taught by the Winchester Jaycees to you know, we can all work together. And the merchants and the theater, we let the vendors, we let the merchants go out and sell to the people here. And the Farmers Market, they really enjoy it because they go buy off of them.

Mike said okay. You've heard the request.

Gary Friend made motion to approve. Gary Girton seconded the motion. 2 aye votes. Mike Wickersham abstained. Motion carried. Anything else this morning Jim?

Jim Nunez said no. Thank you.

Mike Stults, Leap switch proposal

Mike Stults said I haven't been introduced to all of you, but I am Mike Stults. I'm the director of client success at Leap. I wanted to bring you guys a proposal for upgrading you guys' switch hardware that was originally proposed by 5-Star, you guys' previous IT provider at \$51,604.70. Back in 2021, that quote was provided to you guys, it sound's like it was approved previously, but the hardware was never delivered or project was never completed. We've reviewed that same quote, looked it over, kind of checked out everything that they were providing to you guys. Really, it was a status quo quote, keeping you guys at the same status that you are now. Just upgrading the equipment to new hardware. We've reviewed that and made some changes to what we suggest to you in our scope of work here, which is raising the approval amount of to

\$36,073.53 on top of the 51 that was already approved. Looking over that quote and the differences to ours, one of the things that we're doing is prepping the county for 10 gigabit speeds. The previous quote was keeping you at the gigabit speeds, and if you're going to be keeping those, switches for more than five years, there's a good possibility that your speeds that you'd be provided by your internet provider would go above that gigabit speed, and you wouldn't be able to utilize those with that previous quote. So, this would give you the ability to do that. Also, we're adding some redundancy to the courthouse. So, if you're not aware of you guys' network environment, your internet comes in at the jail. You have a private fiber that runs to all the different locations. That private fiber runs into the courthouse and just goes to the basement. If that switch would fail down there, the whole courthouse is down. You already have equipment ready, or the lines ran between the floors to be able to add the redundancy to where if a switch would fail on one floor, the rest of the floors would be able to stay active. You just need the switches in place to be able to do that. So, the previous quote was not utilizing the equipment that's already there.

Gary Friend said but still, if you lose the switch coming into the basement you lose the courthouse no matter what?

Mike Stults said no.

Gary Friend said you said one line.

Mike Stults said so the one line that comes in is still a fiber connection, but that fiber can be redundantly added to all the switches across the floor. So, it comes in, it's basically, passed out to all differently spots. It comes in and then it goes to all the switches, instead of coming to that switch and then that switch providing everything to the rest of the floors. So, a big difference there in this building because if that happens, that's a big deal. One of the things that we're changing is we are, our quote's actually removing the switch from the jail set up due to redundancy. You guys have two 24-port switches. We're moving that to a 48-port switch. It takes away the chance of that failure happening to having two separate switches in place.

Mike said and but if one 48 switches, if it fails, then.

Mike Stults said it is, but that does have redundancy against it, against the server switch, so it's really, that switch is staying in place. We're not replacing that switch. So, would actually, it would be redundant against it. And then, the four next switches that we're going to put in place are a little different than what the HPs that they were giving you guys. There's a different way that that switch set up is handled. It's more robust, giving you the ability for more management across the whole network, instead of being relied on each individual switch. So, we can get too and manage the whole network from really any location that we need to be, and remotely with this set up as well.

Gary Friend said wait a minute. So, you would be able to access all this remotely?

Mike Stults said yeah. So, the current switches that are in place, we have no way to do that just because of their age. We have to go to the actual physical switch.

Gary Friend said so what we're paying for it, it makes your job easier too?

Mike Stults said yeah. So, one of the things I did want to bring up is that the difference in cost, a couple differences in that. Really, across the board, switch pricing has gone up since 2020. There's pretty much a 40% increase across the board on all of our equipment that we're trying to get. So that's one reason why the cost is more, and our quote is including our labor in that. I'm not sure what your contract was set up with 5-Star, and I don't know if they were doing that as project rate, or if that was part of their contract. But, this would include that, the cost for our labor in that. One of the other things that we are including is a 5-year warranty from Fortinet that gives you 24/7 support and next business day replacements on those switches too.

Gary Friend said that's in this.

Mike Stults said that's in this. That's provided.

Mike said \$9700.

Mike Stults said yeah. Down time, we're looking at this, if you're looking through the scope work, what that would look like that is, we can prep all these switches since we have access to the current ones, but pulling the set up and configurations off of those, doing all that work outside of the environment, and then bringing those switches in and scheduling the down time with each department and who that would affect. The biggest one being the main switch at the jail. Replacing that one, that would be a down time for the whole network, but we could communicate that with the whole team, make sure that everyone knows what's going on, and schedule that at a convenience of the county.

Gary Friend said how long?

Mike Stults said well we would suggest an hour, if everything goes as planned. So, and we can do that off hours as well.

Mike said so is this Fortinet comprehensive support, does that, do you have a different agreement or a contract with each set of switches or?

Mike Stults said so it's different. It's based on, the price is based on the type of switch that we're getting. Is that what you're asking?

Mike said well typically, if I see like a Fortinet support, comprehensive support, it would be one lump sum from everything we're buying from Fortinet, but that's not working this way.

Mike Stults said it's different per switch, per model, yeah, because a couple of the models that you guys are getting, especially that top one, that's that main switch there, has a lot more features to it, so there's a little bit more cost to that one.

Gary Friend said what's this do for Randolph County? I'm not an IT guy, so that's what do for us, do we get caught up, are we on, are we always chasing this?

Mike Stults said so currently, you are, because the switches that you guys have in place are actually out of warranty, and they can't get security updates. Luckily, with you guys' firewall, and the way the network is set up, you're, I'll say pretty secure is the best way to say it. But the switches that are in place could have vulnerabilities that could be found and have the ability for probably, possibly a security breach in that case. This would bring you up to date, plus moving to that 10 Gigabit set up puts you in future state for any additional upgrades to your internet provider or anything else on that.

Gary Friend said I guess to reply to my question, this would put us up to date and launch us how far in the future?

Mike Stults said at least five years.

Mike said you're replacing two switches at the, 2-24 switches with a 48 at the jail?

Mike Stults said yeah.

Mike said and what are the 2 - 24s that you are replacing? Are they outdated as well?

Mike Stults said yeah.

Mike said okay.

Mike Stults said everything that we're putting in place.

Mike said then basically, we don't need 2-24s, one 48 will do it?

Mike Stults said right. Yeah. So, the one switch that's still in place that is actually up to date, I believe that was replaced when the scale servers were put in place. That was prior to our contract with you. So, it is only a couple years old. So, it actually still is under warranty and covered, the one switch, we're keeping there.

Mike said and the 48 is cheaper than 2-24s it looked like?

Mike Stults said yeah especially with this support added.

Gary Friend said can all this upgrades that your proposing, can it help our expenses for IT support?

Mike Stults said yeah.

Gary Friend said I mean, not spike on us?

Mike Stults said yeah, I can give you some reports on tickets on speed issues that you guys have been having currently. There are a couple of the switches that are in place that are only a 100

megs switches, so they're pretty slow. And it could be causing some issues, especially with you guys' network and all the servers being located at the jail, the connectivity between everything with older switches can just be problematic.

Mike said its more money than we originally had earmarked for this project, but it sounds like it's money well spent for technology, not only today, but on into the short future I guess.

Mike Stults said that's the plan. The other thing, one of the plusses is, you guys did buy a Fortinet firewall from 5-Start previously that's been in place. This actually interacts with that much better then the switches that they were planning to put in place as well. It's all one type of network.

Gary Friend said so when we're done, we accept this, we're going to have the best internet we've ever had here at Randolph County?

Mike Stults said best internet you've ever had in Randolph, yes, ridiculously good.

Mike said Gary, what do you think?

Gary Girton said well I think that we agreed to do the \$51,000 earlier, and it's not going to do us much good to do the \$51,000 and not do the extra because that's not going to work very well.

Mike said what's the lead time on these?

Mike Stults said lead time on those, we're looking at about a month. Yeah, our partner, we talked to them about that. The actual partner, the other plus of this cost, we're actually getting some savings from our partners there because of the amount of switches that we're buying, they're going to help us with the set up and support of those included in the price. So, that brought down our labor cost a lot.

Laura said the 51 that you already appropriated is out of General, because it was Cares money that had carried over General. I don't know what you want to do for that.

Mike said to come up with the difference.

Gary Friend said is there anything left in

Laura said no all that's in General now.

Gary Friend said it's all in General?

Laura said yes.

Gary Friend said to keep it all in the same thought patterns, there's still 30,000 left in Cares that was rolled over.

Laura said no, we used all that.

Gary Friend said it's gone, okay.

Mike said I take it there's none in technology.

Laura said none at all, no.

Mike said we could go to ARPA.

Laura said yeah.

Gary Friend said yeah, we do have to have ARPA used up in a certain time frame too.

Laura said you have to have it earmarked by the 31st of December 2024, and it has to be all spent by 2026 at that time.

Gary Friend said well it's certainly an ARPA allowable expense.

Mike said do you want to move approval?

Gary Friend said I'll make a motion to make the difference of, what is the difference?

Mike said and pay it out of ARPA?

Gary Friend said and pay it out of ARPA.

Mike Stults said difference with the labor cost, \$36,073.53.

Gary Friend said \$36,073.53 okay.

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

Mike Stults said thank you.

Mike said thank you. Will we see you in a couple of weeks with Gary?

Mike Stults said yes. We'll have all the stuff added. I guess my question to you guys is, is there anything specifically that you guys would like to have prepared for that meeting?

Mike said just how much all this expense is going to save us with your support.

Mike Stults said we will have all of you guys, we can have ticket information, discuss the time that Joe has spent on site. I know that he's been doing a fantastic job with you guys. We have our customer satisfaction scores that we can bring in as well to show you guys the responses that we're getting from the employees as well.

Mike said okay. Very good.

Mike Stults said perfect. Thank you so much.

Mike Haffner - Bromagem Heating invoice

Gary Friend said where does the money go from the lease funds? Does it go into General?

Laura said it goes to General.

Mike said we just appropriate it.

Gary Friend said well this probably ought to be an expense out of General because its part of that lease situation out there I think.

Mike said okay. This is an invoice from Bromagem Heating that repaired the heating service at the old highway garage for \$623.91.

Gary Friend said for a back story on that, lessee called and didn't go through any chain of management at all, had it done. The bill come in, I called Mr. Bromagem and said we didn't, that wasn't us, would you send it back through the lessee. But when he did, the lessee's not paying, I believe that the county, we own the facility, so we should pay this amount out of county General.

Mike said so that's a motion to pay this bill out of county General. Do I have a second?

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

Laura said so we're doing an additional appropriation for this or are we paying it out of farm maintenance? What do you, I mean we have a line of farm maintenance, I'm not sure how much is left in that.

Mike said I'm not sure that can't come out of our farm maintenance.

Gary said I'm fine with farm maintenance.

Mike said we need to get it paid sooner because its overdue.

Laura said well that's what I was thinking, just trying to save time.

Mike said we're a month overdue on it. Okay.

Gary Friend said amend the motion for farm maintenance.

Mike said he's amended his motion to farm maintenance. Is that okay Gary?

Gary Girton said yes.

Mike said Mike.

Mike Haffner said the only other thing, if you've got questions on the three appropriations on the back page. I know we're not to it, but if you have any questions, I'll be glad to answer it.

Mike said I presume you're going to spend it.

Mike Haffner said yep, we're going. That's the only thing I have for you.

Gary Friend said are these different ones that last month?

Laura said yeah these are different.

Gary Friend said okay.

Mike Haffner said and then in April, you'll see a couple more appropriations of 1176, 1173 and that's Joe's going to submit a plan and we're going to pull more out of our appropriations to support structures and bridges and stuff.

Gary Friend said you've cross-referenced all these appropriations Laura for the funds like Did somebody say yeah?

Laura said I don't know what you mean by cross reference. They have access for their funds. They write their appropriations and send them to us to have them.

Gary Friend said the wheel tax has, well I always look to make sure that the wheel tax land host fees all have that much unobligated funding.

Mike Haffner said yes, they have enough, yes.

Laura said I'm sure if when Danita processes them if there wasn't enough, she would have called them so yes, I'm sure that's taken care of.

Mike said okay. That's all you have?

Joe Copeland said I wanted to talk to you about the three bridges that we're doing an overlay, deck repair and overlay on over there Windsor or south of Parker City. And they're out for bid right now. Bids come in the 20th. They're due at 9:00, right when your meeting starts. They, I got some proposals for construction inspection for those three structures and I have the paperwork here. And then I want to ask you for the dollars for, it's a community crossing matching grant fund that's going to pay for the construction. So, we have to have a 25% match for those dollars. And these fees are expected not to exceed, they won't exceed \$33,000 for the inspection. He has \$31,845.96 for 23 and 24, or we go into his \$32,728.12. So, here's the question of the day. I'd like to pay this with wind money, that and the match for the community

crossings, and I'm figuring with my numbers that I had that I handed to you earlier, I'm figuring we should have a not-to-exceed of \$342,000, total. Alright now, I can't give you a specific number because the bids aren't in yet. They won't be here until the 20th. And at that time, I can give you a lot better numbers on what it will be. I'm hoping it comes in less.

Mike said \$342,000 would be our share of the match, our match.

Joe Copeland said match and the inspection.

Mike said and the inspection?

Joe Copeland said yeah.

Mike said okay.

Joe Copeland said that's what I'm expecting. So, I'll go to the council if you'll approve it, and see if we can get the money from wind.

Gary Friend said these are the three overlays on Windsor?

Joe Copeland said yes, bridge 162, 174 and 175.

Gary Friend said okay. And this is part of your proposal two weeks ago?

Joe Copeland said yes.

Mike said now we've already put in 215 for engineering.

Joe Copeland said for design, correct. To get the community crossings, we have to have full plans and full base certifications.

Mike said well, they need to be resurfaced, and we've got those funds to spend on bridges.

Gary Friend said I'll make a motion that we secure those funds through the Wind Farm. I guess which one.

Mike said I know, I have a motion to, I hesitate to ask this, but is 342 enough?

Joe Copeland said it should be. The only thing.

Mike said I don't want you to come back next month and I need 180 for bridge 38 and I guess.

Joe Copeland said well this is for just those three bridges.

Mike said I understand that. I understand that.

Gary Friend said I was prepared to commit to that the 2023 plan all the way through that you had proposed. We didn't vote on it last time.

Mike said is that the only Wind Farm money you're going to need this year?

Joe Copeland said no.

Gary Girton said no it's not. He's going to need more.

Joe Copeland said but I don't know. Those 8 bridges that we submitted in January for maintenance, which is overlay, we had not received notification whether we got the money or not. So, I'm planning, the plan was they would be all accepted and as a maximum.

Gary Friend said right. And you give us the maximum amount of money you needed for the plan?

Joe Copeland said yes.

Gary Friend said and this is just \$342,000.00. I guess the question too Mike is which one of the Wind Farm accounts would we be?

Mike said I'd say Headwaters I.

Gary Friend said Headwaters I okay. So, I'll make that motion for Headwater I.

Mike said I have a motion to approve the withdrawal of \$342,000 from Headwater I Wind Farm fund for the payment of the expenses of bridges 175, 174 and 162.

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

Meeks said county council will have to approve that.

Mike said I'm supposed to go to council tomorrow but I've been to council so many times I almost feel like a council member. I was there in January and February. I can go and then I don't have to go the rest of the year.

Gary Friend said I owe you from January. If you want me to go tomorrow, or you can go tomorrow.

Mike said whatever my, my schedule will allow me to do that.

Gary Friend said I could pick up for you through the year, just let me know.

Joe Copeland said on bridge 29, just as an update, historic non-select bridge and they were going to look into the historic significance of that structure.

Gary Friend said which one is this again?

Joe Copeland said bridge 29.

Mike Haffner said it's on 200 West just north of 500 North.

Gary Friend said over by Ridgeville?

Joe Copeland said pour and place concrete slab.

Mike Haffner said yeah out by Ridgeville.

Gary Friend said the one that's closed right now?

Joe Copeland said no.

Mike Haffner said it's just a 10-ton.

Joe Copeland said it's a low limit. We found out so far, that the historic significance is related to the skew of the bridge, which is 45 degrees and the length of the span of that poured slab, okay. I guess back in the time when it was done, I believe it was the 1930s, that was rare. So, that's why they put it, so, now the question is, how can we repair it. So, what they're going to do is, the superstructure is bad, in other words, the deck. So, we need to replace it we know. But the substructure may be good enough. It got a rating of a 6 to keep it in place and just replace the slab. We're going to go out and do some recognizance and check those walls to see what, how good of shape they are. They have this thing, a penetrometer, and they'll check the concrete to see how strong it is. So, we're waiting to see what that brings, when whether we replace the whole structure or we can just replace the superstructure. Hopefully, it's the superstructure because I can save a lot of money if we do it that way.

Mike said that's 200 West at what east west road, is that north of 32?

Mike Haffner said it's north of 600 North.

Gary Friend said it's pretty close to that one that's closed.

Joe Copeland said north of 700 North, yeah.

Gary Friend said it's between 700 and Highway 28?

Mike Haffner said yes.

Joe Copeland said yes.

Gary Friend said right before 28, right?

Mike Haffner said yes.

Joe Copeland said yeah, I think it's south.

Mike Haffner said and then the other one you are talking about is a large structure on 700 North just in between 2 and 3 West. That's the one that's closed.

Gary Friend said right.

Mike Haffner said they're pouring abutments. We should have a bridge kit either late this week, or next week, so hopefully, within a month or so that one will be open and then that one will be a bridge so it will actually become an asset.

Joe Copeland said you have a list of each two years.

Mike Haffner said there will be a bridge number attached to it.

Mike said okay. So, you mentioned before the meeting that bridge inspection.

Joe Copeland said the request for proposals is out on the website, INDOT's website.

Mike said and I'm not sure you heard Gary, but Joe asked us if we wanted to participate in those. I told him, we always have. But if we didn't have to, I told him I didn't care to.

Joe Copeland said it's, you don't have to. It's not a rule.

Mike said which would mean the two of you would do them?

Joe Copeland said two of us and one of you, Gary said he'd do it. Gary, do you want to do it?

Gary Girton said well I can, but I don't feel qualified. Why spend time studying it?

Joe Copeland said it's a good learning experience.

Gary Girton said it is. I've learned a lot, but then I've never felt like I was fairly qualified with my overall background after studying there, all the data from each company.

Joe Copeland said and you ran by points.

Gary Girton said right.

Mike said they kind of restrict you on how you can rate them by points too, if I recall the last time we did it.

Joe Copeland said it's their form, and you've got to follow their form.

Mike said so I'm out.

Joe Copeland said okay. That's fine.

Mike said I'll let the other two decide.

Mike said anything else?

Joe Copeland said no, that's it.

Bob McCoy, Winchester Mayor – Update

Mike said have anything for them Gary? Okay. See you tomorrow. That brings us to is anyone from council here this morning? I don't see anyone. Mayor, Bob McCoy, do you have anything for us this morning?

Bob McCoy said I did get the agreement signed with AEP to them power lines buried. I don't know when that's going to happen. Waiting on an agreement with American Water to basically, Indiana American Water to basically flip the switch to get water flowing out there. I had some questions as far as their contract and an admin fee which kind of leaves the city responsible for that admin fee. So, I'm not totally thrilled about that. Still waiting on something back from them. And also, the City entered into an agreement with Patronicity and a grant. It's available through the IHCDA to basically, help us with our splash pad shortages, \$50,000.00 matching grant. So, if we raised 50, IHCDA will put in 50. So, that's active right now on face book and out there in electronic land.

Mike said okay. Anything else?

Bob McCoy said no.

Mike said any questions of Bob? Okay. Thanks Bob.

Other Business:

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

Art Moystner said the only thing I have this morning is Friday, we received a couple of claims on some of the things going wrong with the building. We've been hit pretty hard with the building maintenance since the beginning of the year, and we've kind of depleted what the council had budgeted either in the building maintenance or repair of the buildings, one of the Cum Cap lines that covers that. We've depleted that line. I guess I'm asking for some guidance from you guys. Do you want me to go ahead and request additional appropriations into my line, or do you want me to start contacting you guys when things are going wrong to get that repaired?

Mike said do you think you'll have more maintenance over there this year?

Art Moystner said if the first two months have been any indication, I'm a little scared.

Mike said well you have council expertise, what do you think?

Gary Friend said I think he should go to council and get an appropriation for additional into his line.

Art Moystner said okay. I will get that done going into obviously, I can't get it done this month, but we'll get it going into next month.

Gary Friend said I'd brief them tomorrow.

Art Moystner said I will. Do you guys have any questions for me?

Mike said no, you got any update on redoing it over there?

Art Moystner said I have not gotten, I have not received a cost estimate yet or any plans from them. I'm going to reach out again this week to see if they have anything written up.

Mike said how many do you have doing it?

Art Moystner said right now I just have, Culys is the one that came in. And I was going to get an initial from them and see exactly what kind of cost we're looking at, and what do we need to bid that out, and exactly where that goes from there.

Mike said I think we'd probably want a second quote at least.

Art Moystner said okay. I can do that.

Mike said that's the only question I have.

Minutes of February 6, 2023

Mike said that brings us to our minutes of February 6th, 2023 meeting. We received a copy of this via email. Have any additions, corrections or deletions to those minutes?

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

Payroll Claims \$248,352.41 & \$791.23

Mike said that brings us to our payroll claims in the amount of \$248,352.41 at our place and another payroll claim in the amount of \$791.23, which was a missed pay check from the previous pay period. So, I'd entertain a motion to approve both those payroll claims.

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

Payroll expense Claim \$288,144.60

Mike said we have our State Board of Accounts payroll expense claim in the amount of \$288,144.60. I'd entertain a motion to approve that claim.

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

Regular Claims \$1,325,276.39

Mike said our regular claims in the amount of \$1,325,276.39. These claims were sent to us via email, and now we've had a chance to review them. Any comments or questions?

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

J&K Communications Claim \$5000.00

Mike said next item is the J&K Communications claim in the amount of \$5,000.00. Gary, can you give us an update?

Gary Girton said they're go be here, some techs, the week of the 13th, which would be next week to do some work, and so we'll see what happens after they've done that.

Mike said okay. Are you okay with this to continue to table that one? Then we'll continue to table that then.

Housing Resource Hub \$2,000.00

Mike said next item is the Housing Resource Hub claim of \$2,000.00. I'd entertain a motion to approve that claim.

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

Winchester Speedway Tourism Claim \$50,000.00

Mike said next item is the Winchester Speedway Tourism Claim.

Gary Friend said the tourism, then they got to go to council?

Laura said for the appropriation yeah.

Gary Friend said for the appropriation.

Laura said yeah, it will be approved tomorrow. But we won't release this until after that.

Gary Friend said I'll make a motion to approve, pending council's approval. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Winchester Speedway EDIT claim \$50,000.00

Mike said we have the Winchester Speedway sign, the EDIT grant of \$50,000.00, we have that claim. I'd entertain a motion to approve that claim.

Gary Friend said you have your motion. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

GIS map data application

Mike said next item is GIS map data application from Rob Myers on behalf of the city of Union City, wanting to locate utilities for lateral inspections for the police and fire department. So, When a municipal body request the use of the data map information. We waived the fee, and we approved the application, but we also waived the fee. So, we're being asked to do that in this case. The fee for this application is \$1,200.

Gary Friend said we always waive it?

Mike said if it's a municipality we typically waive it.

Gary Friend made motion to waive the fee for the city of Union City. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

BIS Digital quotes

Mike said brings us to our BIS Digital quotes. If you recall, at our last meeting, we looked at a quote with regards to providing video at our meeting for both commissioners and council. We didn't act upon that quote, which was \$25,000.00 roughly. But there was some discussion that we were going to look at upgrading our audio. And our audio coming in at just under \$20,000.00. So, can you hear me back there? It sounds like a lot of money to upgrade our audio. I don't, and I presume the video did not include audio upgrade.

Laura said I think it was both.

Mike said really?

Laura said yeah.

Gary Friend said I thought it was separate.

Mike said I thought they were separate.

Laura said the first one is for both, and then you asked me to ask them to.

Mike said so the video equipment cost us \$5,000.00?

Laura said is that the video one?

Mike said so, I don't think they have the digital PA mixer, but they don't have.

Laura said there's the gooseneck.

Mike said this is the original one.

Laura said yeah.

Mike said this is the audio only. Well I stand corrected. I guess I thought that it just it had an additional expense in here.

Gary Friend said \$19,000 is what you got for the?

Mike said \$19,404.

Laura said that's for audio only.

Mike said that's for audio only. But, I guess, my question is, does this one upgrade the audio as well.

Gary Friend said the video one?

Mike said yes. I didn't see that in there, unless this professional digital PA mixer, capable with out, I mean they're the same price on the, so maybe they do.

Laura said I can ask the question. If you don't want to upgrade at this time, we can wait.

Mike said it makes sense, if I'm going to upgrade the audio for 19, I guess I would be in favor of adding video for another 5,000.

Gary Friend said I would too.

Mike said I guess I didn't read these this way.

Gary Friend said I read the

Gary Girton said well that's making a total of \$23,700.

Gary Friend said I think we're in an area where we need to have this.

Mike said we've got two quotes of.

Laura said well one was the original and then you asked me to have them re-look at the training and installation cost. So, I did that and they upgraded that. And then I asked for a, because it didn't bring it down much.

Mike said it reduced it 5,000 bucks.

Laura said yeah. It didn't bring it down a lot so I asked them to just quote audio.

Mike said the expense is \$6,000.00 in microphones. I guess I would ask him.

Laura said if we could use the same microphones.

Mike said if we could use the same microphones. I presume that's what those are.

Laura said yeah, I would too.

Mike said I guess we have these so they can see us better up here. Can't hide behind a microphone. I think we need more explanation on those.

Gary Friend said yeah.

Mike said are you okay with that Gary?

Gary Girton said I agree.

Gary Friend said and one of the package, I think we have to entertain is the video and audio completely done and ready. I think we need to get video in here for the future.

Laura said I can ask council, but I'm pretty sure they're the one that actually asked me to do that. To quote the video part.

Gary Friend said yeah, I agree with the video camera. And honestly, Laura, I think two of those microphones were when we had the white tables to get. I mean, I'd like to see these two tables extended, that pushed back a little bit, and have this set up front, so the councils not crowded.

Mike said you can make that motion.

Gary Friend said I would like to make a motion to extend the tables.

Mike said add two more tables?

Gary Friend said two more tables that looks like this, as close as we can get it.

Laura said the quote we got before, and I'd have to have them re-quote because it's been awhile, but was like \$13,000.

Mike said it was a lot of money.

Gary Friend said it was shocking but I think we're at a point we need to have this set up for the council and commissioners, because when all of the council is involved, when there's a lot of paper, it's pretty tight. And then the white tables just looked unsightly for our professional business I believe. I'd make a motion that we requote these.

Gary Girton said I agree with the white tables weren't appropriate, but I don't know I want to spend \$13,000.

Laura said and it may be more than that now. I don't know. I'd have to have it re-quoted I'm sure.

Mike said do you want to investigate it?

Gary Girton said I guess, yeah.

Mike said you okay if we investigate it?

Gary Friend said yes.

Mike said okay.

Meal Per Diem

Mike said Meal per diem.

Laura said I just stuck this on here because back in September, I received this from AIC. We now pay up to \$26.00 per day. They have to have the receipts. I think I included the handbook where that says that for you guys to look at. And it says that the council sets that, but the handbook would have to be updated if we changed it. So that would be you guys.

Gary Friend said so the council sets the per diem and the commissioners set the mileage, is that so?

Laura said well the mileage is, I think we have a resolution that says we go by state mileage.

Gary Girton said right.

Laura said so we just changed that when the state notifies us that that changes.

Gary Friend said I guess I didn't understand that.

Laura said this has not been changed for years, and I'm just saying it, I don't spend a lot of money when I go to the meetings for meals, but if you have to eat a meal out, \$26,00 barely covers one meal.

Mike said with a \$10.00 limit per meal.

Laura said well if you spend the night.

Mike said well yeah, if you spend the night, but once a day, \$15.00.

Laura said but yeah, so like the day that we're coming home from a meeting, if you are three hours away and you are driving home, the meeting lets out at 3:00, and you stop to eat, \$10.00 will not cover, even if you stopped at McDonalds, it wouldn't cover your meal.

Mike said I would agree.

Laura said so I just feel like we need to look at this.

Gary Friend said from what I read, this per diem is not presented by the commissioners, is this the council only?

Mike said we'd have to change the handbook.

Gary Friend said change the handbook, but the council has to give the amount.

Laura said the amount.

Gary Friend said the commissioners can approve the mileage and the council doesn't have anything to do with the mileage, is that what I read?

Mike said well could we not amend the handbook?

Meeks said to provide for the money.

Mike said say it's 20 and 40 and, then council would then either take our recommendation or say well that needs to be 30 and 50, and then we would.

Meeks said correct. Okay.

Mike said so if we want to amend that today, then we would have a proposal to the council tomorrow for, I'm going tomorrow.

Gary Friend said I think we should do with the states. We do it on the mileage. We should do it on the per diem.

Mike said okay, which that is what?

Gary Friend said 41.

Laura said 41. That's this. Well we don't, well I don't know of anybody what travels outside of the state.

Mike said it's just \$41.00 a day?

Laura said yeah.

Mike said and it's no, you can spend that all on one meal or three?

Laura said and we do require receipts, so it's not like we just pay that every day that they're gone.

Mike said we do have some out of state travel.

Laura said okay. Do we want to?

Gary Friend said yeah. I'll make a motion that we propose a handbook change with per diem raise set by the state.

Mike said I have a motion to change the per diem meal for in state to \$41 and out of state to \$52, and that motion would change the handbook subject to the approval of the council. Do I have a second?

Gary Girton said so we're just dealing with the meal at the present time?

Mike said yeah.

Gary Friend said we already have a resolution for the mileage.

Laura said so is your, is that updating the handbook to say that it's just \$41 flat a day?

Meeks said I think it's amending the handbook to just follow the state regulations, whatever the state does.

Mike said well that probably would be, if that's, if we want to keep up with the state, then we wouldn't have to come back and do it all over.

Meeks said just say whatever the state does.

Mike said we'll just share with council tomorrow that the state does 41.

Meeks said follow the state policy.

Gary Friend said as far as your other question was, the \$41.00, I mean if it's a day out, it's a day out. I don't think you have to go over night. I think you just have to be out all day.

Mike said yeah. So, yeah, we'll just follow the state handbook guide. Can you write that for us? Did we vote on that?

Meeks said you are going to vote on the handbook.

Gary Friend said I made a motion for it.

Meeks said you probably should vote.

Mike said do you want to second that motion?

Gary Girton said so we're amending the handbook is what we're doing?

Mike said we're going to amend the handbook to follow the state's policy on meal allowance, but that's subject to the councils' approval.

Gary Girton said I understand. That's a handbook amendment, I'll second it. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's monthly reports

Mike said that brings us to our Treasurer's monthly report which we received two of those via email. Any questions or comments about the treasurer's monthly report?

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

EDIT

Mike said here is for Item 31, our EDIT grant to Willow's Edge LLC in the amount of \$46,455.00 and to the city of Winchester for Willow Ridge 3 in the amount of \$57,503.83.

Gary said is that number 31?

Mike said that's 32, I'm sorry. And I would entertain a motion to approve the amended EDIT Plan.

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

Laura said we'll need an EDIT meeting.

Mike said and then we'll need an EDIT meeting. Is next Wednesday too soon? Wednesday the 15th works for me.

Gary Friend said works for me.

Mike said 6:00 o'clock. Remind everyone if you can't appear, you can send a proxy.

Additional Appropriations:

Commissioner's	
Contractual Svcs	\$77,028.00

Mike said the first one is for the commissioners for contractual services, \$77,028.00. This is for LEAP Managed IT contract. I'd entertain a motion to approve that additional appropriation.

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

Commissioner's
Employment Separation \$20,000.00

Mike said the commissioner's employment separation in the amount of \$20,000.00.

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

EDIT
Winchester Motor Sports \$50,000.00

Mike said next additional appropriation is from EDIT for Winchester Motor Sports which we just approved that claim.

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

Tourism
Winchester Motor Sports \$50,000.00

Mike said next additional appropriation is the tourism claim for the Winchester Motor Speedway sign at the race track.

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

Highway
1173 Restricted \$900,000.00

Highway
Landfill Host \$900,000.00

Highway
Wheel Tax \$800,000.00

Mike said the next three are Highway, one for Restricted 1173 fund of \$900,000.00, Landfill Host of \$900,000.00 and the Wheel Tax at \$800,000.00.

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

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

Laura said just one set of permanent minutes.

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

Meeks said yes. Apparently, the gentleman who rents the old highway barn came to the office. I don't know if you guys heard, to my office, to make another payment. I sent him down to the county. He's asking if there's any way to work things out, or should I have him talk to you, one of you, or should I just invite him to the next meeting?

Gary Friend said personally, I don't think there's any way to work it out. I can talk to him.

Meeks said okay. I just wanted to make sure.

Mike said we've made our decision. I think it's, and Mike for your benefit, I think we've been considering adding on a lean to or a building at the new highway garage. And I think last week we talked about just maybe taking back control of the old highway garage, and dressing up that area out there for storage for additional equipment and vehicles, both for your department and maybe the sheriff's department, or any other department that needs excess storage. So, I think that's our plan and if, our tenants not been too prompt, do you see any reason to talk to him Gary?

Gary Girton said no.

Meeks said I will let him know that, and I will certainly tell him. I won't tell him to come to the meeting, but I won't tell him not to. I'm not going to tell him either way.

Mike said okay. Gary Friend do you have anything for us?

Gary Friend – removal of emulsion tank from the east side of 27

Gary Friend said no, the only thing is, did anybody look into the antique tractor club and the emulsion tank to address their complaint from them, whether it needs to be there or not, should it be there or not, or should we move it?

Mike said Mike can we move the tank from the east side of 27 to the west side of 27?

Mike Haffner said I'm looking into plans to be able to move it. I think I need to move some other stuff out of the way to be able to accommodate that. So, do you have a time frame? That would be tough to get it moved until late summer.

Mike said is that July? Do you have a time frame?

Gary Friend said no, I guess the real question is, why does it have to be there? If the tractor, antique tractor grounds wasn't available, and they take back possession of it, if they do have the right to do that, why do we have to be there when across the street is available?

Mike Haffner said I'd have to make arrangements because delivery falls after hours.

Gary Friend said does it have to?

Mike Haffner said if we want to chip and seal, with the low trucker shortage, we might be putting emulsion in that tank at 3:00 o'clock in the morning. And if we want to run three tanks that one driver makes, he fills it at 3 or 4:00 in the morning then he'll go back and get a second load. So, they just don't have enough CDL drivers has become a premium. So, if we move it, we would have to make arrangements to either leave that gate open after hours, and they can meet that delivery, or we'd have to figure a secondary access to be able to achieve after-hour delivery.

Gary Friend said I guess what I'm looking at is if we didn't have it there, we didn't have the right to put it there, what would we do? Would we quit chip and seal?

Mike Haffner said no, no.

Gary Friend said that's what I'm saying, if it's not ours and we would lease it to them, when could we act like it's not there and the highway doesn't use it anymore? I mean, that's what I'm asking.

Mike Haffner said if you give me a couple of months, you know, because I might have to put more stone base and everything in to make room for this, and I'd have to move some stuff out of the way.

Gary Friend said the question I have is do we have the right to be there or are we just being there?

Mike Haffner said I was always told it's county property.

Gary Friend said but we leased it.

Mike Haffner said and the highway department had their stockpile there for years.

Mike said yeah, prior to the new garage.

Gary Friend said yeah.

Mike Haffner said I was always under the impression it was the highways.

Mike said so, I get that. Is that our tanker?

Mike Haffner said no. That is supplied by Asphalt Material.

Mike said so, they just come and switch it out?

Mike Haffner said well if we're going to be using it the following year, they just come and inspect it once a year, and just leave it there because we'll be using it the next year.

Mike said so they bring another tanker and fill it then or do they just swap?

Mike Haffner said no, that's a semi-permanent. They bring it and then we'll use it. It will hold about one and a half to two, even though it's a semi-trailer, it will hold like one and a half loads.

Mike said and those loads, I guess, that load lasts you how long?

Mike Haffner said about a half a day.

Mike said so, then they come and refill it in the middle of the day. That's what I'm asking.

Mike Haffner said we'll get one tanker in about 4:00 o'clock in the morning, then we usually get another one around 10:00 o'clock, then another one around 1:00 o'clock. So we go through about three tankers a day.

Mike said what would you say your season for chip and seal is?

Mike Haffner said well, basically, from June to late August.

Mike said so September 1st they could pick it up and bring it back May 1st? Not that this would solve the problem but it's out of there in the wintertime. I mean I guess, I don't quite understand.

Mike Haffner said they can pick it up, but naturally, it's easier for them so they don't have the transport cost of to and from. The one in Wayne County's been there for 12 years.

Mike said and they'd only have, they'd only have one extra transport cost if they took it home and stored it for the winter and brought it back in the spring.

Mike Haffner said yeah, they would have to eat that.

Mike said we could move it over to our property in the wintertime, and still have access to it. I don't know what their needs are, and I understand your question. I think, I would guess that when we leased it to antique tractor for zero dollars we probably retained the right to use it for storage and that sort of thing.

Mike Haffner said it's just that has an extremely hard base around that area. And with semi-tankers coming in and out, that's just in my opinion, was always the idea, excellent area.

Mike said the other concern would be if we park it on the west side of the road, then we're going to have to give them access to our highway, and I'm not, the more access you give people to that, the more chances you have of problems I guess.

Mike Haffner said I'm not sure what the needs or the tractor engine show, why they even need that area.

Gary Friend said I don't know that it's that. I don't know that as I think everything has left except for that, and that's kind of an unsightly thing to leave behind. If it's going to be left behind for ever and ever, is that, even for us, the county, is that just something we're going to look at coming down 27 forever. I don't think we need to. I think there's a facility built personally.

Mike Haffner said we can look into moving it.

Gary Friend said if we redo the old highway, can it go back to there?

Mike Haffner said they way it's constructed there.

Mike said I don't know as I've ever been there.

Mike Haffner said it would be, yeah, it can, it can go in there. But you're adding a lot, we might have to look at the intersections on that wide area. It's not really semi-friendly.

Mike said well it's never been there has it?

Mike Haffner said no, no it's never been there. I'll get with, and we go out and look and we've got some other stuff moved, and we get some bridge and guard rail stuff moved out then.

Gary Friend said I guess part of mine was do they have the right to complain about it? Or do we have the right to use it? It's kind of an answer too you know. You want to be friendly to everybody.

Mike Haffner said well another thing you might want to look at is that area is using for CDL training.

Gary Friend said is that our CDL training? Is that our funds?

Mike Haffner said no that's the Randolph Central.

Gary Friend said and did Randolph Central get permission from the antique tractor to do that?

Mike Haffner said yes.

Gary Friend said they did?

Mike Haffner said Tom Chalfant and I gave them you know, our okay, that you can use it but it has to be cones, and it can't be during fair time.

Gary Friend said so I guess if you and Tom gave Randolph Central permission to do it, then antique tractor had no say in it? They are the lessees. I'd think.

Mike Haffner said operating off the tractor and engine show

Gary Friend said which is the question I guess, I'm asking, who has control of that property.

Mike Haffner said the commissioners the way I understood it.

Meeks said I don't think so, if you lease it to them, that's theirs.

Mike said unless we reserve the right to use it.

Meeks said yeah.

Gary Friend said that's the question.

Mike Haffner said I'm not the expert in that field.

Mike said okay if you'll just pursue the tank and see what are options are, that would be great. Anything else Gary?

Gary Friend said thank you.

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

Gary Girton – Modoc/Losantville sewage updates

Gary Girton said yes. So, I told you about J&K, Modoc and Losantville, on their funding, OCRA extended from March 1 to I think they're going to try let bids July 1, OCRA extend their grant rather than them losing it. And Modoc, I think is, I won't say it's for sure, but it's my understanding that it's, they have their funding, they're trying to refinance what they still owe on the facility into a system that will work with what they'll presently be financing. Losantville, I don't think has their total amount of funding in, but that was, that may be done by now, but it wasn't a couple weeks ago when I was at their last meeting. But they are moving forward on it. And their intent is right now, their intent is going out for bid July 1, and then starting within a month after that.

Mike said okay. I hope they're both successful.

Gary Friend said I do too.

Mike said anything else?

Gary Girton said no.

Mike said I don't have anything this morning.

Citizen Comments (3 minutes)

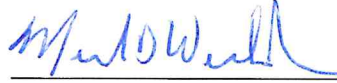
Mike said any citizens here this morning that would like to make a comment? Okay, hearing none, I'd entertain a motion to adjourn.

Adjournment


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

Reviewed and signed this _____ day of _____, 2023.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS







ATTEST: _____
Laura J Martin, Auditor of Randolph County