

Randolph County Commissioners

June 1, 2026

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Gary said I will officially open up the commissioners meeting for today. And on your agenda, as you're following it, we'll be moving Bill Ingles, Protection Plus, up into new business, right below Barry Ritter PSAP Services.

Council's update

Gary said first up, council update. We have some council members today, and the president. Morning.

Greg Cheesman, Randolph County Council. Last meeting, we did a few things. We, as obvious, we approved the money for the courthouse security, as they were here this morning for their first day and working everything out. Darin James, the coroner, was at our meeting and went through all the stuff that they needed to purchase for the new morgue. And they got that approved and was told, he was told to get the stuff ordered right away, so it could be planned for and get built into the process. Art Moystner, our county sheriff was here and asked for 7600 for an Axon interpretation thing for the radios to interpret different languages and he said that they'd only come across one language so far, that they wouldn't interpret. But said that it would be more coming.

Gary said what language was that?

Greg Cheesman said I don't know. I didn't ask him. I wouldn't have known it anyway.

Gary said okay.

Greg Cheesman said Baker Tilly, we approved the funding for them to complete a 2027 comprehensive financial plan so we could maybe have a little guidance as to what we're going to do come budget time.

Missy said how much was the cost on that?

Greg Cheesman said I don't have that in front of me, Missy. I can't tell you that.

Laura said I believe it's 30,000.

Missy said okay thanks. I think I saw it.

Greg Cheesman said it was on the computer.

Gary said on that we sent in an additional appropriation for that professional services line.

Greg Cheesman said right.

Gary said for the things that we've got going on that.

Greg Cheesman said that's part of it.

Gary said well, it'll be in that line.

Greg Cheesman said yeah, it'll be in that line.

Gary said that's one of the reasons why were.

Greg Cheesman said yeah, yeah.

Gary said correct?

Laura said that'll be next month.

Gary said next month, right?

Laura said yeah, we haven't got to that advertised yet.

Greg Cheesman said that's about all we did there at our last meeting, other than the normal transfers and appropriations. Did a lot of bridge appropriations to get a lot of that started.

Gary said good.

Greg Cheesman said that's all I have. You got anything for me?

Gary said any questions, Tom?

Tom said nope.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said nope.

Gary said I don't either.

Greg Cheesman said alright, thank you.

Gary said thank you.

Barry Ritter – PSAP Services

Gary said next, Barry Ritter, PSAP Services and Chris Shaneyfelt. If you would just please identify yourself for the public?

Barry Ritter said good morning. Barry Ritter, owner of Ritter Strategic Services, your public safety consultant.

Chris Shaneyfelt said Chris Shaneyfelt, Randolph County 911 director, EMA director.

Gary said okay, Barry.

Barry Ritter said so, I think the first thing you have before you is Exhibit B engagement for the additional services.

Gary said got it right here. Commissioners have looked at the exhibit B? Tom?

Tom said yep.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said yep.

Gary said any questions or concerns? Somebody like to make a motion to approve Exhibit B, which is \$18,000.00 added to the current contract for 12 months duration, correct?

Barry Ritter said correct.

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

Barry Ritter said so, shortly after I met with you the last time and we engaged in a contract for services at the PSAP, Chris encountered a staffing issue that has continued to grow, which caused commissioners and Chris and I to take a look at what are the options for staffing the 911 Center to insure that they're well qualified individuals helping staff at that center 24/7. As part of that, Chris initiated a hiring process or was in a process. He'll provide you an update on the status of that, and the potential for those applicants for that process. But then also, we began looking at staffing companies, much like traffic nurses scenarios for PSAP telecommunicators and Gary and Chris and I had an opportunity to interview one of the recommended companies.

Gary said I believe it was Tom.

Barry Ritter said Tom, sorry. I apologize. That will happen again. Had an opportunity to interview one of those companies. They did provide a scope of work and a master agreement as well as a list of references. I contacted or sent emails to the 14 references that were listed. I sent each of you an email with a synopsis of the findings or comments from that particular company. Let's not lose sight of the fact we're dealing with human beings, likes, dislikes, in managing a contract or to that extent, would be, present the same or has the potential of presenting the same issues in a particular center that a regular employee does, because you're dealing in the same environment. The only issue there is the handling of those particular sub-contractors that may be working in the 911 center. Now the master agreement in the scope of work provides all of the authority back to a single point of contact in the county, which obviously, would be Chris, to manage those employees, schedule those employees and terminate without cause, those employees under that contract. The vendor gives you that latitude. I reviewed both of those documents, sent my comments to you and to your county attorney and Chris for consideration if you were going to give strong consideration to contracting with this company. There were no red flags. There were no concerns. I think that the over-arching important point is open unfettered communications between Chris and that company and their point of contact. They shared with us in that interview that should the county exercise a contract with them, it would take up to 6 weeks to identify staffing to be able to come to Randolph County to assume those positions. So, in the event you move that direction, we still have a 6-week window here of Chris and his staff working a significant number of hours and manipulating the schedule to insure that center is open and operating, which it has been and we expect for it to continue. I also sent that synopsis to Chris so, anything that you want to talk about that relates to that company?

Chris Shaneyfelt said uh no, well, the only thing I would say that in relation to the company is they asked in the meeting if they had to be APCO certified. And I said my main concern is that they're certified by one of the 3 basic certifying agencies, whether that's APCO, NENA or IAED.

Gary said can you tell us what those mean?

Chris Shaneyfelt said APCO is the International Association of Public Safety Communication officials, and NENA is the National Emergency Number Association and IAED is the International Emergency Academy of Dispatching.

Gary said which one does Indiana require?

Chris Shaneyfelt said Indiana doesn't require any, any certain one to be certified by. They're just saying in Indiana, you have to have certain certifications.

Gary said okay.

Chris Shaneyfelt said we don't have to belong to a certain organization.

Gary said okay. Thank you.

Chris Shaneyfelt said so, the big difference is, is if we go with this company, we may get people that I would say probably would come from IAED, that will have their certifications. Really the

big difference is, is the platforms in which to operate when it comes to emergency medical dispatching. At least that's kind of my understanding. They've got a program you have to use for emergency medical dispatching. So, that would be the only thing there is there may be a difference, but they would still be certified in at least PST and EMD, which is my two primary concerns getting them here. And beyond that, we can get them certified if they stay here long enough under APCO.

Tom said how quick would it take you to get them proficient with our operations if you know, with the platform we're using when you bring somebody like that in, if they have all the other certifications?

Chris Shaneyfelt said it depends on how well they can adapt to a new environment, meaning, I've been to a few agencies where I have went and done dispatching on an emergency basis for one of the officers have been killed in the line of duty, and you just kind of stay in one area. So, dispatching is pretty much dispatching, talking on the radio. It's the CAD system and the geography that you don't know. So, it just depends on how much they can pick that up and how quickly they can pick that up. I will tell you right now, there's only 3 trainers in our organization. That's me, Mindy and Heather. So, and we've already got people we're training, so it's going to be difficult regardless of what route we take. Whether it's going with contractor or if we go with just trying to hire local people and getting them in, it's not going to be easy either way.

Gary said we'll actually probably be doing both simultaneously, is that right?

Chris Shaneyfelt said do what?

Gary said we'll be, if we were to take this company on, we will still have an all-out hiring?

Chris Shaneyfelt said yeah, I've still got positions I have to fill.

Gary said the question on that contract Barry, possibly, it's up to 6 weeks to on board. Can they do it quicker than that if they have 1, 2, 3 that come on or do they want to bring all 4 at one shot.

Barry Ritter said my understanding, they would give the county the latitude to do that.

Gary said they could trickle in one at a time?

Barry Ritter said some of the references stated within their contracts while they contracted for X number of telecommunicators, they brought them in as they had them, so, at fewer numbers.

Gary said okay. And one of the things in the contract, it was redlined and sent back, we get a discussion of why PSAP does the jail, I mean, the sheriff's, the doors at the jail, but they didn't right now. We'll have to get to that later. Is this something that they would say I'm not doing that because that's not a function of the PSAP?

Barry Ritter said they potentially could say that. However, you're going to have an employee in that room. There's going to be a Randolph County employee working there too that.

Gary said okay. There'll never be a time where we don't have a Randolph County individual in the room with these contractors?

Chris Shaneyfelt said there shouldn't be. I want Randolph County people in that room as much as possible.

Gary said I do too.

Chris Shaneyfelt said my goal would be that they would be with somebody that's already certified in this county. That would be the same as releasing a new person.

Gary said okay.

Chris Shaneyfelt said I don't want new people that don't have the experience being with another new person. That's a no go in my world, as far as that goes.

Tom said I was just going to say one thing. We are talking about 4 people for 6 months?

Gary said yes.

Tom said just because I don't think that's been stated.

Gary said yeah, 4 for 6 months. Yes, Barry?

Barry Ritter said so, has the reline version been returned back to Resq911 with that request that, my redline version of the jail responsibilities exists and would be part of the contract?

Gary said I don't want to guess. I can find out from our attorney today.

Barry Ritter said okay. We just want to make sure that's, that provision is in there.

Gary said absolutely.

Barry Ritter said if not, there's a clause that they can charge additional money if you add responsibilities.

Gary said I seen that. Right. There's also a clause on the contract employee that kind of took me off guard a little bit is they get to increase their charged wages on a holiday, even though they're a contract employee. Is that normal?

Barry Ritter said I don't charge you more when I work on a holiday.

Gary said most people don't in a contract world.

Barry Ritter said that's a little unusual, but it's their business model.

Gary said it's their business, their business, I get that, but it is unusual. We don't have 3 or 4 to choose from either.

Barry Ritter said right. And I don't know, Chris, have you had any conversation with your current staff about the implications of?

Chris Shaneyfelt said yes. So, the concern I have is if we go with this contract company, because I've talked to my senior people.

Missy said who are your senior people? I mean, who are you talking about?

Chris Shaneyfelt said I'm talking about Heather and Mindy at the moment, because we're the only 3 that are left staying that, because we had the 4 that resigned and then were.

Missy said I just wanted to know who those people were.

Chris Shaneyfelt said okay. If we're going to pay contractors \$50.00 an hour plus their per diem and whatever else comes along with that, I'm probably going to lose them, because I've already got, I've already seen the application this morning for one. That was for a neighboring agency that's hiring. I'm not looking to be held hostage by any sense of the means, but at the same time, they've been here, they're working multiple shifts just like I am and you know, they said if, obviously, we're, they said obviously, we're not that broke if they can do this.

Gary said the part I don't think that gets quite clearly understood is a contracted employee gets no benefits, no health insurance and it's not a long-term job. It's a short-term job. And I get it.

Chris Shaneyfelt said yeah, I understand the argument and everything. We've already discussed this.

Gary said well it's not an argument, it's actually the truth.

Chris Shaneyfelt said yes, I, yeah, no argument from me with it. But that's just that feeling.

Gary said it's perception. I get it.

Chris Shaneyfelt said it's that feeling. So, I just wanted to bring that out there, however we go.

Gary said well I appreciate that, which you should.

Chris Shaneyfelt said yeah.

Gary said Missy, do you have more?

Missy said so, why do you think, I have realized, I've been in county government now for I think 7 years, and this is something I have heard perpetually, when I was a council member, lost employees, lost employees. Tell me why. Why do we lose so many employees, because I've talked to other counties surrounding. They don't lose them at the attrition that we do.

Chris Shaneyfelt said the biggest reason we've had here lately is personality issues between employees.

Gary said well let's be careful not to dive into.

Chris Shaneyfelt said I'm not diving into any danger or anything. I'm just saying that's just what is basically.

Missy said I just want to know, how do we solve this because we're going to move past, I appreciate Barry's knowledge and help on this greatly, but we've got to fix some of our issues going forward to make sure we keep employees.

Chris Shaneyfelt said and I'm trying to do what I can within the house to do that. And that's come down to issuing ways that we do shift change, pass-ons. I had to reiterate our bullying, gossiping policy to try to nip some of this in the bud. But people are people, and I can't control everything. I just, but right now, it's that. And then the one employee that we had, because we were changing the schedule, she chose to put her kids first. And she said her kids, so, I have no argument with that. I mean, I understand it. And the schedule that we had proposed would have been a lot, and for at least this.

Missy said did you talk to them about that before to get their input on what they, how they felt about that before you said you were going to implement it?

Chris Shaneyfelt said typically, we do, but when we were at this point, I didn't have really, any other option. And we've gone back and we've able to get it to go back to our previous schedule for this month, but next month we may be looking at the two and one again. That's the best thing I can give you right now.

Barry Ritter said I think it's important to stabilize the workforce.

Missy said absolutely.

Barry Ritter said but I also believe that the schedule changes from the county's perspective, you want to insure, that the employees' work week is defined in writing.

Missy said absolutely.

Barry Ritter said and, now as the employer, you have the right to change their work week. You can't change their work week to alleviate overtime. So, make sure that the employees that you have are being compensated for overtime in accordance with your policy, because they are civilian employees. So, they're not law enforcement. You can't put them on a 28 say schedule

or Kelly schedule. And anything over 40 is overtime for those employees. We want to make sure we do that.

Missy said Barry, will there be any training for leadership that Chris can take to see how we can fix this issue.

Barry Ritter said there're classes for management, mid-management out there that eventually that he could enroll in if he's not already. I'm not sure what his certifications are, but yes is the answer, when time would be available for that.

Chris Shaneyfelt said just so you know, I've been through the CMCP course, which is the Center Manager Certification Program. I've been through the register public safety leader course and am a graduate of that. Really, the next course after this would be the Certified Executive Manager Program. And that's a year-long cohort. And then it requires two weeks in Orlando on top of it. I've had the classes you know, and some places don't have the attrition that we do. That may be true. But this is obviously an ongoing nationwide problem. It's nothing new to emergency services of 911 in particular.

Barry Ritter said I think that the overarching important here is 911 is working. It's operating, citizens calls are being answered, emergency services are being dispatched. This other mess that you're working on, that we're working on, we'll continue working on, the calls will be answered, services will be sent. Public safety is not being impacted in any manner.

Gary said have you had any discussions with Wayne County that's gotten anywhere yet?

Barry Ritter said I had a preliminary conversation with the director down there, Matthew Kane, because as you know, Wayne is currently doing manpower coverage for Union County, which is a little bit different than Randolph. We've spent a great number of years equipping Union as a mirror image of Wayne. And there would be some dispatch technology issues in Randolph that Wayne and Randolph would have to work through for fire paging, radio communications, those types of things. Nothing that's insurmountable. May cost some dollars. He's looking at that, beginning to pull a plan together in an emergency because, as I said before, in the event that a 911 call is not answered here, the default routing, the call goes to Wayne.

Gary said what trips it to go down there, nobody answers the phone after a certain amount of rings?

Barry Ritter said it times out.

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Gary said and it's not somebody has to push a button to forward it, it's computerized forwarded?

Barry Ritter said yes.

Gary said okay. Does it get tested once in a while to make sure it's working?

Chris Shaneyfelt said it's working because we had a head on crash yesterday with myself and Mindy in the room, and we were busy on the two calls and we had 4 others that rolled over to Wayne.

Gary said okay.

Chris Shaneyfelt said so, and they notified us that we had the crash as well. So, it does work.

Gary said I'd like to get back to why we're doing the resq911 and, I understand your people Chris, it is a short time thing. If I thought that we could be heading out of this in 3 weeks, I don't think I would entertain it. But I don't think we are heading out of it in 3 weeks. I think you, as well as everybody else, needs help in there just so you can get mental breaks of your own. I mean, I hear you on the scanner almost every single day. So, the 911 situations we have down there, in my opinion, it's like the unsung heroes. Nobody knows you're there until something happens. If you think it through, and what's going on down there, it's not like you haven't been through set of commissioners and the commissioners before us, and I was on there too, and even before that, that there are underlying issues going on in the PSAP center, and we didn't take any action, because it kept working and it kept working and it kept working. And now, you know, I don't think it's any one particular problem. I think it's a snowballing effect of several problems going on at the same time. That's why we've hired Barry and his services to help us and you figure out what we can do better in there to make it. I'd like to be in the position where we're taking people from people instead of giving up people after we certify them. And we've got to figure out why we're.

Chris Shaneyfelt said that would be nice.

Gary said we've got to get to that no matter who the people are managing. If nobody wants to work in our PSAP center, no matter who's managing, no matter who the people are working with, we've got to figure out what we need to do to make that work. And then that's what, I'm getting on here, I think I would have to look your employees right in the eye if they came up here and say I don't like contract employees either. I think we're against the wall and we need to do it. Or, just being delinquent.

Chris Shaneyfelt said I'm not disagreeing with you. I'm just doing my due diligence to relay the message.

Gary said well thank you. Tom, what else?

Tom said the biggest thing is to get a message to our county employees that the contract employees are there really to benefit them. We're investing in our county employees, even though we're paying them more, because, for their mental health, for their relief of hours and you know, obviously, we wouldn't be doing it if it wasn't an emergency type situation.

Chris Shaneyfelt said I understand.

Gary said and I think even after, Barry, what we know, what we already know from some of the reports you've given us, and maybe some discussion with our council, that we haven't kept up with the times of the professionalism it takes in there to get the right people in. The last thing we want to do is just take whatever we can get because our backs are against the wall.

Chris Shaneyfelt said and that's what I'm hoping to try to avoid now with filling these open positions. That's why I'm taking my time and making sure that they're going through an assessment and that, and then, like I said when I talked to you on the phone the other day, we'll get the interview board in and get them interviewed. They're the open positions, but I want to make sure that we're looking at the right people, because it doesn't do me any good to hire people that aren't.

Tom said I was going to say, and like you said, one of the biggest most important things is as you're bringing in new people, you want to make sure they're ready when you put them on.

Chris Shaneyfelt said right.

Tom said on their own, and they'd have that time and the contract people would help alleviate that a little bit.

Gary said the stress level is high over there. You're stress level is high. We need to do this just for what we have left so everybody gets a break. Well we have to do it I think, anyway. Missy, final thoughts?

Missy said yeah, I think there needs to be some definite changes and leadership down, what we're going to tolerate. They asked me some time back to call some of the people who were working over there and ask what the problems were, why were they leaving? We've had a lot come and go, come and go, come and go. I think behavior with everybody in there was a big issue.

Gary said Missy, not to cut you off, but I think we're going to get into an executive session details.

Missy said yeah.

Gary said we really don't need to go too deep into this.

Missy said well that's my concern on solving this issue.

Gary said sure it is.

Missy said I think we're heading the right direction and I do appreciate Barry taking this on.

Chris Shaneyfelt said and I will say, and I said before, I'll say it again, if you think the issue is with me, you have that prerogative to have that vote and remove me. I would rather than be

done than me sit here and then constantly thinking that it's an issue with me, so, I'm just laying that out there.

Gary said and you have before. And again, we are way too early in this blame anybody. If anybody gets any blame, I think it can start with the commissioners. Way back, we seen problems coming, letting it continue to run, because it just wasn't a problem, it was just a concern. Concerns jump into problems and that's what's happened to us. I don't blame anyone one person at all. I do believe we have a multiple cascading affect which is being difficult at times. We're going to get through it and as Barry said, we reiterate to the public, the phone is going to get answered, emergency service is going to be dispatched, and we are going to get this fixed. The next, Barry, what do you see next? Do you think we're ready to ask our attorney to approve this contract and if he does, go ahead and enter into it so you can let them know?

Barry Ritter said if that's the desire the commissioners have the attorney.

Gary said right. I'll get to that, just getting your opinion. I see in there where they have the right to charge us immediately upon approval. That means before we ever get a person in house? What if they don't?

Barry Ritter said there's up front charges. First month, per diem, I believe was in there, plus an onboarding fee based on the number of employees. So, it was like 15,000 onboarding, plus first month's per diem.

Gary said yeah, like 20,000 total?

Barry Ritter said yeah.

Gary said yeah. So, we'll have to get our attorney to give me the approval. He's in a different case today. And of course, we've got to get the council to fund the line items. And one of the things the council president and I have talked about, and Laura has given me some information on it, is the 911 lines that aren't being used right now is available funding to help pay for it. We're not paying for group insurance for these people and people who don't even work for us right now. So, there's a little bit of funding in there that can help pay for all this. And then I guess the rest will have to be taken out of reserves and county general for the council. So, with that, would somebody like to make a motion if so desired, that we begin the process of onboarding Resq911 after I talk to his attorney, his approval and council's approval of funding?

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

Gary said anything else, Barry?

Barry Ritter said just for the efficiency assessment project that officially begins today, my team, we had our kickoff meeting on Friday. We'll be scheduling a call with Chris this week, so, we're getting started on that.

Gary said Chris, anything else?

Chris Shaneyfelt said no sir.

Gary said thank you.

Bill Ingles – Protection Plus

Gary said Billy Ingles, patiently waiting. Thank you for coming. Please identify yourself when you come up.

Bill Ingles said good morning. Thanks for having me. I'm Billy Ingles. I'm the operations direction for Protection Plus Security Company. We're the ones that have implemented the security protocols for the main lobby this morning. So, I know that we have submitted a contract and I've been working with your attorney, reference that language, and I think we finally got to the final verbiage. If there's something that need corrected or changed, let us know. But other than that, we're set and ready. I think everybody went through smooth this morning. There's going to be a learning curve obviously. I think the biggest thing is people to recognize that that equipment is state of the art. It's customizable for settings. So, like normal years ago, all the metal detection, you had to empty your pockets, take your jewelry, all that stuff. This equipment is designed to prevent that from happening and it speeds up the process. So, as people are coming in, truly the bags just have to be placed on the scanner to go through x-ray and then they can walk through. I think some of the biggest hurdles this morning was drinks. Everyone's bringing in one of their own Yeti mugs or what not. Some of them will go through the technology, some of them won't. It depends on the density of the metal with that. So, learning that technology and learning that they can come through without divesting all of their stuff out of their pockets and everything, I think by the end of the week it'll be second nature to everybody coming in and out. So, and I do know that what's there now is a temporary set up. I know there's a few things, signage and things that we'll probably have to add just to get through until the build out is complete the way we want it permanent. But, so far, so good this morning.

Gary said yeah, I agree. I mean, I come through just like any normal person would from the public and it was no issue at all, bags and all. You're right on the part that we're probably 95% there. The 5% will be, you know the courts have a lot of input on what the procedures will be down there. The county commissioners can add to it, we can't retract from it. So, we'll be working that out, listening to the public, working with you, getting the signage, getting the doors changed. But, even without the doors changed, it's well secured down there. I think Jake did a wonderful job getting all the signs up around. You cannot mistakenly not head to the front door, so.

Bill Ingles said right. No, yeah, it looks good. Jake's been a tremendous help to us and I know our staff during the down times you know, you're going to go through busy spurts and then you're going to have a lull in service there. I've instructed the guards down there to make exterior rope checks just to make sure that the signs haven't blown down, anything's not out of place, moved, anything like that, just to keep the consistency on the exterior for people.

Gary said yep. Tom?

Tom said I don't have anything.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said other than Jake has done has done an amazing job getting all, I mean, he knows the building inside and out and he's done a great job too. We appreciate it.

Bill Ingles said yeah, we're also going to work, we're going to get a desk down there for the officers and I know we've talked about adding a camera system for monitor down there, and things like that. I know I think IT came down this morning. They're going to establish a phone down there too so offices will be able to communicate with the staff down there at the entry point as well. So, things are going to evolve. We know that and we look forward to it.

Gary said yeah. LEAP is working with us too to get panic buttons worked into computers so people know when something got you know, not that it got through, but you know, things happen. So, it's all working well. I'm glad we got it started. In front of me right now is our contract for protection services that has had the corrections that I can see that Meeks has suggested, our county attorney. So, would somebody like to make a motion to approve the contract for Protection Services? And this is a pricing you told Commissioners Williams you would hold for 3 years?

Bill Ingles said yes, it is. That's listed in the contract and I know obviously, being government, we put that stipulation in there for the approval of council.

Gary said county council, yep, yearly appropriations.

Bill Ingles said yep.

Gary said so, any questions on the contract, Tom?

Tom said I do not.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said nope.

Gary said somebody like to make a motion to approve the contract Protection Plus for courthouse security?

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

Gary said alright, do you need a copy of this?

Bill Ingles said yeah, once it's signed, if you guys, we can sign it and get it complete.

Gary said anything else for us?

Bill Ingles said we're good for now.

Gary said anybody have anything else for Billy.

Bill Ingles said Thank you guys.

Gary said thank you very much.

Tony Jacobs- Argo Consulting

Gary said Tony Jacobs, Argo Consulting. Morning.

Tony Jacobs said morning sir. Tony Jacobs with Argo Consulting Engineers. We're here this morning for, review the bids for the HVAC renovation project at the jail. As you probably saw my letter two weeks ago, we recommended that we throw out both of the bids that were received because of discrepancies on both their itemized proposal sheets and on their form 96 forms. If you'd like, I can go through those real quick.

Gary said well I don't, I've read it.

Tony Jacobs said okay.

Gary said the only thing that I would have on that is I did speak to one person that thought that thought that the instructions were a little bit confusing to cause that. I don't know, but I'm sure you can work with them. The commissioners will decide if we're going to accept these or take your recommendation of throwing them out and starting over.

Tony Jacobs said well, and I, I'd recommend, my recommendation is just based on simply looking at the paperwork, their form 96, and if we go to their proposal sheets, they don't add up. They don't match each other. One is off by 965,000. The other one is off by 322. So, and one contractor didn't even fill out a cost sheet.

Gary said well I'm going to take your recommendation, personally.

Tony Jacobs said okay.

Gary said but when the people really do it, I guess they can get your phone number if they have some questions on, not the cost or anything, if they're not understanding how it's filled out, then make a call.

Tony Jacobs said yep. I made my information available to all of the contractors.

Gary said is it possible when they do come through again, can you review it and say it's properly filled out before they submit it, or is that something?

Tony Jacobs said I would be happy if they would contact me and we can't discuss their numbers.

Gary said right, at all.

Tony Jacobs said or any of the equipment or?

Gary said just procedural.

Tony Jacobs said we can discuss procedurals.

Gary said okay. So, Tom?

Tom said time frame to rebid?

Tony Jacobs said I think we can, I was just sitting here thinking about that. I think we can actually have a walk through as early as June 16th. And that gives a public notification time and it gives time to put it up on the bidder's site for publication. And I think that gives the county the opportunity to bid it, or to advertise it 2 times before we have a walk through. Then that would mean the earliest we could receive quotes back would be mid-July.

Gary said okay. Anything else, Tom?

Tom said that's it.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said those are some big discrepancies, I mean, you wonder.

Tony Jacobs said well if you actually add up their proposal sheets, they are within \$16,000.00 of each other. So, it comes down to, I don't know, mathematical or something.

Missy said right.

Tony Jacobs said but just looking at their itemized proposal sheet, the contractors are like you said, within \$16,000.00 of each other. So, that's a quarter of a percent, which is, I think, kind of rare in a project of this size.

Gary said we've just got to get down to get the procedures correct.

Tony Jacobs said correct.

Gary said and the certainty of it correct.

Tony Jacobs said I can't talk to why they did that.

Gary said I got it. Right.

Tony Jacobs said I'd like to return these, the bids to you.

Gary said so, it's your recommendation that we reject these and start over?

Tony Jacobs said yes sir.

Gary said we heard the recommendation from our consultant. Somebody like to make a motion to that effect?

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

Gary said any further discussion?

Missy said are we going to give them a timeline to have that back into you?

Tony Jacobs said yea ma'am.

Missy said okay.

Tony Jacobs said that'll be in a new set of bidding documents, so we have to put the project out to re-bid. And we will, we'll actually just address it as a rebid of the HVAC project.

Gary said anything else, Missy?

Miss said and anybody else can add in?

Tony Jacobs said yes ma'am.

Missy said or just those two?

Gary said it opens up.

Missy said opens it totally up.

Tony Jacobs said it'll be publicly notifying.

Gary said we could have 10 next time.

Tony Jacobs said let's hope so.

Gary said or one. Anything else, Missy?

Missy said nope. That's it.

Gary said all those in favor, signify by saying aye.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said okay, thank you. I want to take this moment in time to thank you for all your input and help on getting the chiller systems up in the jail. They seem to be running and cooling right now. I mean, they're down to set points from what I understand.

Tony Jacobs said thank you. We'll give that credit to Jake.

Gary said yeah, I already have. Thank you, Jake, but you also were involved. So, I appreciate it.

Tony Jacobs said alright. Thank you, sir.

Beth Krieg- Grant Application

Gary said Beth Krieg, grant application.

Beth Krieg said morning.

Gary said morning. And you are?

Beth Krieg said I am Beth Krieg with the Probation Department.

Gary said thank you.

Beth Krieg said so, I am once again, turning in a grant to drug free Randolph County to request funds to assist Probation Department in funding our drug testing. It's basically the same as it always has been. I am looking for \$2,600.00 from drug free Randolph County that will pay for 100 drug screens. That is not the amount that we do, but, yeah, we're just looking to get whatever help we can.

Gary said anybody have any questions?

Missy said yeah, I saw on that drug free Randolph County, who oversees that?

Beth Krieg said so, Dave Reese is the coordinator for Drug Free Randolph County. So, that's why I submit, I'll submit to him.

Missy said right.

Beth Krieg said I attend those monthly meetings to participate in this request.

Missy said yeah, I know you do.

Beth Krieg said the money comes from the counter measures fees from the court.

Missy said I was just wondering why you can't get more money from that?

Beth Krieg said it depends on how much has been collected. And then it is divided into 4 different categories, law enforcement, prevention, treatment, I didn't know I was going to get all

these questions. I can't remember the 4th one. So, whatever is collected is then divided into 4 categories. And then, there're different entities, entities requesting. The schools request money, I request money, usually, sometimes Winchester Police Department requests some money, I think for their K-9 unit. It just kind of depends on what's available. There is more this time then there was in previous years.

Missy said yeah, saw that.

Beth Kreig said that's because there're more ordered paid from, through Superior Court, which kind of is the filtering down of the problems that we were having.

Missy said I'm not against flyers and I'm not against signs, but I would rather see you guys get money for the drug screens rather than stop drugs and out on the you know, the back roads. Do you understand what I'm?

Beth Kreig said and the state dictates those categories. And in the past, we were able to make some adjustments and move money around. I don't think we can do that anymore.

Missy said okay.

Beth Kreig said so, I'm kind of stuck with whatever. That's okay. We'll take what we can get for help. Hopefully, this year, it'll be a little bit more.

Gary said okay. Anything else, Missy?

Missy said no, that's it.

Gary said Tom?

Tom said no.

Gary said somebody like to make a motion to approve the grant, the request to apply for a grant?

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

Gary said okay. Anything else?

Beth Kreig said no. Thank you very much.

Missy said I will say one more thing. I am in trust, sometimes I can't attend your meetings, but I am really impressed with how much you really, I don't mean this over the people who have come back, but you do every, your group does everything they can to try to help these folks not to go back down that path. Listening to you guys is kind of amazing.

Beth Kreig said we're trying. We're trying.

Missy said yeah.

Beth Kreig said thank you.

Gary said thank you.

Tammy Pegg – Christmas lights

Gary said Tammy Pegg, Christmas lights.

Tammy Pegg said I'm Tammy Pegg and I was just trying to seek approval to put out either some type of luminaries out around the courthouse at Christmas time.

Gary said I read your proposal. The problem with luminaries out there is during snow removal. So, I think that's quite a challenge. And I can tell you the part of getting Christmas trees in the courthouse was, at least for me, it got in the middle of coordinating and getting things taken care of at the end of the season, wasn't acceptable. If you guys are going to put it in, you guys have got to get it out.

Tammy Pegg said what do you mean?

Gary said trying to find places to store it, what we're going to do with it at the end of the season. So, if there is a plan put together, the plan for, what I approved it's got to have a start and stop and how it's going to get there.

Tammy Pegg said we did have it done. Jake did get us a spot to put it in.

Gary said but it wasn't done up front. It was done at the end of it.

Tammy Pegg said well it was my understanding that we have had a spot down there, but okay.

Gary said it was my understanding we didn't. So, that's why I say we've got to get that all fixed up if we do it on the inside. The other part of the courthouse on the inside is the lobby has got to be off limits during the security, what we've got security.

Tammy Pegg said that's what, yeah. I realize that.

Gary said so, as far as what we've going to do. I mean, a Christmas tree inside doesn't bother me at all. As far as lights outside, I don't want any lights in the way of possible snow.

Tammy Pegg said okay.

Gary said now wait, I'm just one, I'll pass it on.

Tammy Pegg said no, that's okay. I didn't know if we could do it even just like for the week of Christmas or something like that, just have it up there. But, that's fine. I understand that. And then.

Gary said well wait a minute, let me get Tom and Missy's opinion on the subject.

Missy said what are you talking about, luminaries, describe that luminary for me.

Tammy Pegg said well, there were two different ways that I was looking at it. You could either do it with lights in like the milk jugs where they put the lights in them and string them in there, like the picture that I had sent you. Or, you could do like the old fashion way with, like the lunch bags with the battery operated light in them.

Missy said I think with the wind, I don't think either one of those is going to possibly hold it.

Tammy Pegg said well you'd have to sand them, you know, have to put in sand. I know that people do them, so that's possible.

Missy said yeah, and then I think people walking around, might be kicking them over.

Tammy Pegg said that's fine. I understand.

Gary said Tom?

Tom said I'd like to see a better plan if we're going to do something, like you said, have everything spelled out ahead of time exactly what you're going to do.

Tammy Pegg said that's fine. I just, I didn't know if it was even a possibility to even discuss this. As far as the trees go on the inside, so, I was asking about, I know they do it in Jay County where they bring in different organizations and they decorate their own tree with their advertisements and stuff on it. But I know now that the lobby is out, is that even an option?

Gary said not for me.

Tammy Pegg said okay.

Gary said we don't need, you know, I mean, at least not this year, until we get all the way through everything. Tom?

Tom said yeah, organizations, if the different offices within the courthouse wanted to.

Gary said that's a different than outside.

Missy said right, that's different.

Tom said that's different than outside, and not necessarily outside organizations.

Tammy Pegg said right. That's fine. That's fine.

Gary said Missy, your thoughts on it?

Missy said I agree with you guys.

Gary said what else?

Tammy Pegg said alright. Nope, that's it.

Gary said that it?

Tammy Pegg said nope, thanks.

Gary said thank you.

Jaqueline Peed- Use of 2nd floor rm- V-stop Post- Election Audit, Bond approval

Gary said Jacqueline Peed.

Jacqueline Peed said Jacqueline Peed, the clerk and we have a post-election audit on June 26th and we were wondering if we could use the room on the second floor.

Gary said below us?

Jacqueline Peed said yes. To, for them to set up and have the audit.

Gary said how long?

Jacqueline Peed said it's just one day. And it's going to be ten, I think nine or ten to the end of the day.

Gary said I don't foresee any construction down there, Tom?

Tom said no, no we won't have.

Gary said Missy, any input on that?

Missy said no, as long as they go through security, just like normal and realize what they can and can't bring in.

Gary said alright. So, let's take these one at a time. Would somebody like to make a motion to approve?

Tom said move to approve for auditing.

Gary said unused room below us.

Tom said the room below us, yeah.

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

Gary said what else?

Jacqueline Peed said that's it.

Gary said you got an election bond here we've got to do?

Jacqueline Peed said oh, yeah.

Gary said I have a question for you before you go. Do we need a motion to approve this?

Laura said this is her elected official bond since she's a new elected official. Commissioners need to approve that.

Gary said somebody like to make a motion to approve the elected official's bond for clerk?

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

Gary said Laura's going to get the name's changed. I heard something through the grapevine. We might as well get it right out in front. Are you planning on working through lunch and taking half days off with your staff on Friday?

Jacqueline Peed said those, I mean, I have not, but that is what has been going on, yes.

Gary said well I want it to stop. That's not what we're all about. Those are courthouse employees. The half days off on Friday was never meant to gain the system. Taking lunch and saying that people aren't working through lunch in my opinion, I don't have any proof, in your office, generally is not what really happens a hundred percent. So, if we need to make a handbook change to keep this courthouse 8 to 4 and employees following a regular schedule, including taking their lunch, I'm prepared that's going to turn in to change of handbook. But I want you to know, it may not have started under you. It may not have. I just found out about it. But I want it to stop personally, myself. And I intend to talk to our attorney and get it, stipulation in our handbook to make sure that, our gratitude to get flex time was to help people out, not to say let's go to short weeks. Tom?

Tom said I agree.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said I agree.

Gary said so, you can tell them to stop or wait on us to get it through the handbook and make sure it stops. Okay?

Jacqueline Peed said okay.

Gary said thank you very much.

Jim Nunez – Thank you

Gary said Jim Nunez. Are you still here?

Jim Nunez said on behalf of the Wicks Pies and Cool Rides Committee, we would like to thank you again. Every year since we've come up here up town, to celebrate car shows, with dash plaques.

Gary said dash plaques.

Jim Nunez said dash plaques. I'm just one of the voices of the committee. We appreciate the use of the south end and east end of the courthouse to put on this festival. And it always is great. This year we were only 1/3 strong because of the rain, like it is now. When you have that kind of investment, it's hard when you have an outside event. But, we had fun. We, every hour I kept looking outside and Fast Eddie would tell me, I'm slow Jim and we have fast Eddie. And we kept bringing in the boundary lines and so, we have to do that so we can have the people that do come up, somewhere to park, because the mayor gave us more room for, last year we had 310 cars registered and we had 10 cars that didn't register outside. This year, we had 88 and 9 cars that didn't register because of times, and we asked them, we told them to go, hey, go ahead and register. They said no, we came late. There're rules and regulations, said ahh, we're alright. But we all had fun and it was great. And it just makes it better for Winchester and stuff like that when you have stuff downtown. And some new people never came here before and they explored Winchester and that's another way to bring people from outside Randolph County. So, anyway, we just appreciate everything you guys let us do here for Winchester, and Wicks Pies and Cool Rides organization. So, just one way to thank you guys.

Gary said thank you. Tom?

Tom said like to say thanks for the constant effort you put in for all kinds of events.

Gary said all kinds of them, all kinds of them, yeah. Missy?

Missy said yeah, so sad that it rained because that is always a great one. Thanks for all you do.

Gary said thank you, Jim.

Jim Nunez said thank you guys.

Jay Long & Jaycie Bergman – Highway Annual Operational Report for 2025

Gary said Jay Long, Jaycie Bergman, highway annual operations report.

Jay Long said morning.

Gary said morning. Please identify, one by one.

Jay Long said Jay Long, Randolph County highway, superintendent.

Jaycie Bergman said Jaycie Bergman, Randolph County highway.

Nate Moore said Nate Moore, assistant superintendent.

Gary said thank you all.

Jaycie Bergman said alright. So, we have the annual report for 2025 for the disbursements and receipts for the year. So, we just have to submit that and get your approval.

Gary said okay. You see anything in it that?

Laura said no. I think there was a place you need, yeah, you guys have to sign.

Gary said I would like to say that it was very nice not to get written up by the state board of accounts over highway restricted and highway non-restricted. So, you've evidently got the system going right, because they do watch that.

Jay Long said oh, yeah.

Gary said yes, we need a motion to approve.

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

Gary said anything else? Jay?

Jay Long said huh uh, nope, that's it. You?

Gary said Nate?

Nate Moore said nope. Good.

Gary said thank you for what you guys are doing out there. Appreciate it.

Ed Thornburg – Utility agreement

Gary said Ed. Good morning. Utility agreement.

Ed Thornburg said Ed Thornburg, surveyor.

Gary said I see we've got a utility agreement. Do you recommend that we approve it?

Ed Thornburg said yeah.

Gary said the one over by Parker?

Ed Thornburg said what's that?

Gary said over by Parker, I think.

Ed Thornburg said I'll be honest. I don't remember where it is. I don't have it in front of me.

Gary said 771 South Delaware County Road, Parker City.

Ed Thornburg said yep, that's the one.

Gary said that's the one, okay. Somebody like to make a motion to approve the utility agreement?

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

Ed Thompson said alright. Thank you.

Gary said thank you, Ed.

Other Business:

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

Gary said other business, Sheriff Moystner.

Art Moystner said I do not have anything today.

Gary said thank you.

Payroll Claims \$ 393,813.72

Gary said next up, payroll claims. \$393,813.72. Somebody like to make a motion to approve?

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

Regular Claims \$ 1,393,215.52

Gary said regular claims of \$1,393,215.52. Somebody like to make a motion to approve the regular claims?

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

Laura said these were add-ons.

Thor Construction claim \$63,193.07

Gary said Thor's construction for the morgue?

Laura said yeah, I think so.

Gary said did you send that out?

Laura said no, I just got it in. So, if you want to wait until next meeting that's up to you.

Gary said yeah, I'd like to look at it. I'm sure Tom would want to look at it.

Tom said I haven't seen it.

Gary said so, we'll wait until we have a chance.

Laura said okay. I'll table that one.

Spring 2026 Settlement claim \$21,221,265.49

Laura said and then this one is the settlement we just did Friday.

Gary said for?

Laura said when we do our taxes, yeah.

Gary said taxes.

Laura said I mean, the money had already gone out.

Gary said yeah. Make a motion to approve the spring of 2026 settlement claims?

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

GIS Map Data Agreement

Gary said GIS Map Data Agreement. Ed, would you come back up? Is this an ongoing for this GIS agreement for, it's \$1200, isn't it?

Laura said I thought it was a renewal.

Gary said is that a renewal?

Missy said should be a renewal.

Laura said oh no, total fee, 1200. So, now, it must be new. Katelyn McClellan.

Gary said are you aware of this?

Ed Thornburg said no.

Gary said can I hand this to and give you a minute to look at it?

Ed Thornburg said yeah, give me a quick chance to brief myself here. I don't know who this is.

Gary said yeah, it might be a \$1,200.00 renewal contract.

Laura said the GIS application you sent up, what's that for? It says 1200, so, it must be new.

Missy said it's somebody who wants to use it? Is that what it is?

Gary said yeah.

Ed Thornburg said I just can't, it may be somebody whose corporate name is not the same one we're used to.

Laura said okay, I don't know what Jacobs is, do you?

Gary said if we don't, we'll just table for two weeks until we get the full information what it is. It's generally not a problem, but we need to know what we're signing, I think.

Tom said yes.

Ed Thornburg said okay.

Laura said it's a company out of Indy that's just, they're supposed to be sending a check for the \$1,200.00. We don't really know them.

Gary said then we can have some information for the next meeting, then we can approve it then. Is everybody okay with that?

Tom said yep.

Missy said sure.

Accept Bid for Highway barn and sign contract

Gary said next up is accept the bid for the highway barn and sign the contract. We have the AIA contract. It's from Smarrelli, who is the low bidder. This is more than what we had talked about way back on the, when we were setting up projects for a little bit of ADA change and full concrete floor in it.

Tom said I'll make a motion to accept the contract.

Gary said we have a motion. The exact price for the public record is \$575,194.09. Smarrelli was the low bidder and a capable bidder. So, Tom, you said you make a motion to accept the AIA contract?

Tom said yes.

Gary said we have a motion. Do we have a second?

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

Gary said Missy, anything for the commissioners this morning?

Missy said nope.

Gary said Laura?

Laura said no.

Gary said I do not. Tom?

Tom said no.

Citizen Comments (3 minutes)

Gary said okay. Anybody in attendance today have anything they'd like to come up? Come on up Sydnee.

Sydnee Cseresznye said sorry I didn't email Laura in time to get on the agenda. I don't have much from you from RCU this month. Next month I have a more robust report. We have some things rolling out that we just don't have answers on yet or I can't present on yet. But I wanted to give an update on the READI 2.0 funding, the \$1,000,000.00 we were tasked with finding a home for. So, as you know, three projects were submitted. So, one of those has, two of those have been pre-committed. One of those, the Brave Little Learners, is in the final compliance phase before their funding is released to them. The Monan Central Daycare has been pre-committed officially, so they'll move into the compliance phase probably within the next 30 to 60 days. And the Vision Corner is just a couple steps behind, and they're waiting on additional project info before they get that pre-commitment letter from the IEDC. I think at your second meeting in July I'll have a more robust report. I'm supposed to, our office is supposed to hear about the Brownfield grant this week, in the next couple of weeks. And so, again, that was a \$500,000.00 grant. We have an RLF program that's rolling out. We'll have about \$242,000.00. It'll be a consistent stable, sustainable loan program for those who need it. So, with that, you know, I just wanted to say hi and answer any questions you may have, and then let you know I'll be back in July with a more detailed report.

Gary said I have a, just one question or follow up. The money that's going to be let out from the EDA, we need public notice on who got it and who didn't, and how much.

Sydnee Cseresznye said do you mean for the OCRA? EDA is a part of the RLF.

Gary said OCRA, yeah.

Sydnee Cseresznye said OCRA, yes.

Gary said there was some, I thought, confusion in the board meeting where it was almost like a secret. This is not a secret. This is public information?

Sydnee Cseresznye said no, not at all.

Gary said I want to see for the public, who got what, how much they got, and who did not get accepted.

Sydnee Cseresznye said yes.

Gary said when can we have that.

Sydnee Cseresznye said so, the notices to the awardees are going out today, and so, I'll be able to present that to you. I can send it to you before my July presentation, both to the people who were awarded and who were not awarded.

Gary said send it to the commissioners, not just to me.

Sydnee Cseresznye said this body, yes. Yes, I can do that.

Missy said I would appreciate in the future, if you could send us that ahead of time on the details like you've just said, I mean, I'm trying to write it down, but it's hard. If you could just send us that information if it's okay.

Sydnee Cseresznye said for?

Missy said like what you have said today, who those winners were.

Sydnee Cseresznye said oh yes. I just didn't get it in time to Laura, and that's my fault but I wanted to use this time to answer any questions.

Gary said anything else?

Missy said nope.

Gary said Tom?

Tom said nope.

Gary said I do not. Thank you.

Sydnee Cseresznye said thank you.

Gary said anybody else in attendance today would like to come before the commissioners? Please.

Larry Preston said Larry Preston, Randolph County Council. While I have both bodies here today, I just wanted to share a couple information things. We all read our email and so on and so forth. But I just wanted to share with the council and the commissioners, that the salary committee, which is Mike Stine, Missy Williams, Todd Holaday and myself, we met on May the

28th, discussed things like cost of living and insurance. And we've got some homework to do and we're going to try to meet again mid or late June for that. And then, if everybody doesn't know, the security committee will meet again on June the 10th at noon in the judge's office to understand what we've did from June 1st to the 10th. So, just wanted to make everybody aware that.

Gary said that's wonderful. Thank you.

Larry Preston said for that, so.

Gary said we know we have some tweaking to do on all that, so, yeah.

Larry Preston said yeah, yeah. I just, I.

Missy said and Larry.

Gary said on the salary committee, you're not ready to identify anything at all, but is it going well? I mean.

Larry Preston said yeah, first meeting is, and I'm glad that you know, Todd's with us, because Todd and I, Tom was last year.

Gary said Missy.

Larry Preston said yeah, and Missy's with us this time. And Todd has knowledge on the insurance and the cost of living, so. Just in initial stages, but I wanted everybody to know since we had both bodies here.

Gary said sure.

Tom said since he, since we are paying for his service, I'd also ask one of you to reach out to Barry and discuss those salaries and what we think is part of that committee.

Larry Preston said okay.

Gary said yeah. For our own PSAP where we may or may not be lacking?

Tom said yes.

Gary said yeah. I agree. Missy, anything?

Missy said nope.

Gary said you're on that committee, but anything?

Missy said no, no.

Gary said thank you Larry. Appreciate it.

Larry Preston said thank you.

Gary said anybody else like to bring anything before the commissioners? I'm not sure that Sydnee Cseresznye identified. So, if the public is watching, that was the Economic Development, or RCU director for Randolph County. And on the OCRA grant, I was referring to what we do know for the public is there are 8 recipients out of Winchester, 4 out of Union City, and one out of Parker City. That's how it was divided out. Until I get the information, but we'll get it out to everybody. So, anybody else before we adjourn today?

Missy said Gary, I do have one thing.

Gary said yes, ma'am.

Missy said Perry and I have been working a little bit about wanting to get some publicity because Perry, can you come up? You can explain a little bit better, but I'll explain my part of it. With the funding that we've done for that historic bridge, that has been awarded. And so, we wanted to make sure and Tom and Gary and I spoke really quickly the other day, about doing a newspaper article and submitting it to the Muncie Star, the Indianapolis Star and our local News Gazette, just explaining how much the state and all the funding that we got in for that. Perry, do you want to say anything about that?

Perry Knox said I'm Perry Knox with SJCA Engineering.

Missy said who had a lot to do with this, with working with everybody else.

Perry Knox said I just drafted up some information and sent it over to Missy on an update on, we just opened your first federally funded bridge. That was, we applied for, for Federal funds.

Gary said we're referring to which bridge?

Perry Knox said County Road 100 West, out here northwest of town. Had one lane closed there for years.

Gary said yeah. I know which one it is, but for the public.

Perry Knox said yeah. We just got it opened. Got a new bridge and that was constructed. That was a pre-COVID application, so we had some, we had some difficult milestones there, you know, working through COVID, and working through the inflation and those types of things. But we were able to get that bridge with no additional anticipated costs, outside of the 20% match for everything from the engineering all the way through inspection. So, that's the first of 7 bridges that currently have approved Federal funding for Randolph County. And that's the first one to go to construction. Next year will be the bridge on North Main. And that'll be the second bridge.

Gary said and you kept it out of historical right now?

Perry Knox said correct, yes, correct.

Gary said how could we keep that one out and the one over on 500 off highway 1, can't?

Perry Knox said I don't know.

Gary said okay. That's a much more historical looking bridge, but anyway, okay.

Perry Knox said yeah. So, but just wanted to.

Missy said that's a big deal getting the Federal funding along with the State funding.

Perry Knox said yeah. And in the article, I also addressed we have multiple bridges rehabilitation under State grants. I mean, I don't even know what the number would be so far. We're probably 20 million plus on getting Federal funds for the county. And, really appreciate working with Randolph County.

Gary said oh, I know, I appreciate you and Joe. We're getting a lot of bridge activity going on.

Perry Knox said yeah.

Gary said and right now, up to date, we're well funded, not well funded, but we are funded.

Tom said we are.

Perry Knox said yeah, yeah.

Gary said so, things are moving along and it's exciting to see.

Perry Knox said we're looking at some more projects. There'll be another application period coming up this fall, so we, you know, we're just going to keep going, you know, and hopefully the Federal government keeps helping with that match.

Gary said that would be great.

Perry Knox said and the State government as well.

Gary said yeah. Wonderful. Tom, anything?

Tom said nope.

Gary said Missy, anything to add to that?

Missy said nope, that's it.

Gary said thank you. Thank you for everything you've done.

Perry Knox said thank you.

Gary said Mayor, you don't have anything at all? I've been delaying this adjournment just because you've been back there smiling.

Bob McCoy said I was hoping you didn't see me sitting back there. Hoping to bring you another bill for a house coming down on the corner of Cherry and Norris very soon. Very bad shape, bad situation for the family, but it was owned by a mortgage company, so, we're going to have to purchase it. But it needs to come down and everybody's better off that we've got them into a better situation because there was a lot of people living in a house with a leaky roof and more than likely, utilities not on and things like that. And working on that, and then I'm working with the owner of 3 buildings on the square, which one had a total collapse and I found out recently, the other one, the roof just recently caved in on it. So, I would say if we can get something done with them buildings, the city will more than likely own them three buildings and may have to demo two of them.

Gary said if you run out of your portion of it, I don't have any problem continuing on to get buildings down, personally.

Bob McCoy said I think the house we're getting ready to take would be number three for us this year.

Missy said no, I think one was the first. I think, I think one might have been.

Bob McCoy said was it? So, as far as down town, we will own them properties, so it may be the case where I do have two side by side taken down. I know one I had quoted for probably 30 plus thousand to take it down. I haven't done anything with the other ones. We're working on some appraisals right now. We're also going to bring in a drone and kind of take a big picture of the top sides of all them buildings. Down town overall, the next 20 years you know, we could have more problems just because of the age of these buildings. And it don't take much neglect to cause problems.

Gary said right.

Bob McCoy said that's really about it.

Gary said alright. Well thank you.

Bob McCoy said thank you.

Gary said anybody else?

Adjournment

Gary said seeing nobody getting up, somebody like to make a motion to adjourn?

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

Reviewed and accepted this 6 day of July, 2026



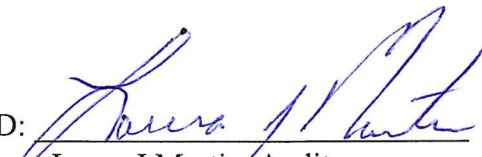
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Tom Kerns



Missy Williams

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