

Randolph County Commissioners

June 15, 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

Council's update

Gary said alright, good morning everybody. We'll open up the commissioners' meeting for this morning, and first, council update. Greg, do you have anything this morning?

Greg Cheesman said no, I really don't.

Gary said okay.

Grace Wida-GAL/CASA Grant application

Gary said next, Grace Wida, GAL/CASA grant application.

Laura said I don't know that Grace is going to be here because it's the same grant that they always do.

Gary said somebody like to make a motion to approve this grant?

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

Gary said I should grant request for \$21,000.00 is passed through.

Gary Moore – Flooring quote

Gary said alright next, Gary Moore, flooring quote.

Gary Moore said morning, Gary Moore, Randolph County EMS. How's everyone? Did you get my email with the quote?

Gary said I did. Did you have a second quote or have you attempted a second quote, attempted?

Gary Moore said I've been waiting, yeah, I've tried three people and this is the first quote.

Gary said okay. You're not required to get two quotes and you've applied and they just don't give you one.

Gary Moore said yep. I didn't even get anything back from one I got samples dropped off, and then one was a gentleman that works part time at it, and he just, he did early on last year actually, in December, November, he was going to have some time off and then he wasn't going to have any ability to get any help to do it after that.

Gary said yeah. The quotes that you've provided, are they what you need?

Gary Moore said yes.

Gary said completely?

Gary Moore said yep.

Gary said do you have a total of what it is, totaled out? There're three different

Gary Moore said I did not total it up. Looks like.

Gary said about 10,000?

Gary Moore said yeah, right at \$10,000.00. And he separated the quotes out for the different styles of flooring. The first, the \$660.24 is the entryway. It was a thicker, thicker type carpeting to scrub stuff off. That's where a lot of stuff, salt in the wintertime especially. And then we would have the vinyl planks in all the day areas and bathrooms and then the carpeting would be just in the bedrooms. And it's all the stuff, the squares that you can replace, heat them up, even the vinyl planking, you can replace them as they need it, so, functionally, and I think it'll be a lot better than what we've had in the past. Some of the, some of the problems with the carpet right now, I think they put new carpet in and the next day they had some asphalt work done outside and immediately.

Gary said that's what I heard, day one of day two.

Gary Moore said yeah, yep. So, yeah, this will get us what we need.

Gary said can I have those quotes? I can get them off here, but it would be easier if I say read yours for the record as we get them.

Gary Moore said yes.

Gary said got all three of them?

Gary Moore said yep.

Gary said okay, so we have three quotes and I think I'll mention that Commissioner Kerns has said he'd like to abstain from this.

Tom said yes, I have a relative tied to that company.

Gary said okay. So, the material for the first quote and the labor is \$7,163.66. These are all joined together to do the same project. The second quote added to it is \$2,014.58, and then the final quote is \$660.24. I've reviewed them all. Missy, do you have any questions on them?

Missy said I do not.

Gary said would you like to make a motion, and I think we probably are going to pay this out of commissioners' Cum Cap.

Gary Moore said okay, perfect.

Missy said I would make a motion that we move forward with replacing the flooring in the EMS building that's located in Winchester.

Gary said and use commissioners' Cum Cap?

Missy said and use commissioners' Cum Cap.

Gary said I would second that motion. So, all those in favor, signify by saying aye, this is for accepting these three quotes presented this morning.

Missy said uh huh.

Two aye votes. One abstained. Motion carried.

Gary said anything else?

Gary Moore said not at this time.

Laura said can I keep these?

Gary Moore said absolutely. Want anything else from me?

Gary said no.

Gary Moore said alright, thank you. Thank you very much.

Missy said glad you're getting that done.

Ed Thornburg and Joe Copeland – Fiber installation

Gary said next up, I've added Ed Thornburg, our county surveyor who has got an issue with a fiber line and a bridge to present to the commissioners. Joe, do you mind, thank you.

Ed Thornburg said Ed Thornburg, county surveyor.

Joe Copeland said Joe Copeland, county engineer.

Gary said what have you got, Ed?

Ed Thornburg said okay, I had a request come in Friday from the people doing the work for New Lisbon burying fiber conduit. They are working up around Maxville. I think it's 675. My picture doesn't show the road number. But, their limestone is so close to the top of the ground there they can't bore under the street. They've tried twice and limestone is not very forgiving. They were asking permission to attach conduit to the side of the bridge to run their cable across. Speaking to Joe about it just now, we were talking about if they put it in conduit, not attach it to the concrete portion of the bridge, attach it to the steel super structure away from the road surface. And then pool enough cable in their boxes on each end of it so they could take it off if it was in the way. This is kind of a special exception because of the limestone being practically at the top of the ground there.

Joe Copeland said it's, I've seen them put it all kinds of places. I've had them put conduit on the inside of a curb, which was bad news. It just deteriorated concrete. As long as they stay away from that concrete and we can get in there and maintain the bridge when we need to, the only other thing is if we ever replace the bridge, then they're going, you know, they realize their going to have to move it. And like Ed said, leave plenty of cable in there to do things with it in the future if they need to. But they can attach to the outside. It's going to have to be on the outside of the guardrail and attach it there or, I have seen them attach it to steel beams, the flanges on a steel beam underneath the bridge. And that's out of the way pretty much. They could do that. I have, when we've replaced bridges, put conduit in the bridges on the slab on the outside edge, to let them run through, but we're not replacing that one at this time.

Gary said what would keep children who play at bridges from damaging that conduit and if they did, who's going to take care of it?

Joe Copeland said I mean, the responsibility for that conduit is theirs.

Ed Thornburg said yep.

Gary said my final question is, I really don't like it because what we went through on Carl Street because of utilities attached to a bridge, why can't they go up and over? Why can't they post, put two poles in, bring it up and go over, come back down. I don't want to get started attaching our bridges if we don't have to. If there's no other way, I guess there's no other way. But there is another way, is my thought.

Joe Copeland said that's a good point.

Missy said can they go, can they just, when they're coming in, can they make a, not a 90 degree, but a 45-degree angle and then go under the road with conduit?

Joe Copeland said yeah, but the limestone is too high. You can't get deep enough.

Ed Thornburg said that neighborhood, a lot of the places, the limestone is just next to the floor from the ground. And it's just not, you know, it's not, you can't more 50 feet and get away from the problem. It's the top of a dome there.

Gary said if it was electrical, what would we do?

Ed Thornburg said don't know. I'm guessing, I'm guessing they will, they'll drill into the ground and set a pole. That's your other option.

Gary said yeah. Tom?

Tom said if we have to replace that bridge and that's on there, it's their responsibility, but how do they support that, you know, if we're taking the bridge clear out, how do they support that going across there at that time?

Ed Thornburg said that's their problem.

Joe Copeland said well that's, yeah, and that's why I said they need to put a lot of extra cable in there for circumstances like that.

Gary said I think we help them with their problem, tell them no.

Joe Copeland said I'd never, I've never approved one before. But I've never run into situations where the limestone is so high either.

Ed Thornburg said I'm good with whatever decision you guys make.

Gary said well I appreciate you bringing it to us. It's definitely commissioners' decision. My decision is no, so I won't make a motion for it. Tom?

Tom said I'd rather see them try to go up and over first.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said I vote no.

Gary said would somebody like to make a motion that we do not.

Missy said yeah, I would make a motion that we deny the request.

Tom seconded the motion. All aye votes.

Joe Copeland said good enough. Thank you.

Gary said thank you.

Other Business:

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

Gary said we are done with new business already. Other Business. Sheriff?

Art Moystner said I do not have anything today.

Gary said thank you, Sheriff.

Payroll Claims \$ 385,074.71

Gary said payroll claims. We have payroll claims for \$385,074.71. Somebody like to make a motion to approve the payroll claims?

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

Regular Claims \$ 1,613,295.56

Gary said regular claims, \$1,613,295.56.

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

RCU Claim \$ 20,134.34

Gary said Randolph County United claim, \$20,134.34. Want to make a motion to approve?

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

Rural Alliance/ Raz 32 Claim- \$ 120,000.00

Gary said Rural Alliance/Raz 32 claim, \$120,000.00. Somebody like to make a motion to approve the claim?

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

Thor Construction Claim- \$63,193.07

Gary said Thor Construction claim. This is a claim that was tabled from the last meeting. I believe we've all had time now to review. Would somebody like to make a motion to approve the claim?

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

Flex time discussion

Gary said flex time discussion. And I'll have our attorney weigh in on the new law changes coming on in the handbook before we get started. Meeks, would you like to?

Meeks said yeah. So, when I looked at them, July 1st, every employee other than employees of merit officers, the courts, probation, will have to, as a condition of employment sign the handbook.

Gary said Community Corrections.

Meeks said yeah, Community Correction, the courts. And so, I was going to get with Shannon to see who signed the scanned books and who haven't and then send an email out to who has not, to the department heads to let them know of the new law change. But, that's basically it, I mean, so, how I read the law is that the commissioners would set the policy and then the implementation of that would go to the elected official over that department. So, there's elected official over the department, then that person would need to implement the disciplinary things that are associated in the handbook.

Gary said right.

Missy said so, are the courts exempt from that?

Meeks said the courts are exempt. Yeah, there's a statute.

Missy said any other exemptions?

Meeks said well, I brought the statute with me.

Missy said okay.

Meeks said is all I can tell you. I hope I brought the statute with me.

Tom said merit officers.

Meeks said merit officers, the courts.

Gary said elected officials.

Meeks said elected officials. Pretty much, that's it.

Gary said yeah.

Meeks said there might be some other ones.

Laura said and Meeks, I will say that any time we hire anybody and when we get the new handbook, when we handed them out, we have them sign off on that.

Meeks said yeah, I thought so. So, I figured we, probably everybody has already.

Laura said yes.

Meeks said I was just going to get with Shannon after I read that just to make sure to double that everybody, but, since I have on my phone, if you give me just a second, I can tell you exactly who is.

Gary said in the handbook is a condition of employment, once it's signed.

Meeks said yeah, people will need to sign it. Here we go. Application, probation, court, judicial officer, prosecuting, the prosecutor's office, public Defender's office, office of community corrections governed by the merit board or any state, or of the state, so, state employees would not be subject to our handbook.

Gary said okay. Now on the discussion of flex time, I'd like to put forward to the commissioners, flex time was never meant, ever, to be a way to enhance and add additional personal time. There is a mechanism for personal time. It's three quarters of a day a month. What could go on, it could easily be unfair to employees and not something that goes across the county evenly and fairly. So, I would like to put forth to the commissioners a motion to say that flex time cannot be used to enhance personal time. That does include working through lunch, and an hour starting earlier. These are not mechanisms to get yourself more personal time. I also would like to say that we reiterate that the standard office hours for non-emergency services personnel of Randolph County, is 8 to 4 with an hour lunch built into it, and that hour lunch not to be taken in the last hour of the day. We have to be fair. And these types of rules are also fair to all other employees. They also help employees not get out of bounds accidentally. So, Tom, what's your thought?

Tom said I agree.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said my question is on that lunch hour. Does that mean the office closes during that lunch hour or do they stagger?

Gary said well that's up to the department heads. They run their, we have to set up, well you don't have, Meeks, what do you say?

Meeks said well, here's what the flex time policy says. Let's just see what it says. The county may utilize flex time scheduling for employees holding full time positions to avoid employees working excess of their normal workweek schedule. For example, if an employee is required to attend a night meeting on Monday and works an additional 2 ½ hours, they may flex their schedule to come in late or leave early a total of 2 ½ hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday of that same work week. Flex time shall be approved in advance by elected official department head. Flex time cannot be banked for later use and shall only be used within the established 7-day workweek. So, the purpose of it is if you have a doctor's appointment on Monday morning, then you can come in and you know, flex your time or if you have to work late because you have a commissioner meeting or something, that's the purpose of the flex time.

Gary said right.

Meeks said and we can put language in there to make it a little more clearer. That's the purpose of it.

Missy said yeah, I think we need to do that.

Meeks said that's what I think to do. I'm not sure you can do away with flex time. I think, like you say. I think you maybe add another paragraph, this is the purpose of flex time in there, so that it would be clear to everybody.

Gary said we also have personal time. This purpose is for such things as doctor appointments, children's activities. It's almost, I feel like, sometimes the personal times is used to bank, and you need to use personal time if you have personal issues, personally.

Tom said if you're talking about lunch, so you don't define when the lunch needs to be taken, you say you don't want it the last hour of the day. So, do we have a, you know, a, from 10 to 2, some type of parameter, something like that.

Gary said I would say we add that, that the lunch hour needs to be.

Tom said if you're going to say it can't be taken at the last hour, then do we put parameters on that?

Gary said between 10 and 2 gives the department head plenty of time to maneuver around. I think so, yes. But I just said the last hour so we didn't get too heavy on restrictions.

Tom said the last hour would be fine.

Gary said Missy, what do you think on this?

Missy said I have a little problem with however we look at this, I guess, but, you're going to have some situations where an office is busy and someone says I'll stay and cover this or I'll finish up on this document during my lunchtime, would it be okay if I left at 3 o'clock, because they didn't take their hour lunch. On situations, I guess I think the elected official has some say in this to run their office and how they need to run it. Or do you, can they, when they close the office down for that hour we say they have to take their lunch time break?

Gary said well I think that's an extreme situation we're talking about Missy. It's a one off, I really do believe. I believe elected officials and office holders can find a way to keep their office order and cycle through lunches. But, if you have that one off situation, I'd say you know, they have the right to say I couldn't get it to happen to day and they had to do it, well that's not what we had going on. That's not what we had going on. We had Fridays taken off. I agree with you.

Missy said I'm not up to par, I've been out, for the last, out of town for a while and the hospital, but.

Gary said but that's not what we had going on. I think if you have a one office situation, sure, you need to do what you need to do at that one time, but to say that we're going to let people come in early and work through their lunch all week and then I won't see you on Friday, is not at all what flex time.

Missy said yeah, I didn't know that was happening.

Gary said that's enhancing flex time for personal time. We have a mechanism, three quarters of a day per month to build personal time. And we took, I was on the committee that done all this. We took all the sick time and rolled it into personal time so they would have the ability to use it. Used to, sick time had to be used for sick time. And we took during those discussions and put flex time in to help the department heads maintain and manage overtime. Overtime they were hit with that they couldn't help. It wasn't used for that. We have to clear it up. We, also, at the same time, went to 4-weeks' vacation for 15-year people. The commissioners and the council did a lot of work to make it better to work for, for Randolph County and fairer, and then we had situations where flex time was being banked all week to take off on Friday. And we never meant for that to ever be.

Missy said yeah, I didn't know that was happening.

Gary said it was.

Missy said I think first of all, we should have, when this came up, I didn't hear about it until last week, but I think it would have been good for us to have gone and spoken, maybe, I don't know how we do this, but one of us to speak with elected officials and saying what's going on here and have you checked the handbook, to move forward on how people can use particular time off that they either need or somehow bargained to get, you know, stay and work late or the Friday, taking Fridays off, I don't agree with that at all.

Gary said well, it all has to come to the open. It all has to come to the open for the people to listen to and that's.

Meeks said well you have work hours too. So, some offices are closed from 12 to 1.

Gary said yeah.

Meeks said and some aren't. So, I don't know how that works into it. But I can write something else.

Missy said yeah, I don't know. I read that too.

Gary said yeah, we have departments like the APC office out there you know. We just can't let them do that you know. Then, therefore, they don't get to, they don't get to do such things. We need to keep those offices open. Anyway, the one office, Missy, we can't make a thousand rules to take care of that. But, we can, well, I mean, I'll make a motion that flex time is not to be used to enhance personal time and that all non-emergency services personnel are required to take a

lunch break. And that lunch break is not to be the last hour of the day as standard operating practices.

Missy said who does that leave in the office to cover the office if the elected official isn't there that day, and they have to take a lunch hour. Do they lock that door and, which may be on citizens' time, the only time they can come in from their work schedule to get information, would be between 12 and 1.

Gary said I don't know any department that could really happen to. But maybe, like I said, wouldn't that just be the off? We can't set rules for that, for the one off. You've got to let the department head take care of the department.

Meeks said but if you put in the flex time that they have to, then that's a problem.

Missy said right.

Meeks said if it's a one off, that's a problem if you put it in the handbook that you cannot, then they do it, even though it's a one off. Why don't I get some language together?

Missy said yeah.

Meeks said and you guys look at it.

Gary said yeah, I think we're trying to make it more difficult than it is.

Meeks said I think that's exactly correct.

Missy said well I think you are, but I think you've gotten to this point where if you have an elected official who comes in three times a week, and that can happen. It's happened in other areas where they don't, they take, some elected officials don't come in every day. They're not required to do that. There's no statute that says they have to be there. Then you're putting that workforce in their office in the position of trying to figure out how we're going to keep the doors open.

Meeks said you can easily put language in there that says we don't want to see this consistently happen and things like that, that says it's not just a 100% absolute no, this should not consistently occur.

Gary said okay.

Missy said right.

Meeks said things like that. That's what I'm saying.

Missy said that's what I'm saying.

Gary said some people didn't, but some people didn't seem to care about your case, Missy, when they were taking off Fridays.

Meeks said well I think it's also a level of understanding of how these things work, and maybe a little education for everybody, because that's the way we've always done it since the comp time.

Tom said yep.

Meeks said well, I didn't realize it, so, I think a little education also works. Not to, back and forth with you, Gary, but I think a lot of, just might be a little education.

Gary said it was loop holed. It was done intentionally, in my opinion.

Meeks said I think people didn't understand the, weren't in those meetings with us and may not understand the purpose of it either.

Gary said okay. Okay, I mean, fine, yeah. I think their bigger problem is going to be the Randolph County Council who's paying attention to all this.

Missy said yep.

Gary said so, we'll just you know, we are tasked with getting a handbook that's workable and has parameters in it.

Meeks said exactly, and the County Council has to, if the County Council decides hey, if you can take a day off every week, you know, that's up to the staffing at that point, how they're going to budget those offices. That's not you guys. That'll be on the council.

Gary said oh sure, I know that.

Tom said question, going back to the handbook. If the department is not underneath our handbook, do they have to have their own handbook?

Meeks said well they'll be under the handbook. It's just the disciplinary, discipline will be up to the department head.

Tom said well we're talking like the sheriff's department, the merit officers that aren't under our handbook.

Meeks said yeah, that's all, yeah, that's.

Tom said do they have their own handbook then that is approved by anybody, or how, is it because their, I'm sure they're using the same benefits.

Meeks said well the personnel handbook was adopted by the courts. So, the courts adopted our handbook. So, they're covered by it.

Tom said right.

Meeks said they actually have a different document that they sign that says yes, we're going to adopt the handbook that we're going to implement the disciplinary procedures in it.

Tom said right.

Meeks said the merit officers, I really, that, up on the merit stuff, but they have their own, a whole set of rules, I think it's all in the statute. I've read some of them, but that's all, yes, so, I think the answer to your question is yes.

Gary said what was it?

Meeks said the merit officers.

Gary said yeah, well how about the staff of the courts?

Meeks said the court, they adopted our handbook.

Gary said okay.

Meeks said there's a document.

Laura said and the prosecutor.

Meeks said and the prosecutor. We have the prosecutor, we did that the first time we did a handbook twenty something when I first started, and then when we did it again, we took that same document and we had them all three, both the judges and the prosecutor signed the, that we adopt the handbook. They can have their own handbook. They just don't want to.

Gary said yeah, they can have their own handbook.

Meeks said yeah, I mean, I understand not wanting to you know, be different than that, but they can have their own handbook, for sure.

Gary said benefits exists within our handbook, the commissioners' handbook.

Meeks said so, their handbooks are the same.

Gary said anything else, Missy?

Missy said nope, that's it.

Gary said if you can have that language ready to go in July?

Meeks said I'll try to get something together, yeah. I will have something together, yeah.

Missy said are there any department heads here who have any discussion or input to come forth with? Can Stacy come on up? Is that? I mean, I'm just curious because you're. I mean, my concern is I don't want to start losing employees. But, I don't agree with taking off agree with taking off on Fridays at all. But, sorry, go ahead, Stacy.

Stacy White said Stacy White, the Randolph County Soil and Water. I am a one-person office. So, I do try to take anywhere from 11:30 to 1:30, 11:30 to 12:30, 12:00 to 1:00, somewhere right around in there. My DC is not always in the office, so, sometimes we do close at lunch. But we put a note on the door that we'll be back.

Gary said so, you're a one-person office and you're able to manage this and make it work?

Stacy White said yeah.

Gary said that's my point. Okay. Thank you.

Stacy White said thanks.

Missy said but still, she's closing her office. So, what if I'm somebody and I drive in to want to get something from the auditor's office and none of them are there during lunch, and Laura, I'm not picking on you. I know you don't.

Laura said no, I know that, and we don't close. We have enough staff.

Missy said yeah, you've got enough staff. But let's say somebody was ill or couldn't be there, or whatever.

Laura said but there are offices that are a lot lower staffed that I know have had to close before because somebody's off sick and yeah.

Missy said yeah.

Gary said that's the elected official's call?

Laura said yeah, that's a rare happening, but you know.

Gary said our job is to make sure, as commissioners, that this courthouse is in good standing order and open.

Missy said right.

Gary said the elected officials run their office and if they want to close their office to the public, then it may be difficult to get the public to put them in office again.

Missy said yeah, I hate to see the, any office closed to the public during the day, where somebody needs to work and they come in and then they've got something important they need

to file and they can't do it because that office is closed and they work every other hour of the day.

Gary said I would hope the elected officials believe that too, and I think they do. Anyway, so, Meeks, you're going to get us some language?

Meeks said I'll try to get something together.

Gary said okay. Anything else, Missy on this?

Missy said well, I just want, I don't want hired employees to feel like that we don't appreciate the work they do, and I think we can get this worked out. There are some situations with people where they need to work through a lunch hour, and I understand we don't want to do this, but sometimes their children get out of school at three o'clock and they need to be home by you know, three twenty or whatever, to get the kids off the bus. There're all kinds of, and when you can work those situations out for young parents, I think that's an, I think it's a bonus to keep our employees. I think our employees work hard here. I don't know, I go in Laura's office more than any and they're always working to the brim on everything. So, I just, I don't want to change the rules necessarily. I think letting people know what we've been thinking about or what's coming up before, just communication with those elected officials to say hey, wait a minute, why are your people doing this, remember, they need to be here and, for whatever reasoning, they have to leave.

Gary said okay. I don't totally agree with your opinion. I would like to say that I believe Randolph County employees are well taken care of.

Missy said me too.

Gary said I believe there are people who work in businesses and factories across in this county that would beg to have what we do, the time off, allowed time off, the flexible schedules. We're asking the people that pay Randolph County to have a harder work schedule then we expect from our own. I don't want to put too much burden on our own people. But it's the other people that's paying for our people. We are public servants. Everybody that works for Randolph County, everybody that runs for office serves the public. And the public doesn't get all these special benefits. They don't all get them. And what we do, we've got our pay up. Our pay is not disrespectful anymore. So, we are a good place to work.

Missy said I think we're a very good place to work.

Gary said matter of fact, I would say that our employment here, people would cut it, get in line and you would never have trouble filling these positions at Randolph County, ever, most of them, what we're talking about here. You would never have a problem asking somebody if they would like 4 weeks of vacation, 9 days, after 15 years, of course, 9 days of personal time, 14 holidays, flex time when your children are sick. I'd expect a lot of Randolph County folks would like that. And I'm not saying we're trying to be mean to our employees. We have to have guidelines and guardrails. We just have to. It protects the employees as much as it protects management. So,

we have good hard working employees and so does all the people in Randolph County who don't get all these extra benefits. But they still have to go to work everyday and they've got to work it out. So, we don't, we used to have low pay. We don't anymore. We're well paid. We're 35-hour work weeks for a lot of these people. We're well paid. So, we don't have to apologize for having rules. And we have to work the rules out. I'm with that, Missy. Okay, we'll get the language right. But we, we're being taken advantage of and we have to put our foot down I believe.

Missy said I think it was, I agree, but I think it's just been a miscommunication what people thought.

Gary said I don't believe so. I believe it was intentional.

Missy said well an elected official should have stepped up and said hey, I can't let you do that. We should have communicated with elected officials and said, or, you know, talked to them and said are there any circumstances that make it necessary for someone.

Gary said when you say we should have though, Missy, I don't believe I did anything wrong.

Missy said no, I'm not saying you did anything wrong.

Gary said I think you have to be able to call it out.

Missy said we just disagree on this.

Gary said well we can disagree.

Missy said because I've see young parents who had to, or any grandparents or whatever who had to sometimes come up with a little different working situations to make it work for that family.

Gary said okay. Fair enough. Why don't we go to the next one? This is an easy one.

Missy said okay.

Private auto insurance on file

Gary said the insurance requirement. Meeks?

Meeks said I can't find it in the handbook. Do you know where it is?

Gary said the insurance requirement? You'd sent it to me a long time ago.

Meeks said yeah, I'm trying to find it.

Gary said anyway, our particular insurance agent that we have now, Laura reached out to him, they have not tracked that insurance. I'm talking about turning in your auto insurance, the

auditor's office, they quit tracking it 10 years ago. It doesn't matter Randolph County insurance carrier.

Meeks said so, in our old, in our old insurance, the insurance company wanted to make sure whoever is travelling on county business had insurance. Now, they don't even track it anymore. So, the auditor's office has been tracking it, but it's very difficult. It's a, I don't want to say the accounting, but it's herding cats to get people to send their insurance cards. I know this because I get an email once a year and I keep forgetting. So, since the insurance company is not a client anymore, I don't see a reason keep track of that. And so, I think we need to remove that from the county handbook, if I can find where it is in the county handbook. I'll find it.

Gary said somebody like to make a motion if they agree to remove private auto insurance requirements to be on file at the auditor's office?

Meeks said well, you still have to have insurance everybody.

Missy said yeah.

Meeks said you still have to have. That's state law. We're just not tracking it.

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

RCU future funding discussion

Gary said next up, RCU, future funding discussion. We have members from the RCU board here if they'd like to come forward.

Clyde Shaffer said Clyde Shaffer, RCU president.

Ruthie Rose said Ruthie Rose, Randolph County United office administrator.

Gary said okay.

Clyde Shaffer said fire away.

Gary said fire away. Well, we put on the, I actually had put on the agenda, the future funding discussion of RCU. We've had quite a bit of discussion whether we, the commissioners wanted to fund RCU at the level we're funding them now. There's a lot of reasons and I don't want to get derogatory to anybody, I just do not feel personally, that we, the commissioners, for the money that we spent, I feel like we get locked out basically, and it's almost like the money is entitled, and we're not getting economic development for Randolph County or an input that really matters a whole lot. So, the sole discussion about shall we hire our own? Should we go through here and hire our own and change the funding level, not to put you completely out and shut the lights out, but to give like \$100,000.00 to their, 25 for Tourism, some to the Chamber, some to RCU and not do \$270,000.00 a year in total. I think when the RCU board changed we lost representatives from every community. It was a good idea.

Clyde Shaefer said yeah, there were too many.

Gary said well, there could have been that there was too many.

Clyde Shaefer said 25 was too many.

Gary said then as time went on, it become more clubbish and less about every community in Randolph County, every city, every town, every person. And if you're in the know, or in the click, you were in the click, if you weren't, you just, Randolph County citizen, kind of how I feel about it. So, this discussion here, that we have them in the open is should we fund RCU at the level we were doing it? Should we find our own as commissioners' employee or should there be a balance between the two? So, Tom?

Tom said a loaded question. I think we should, I like the idea of a balance between the two. And it's going to have to be a, over a few years where we phase into it, maybe not for us, and that's one reason we're doing this early. I think your contract ends at the end of this year, the current contract.

Clyde Shaefer said it does, yes.

Tom said so, to give you guys time to adjust, to give us time to adjust and also look for a budget, before our budget meeting in August, so that if we're going to add something underneath the commissioners, we can look it up during our budget hearing. But, you know, I've struggled all along with the idea of the Chamber, you know, we've had those discussions about having paid, basically paid members to Economic Development with them being combined. So, how we can do it and work together, that's where we need to find ourselves.

Meeks said I do want to interject one thing, just so everybody knows, on the 2029, that EDIT funds will be like how we're funding this right now, won't be here.

Clyde Shaffer said correct.

Gary said there has to be some kind of switch.

Meeks said I want to make sure the elephant is in the room, everybody knows that there is one.

Clyde Shaffer said yes, yes.

Meeks said now I don't know what that foretells, you know, I don't know what the state statute.

Clyde Shaffer said I don't think they know what it foretells yet, okay. They don't know.

Laura said they do not.

Meeks said but I do know what it foretells about the, about your funding in 2029. It's not coming from there.

Clyde Shaffer said yes. Yeah, exactly.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said I've seen a big change in what was Economic Development five years ago. Somebody would go out and Greg was, Mr. Beumer was usually that person or he assigned me to go do that when I was there. I've had small businesses. I mean small factories who have called me and wanted to know could I come to, I said I'm not, you need to call Randolph County United. And they've had someone's number, they called and that person didn't get back to them, not you Ruthie, and were really frustrated, you know, because they may need a grant for a different type of product to keep what they can produce for another factory here in town. I think it's, in my opinion, it has moved from being a corporation that is dealing with the entire county at no cost to those businesses who need them, now it is, you pay, you play. And I just think, and it's wonderful to do that with small, you know, mom and pop shops, but we need industry in this county badly. And we need to make sure that the glass mold repair shop on the west side of town gets as much attention and as much help as Anchor Glass might, what is it now?

Gary said Ardagh.

Clyde said Ardagh.

Missy said yeah, Ardagh, or the casket factory. When has anybody been down and talked to them and say how's it going, what do you need, are you concerned, are you having problems with employees, I mean getting employees? So, I've seen a major shift and I've also been and I asked and someone let me see the finances. You have almost \$900,000.00 worth of assets in Randolph County United. I am really worried about what the state is going to do to county governments and tried to get as much last week as I could, working around some other family situations. It is going to be bad for small counties, really bad for small counties. And so, I am not in favor, I think you can operate completely on your own. You're going to have to re-think. I get frustrated when I'm trying to talk with somebody from, not you Ruthie, you know, about how a grant, you know, some decisions made in a grant, just to discuss it and then something like oh, I'm at my next place, I've got to go. It's 1:15 in the afternoon. Who are we working for, Randolph County or for how many other businesses that we're paying pretty, anybody in this county would love to have that salary and be in this county how often? I think we need a person here that any time I want to, well not me, but anybody wants to walk in that door, there's going to be a leader who's going to be able to make major decisions right then and there or say, you know what, let me get in my car, let me come to your factory, or your business, somebody wants to start something up, you know, where are Economic Development area is or ones are now. So, I'm a hard no right now and I think you've done a great job of what you're doing. The Chamber is super. I'm not a part of your person getting dressed up people or person, obviously, everybody can tell you that. But I think we have got to try to figure out how we're going to run. And my suggestion, and these two guys I know, have their own ideas, each one of us and we'll talk this out. But I think our county need to hire somebody who's going to be a person who's going to be a grant writer for the county. We're missing out on grants that we have no information on how to write those major grants. I just think we need to go, nothing against Randolph County United. I wish you the very best. I think you will operate, just have to find a different way to may use

some of your funding. But I want to see us get our own leader who is a grant writer on at least part time, so we can have them go after some of the grants for the county. And we can all move forward doing that.

Clyde Shaffer said correct.

Missy said but I am really concerned about what small counties are going to see in the future with the legislation that's coming, has come forward and is going to continue to come forward with no funding.

Clyde Shaffer said yeah.

Gary said Clyde.

Clyde Shaffer said we recognize completely the funding issue is going to come to a head period. And it's not just going to be with RCU. It's going to be with all sorts of things you guys are funding period. And that's why I think we've been pretty open. We've discussed things with all three commissioners. This isn't like we're coming in saying oh, we're shocked or we're surprised. You know, when you talk about a grant writer, I think Gary might have been president of Economic Development at the time, we hired a grant writer. That was her job. I can't think of her name. Didn't work out like we thought. And the concept was we're going to hire a grant writer. That grant writer is going to be available to the fire departments, to different government entities, and they're going to write all these grants. It just, don't ask me why it didn't work, but it was a failure. And we paid the salary for probably two or three years because that was kind of the thought was we're going to bring in millions of dollars. And sometimes we didn't have the money to match those grants. Sometimes we just didn't meet the qualifications of the grants. But it wasn't that we didn't have someone on staff, it just, we ended up deciding it wasn't a good position for us to maintain. We also know that with Sydnee not in the county every day, that's a problem, okay. We recognize it. When we went through the process, she was by far, the most qualified individual that we had to select from. And she brings a lot of knowledge and a lot of stuff. You know, your question about Maul you know, before that occurred, we talked to the owner. We've been over to Frank Miller. When I say we, Sydnee's been to Frank Miller. I think Ruthie might have been with her at that meeting, and she has been down to the casket factory. But are we reaching people as much as we should? Of course not. We need to reach more. Bringing the Chamber inside Economic Development, we can look at it as a pro or con. When we brought it in, Union City's Chamber was struggling, Winchester's Chamber was almost non-existent at that point. The Chambers, that was the only two chambers in the whole county. So, we felt like bringing it inside RCU would then allow our perimeter towns, Modoc, Losantville, Parker, Farmland, that would give them an opportunity to join a Chamber that would be more focused countywide. And I think Carrie gets out, she's been doing a great job on getting out in the last 6 months, tremendously good job. Ruthie's been helping with that. So, if you look at our membership, our income, it has went up quite a bit. You had to pay to be a Chamber member before we brought the Chamber in. You still have to be, you've got to pay to get a Chamber member. But I understand the concern. Tom doesn't pay his company into the Chamber, so he doesn't get necessarily all the benefits of the Chamber, and as long as the Chamber is under RCU, that's tax dollars, not just private funding. So, it is a difficult ying and yang. We shove

Chamber totally out, then we run the risk that it'll be what it was before it came in, almost non-existent. Or, we leave them in and we figure out a better solution. So, what we would like to do is propose that with these cuts coming, we can't decide it. I think it's not very smart for us to bring you a budget. You'd reject it, we'd come back with something different and we don't get anything done. I propose that we put together a committee that's got the executive board for RCU, which is 5 of us and then we get a County Commissioner. Gary's on Economic Development, but he's leaving.

Gary said right.

Clyde Shaefer said so, I think it would be good, maybe Tom or somebody from the commissioners could be on this committee and we'd get with Greg and could get someone from County Council to get on this committee and we sit down and we hammer out where do we or don't we go, period, because the majority of us are volunteers. And I've got no desire to keep driving to Winchester to negotiate or bring a budget that's just going to get denied. If council and commissioners aren't on board with what we want to do, there's no need for us to keep hitting our head against the wall, okay. And there are things that we do provide that Economic Development is going to have to do. I mean, the State is, the State is looking at multi-county functions. And if we're not part of the multi-county function, there're millions of dollars that aren't to end up in Randolph County, period. But can that be done by someone employed by the commissioners? Well, sure if you call it Economic Development, I'm sure there could be. But I just think it makes sense that we all sit down and discuss it and come up with a game plan together. That's just my suggestion.

Gary said well, I think it's fair. We'll go around one more time.

Clyde Shaefer said sure.

Gary said I think it's fair. I don't want to cut it clear off, zero, personally.

Clyde Shaefer said right.

Gary said but I think somewhere in the middle, we owe it to the people to, you know, I will be here when the contract comes through, but not after, so I think your decision on somebody other than I on that committee is a smart decision. If I were on that committee, I would not accept even to tolerate a non-full-time director. Don't have to live in Randolph County, but has to work here. And as you know Clyde, you were on some hiring committees, we went through 3 full-times one time to get a director. You can't just give up on, you just can't stop because you got a part-time and we don't get but one, my opinion, I'm on that board, we get 1 day if we're lucky, 1 day with a director in this county, a week.

Clyde Shaefer said yeah. I don't disagree.

Gary said I don't think I'm off base. We don't even get them at the meetings. We just don't. It's not working. I don't, I didn't disagree with the attempt because I actually talked to you, said maybe we ought to try, you know, Augusta in Muncie, that's what they do.

Clyde Shaefer said yeah.

Gary said but when we have an idea and an experiment that didn't work, we got to get out of it or we lose confidence. The entire community loses the confidence. I've lost confidence, not you, not in Ruthie, in the whole system, you know. And there was a time when things changed, when the funding changed and the oversight changed because of open to the public, then all of a sudden, you know, I think a group of people all of a sudden started leading this in a direction we wish we weren't at right now.

Clyde Shaefer said yeah.

Gary said and I wouldn't vote to have what we have right now any further. I will be open to looking at what a committee of people can present to the commissioners, but I'm also with Missy, that I believe Randolph County, we need to do something whether we hire a county administrator that takes care of some Economic Development duties or all of them. What we have today doesn't work, and I think you recognize that. Doesn't work for me.

Clyde Shaefer said times have changed.

Gary said yeah.

Tom said yeah.

Clyde Shaefer said I mean, times have changed, funding for the county, direction have changed. You guys quote, get paid but you're sure not full time. And your job is more than full time. And, you know, me and Gary have had this conversation. I think the county needs an administrator that can take care of getting things done. I mean, you know, Wind and Solar has blessed the county with the fact of money, but it's come in to allow you guys do jobs you never thought you could do. But guess what it did? It also increases the responsibility that is on you guys to make sure projects are done right and followed up on. And you know, you all got to, and I talked to Tom one day, he's driving home from Pennsylvania. I mean, it's kind of hard to follow up on a project in Randolph County when Tom's job has him in Pennsylvania. That's difficult. So, you know, what we want to do is be a solution to the problem. And I think there's a happy medium where the county can get someone that reports to you guys. We can continue to operate, provide the services that we provide, and hopefully do it all within budget of what the State is going to send us that we don't know yet.

Gary said Tom, final thoughts?

Tom said I would love to serve on a committee to have those conversations.

Clyde Shaefer said good.

Tom said and I do think the Chamber is extremely, extremely important. I really do. So, when I say I don't like the pay to play type scenario of that, I do think the Chamber, I think 70% of what you guys do is really the job of a Chamber of Commerce.

Clyde Shaefer said it is. We do a lot of Chamber.

Tom said and it's very important. Discussion with us, is a whole new thing about us having a county administrator or a county director that we need to have now. That's, I think all of us, we've had this conversation in here before, are in favor of going that direction to some extent that we need to do before budget. But, I think right now it's all good and needs to happen.

Gary said final thoughts, Missy?

Missy said well I think Sydnee is one of the most talented people I've ever seen in conferences and everywhere else. I just wish we had someone like her and she may be your pick right there, who's just about as close to being, evolving into being a really outstanding leader as far as Economic Development is concerned. And I'll be honest, that's kind of why I'm thinking that we've got to get our own going so we have a say in what we want to do, and what we know we, what's going to propel us to continue through this next 3 years, maybe longer than that. And yeah, I don't know, I don't go to, I'm not out doing Chamber stuff, or you know looking at, you know, the thing they had here the other day, the lunch thing, it was fantastic. I get a phone call from Union City saying how come they never come over and do it in Union City? That's a perfectly good question.

Clyde Shaffer said good question, yep. We need to.

Missy said it really is. Yeah, Farmland has an event and they're saying where was RCU? You know, why don't they ever come over here and set up a, I hear that because I go around you know, sometimes and I think you've done a great job. I'm amazed at the amount of money that you've been able to bring in and the grants that you're being able to get that have really continued on from before. But leadership is everything. And I think Sydnee is extremely talented. When she's at conferences that we go to, nobody misses. They pack the rooms to hear from that. That's why I'd like to have her here more and I don't think that's going to change.

Clyde Shaffer said it's not.

Missy said it wouldn't change because she's too successful doing what she's doing there.

Gary said okay. Just a couple follow ups, then you guys can have the last word, whatever you want to say, but I'd asked for information on how those trips aren't gratuity and how they're not paid for by the taxpayer when you take the one instead of taking it to income. Still don't have that. I asked in February.

Clyde Shaefer said yes, okay.

Gary said that's one thing they didn't follow up on, and I asked last time, last meeting, directly to Sydnee about a follow up on who got those funds, how much and yeah, she was supposed to email that to commissioners.

Clyde Shaefer said okay, I've got. You've already got it, don't you?

Missy said I'm lost on what you're talking about.

Gary said the OCRA funding.

Clyde Shaefer said your committee that you were on that funded the different groups.

Missy said oh yeah, yeah.

Clyde Shaefer said Missy should have, don't you Missy? You've got the list.

Missy said I'm not sure. I'm not sure I ever did. I don't know.

Clyde Shaefer said if not, but, I've got it.

Gary said okay, so, you got the list, have you got funding too?

Missy said oh, a list of who got, yeah, I have that. Later that day.

Gary said who got funded how much and who didn't get funded.

Clyde Shaefer said yes.

Gary said and one more thing I'd like to know. Of all those funded, how many are non-chamber members?

Clyde Shaefer said that, I don't know but I can find out.

Gary said do you know Ruthie?

Ruthie Rose said I could tell you if I look at the list.

Gary said are there any of them non-chamber members? It just goes to the fairness part.

Clyde Shaefer said yeah.

Missy said I think I can answer a little of that because I sat in on those. It was never asked or even insinuated are they on the Chamber, or they're a Chamber member or not. No discussion on that. And I'd say the majority of the people on that committee, I didn't, I don't know who is or isn't. We didn't base it on Chamber membership at all.

Clyde Shaefer said I wasn't on the committee, so I don't know.

Gary said I'm just curious.

Ruthie Rose said 5 of the 13 who were awarded were non-chamber members.

Gary said so, the majority were chamber members.

Clyde Shaefer said yeah, 5 out of how many?

Gary said a large majority.

Ruthie Rose said 13.

Gary said you had 8 from Winchester, 4 from Union City, 1 from Parker City?

Clyde Shaefer said I think that's correct, yes.

Gary said and we had 9 towns?

Clyde Shaefer said yes. But they put out a pretty good spread of trying to get people to apply, if I'm, I mean, on social media. And I don't know those who didn't get funded, where they're located. But they're listed on the sheet. They're listed.

Gary said would you send that to commissioners, please?

Laura said yes.

Clyde Shaefer said so, back to so we can, you know, because you guys want to get something done by August. So, you guys want to put this committee together so we can work out, and you know, get Tom on there, have Greg or somebody from.

Gary said Tom's already said he'd like to be on it, so I would imagine coordination would come from your office to get the elected officials on there.

Clyde Shaefer said we can do that. Yep. And I'll reach out to Greg and find out who he wants to see from County Council.

Gary said Missy, are you okay with Tom service on that?

Missy said absolutely.

Gary said okay. Sorry about that, yeah, okay.

Clyde Shaefer said is that good?

Gary said yeah, I'm fine.

Clyde Shaeffer said that's all we've got, unless.

Tom said evenings meetings only.

Gary said evening only. Ruthie?

Ruthie Rose said I'm good.

Gary said okay. I have nothing else. Thank you for coming in.

Clyde Shaefer said and Monday evenings is a preference.

Tom said we can meet in Parker, can't we?

Clyde Shaefer said there you go.

Gary said open meetings are difficult but this is public money, and public needs to hear it all.

Clyde Shaefer said yeah. Okay.

Gary said thank you.

Clyde Shaefer said thanks guys.

Gary said highway roof color, no New EDIT Plan.

2027 New EDIT Plan Discussion

Gary said okay, Laura sent out the EDIT plan that we have to take care of. Can I see it?

Laura said I didn't bring a copy. I'm sorry.

Meeks said I didn't bring a copy either. Maybe we can put this one on the next one and we can discuss it. I mean, we have 6 months.

Laura said well, no, we're working on budget now. That's why I sent it out now.

Missy said can you just read it off of

Laura said we're not going to have it.

Meeks said all those things you had on there, we need to keep on there.

Gary said yeah, and the ones that are done, are done.

Meeks said right.

Laura said well like I had RCU on there and they just said they don't know if they're going to leave that amount or what. So, I mean, we can appropriate if we don't budget it. We just, State Board frowns upon appropriations first thing in the year.

Meeks said we won't know the RCU thing until.

Laura said later. Yeah, I get that. We just thought if we could add whatever we needed to add now.

Gary said you could appropriate the total \$270,000.00 for 1 year.

Meeks said well we can go down the list. When did you send that out?

Laura said it was last week.

Meeks said I have the current plan. I can read it off. Just to go down the list Winchester and Union City and the other towns get \$10,000.00 a year. We've had that on there forever. And then you have the RCU that we just talked about. The \$75,000 for legal and financial, yes we're going to keep that in there. You have to keep that in there. Web hosting your going to leave in there. Lifestream I assume you'll want t leave in there. Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, you voted to take that out, so I was going to remove that. Randolph County Promise, I think your committed for the next two years on that one. Achieva, that's that adult guardian program.

Gary said I think we should do that.

Meeks said okay.

Gary said anybody that don't agree, just say so.

Missy said on number 9, I think you need to look and ask for statistics on how many people are being served.

Meeks said I think they come in and ask.

Laura said I know the courts are really pushing us to keep that every year.

Missy said I like it, the come to second harvest with individual and we load them up there and then they take them back to their homes. So, I've seen a lot of good things from it.

Meeks said Forum of Funders, I think that's done, right.

Gary said it's done.

Meeks said Housing Resource Hub, it's expired. You have \$387,000 for broad band that was not used. I would assume that just goes back into.

Gary said back into the reserve.

Meeks said you have the one from Randolph Eastern that stays. The Airport, that's done. SJCA, I'm not sure which one that is \$39,700.00.

Gary said wasn't it for engineering either for across the Missinewa River, I think it had to do with the stone quarry.

Meeks said we can leave that on and follow up on it. The Art Association, take off, that ones done. Playground paradise is done. Tourism is paid \$28,000.00 a year. I think you've had that in there for a while.

Gary said just a couple years when we switched it out of RCU.

Meeks said you we're supporting it one way or another. The blight grants, are those all paid out yet?

Laura said they have not. I think Winchester has one remaining. It had been discussed at a prior meeting about funding for several more projects. We have only approve \$40,000 for Winchester, \$30,000 for Union City, Winchester has used \$30,000 of their \$40,000. Union City's used \$10,000 of theirs. So, there's still some funding left in there.

Meeks said so we'll leave that.

Laura said if you're going to give them more you will need to, that can be a later discussion.

Meeks said they still have 6 months to use this.

Tom said we didn't say per year, did we?

Laura said no, it was just a one time, for these amounts.

Meeks said I know Winchester is going to use the rest of theirs this year, I already know the project.

Laura said there was discussion that Bob was going to have more and if you guys want to give more, you need to think about that before you redo your plan.

Gary said those who have not used they stay static where they're at and those who have we replenish.

Tom said I think we replenish and don't necessarily designate it to a city or town and they just come and asked for it.

Gary said so an at large.

Tom said an at large instead of saying Winchester get's 3 or 4. If we replenish for another 10 properties, it's basically whoever comes to us and has properties ready.

Gary said I think the only reason we put one per small town. They take longer to get their funds together.

Tom said they do, but we can refund it.

Gary said \$100,000.00 at large amount sound good. Make a motion to that someone.

Meeks said we'll have an EDIT Board meeting. And whatever is already still in the works. RAZ 32, I think your going to have to leave that on. That's already committed. Parker City Fire Department can be taken off. Albany's done. Harter Park should be done. The radio encryption should be done.

Laura said there's money there, nobody has applied for it.

Meeks said that should be done within the next six months. We'll put it back on but I think by the time we approve it in December it's going to be done.

Gary said Missy you good with this?

Missy said yes.

Gary said Tom?

Tom said yes.

Missy said can I back up? The Forum of Funders, the foundation does a fantastic job but I don't know that they are getting that many requests in. I think we need to, and the kind of requests, I'm all for neutering cats but I don't want that to be what we're going to use the forum of funders for. People dropping cats in town.

Gary said we're done contributing aren't we?

Meeks said you did not contribute in 2026. In 2024 and 2025 you contributed but your obligation was done in 2025.

Highway roof color

Gary said highway roof color. There's a change order for it go white from the galvanized metal of \$7,276.00 if this change order was added to keep the highway roof white it would still be under then next closest bid. It's a matter of whether the Commissioner's want to do it or not. I'd like to turn it white. Tom?

Tom said I don't know that it's worth spending the \$7000 with the pitch of the roof, you can't tell the difference anyway.

Gary said fair enough.

Tom said I think I'm on the other side of that.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said I don't think we should do it.

Gary said okay. So, it stays as is, we don't need a motion.

GIS Map Agreement- tabled from June 1

Gary said GIS map agreement tabled from June 1st.

Laura said we reached out to this company and did not get a response. I just want to say that they cannot change our map. They've already paid for this. We haven't cashed the check because you guys haven't approved agreement. But, we're getting \$1200.00 for us to give them our layers to use to overlay on whatever project their working on. It doesn't change anything on our mapping and we have never denied these before. It's up to you guys.

Gary said GIS is in your department, do you make a recommendation we go ahead and do it.

Laura said yes.

Gary said we have a recommendation from the Auditor to go ahead approve this agreement.

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

Baker Tilly CFP Contract

Gary said Baker Tilly CFP contract.

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

Baker Tilly MUST/ LIT Contract

Gary said Baker Tilly MUST/LIT contract.

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

ResQ 911 Pro Services Agreement

Gary said ResQ911 Pro Services agreement. Meeks has went through the contract and straightened up some issues on it and it's time to sign it if we're going to sign it. I think we need to sign it even though we're going to have a joint session, possibly will help the hiring phase down there. If we were to get it cured faster than this contract is completed, we can back out at any time, right Meeks.

Meeks said 30 days.

Gary said I think we need to sign this. Does someone want to make a motion to sign the ResQ911 contract.

Missy said motion to approve. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-09

Gary said resolution 2026-09. We have resolution 2026-09 a resolution to declare certain personal property of Randolph County as unneeded and to be considered surplus property for disposal and what this resolution is about is from Prosecutor office. Two Glock model 23 handguns, serial numbers are provided. One Glock model 27 handgun, serial number provided. Would somebody like to make a motion to approve this resolution 2026-09.

Missy said what happens to those weapons?

Meeks said they'll sell them. Then the money goes back into whatever fund, whichever fund purchased them.

Missy said motion to approve. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary asked Mayor do you have anything this morning?

Mayor Bob McCoy update

Bob said Mayor of Winchester Bob McCoy. APC meeting Wednesday, Bethany Villages, they are going to be asking for a change from R1 to R3 which is residential medium density to residential high density. The plan is to build 48 age restricted housing units. It's going to be one level kind of shaped like an X. I think we've talked about it before, that does go before Area planning Wednesday then if they recommend favorable or unfavorable then it goes to city council, they vote on it. I did ask the owners to screen the property, Doug Lowe addition, to screen that possibly with pine trees or something to kind separate that so when they do build that kind of separates the two properties. I've also looked at possibly flipping the structure to allow parking on the more south side than the north side to reduce noise as well.

Gary asked where's this at?

Bob said the old nursing home property.

Meeks said Randolph nursing home.

Missy said by Baker Elementary.

Bob said so once this is approved. They will basically start demo. I think they've got quotes on demo. Last I heard it's right around \$300,000. There are some concerns about dust, that will all be addressed by the demo contractor, they're really good about bringing in a tank and keeping things wet. Obviously there's asbestos and things like that that have to be removed. And then from there and they may wait to demo because I know this is all going through the IHCD for some funding. So, I think that application is due July something or other. So, once that's all and I think they feel really good about getting the funding. Hopefully we could possibly see some demo and construction before the end of the year. I do agree with you guys on the economic

development, on RCU, I think we need somebody that represents the county. A local person that's familiar with the county. We can start out with somebody that's maybe not so experienced in economic development and see where it goes but right now I agree. I don't think we are being represented and I think the communication is just not there as far as representing the towns and the communities. That's all I got. Thank you.

Gary said one thing Missy, I'm glad he mentioned that. Missy talked about the \$900,000 they have. I believe you'll find some of that is restricted and not used for operations. I don't know the exact numbers right now but they have restricted money in revolving fund and local funds. I don't know off the top of my head but I want to make sure the public knows they are not setting on \$900,000 of unrestricted funds.

Missy said no, some of it is in farm ground, some of it is in other property. I'm not questioning that I'm just questioning the relationship with not only the three of us and the Council, what's going on, what do you need, but with businesses and developments that could happen.

Gary said we are now at the end of our agenda. Missy what else?

Missy said I don't have anything.

Gary said Laura?

Laura said we have insurance meetings this week, mandatory for renewal and on Thursday we start at 7:30am, wasn't sure how that affects security. Security doesn't open until 7:30 people are going to be coming in prior to that.

Tom said we discussed it with Tom Pullens already this morning. They said they would cover it, with a couple days' notice they should be able to cover anything like that. I don't know how in our contract?

Gary said it's extra but we have to do it.

Tom said they talked about just coming in at 7:00 or 7:15 am.

Laura said okay, that's fine. And then Thursday night? I didn't know if you were going to bring up the meeting for Thursday night?

Gary said I don't think we need them here for Thursday night. The courts aren't in session. The courthouse is not open.

Missy said Gary I do have something else. I again have two neighbors out near that north, south 900 W and 100 N. There was a fender bender out there. They had come in and requested to make that a 4-way stop.

Gary said I think Joe was going to get a traffic counter out there.

Missy said I don't think they ever. Joe have you been able to get a traffic count out there.

Joe Copeland said Joe Copeland county engineer. I've been off for a little bit. What I need to do is I know a company in Indianapolis that does traffic counts. Their primary expertise is in traffic and I want to call them and find out what they use to count traffic and then check on the prices to see what it would take to get that same type of equipment.

Gary said can you reiterate why that's important. Instead of just going down there and throwing up a 4-way stop. Why is that necessary and why is that important.

Joe said there's a manual, it's national but Indiana has their own, they've adopted the national with a few changes and it's the Indiana manual of uniform traffic control devices. We are required to follow that manual and that manual discusses and talks about the reasons you should use to put in a 4-way stop. Same way if you move the stop from one direction to another there's things you need to do there and places if specifically states that your not to do certain things. So, we need to follow the manual so we don't get problems with liability.

Gary said it's sometimes hard for people to understand. We just cannot just put up a stop sign.

Joe said and the manual specifically states that stop signs are not to be used for speed control.

Gary said what else Missy.

Missy said I think that's it.

Gary said are you going to get ahold of somebody and let us know.

Joe said yes.

Gary said Laura anything else?

Laura said no.

Gary said HR still here, no their not. Would you tell them, in the future, for the Commissioner's and for the office holders that may be affected. If you see an anomaly in the HR things going on that we might want to know. Feel free to tell us. Tom?

Tom said a couple things, security, I talked to Jake and Tom down there this morning. We were talking about the remodel, the builders, they think it's working better now the way it is then potentially what we wanted to do with changing. So, the material is already in with the contractor that's supposed to change that entrance way. But, we might put a hold on it right now and let the security work for a while and see how everything works out and where we go from there. That's pretty much it.

Gary said I want to hold off. We own the material.

Tom said we will have to pay for the materials but the expense might not be necessary for the whole thing. I'll make a motion to suspend the door project at the entrance.

Missy seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Tom said the courthouse remodel for the probation, community correction area. They sent out a preliminary. Do we want him to follow through and finish up with prints and put a bid package together on that. What's the next step on that.

Gary said I think so. We have to have a bid package. Missy?

Missy said I agree.

Gary said so yes.

Tom said I'll talk to Dave on that.

Missy said it just makes so much sense to have them here. Particularly with protection here.

Tom said I think that's all I have today.

Gary said Meeks?

Meeks said I do not have anything.

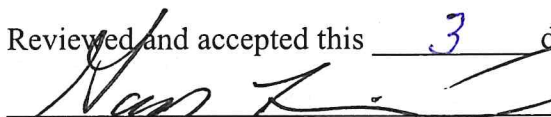
Citizen Comments (3 minutes)

Gary said is there anyone in attendance today that hasn't spoken, feel free to come up. Seeing nobody moving would somebody like to make a motion to adjourn.

Adjournment

Tom made a motion to adjourn. Missy seconded. All ay votes. Motion carried.

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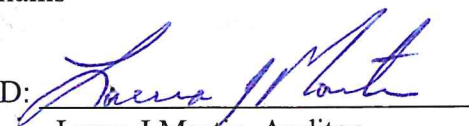
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