

Randolph County Commissioners

July 1, 2024

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Council's update

Mike said first item on the agenda is the council's update. I saw two in the room. Bev?

Bev said I have nothing.

Mike said Missy?

Missy said nothing.

Opening Bids bridge #304

Mike said okay. Next item is the opening bid for bridge number 304, a Community Crossing project in the City of Winchester on Carl Street. Meeks has the bids.

Meeks said the first bid is from Hoosier Pride Excavating. Looks like a total of \$1,129,804.59. Next one is Brumbaugh Construction. And that bid is 1,025,000.00. The next bid is E&B Paving, Inc. That's \$1,989,000. The last one is Duncan Robertson, Inc. That appears to be \$1,063,895.30. Usually take these under advisement.

Mike said we will take them under advisement and our highway engineer is present, we'll give those over to Joe Copeland, and let you review them, and hopefully report back this morning.

Joe Copeland said yes sir.

Jim Nunez and Evaughna Sheppard – Tourism request SW Corner

Mike said next item is Jim Nunez and Evaughna Sheppard, tourism request for the southwest corner of the courthouse lawn?

Jim Nunez said it come to our attention that the steel guitar is celebrating 50 years of coming to our fine town. So, we wanted to welcome them and we are requesting this corner to put up some picnic tables the week of the 25th through the 27th in this corner right here, so they can, when they're playing their music, that the courthouse and other people can hear their music. And so, we thought we'd just ask the commissioners if we could put some picnic tables and some trash cans right there to collect the trash and stuff if there is any. But, especially on the 27th, because on the 27th, now I'll let Evaughna tell you what's happening on the 27th.

Evaughna Sheppard said the 27th, the Christmas in July, the vendor fair and the farmers' market will all be occurring in the same corner of the courthouse. So, that's a lot of people and we figure they would like somewhere to sit while they go between all of them. I think all of them fall between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., and after that, they'll all be packing up and going.

Jim Nunez said so, we just thought it would be a good thing to you know, help out for all those people being in town. And I know it's the same weekend, is the same week as 4-H grounds out there too, so, maybe draw some people from that.

Mike said so, on the 27th, that's a Saturday, so any conflict there with farmers' market, or is that going to go on too?

Evaughna Sheppard said it's all going on. They've talked between themselves and none of them are overlapping streets. They're just kind of puzzle-piecing next to each other. Mike said sounds like a good thing. I don't have any issues with it.

Gary Friend said I do not.

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

Mike said very good. Thank you.

Beth Kreig – funding request for blinds

Mike said Beth. Beth Kreig, probation department, request funding for blinds.

Beth Kreig said the Community Corrections probation building, the past six months, we've, well, Community Corrections did a lot of redecorating. Probation got on board with that. We haven't done anything in there since we moved in in 1999. So, with volunteer work for painting, for artwork and all that, we did, we got by the best we could to get some things accomplished. It's looking really good. The front of the building has all those big windows. I would like to replace those blinds in the front. As you can see, there's no way that's in my budget to do that. We did replace what we could as far as some of the smaller windows with what was in the probation budget, but there's nothing to cover that one. So, I'm just asking for funds to be able to finish what we started.

Mike said and you picked navy as the color?

Beth Kreig said well, it was kind of a joint effort. It's looking very nice. We've got the whole thing decorated very nice. And it will cover the windows and block out the sun and, not that I'm trying to block it definitely, but this time of day, it's a little rough.

Mike said would the navy do better than white?

Beth Kreig said yeah, I think so.

Mike said the white, from a color standpoint, would be a lot longer lasting than navy.

Beth Kreig said I know, but we've made it look, well, it goes with what we've established in the building. I'll take the white if that's what I get. I'd prefer to make it match.

Mike said I'm not going to force my choices, I don't mean that. I don't work there.

Beth Kreig said I don't know, maybe it's a little cheaper.

Mike said I don't work there.

Gary Friend said the aluminum blinds blocks the sun. The color has nothing to do with it.

Beth Kreig said I just want to finish what we started. That, you know, it's the same stuff we've had since 1999.

Mike said well I would tend to agree with the request to purchase the blinds and I'm presuming you don't have the money in your budget.

Beth Kreig said I do not.

Mike said we could use CUM Cap to do that.

Gary Friend said does this include Community Corrections?

Beth Kreig said no, no. It would just be the upstairs for probation. Community Corrections handles things out of their grant budget, yeah, which there were some things done to the windows downstairs, but that had nothing to do with probation.

Mike said when you say probation, Community Corrections building, I guess I thought maybe it was beyond that. Okay.

Gary Friend said I think CUM Cap works Mike. I'm okay. I'll make that motion.

Mike said I have a motion to expend \$3,873.15 for the installation of new blinds in the probation area.

Beth Kreig said I think it'll actually be a little bit less than that because we did go ahead and get one of them purchased.

Mike said \$3,455.55 from Cum Cap for the probation area of the Community Corrections and Probation building.

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

Mike said Thank you.

Ed Thornburg – Frontier Utility agreement

Mike said Ed Thornburg, Frontier Utility agreement. Morning Ed.

Ed Thornburg said morning. I believe you've got the agreement in front of you. If I remember right, this is a single drop in Lynn.

Mike said one you're recommending?

Ed Thornburg said yes.

Mike said anybody have any questions of Ed?

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

Before you go, how's this working out with you doing this? I appreciate it. I think you're going a great job with keeping up with the utility contracts.

Ed Thornburg said it's interesting.

Gary Friend said well thank you.

Ed Thornburg said I've got a conference call this afternoon between a supplier and their engineering firm because they keep turning in the same stuff. But, we're getting it sorted out.

Mike said thanks Ed. See you in a little bit.

Anne Taylor – Request for financial support (Nathan Harmon) (tabled from 6/17/24)

Mike said Anne Taylor, request for financial support for the Nathan Harmon event, which we tabled two weeks ago. Morning Anne.

Anne Taylor said good morning.

Mike said well, I sent an email to all five county superintendents, and I'll be blunt, my request was to have them share that expense of around \$1,600.00 per school corporation. And I heard back from Randolph Eastern, and Aaron indicated he would like to talk about it. I heard back from Rollin Abraham. And Aaron indicated that he was in full support of the project. Rollin Abraham was the same way, but indicated they couldn't find the funds to financially support that. I didn't hear from Monroe Central, Union or Randolph Southern. So, I will say from the two I heard from, and you might have gathered that from our last meeting, my feeling, I was a little disappointed that they weren't, that the school corporations aren't willing to step up and find funds to support this. We do have opioid funds, and I'm not sure, I don't think we've spent any of that. I'm not sure how we spend that. So, I'm at a loss there. I do know that Community Foundation, we have the Forum of Funders, which is a not-for-profit group that was organized

by the Community Foundation, which we're a part of, and the council's a part of. I think City of Winchester is a part of, city of Union City. There're some private individuals a part of, and they have grant funds available. And it was shared with me that that fund might be available for this project. My only concern would be that that would not be available until spring. And it's my understanding you want to do this this fall.

Anne Taylor said I would like to do it this fall so we have all year we can follow through with the kids.

Mike said and I guess the other question is, are we coordinated with the five school corporations, that they're going to provide transportation, when and where it's going to be, and?

Anne Taylor said we don't know when and where. We've got to work with that, but all five school corporations said they would bus their students to where we house it.

Mike said so, the \$8,000 doesn't include any transportation expense?

Anne Taylor said \$500.00 of that is for the transportation. We can kind of help the schools out, but even with everything we do, the schools have never really asked for transportation. So, if we don't get that \$500, I think we'll be fine.

Mike said looking at our agenda this morning, we are helping the schools out quite a bit this morning. So, I would hope they could at least, provide transportation should we decide to support this. And then the other mention was the Reach All Randolph County funds that was a group that helped with addition and matters of that case, which dissolved several years ago, and somebody indicated that maybe that money was still available. And I'm not sure where that is. So, I don't know where we're going to go this morning. I don't know what you guys feel.

Gary Friend said my biggest was make sure all the schools were on board with this. I mean, I don't have any problem with it. But all the schools are going to work it all out, and then we have some part of the county that's not served because the schools didn't step up, like Mike was saying. A little financial commitment from them is stepping up. But, at the end of it all, I would assume that you get this project done. How we fund it, is probably the most difficult part, not difficult, what we do. I mean, it could even be considered as an EDIT project as far as couldn't serve an entire county. But, you have letters or do you just have verbal?

Anne Taylor said I emailed all of them and they all responded back. I did have a little trouble getting Union back, but I finally got their counsellor to talk with their principal and the superintendent and stuff like that.

Gary Friend said how does that work out when you set a schedule and you need Union or Randolph Southern, any of these, to be at an event? How's that event? What's the chain of events that gets this done for a child on a certain day? Do they go at night? Do they go during the day?

Anne Taylor said during the day.

Gary Friend said how's that work out? Do you set a schedule up? Do you pull them out of class?

Anne Taylor said yep, we set a schedule, yep. And then they bus them where they're going.

Gary Friend said and then bus them back?

Anne Taylor said yep.

Gary Friend said and it takes how long?

Anne Taylor said the presentation is an hour, so they're probably going to be a half hour bus ride, whether 20 minutes to half hour to where they're going, hour presentation and then back to their school. So, probably about two hours.

Gary Friend said is this gentleman in person?

Anne Taylor said yes.

Mike said and then he'll do one in the evening for parents?

Anne Taylor said and he'll do one in the evening for parents.

Gary Friend said where is the venue you plan to do it at?

Anne Taylor said probably at Winchester High School, at the auditorium. They're the only school that really has the auditorium. It works really nice.

Mike said there's \$179,984.00 in the restricted funds, and \$69,885 in the unrestricted. I guess, never having spent this and not knowing how we go about it. Would it be, would it help you in going forward in your planning, if we said we will commit to \$8,000 to this project, and we'll figure out how we pay for it later?

Anne Taylor said yeah, that would be awesome.

Gary Friend said yeah. I'll make that motion.

Gary Girton said I think it's definitely a good program and I'm a little disappointed the schools didn't reply and offer some input.

Mike said two did.

Gary Girton said well I know, but I mean.

Mike said and it's summertime. They may have gone on vacation.

Gary Girton said well that's true, but still, this is an important area. I've struggled with this for years, and they're still struggling with it. We need to do everything we can to work with the students, and this is where it starts, the younger the age, the more we can help them. I know when I was in education, it was a struggle then and it hasn't changed a whole lot since.

Mike said and the students, as I understand it, asked for it?

Anne Taylor said yeah.

Mike said I would say that one probably is not enough, and I don't want to put extra work on you, but if the, hope for mental health group could consider one for next year, they might reach out to the forum of funders next year, and that might be something the forum of funders can fund as well. So, that's what that fund is there for, to help in that situation. So, you made a motion?

Gary Friend said yes.

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

Mike said so, I think the first thing I'd like to do is get a list of appropriate expenditures out of restricted funds. If we have that, then we can determine maybe at the next meeting, whether we spend it out of restricted or unrestricted. Okay. Does that work?

Gary Friend said works for me.

Brad Dilger, EDPR – Amending RUA

Mike said next item is Brad Dilger with EDPR, amending RUA. Morning Brad.

Brad Dilger said morning.

Mike said how are the sheep doing down there?

Brad Dilger said they're doing pretty good.

Mike said they looked pretty skinny when I drove by them last night.

Brad Dilger said oh, I'll have to check in with the farmer that's working on those. I heard there're some babies there.

Mike said maybe they just shaved them. Maybe they were babies. I didn't get that close to them.

Brad Dilger said yeah, there were a couple babies born I've heard. All doing well. They're eating the grass and not the weeds so much.

Mike said good.

Brad Dilger said they're working on it.

Mike said they'll eat the weeds when the grass is gone.

Brad Dilger said so yeah, out here today, so, as we are getting close to commencement of construction, as part of the RUA, what's in the RUA requires us to amend with the exhibits that was shared over with Meeks. So, it's just showing the route, what roads we're going to use, what roads we were going to repair after the fact. There is you know, an exhibit in there showing proximity to county drainage, which none of that has changed from when we've met with the drainage board. Just, there's an indication we are within a 100 feet of county drainage. So, those are in there. The bond is in there. So, just buttoning up all those needs. I trust that Meeks is able to share it with everybody. And along with that, we have a draft the decommissioning bond to go with the same project, Riverstart IV, just asking for review and it all looks good, approval of that.

Mike said has the highway department seen the amendments?

Meeks said yes. I talked to Jay. I don't know if Jay.

Mike said is he okay with it

Meeks said I think Jay's okay, he's okay with it.

Mike said okay. I'm just, one curious note is the 400, west 400 South between 900 West and Highway 1, there's one paved area. I'm just curious why that's there?

Brad Dilger said which exhibit are you looking at?

Mike said I don't know the exhibit, I'm going to call it the first one, the first one I come to.

Brad Dilger said says stating the current condition of?

Mike said no, I think that's the improvements.

Brad Dilger said so there is one section.

Mike said no, I'm sorry, that's reconstruction road evaluation, sorry.

Brad Dilger said yes, so, that's just the current state of the roads. And then a few pages back, it will be the showing where we're going to be improving those areas. There's one area just west of 800, or 1, that is currently paved, so we're expecting to just bring that back up to existing condition after the fact. And then the other areas, would be doing a double layer chip and seal. So, I think on a previous version, it was incorrectly shown as downgrading that, which we corrected that.

Mike said okay. Any questions of Brad?

Gary Friend said no. I spoke with Jay too. There's no downgrading at all in this.

Brad Dilger said and then similar to what we're doing with Riverstart III, if there are any, if there's any damage that needs to be done prior to the final double layer chip and seal, we'll take care of that with the same contractor.

Mike said okay. Very good.

Gary Friend said I'm good.

Brad Dilger said and can I just stick around after to get signatures?

Meeks said you'll want to get, you'll want to move approval of the first amendment RUA.

Mike said oh, you want more than review this morning, you want us to approve this?

Brad Dilger said if there are no questions, yeah.

Mike said I guess I thought we were just reviewing. Although it's a draft copy.

Meeks said the amendment is not a draft copy. The bond is a draft.

Brad Dilger said if the bond language seems, is acceptable, then I would have them issue the final.

Meeks said looked fine to me.

Mike said this is the first amendment to the agreement regarding county roads and drains for Solar Park IV, which we've been discussing. We understand the highway department has seen this and has approved it. The attorney's seen it and approved it. The exhibits aren't in color which makes it a little difficult to see.

Brad Dilger said I do have one that's in color here if you want to see it.

Mike said so, does someone want to move for approval of this amendment?

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

Brad Dilger said and then I will be attending drainage as well, it does require a signature on the drainage side.

Mike said well we can sign that at our drainage meeting.

Brad Dilger said thank you very much.

Mike said thank you. We'll leave this with Laura and we'll have it at the drainage board and you can pick it up after that and get your signature on it.

Hiram Messersmith – Complaint

Mike said Hiram Messersmith. Morning Hiram.

Hiram Messersmith said howdy. I've got some questions that I've got to ask you guys that maybe you could help me on.

Mike said we'll try.

Hiram Messersmith said okay. One thing, I kicked some people off my land. He was homeless and I had to go to the court system in Randolph County. And I have to go to Delaware County. I have trouble there too. I filed with the Bar Association. But, I still have trouble with that one neighbor a little bit. He's the druggie and he stole my generator and stuff. And the sheriff's department, you know, they, the sheriff department said well, as long as he can take anything off my property they want. That ain't right. I got them kicked off finally. And I can't understand what's going on. Brother, he stole 9 acres, which Art told him how to do it, our sheriff. And see, I inherited from mom, 9 acres. Well my brother didn't want to split it up so he got a loan against it and the bank got ahold of me and said he's talking about filing bankruptcy. Well, he didn't. So, I signed the paper for a year and he was supposed to get back with me. And he talked to Art and Art told him no. Said wait 8 years. Now, yesterday, my brother told me he wasn't going to give it back to me, and stuff like that. I been having trouble with some people and I will take care of it that way. But, this has gone too far out of hand. The neighbors are complaining about what's going on over there with some of them people we're having trouble with, I've had trouble with. I've had the same trouble with. And these people has got scared, they listen to the sheriff's department, they get on the radio, and stuff like that. And, you know, it's getting out of hand and stuff. I hate to say it, you know, I predicted it, a long time ago, and it's still going on. It's getting worser. This cannister thing getting in these police cars, we need to throw them out, because these young kids getting a kick out of it. They'll go like to Walmart or McDonalds somewhere they know they can go to get help, so they can get the drugs, and OD and stuff. And they're getting them cannisters, wasting it.

Mike said Hiram, do you have a question for us?

Hiram Messersmith said well I'm just taking what, I think, what we need to improve Randolph County. That's so, I'm wanting to improve like it used to be, used to be a nice place to live. Now, it's a hell hole.

Mike said well, one way you can improve Randolph County is through the election process, which we just had one of those and many citizens might think we're going to have an improvement because we have a new board of commissioners coming on. That could be an improvement. Other than that, I'm not sure I can tell you how to do that. It basically relates to the hearts and minds of each individual citizen to have the desire and the direction to improve

their livelihood, improve their home, improve their yard, improve their neighborhood and improve their relationship with their neighbors. County government cannot force that on anybody.

Hiram Messersmith said they can force the stealing the stuff to stop and everything else.

Mike said I think, in my opinion, the sheriff's department and the local police departments and the local marshals go above and beyond what other departments do around the country to do that.

Hiram Messersmith said well, not the trouble I had, not the trouble I had with these people. It's just at the point and all the neighbors are talking too, they're going to take the law into their own hands to stop it. What we need to do is straighten it up.

Mike said again, it's not something that this board that I'm on, that we can help you with. Appreciate your concerns. I appreciate you coming in, but.

Hiram Messersmith said well, see, well, there's going to be some changes.

Mike said again, the election process does that.

Hiram Messersmith said right, but we need to get different people in here with different ideas and need to listen to the people. You guys represent every area in Randolph County. Now, I don't know if you've been hearing some talk like I have. I hear them talking.

Mike said no, I have not.

Hiram Messersmith said well, I hear different things.

Mike said okay.

Hiram Messersmith said but I thought I would get to touch base with you and.

Mike said well, I guess I would encourage you, if you hear of different things from other people and your neighbors, if they want to come or our phone numbers are readily accessible, if they want to call us, we're open to hear their, take their phone call and we'll respond to them.

Hiram Messersmith said well I'll pass the word then.

Mike said okay. Very good.

Hiram Messersmith said okay. What time is it?

Mike said 9:33.

Hiram Messersmith said okay. Well I'll quit bothering you then. But the cannisters, the young kids and that worries me and these people with drugs wanting to get help, they don't get help.

Mike said we've had, we funded an opportunity for at least those kids in school to get help with a convocation this fall, which is going to be a good thing. So, there you go.

Hiram Messersmith said hopefully they get some help. I know dogs, but I ain't seen help with any of them. Okay. I'll quit bothering you. Thank you.

Mike said well, thank you for your time Hiram. Mayor Bob McCoy. Do you have anything for us this morning?

Bob McCoy said I do not.

Mike said okay.

Other Business:

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

Mike said that brings us to other business. Art, Randolph County Sheriff.

Art Moystner said with the exception of the additional appropriation, I don't have anything this morning.

Mike said okay. Have any questions for Art?

Gary Friend said I do not.

Mike said okay. Thank you.

Minutes of May 6, 2024

Mike said that brings us to our minutes of May 6, 2024. We received a copy of these via email. I trust we've had a chance to review them. Any question, any additions, deletions or corrections to those minutes.

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

Payroll Claims \$ 337,707.97

Mike said next item on the agenda is our payroll claims which are at our place in the amount of \$337,707.97. I'd entertain a motion to approve.

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

Regular Claims \$898,951.42

Mike said next item our regular claims in the amount of \$898,951.42. We received a copy of these via email. Any questions or concerns about the claims. We have Danita with us this morning. She could answer any questions we have about these claims here.

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

Butler Fairman Seufert Claim \$25,845.00

Mike said next claim is a Butler Fairman Seufert claim in the amount of \$25,845,00 and considering that they represent us in both the airport and trails, I will mention that this is for the airport. And it's for the T-hanger design. I'd entertain a motion to approve this claim.

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

Proficient Drain Claim - \$60,169.45

Mike said Proficient Drainage and Excavation. This is for the drain project that was recommended by Halderman Farms at the county farm at the 4-H grounds. It's in the amount of \$60,169.45.

Gary Friend said this is the corrected claim?

Laura said yes.

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

Kia of Muncie Claim \$69,339.52

Mike said the next claim is for Kia of Muncie and this is for the purchase of two Kia Sportage's in the total amount of \$69,339.52. And this is for the Health Department.

Gary Friend said when is that coming in?

Laura said so, we're doing an additional today.

Gary Friend said the council approved that.

Mike said I think we approved the purchase too.

Gary Girton said yes, we did.

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

Ordinance 2024-10 Amending Building Code fees (2nd reading)

Mike said that brings us to Ordinance 2024-10. An ordinance amending the building code fees. This is our second reading of that, by title only. And the ordinance amending title 15, land usage, section 150, Randolph County ordinances and repealing and replacing all ordinances and

parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. And as we've discussed for several weeks, it amends our fees and changes the way we charge fees for building permits to square footage, basically.

ORDINANCE 2024-10
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE XV: LAND USAGE; SECTION 150
OF THE RANDOLPH COUNTY ORDINANCES AND REPEALING AND REPLACING
ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners has determined that certain sections of the Randolph County Building Code should be amended.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners, that Section § 150.09 Fees, of the Randolph County Code of Ordinances hereby amended and restated as follows:

Single- and Two-Family Dwellings:	
Description	Permit Fees
New Construction (conventional) (all crafts)	\$400 + \$.04/sf
New Construction (duplex, barn dominium) (all crafts)	\$400 + \$.06/sf
Additions (all crafts)	\$300 + \$.04/sf
Detached Garage (Accessory) (all crafts)	\$150 + \$.04/sf
Accessory structures (see Exemptions)	\$50
Renovation/restoration (all crafts)	\$175 + \$.04/sf
Decks, covered porches, Balconies (see Exemptions)	\$.04/sf, \$50 min.
Manufactured Home - New	\$.15/sf
Manufactured Home (pre-1976: House Trailer) Used	\$.10/sf
Modular Home - New	\$400 + \$.04/sf
Modular Home - Used	\$200 + \$.04/sf
Temporary trailer, etc.	\$150/1 st year-\$100 each additional
Electric (not "all crafts" above):	
New installation	\$.04/sf, \$200 min.
Meter/disconnect only	\$40
Remodel (panels, meter, disc., etc.)	\$.04/sf, \$75 min.
Generator	\$40
HVAC (not "all crafts" above):	
New installation	\$.04/sf, \$200 min.
Replacement (up to 5 ton)	\$40
Replacement (over 5 ton)	\$60
Plumbing (not "all crafts" above):	

	New installation	\$.04/sf, \$200 min
	Replacement/Remodel	\$40
Swimming Pool:		
	Above Ground (over 2' depth)	\$40
	Inground	\$100
	Signs	\$40
Multi – Family Dwellings		
	Description	Permit Fees
	Apartments / Townhouses / Condominiums	\$400 + \$50/unit + (first 10k sf) .15/sf*
	Addition	\$.15/sf *, \$100 min.
	Renovation/Restoration	\$.12/sf *, \$100 min.
	Accessory Structures	\$.15/sf, \$50 min & \$600 max.
	Decks / Porches / Balconies	\$.10/sf, \$50 min. & \$500 max.
		*second 10,000 sf and up is \$.02/sf
Commercial		
New Construction:		
	Description	Permit Fees
	Primary Structure (all crafts)	\$.15/sf *, \$200 min.
	Shell Only (lock-n-store, storage only)	\$.11/sf *, \$100 min.
	Hotel / Motel (all crafts)	\$.15/sf * + \$40 / unit, \$400 min.
	Addition (all crafts)	\$.15/sf *, \$300 min.
	Accessory (all crafts)	\$.15/sf *, \$200 min.
	Renovation/Restoration (all crafts)	\$.15/sf *, \$200 min.
	Temporary (construction trailer)	\$150 first year, \$100 additional year
	Commercial Range Hood	\$100
	Repair Hood	\$50
Electric:		
	New Installation	\$.15/sf *, \$200 min.
	Service ≤ 400 amp.	\$50
	Service > 400 amp.	\$100
HVAC:		
	New Installation (CDR-675 IAC 12-6-4(b)(4))	\$.15/sf *, \$200 min.
	Replacement (like kind in same location)	\$200
Plumbing:		
	New Installation	\$.15/sf *, \$200 min.
	Replacement / Remodel (like kind in same location)	\$60
	Remodel (different location IAC 12-6-4(b)(2)(B))	\$80

Swimming Pool (inground)	\$150
Sign:	
Housing Projects	\$200
Institutional Uses (schools, gov., church, etc.)	\$75
Commercial Ground	\$200
Commercial Wall	\$100
Recreational (parks, bike paths, etc.)	\$50
	*second 10,000sf and up is \$.02/sf
Other:	
Description	Permit Fees
Tower (meteorological)	\$300
Tower (telecommunication)	\$400
Wind Energy Conversion System (WECS):	
Non-commercial (generally over 1Kw & under 40Kw)	\$100 per turbine
Commercial	\$500 per MW
Solar Energy System (SES):	
Non-commercial (over 3Kw)	\$100
Commercial	\$500 per MW
Agriculture Buildings:	
Pole Barn 1,400 sf or less	\$.12/sf
Pole Barn over 1,400 sf	\$ 50 + .10/sf, max. \$1,000
Confinement Operations 2,000 sf or less (CAFO, CFO, MFO)	\$.15/sf, min. \$100
Confinement Operations over 2,000 sf (CAFO, CFO, MFO)	\$100 + .10/sf, max. \$1800
Manure Storage (Satellite Manure Storage)	\$.10/sf, max. \$1,500, min. \$200
All Other Uses not consistent with any of the above categories	\$4.00/ \$1,000 of cost
All Fees to be rounded to the nearest dollar amount.	
Demolition:	
Non-commercial	\$35
Commercial	\$100
Renewal (1 year)	\$35
Miscellaneous:	
All square foot (sf) calculation is based on the main structure including basements, attached garages and covered porches.	

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that Section § 150.07 PERMIT REQUIRED shall be amended by adding the following subsection:

(D) Failure to obtain a required building permit shall result in the following increases in fees:

First offence	2x fee listed in above schedule
Second offence	3x fee listed in above schedule
Subsequent	4x fee listed in above schedule

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that Section § 150.07(B) shall be replaced with the following:

(B) Exemptions from a required residential and Commercial Building Permit are as follows:

One-story detached structures under 200sf (120sf commercial), normal maintenance (such as replacing roofs, siding, windows, doors, papering, tiling, carpeting, counter tops, painting, cabinets, sinks, etc.), alterations or renovations costing less than \$1,500 (total of electrical, HVAC, plumbing, framing and fixtures), fences (6' or under), retaining wall 4' or under, sidewalks, driveways, prefabricated swimming pools under 2' deep (accessory to a R-3 use and under 5,000 gal. and entirely above ground), ponds, playground equipment, window awnings under 54" projection (use group R-3 or U), decks under 200 sf (less than 30" above grade, not attached to dwelling and not serving the required exit), Emergency repairs (permits to be obtained the next working day in case of emergencies ; IRC R105.2 & IBC 105), solar under 8 sf, and Micro-WECS wind turbine (generally less than 1 kW and under 60') are exempt.

[These exemptions do NOT apply to Improvement Location Permits issued by the Randolph County Area Planning Department.]

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that Section §150.14 STOP ORDER be amended and restated as follows:

Whenever any work is being done contrary to the provisions of this Code, the Building Commissioner may order the work stopped by notice in writing served on any persons engaged in the doing or causing the work to be done, and any persons shall forthwith stop the work until authorized by the Building Commissioner to proceed with the work.

The following are the fines for violating this section, Stop Order (Red Tag) Compliance:

First day non-compliance (continue to work without permission)	\$500
Each additional day of non-compliance	\$200

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that Section § 150.99 PENALTY shall be amended by adding the following subsection:

(C) All fines or fees assessed under this Chapter is in addition to other codified enforcement fines and can include violations subsequent to and including Area Planning violations and shall be assessed and paid immediately by the violator. The County Board of Commissioners may seek, and be granted, in a court of competent jurisdiction, injunctive relief to enforce this chapter and may place a lien on the property of any landowner for the costs and penalties associated with any violation of this chapter.

Gary Friend said I'll make a motion we approve Ordinance 2024-10 by title only for second reading.

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

Mike said we have opportunity if we want to go ahead and suspend the rules and have the final and third reading today, and adopt Ordinance 2024-10 by title only, or we can wait another two weeks and have the final reading in two weeks.

Gary Friend said I'm okay to suspend, but I'm not stuck on it.

Mike said what do you think, Gary?

Gary Girton said we've had no opposition and no comment at this time, so I think we can go forward.

Mike said and I think it's a better way to do it.

Gary Friend said I'll make a motion that we suspend the rules and have the third reading and passage the same day.

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

Mike said now for Ordinance 2024-10 by title only, I'd entertain a motion to approve it on the final and third reading and adopt Ordinance 2024-10.

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

Winchester Community Library appointment

Mike said Winchester Community Library board appointment. We've been asked to appoint Sadie Wright to the Winchester Community Library board from July 1st, 2024, which is today, until June 30th of 2028. And this comes to us from Jana Barnes the director of the Winchester Community Library board that the board is requesting Sadie Wright to serve this term.

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

EDIT Plan and set meeting date

Mike said next item is our EDIT plan which has been brought up to date. And we included, we've already discussed I think, the loan to Randolph Eastern and then we have the Randolph County airport, sum of \$181,685. And then the engineering report paid to SJCA for potential road improvements at 800 North and 1000 West. So, I'd entertain a motion to approve this EDIT plan.

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

Mike said and now we need to set another EDIT meeting since our last one failed for lack of quorum, and I think, you sent out the notices, this time we encouraged proxies, a little extra emphasis.

Laura said so I did get a phone call from one of those members, which would have made our quorum, and said that she did not get her notification until the day after the meeting through the mail. So, it wasn't totally they just didn't show up.

Mike said so, when do we want to do this? Wednesday is typically the night we do it.

Gary Friend said we could do that.

Mike said we can do it as soon as the 17th?

Gary Friend said yeah, fine.

Gary Girton said fine with me.

Mike said okay, Wednesday, July 17th at 6:00 p.m. in this room.

Joe Copeland – Awarding of bid bridge 304

Mike said is Joe back in the room? Come on up, Joe. How's it going?

Joe Copeland said fine. Trying to keep up. Four bids, low bidder was Brumbaugh Construction out of Ohio, I checked their math on their bid, looks good. So, I would, and everything's here, non-inclusion affidavit and form 96, the whole 10 yards. So, I would make a recommendation to accept Brumbaugh Construction for the bid in the construction of bridge 304.

Mike said and that's within the standard of the Community Crossings grant?

Joe Copeland said yes.

Mike said okay. You've heard the recommendation. It's the lowest bid.

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

Mike said have a motion and a second to accept the recommendation to replace bridge 304 at a cost of \$1,025,000.00.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Laura said can I have those and then get them back to you?

Joe Copeland said I need the commissioners to sign two places on the, with the bid. Form 96 requires an acceptance and signatures. They need signatures for the acceptance for form 96.

Gary Friend said which is what? What's form 96?

Joe Copeland said it's the state required form to bid, for bidders. It included a non-inclusion affidavit, and a lot of information about their financial standing. Then there's one more place I need you to sign.

Mike said where's that?

Joe Copeland said page 10. It's the contract. INDOT requires the contract.

Mike said so when do you think this bridge will be done?

Joe Copeland said next year. The problem we're having right now is there's a water line attached to the bridge and the water line has got to move. Before the water line can move, we've got to purchase right-of-way for the water line to move into. So, once that's completed, we're hoping the water line will be moved in October or thereabouts.

Mike said but nothing starts until that water line is moved?

Joe Copeland said yeah, right. So, they're working on the right-of-way right now. And, to go along with that, here's a proposal of a task order from SJCA to do some part-time inspection on that structure.

Mike said that's something we need them to do?

Joe Copeland said yes. We need someone on the job.

Mike said is it part of the estimate of the bridge project?

Joe Copeland said that is included, Jessica, we've got that covered. I talked to Jessica about it this morning.

Mike said is the state picking up any of this?

Joe Copeland said no, they will not pick up any of it, they'll only pick up construction, not inspections.

Mike said okay. Well, you heard Joe say we need this inspection services, and we have the money in the highway department to pay for it?

Joe Copeland said yes.

Mike said and it's not to exceed \$37,000.00?

Joe Copeland said yes.

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

Joe Copeland said thank you.

Mike said thank you.

Joe Copeland said can I do one more item? Community Crossing matching grant funds. Second application in the year is open this month, July. The application deadline is the end of the month. We've used now, the state allotted us 1 million 25 or so thousand for bridge 304, okay. We can get up to 1 ½ million dollars. So, I talked with Jay and Jay put on the list to do, to resurface county road 800 East from State Road 28 to 700 North. And this is the financial commitment letter to be able to do that with INDOT. I left the application number blank because I've got, I don't have it yet, not sure I could get to it. Since the council only meets once a month, and it closes at the end of the month, I need to get moving if we're going to apply. Total cost, and it may be a little high, okay, is \$871,488.82. A lot of the resurface will depend on how far they have to truck the asphalt. Our local cost, since we've already used, we're not going to get a full 75% of the construction because we've already some of the 1 ½ million. But, we can get the remainder, which is \$431,050.02.

Mike said where is, it's a mile east of 700.

Joe Copeland said it's north out of Union City.

Mike said okay.

Joe Copeland said it's rough. It has a fair amount of traffic too.

Mike said is it west of state line?

Joe Copeland said yes. A mile, right, I believe a mile.

Mike said state line goes through Union City.

Joe Copeland said yeah, but this is just west of the next road.

Mike said there we go. Okay, I'm fine now, so, 800 East from, so, it's North Jackson Pike, and we're going to start that at.

Joe Copeland said 28.

Mike said 28.

Joe Copeland said and go north to 700 North. From 700 North, north, it's been re-surfaced. So, it's in pretty good shape. But this area from 28 to.

Mike said and highway department has determined that this is a priority

Joe Copeland said yes.

Mike said Jay?

Jay said yes.

Mike said this stretch is a priority for us?

Jay said there's a lot of traffic that goes through there. We have replaced a culvert previously, which it needs to be either chip sealed or a surface put over it, and there's a lot of traffic that goes through there.

Joe Copeland said it amounts to about 3 ½ miles.

Mike said well, we don't want to leave money on the table.

Joe Copeland said it's, the road's a little rough for a chip and seal. You chip it, it's going to be rough after. I figure on laying 2 inches of intermediate and 1 ¼ of surface, so it would be about 3 ¼ inches. Contractor will do it all. They will berm the road, they will come in and mill butt joints and joints to other roads, and then they will pave it and then they'll put stone along the edge of the road.

Gary Friend said do you have a breakdown on how much it's going to be out of host fees and how much out of Windfarm?

Joe Copeland said no. Jessica is working on that.

Gary Friend said do you have both of those already allotted to use?

Jessica said I think it can all come out of host fees Gary, because that would still leave us even, it'll leave us almost \$800,000

Gary Friend said yeah, okay. Thank you.

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

Joe Copeland said that's all I had unless there're any questions.

Mike said any questions of Joe?

Gary Friend said no.

Joe Copeland said thank you.

Laura said Joe, are you going to be at council tomorrow?

Joe Copeland said excuse me?

Laura said are you going to be at council tomorrow?

Joe Copeland said I can be, yes. I'll be here.

Mike said okay. Who goes to council tomorrow?

Gary Friend said I do.

Mike said you do, okay.

Additional Appropriations:

Commissioner's

Overtime/Comp payout	\$50,000.00
Employee Separation Payout	\$20,000.00
Liability Insurance	\$80,000.00

Mike said okay that brings us to additional appropriations.

Gary Friend said before you get going there Mike too, it looks like

Laura said the additional appropriation and two different things.

Gary Friend said gotcha. Okay.

Mike said we have additional appropriations from the commissioners for overtime comp payout of \$50,000.00, employee separation payout at \$20,000, and liability insurance of \$80,000. I'd entertain a motion to approve these additional appropriations.

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

Sheriff

New Vehicle \$10,942.00

Mike said next one is the sheriff for a new vehicle, \$10,942.00. I'd entertain a motion to approve this additional appropriation.

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

EDIT

10 Unit T Hanger Project \$181,685.00

Mike said the next one is from EDIT for a 10-unit T hanger project. This is the grant we made to the airport to cover their additional expense for the 10-unit T hanger project, the amount of \$181,685.00.

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

EDIT

Randolph Easter/Union City Daycare \$100,000.00

Mike said the next one is also an EDIT. This is to the Randolph Eastern School Corporation for the Union City Daycare project that they're taking over. This is for our EDIT loan to them with no interest for five years at a \$100,000.00. I'd entertain a motion to approve that additional appropriation.

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

Cum Cap

Building Maintenance \$20,000.00

Mike said next is a Cum Cap additional appropriation for building maintenance in the amount of \$20,000.00. I'd entertain a motion to approve that additional appropriation.

Mike made motion to approve.

Gary Girton said what is it? Just general?

Gary Friend said Cum Cap.

Mike said Cum Cap for building maintenance.

Gary Girton said I know, but.

Mike said there's a building maintenance line. We're taking money from Cum Cap to put into building maintenance, as I understand that correctly.

Gary Girton said okay.

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

Health Department

New Vehicle	\$69,339.52
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Mike said additional appropriation for the Health Department for a new vehicle, \$69,339.52. Now, if we don't approve this, how do we pay this claim?

Laura said we don't. We were going to hold it and we're going to hold the claim until tomorrow because you have to approve it and so does Council. So, we're not paying it until paying it until everything is approved.

Mike said I'm just asking the question. Someone want to move approve of this additional appropriation?

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

Headwater's II

RAZ 32 grant (2024)	\$242,530.00
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Mike said next is an additional appropriation from Headwater's II in the amount of \$242,530.00. This is a RAZ 32 grant, 2024 portion, which is a direct gift to Randolph Central School Corporation, Randolph Eastern School Corporation, and Monroe Central School Corporation. Again, in the amount of \$242,530.00, which is about half our commitment. I'd entertain a motion to approve this additional appropriation.

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

Headwater's II

Town of Losantville	\$275,000.00
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Mike said next is from Headwater's II, the town of Losantville. This is the grant we made to the town of Losantville for their new sewer project hookups in the amount of \$275,000.00. I'd entertain a motion to approve.

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

Riverstart I

10 Unit T Hanger Loan \$447,000.00

Mike said the next one is from Riverstart I, a 10-unit T hanger loan in the amount of \$447,000.00. This was the original loan we made to the airport to fund the T hanger. And they have a plan to pay that back with future grants from the Federal Government as well as rental income.

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

ARPA

Jail Equipment \$20,840.00

Computer Equipment \$53,105.07

Mike said now the next two are from ARPA. One is for jail equipment in the amount of \$20,840.00 and that is our two toilets and, lavatories. And the other is for computer equipment in the amount of \$53,105.07, and that is for hardware for the E911 system I believe. Yeah, hardware and software. Entertain a motion to approve both of these additional appropriations.

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

Transfer of Funds	From	To
\$447,000.00	Riverstart I	10 Unit T Hanger

Mike said now we come to a transfer of funds.

Laura said you normally don't do transfers, but since it's funding that you guys also in control of, the State Board is asking signatures saying that you approved that transfer to it. We did the form so that both bodies could sign.

Mike said so, we have to do a transfer because we're taking this out of another fund?

Laura said Riverstart I.

Mike said why don't we have to do transfers on all of these?

Laura said Sherrie? Can you explain this?

Sherrie Timmons said on the others we just did additional appropriations, but on this one, since it's actually going to be a loan, they're going to pay it back. It goes into, how do I say it?

A grant has to have its own fund number. The other ones, we're not really, we're not transferring money. We're paying out of Headwaters to Losantville. We are paying out of Headwaters to RAZ. This one, we're not paying, we're not paying it out of Riverstart to the airport, it's going into our own fund here. So, we're transferring it from one fund here to another fund here. It's all within house.

Mike said so, the 10-unit T hanger has its own fund?

Sherrie Timmons said its own fund. It's going from one of our own funds to another of our funds.

Mike said that makes sense to me.

Gary Friend said I'm good.

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

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

Laura said no.

Mike said Gary Friend?

Gary Friend said I do. I have several things.

Mike said okay.

Gary Friend said first of all, on the AIA contract we've talked about, I met with Danny Stamper and he said the documents are not ready yet, the documents that he uses for the building. He also asked for a tax exemption number.

Meeks said Laura has that, he just needs to get those documents over to Laura and then he can go from there.

Gary Friend said yeah, he was just showing.

Meeks said we are very familiar with that document.

Gary Friend said he had told me that when he built the highway garage, he didn't get charged for permits because he just didn't do it. He wanted to make sure that he wouldn't have to pay for permits for this since it's a county building and county function.

Mike said well if we do, I guess we'll have to pay for it. I mean he should have charged us for that anyway.

Gary Friend said yeah. He just said that he didn't expect to be paying for permit fees. So, I'd have to look into it, I don't know.

Meeks said you'd have to vote on that to waive the fee.

Gary Friend said to waive the fee?

Meeks said I'd have to look at our ordinance, what it says. I think we need, I think he's right about the Highway or it doesn't make sense.

Gary Friend said right.

Meeks said for us to pay a fee to ourselves.

Gary Friend said should we just make it; do you want to look at the ordinance first or?

Meeks said I'd rather him just give us the contract and then we'll worry about the fees. We can say the fees are waived or however.

Gary Friend said is that satisfactory?

Meeks said yeah, that's almost exactly what we were talking about.

Gary Friend said second of all, we've been in the salary committee, been a lot of discussion on whether we have comp time in Randolph County, or whether we do not. I feel like we should take the opportunity to eliminate comp time in Randolph County, pay off all of our comp debts, and in 2025, start with no comp time. And I'll just go quickly over the list out loud so there's no questions from anybody. But no comp time, all time paid at 1 ½ times per after 40 hours per week. All positions in Randolph County include lunches. All earned times considered PTO in lieu of personal and sick. Hours to work will reflect by the department head to help with the overtime situation, but hours of operation remain fixed as are currently set by ordinance in Randolph County. All budgets can be developed to include overtime. All employs are not exempt. Only elected officials are exempt. Four weeks of vacation added after 15 years of service. All approved comp time is to be paid out in full if it's on the books right now. And we should probably enlist services for Irwin to assist with our end of transitions. So, I guess these are the proposal's from the salary committee. These parts here I wrote down are mainly for the commissioners' consideration. The funding part of it, what goes in the budget, is the council's consideration.

Mike said so, if we pay out all comp time now, we'll have to pay out all comp time at the end of the year?

Gary Friend said yeah, the plan is to pay it all out at one time at the end of the year.

Mike said okay, not now?

Gary Friend said not now.

Mike said okay, I'm sorry. Okay.

Gary Friend said so now, I guess we're open for discussion on this Mike. Meeks?

Meeks said all I would think, before anything gets set in stone, we really need to talk to, if this is what you want to do, we really need to get Irwin involved. The lunchtime, I don't know how that works. You can't really get paid for lunch if you're not here working. So, you'll still probably have to clock out, take your hour, whatever, and clock back in. I'd just have to see how that works. We have to talk to Irwin.

Gary Friend said well, I agree. That's what I mean. We have this situation already.

Meeks said well here's the situation. I clock out, I get in a car accident, and don't come back to work that afternoon. I'm still clocked in. Because I didn't clock out. So, we'll have to see how that can work. I just don't know how, I think we can work through that issue. I just don't know how.

Gary Friend said yeah, and that's why we put on there, but, if that issue becomes a sticking point, then we have that sticking point in other areas of the county already.

Meeks said well we probably do. I'm not going to say we don't. But, that's something we'd have to work through and figure out.

Gary Friend said well I agree, yeah.

Meeks said the other stuff, that I looked at this stuff, I mean, I think there're a couple of things to work through, but I really think that's going to be a pretty big overhaul of our policy handbook. And we want them to get on it now rather than, oh, we're going to do it in November, I guess, now, we have to get them on, and probably have a meeting with them.

Mike said so, we'll move 9 up to 1 on this list? I would say that we reach out with this list and I think you could do that for us can't you Meeks?

Meeks said yeah, and then probably have a meeting with the salary committee, with Irwin.

Mike said I agree with the policy change to eliminate comp time, and pay time and a half. It benefits, it answers the question that we would then no longer have an unfunded liability. It answers the question of the employees who can't use their comp time, and it, I think it's a good idea.

Gary Friend said I think comp time feeds itself into more, because if you have a 5-person department, one's off, then you can easily think that those 4 are gaining comp time to cover the one who is off, that it just continues to perpetuate into a large snowball.

Mike said so, are all employees who are not elected officials, are they now ringing the timecard?

Gary Friend said yeah, it's just we have some who get, like on the highway department.

Meeks said I think that's correct but I don't want to say every single one of them, 99%. There might be one person that is not. But I don't know who that would be.

Mike said because some are now on salary.

Laura said no.

Mike said they're all hourly?

Laura said yes.

Mike said oh okay. Well there we go.

Gary Friend said the sheriff's deputies are on salary.

Meeks said the first deputy of any department can be exempted.

Gary Friend said right, and they chose not.

Meeks said and you guys chose not to.

Laura said the sheriff's office clocks in and out.

Gary Friend said even the deputies?

Laura said I believe so. Am I right? No? Deputies do not?

Gary Friend said thank you. They're salary.

Shannon said they get overtime.

Gary Friend said correct. Due to their schedule.

Shannon said right.

Mike said okay. I think the consensus from us that all time paid at 1 ½ times after 40 hours, no comp time, we're going to discuss all positions include paid lunch, how that works. All earned time is considered PTO in lieu of personal and sick. I don't have a problem with that. I think there's merit for that. Hours to work would be flexed by the direction of the department heads. That gives more authority to the department heads. I think that's appropriate. But we want to leave our hours the same. We've already talked about it, if we're going to have overtime, the

budgets need to have overtime in it. And I think there's been a strong effort from your office to do that.

Laura said yes.

Mike said so, all employees earn 4 weeks' vacation after 15 years of service. If we can fund that and council wants to fund that, I think that's probably a good thing. I think number one, we're going to eliminate comp time, so they're not going to have extra time off, and 15 years is, and obviously, we have to pay all comp time out, and we're going to miss the services of, my vote, if I were voting, would say I think we ought to implement that.

Meeks said what I wanted the vote today, is for us to get, for you guys to authorize hiring Irwin to start this process.

Mike said we can do that, but I still think we should implement. I don't see these things as any real problem other than maybe the lunch.

Meeks said right. And so, once you guys vote on the hiring Irwin, I was going to wait until after the council meeting tomorrow, to see if they were on board, and then contact them tomorrow afternoon.

Mike said well I guess I want council to know that we're on board with these 9 items. And if we can't do one of them, obviously, we're not going to do one of them.

Gary Girton said yeah, if we're restricted.

Mike said and if enough for you to go to council and say I've got a consensus from the commissioners that these items are appropriate and should be implemented if they legally can.

Gary Friend said it is. And then I would tell council if they would make the approval on the funding point, which the commissioners vote to enact it all with Irwin's help.

Mike said yeah, we need Irwin to give us the green light.

Meeks said we're going to have to mass update these handbooks.

Laura said and they have them now. They're working on an update.

Meeks said they have them now. I mean, look, I brought it with me. These are the ones. I mean, this is what they're incorporating now.

Gary Friend said so I will tell the council tomorrow the commissioners are on board with all 9 of these items in proper order with Irwin.

Mike said subject to Irwin's approval.

Gary Friend and the issue with the paid lunch will be rectified if it goes through.

Meeks said just don't know how that works, I don't know. I'm certain that it could be worked through. I just hadn't thought about it a lot.

Gary Friend said I guess I was just thinking it already happens. That doesn't make it right. I know that. So, if we have a wrong going on, we'll fix it.

Mike said okay. What else you got for us?

Gary Friend said I think that's it.

Mike said okay. Gary?

Gary Girton said I'm glad we're moving forward with these issues. We've dealt with the comp time for a long time. Initially, when I was involved with it when we first started, there wasn't funding to do that at the time. That was kind of a thing of taking it out there and putting it in the future, which is not a good thing to do, not have an unfunded program. But, it's great that we're moving this way, and I think it will be better for everybody. I think there'll be less issues when it comes to people concerned about vacation and so on, the way the handbook is written, and not something that they have to be concerned about. This is a good move in my opinion. I'm in favor.

Mike said anything else to share?

Gary Girton said no.

Mike said I don't have anything else this morning.

Citizen Comments (3 minutes)

Mike said we've got a room full of people. Do we have any citizen comments out there this morning? Yes. If you would, come forward. We need to know who you are.

Samantha Burke said I'm Samantha Burke. I was given a letter from an attorney across the street about a vacation of an alley request. It was supposed to be heard today. And I did not see it on the agenda. It's for a vacation of an alley in Harrisville.

Mike said right. It was scheduled last meeting on the agenda, and it was, I guess no one showed up for it.

Laura said well, what happened was, I had put it on the wrong agenda for last time. It should have been on today. Well then, the paper did not get it, they put the wrong date for the advertisement. So, that advertises next meeting on July 20th, or is that our next meeting, July, whatever. So, it's going to be there because we have to go by the advertised date.

Mike said so, it was communicated poorly, obviously, to you, and to all of interested parties. So, we're legally bound by the appropriateness of the communication so, the petition and hearing for the vacation of the alley will be the first thing in the meeting on July 15th at 9 o'clock here, and it will be first on the agenda because it's a public hearing and they are first on the agenda. I appreciate your patience. I hope that wasn't too long for you to sit here for all this.

Samantha Burke said well, I was just curious. I hadn't attended a meeting. I didn't see it on the agenda. So, I thought something wasn't right, but.

Mike said you're really fortunate this is a short one.

Samantha Burke said oh, well, fantastic. I guess I learned my lesson. I might call ahead next time.

Mike said so, in two weeks.

Samantha Burke said alright, thank you.

Mike said thank you. Any other citizens here have a comment to make?

Adjournment

Mike said I'd entertain a motion to adjourn.

Meeks said we sent that Headwaters IV out to everybody.

Laura said Headwaters III?

Meeks said oh, sorry, III. That's just the analysis from Baker Tilley if anybody had any questions, let me know. I got an email back this morning. So, it's going back and forth between Baker and. I'm not going to bore you with all the emails unless you guys want all the emails.

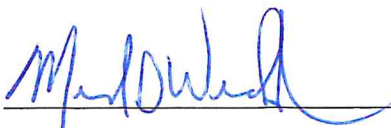
Mike said I get confused which one is real, which one is not.

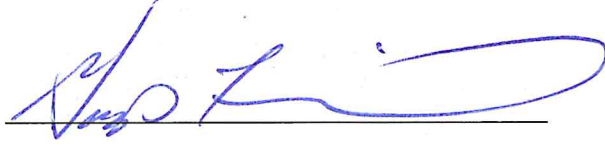
Meeks said well, I'll send you out the one when we get a little closer.

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


Reviewed and signed this 5 day of August, 2024.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS







ATTEST: 

Laura J Martin, Auditor of Randolph County