Randolph County Commissioners

July 17, 2023

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

Michael Wickersham, President presided over the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearing on Vacation of a Platted Alley

Mike said first item on the agenda is a public hearing on a vacation of a platted alley, Cody Ziegler and Linsy Ziegler. And you're represented by Jason Welch.

Mike said I'll let you proceed.

Jason Welch said okay. I'm Jason Welch. I'm here today on behalf of Linsy and Cody Ziegler, who live at 985 West 950 South Lynn, which is actually in Bloomingsport. And they have filed a petition to vacate an undeveloped platted alley and a street which are located on their property. You'll notice the petition is in the name of Linsy Wilson, which is Linsy's maiden name. They've been married for a number of years, but have not transferred the property over yet. And they came across this issue because Cody wanted to build a large storage building for some classic cars. And he didn't have the necessary setbacks because of the street and alley which are platted there on his property. So, if anyone passing by, it would just look like their real estate. It's undeveloped and actually, there are two buildings that are located on that platted street. All the statutory requirements are met for the vacation. It's never been improved or maintained by the Randolph County's public way. It would not hinder growth or orderly development of the neighborhood. It will not make access to lands difficult or inconvenient. And it would not hinder the public's access to streets, school or any public building or place. So, all the statutory requirements are met. It's been published as required by statute. And I presented an Ordinance for your review. The Ziegler's are here if you have any questions.

Mike said so, the alley is from the solid red line at the top of the map to the end of your lots here, is that the closure?

Jason Welch said the alley, and there's a street that goes east and west.

Mike said the alley ends at the street.

Jason Welch said the alley and the street. The alley goes through so I have it described as two separate alleys, but it's the same alley running north and south, between two and three North and two and three South. Then the street goes east to west, all the way from one to four. There's no one else that's contiguous to either one of those areas.

Mike said okay. Gary, do you have any questions?

Gary Girton said no.

Mike said anyone here in the audience that has a comment, question or issue with this petition? Hearing none, anything else?

Jason Welch said no sir.

Mike said I'll close this public hearing. And I'll call the meeting of the county commissioners to order.

Jason Welch & Cody Zigler - Vacation of Alley Ordinance # 2023-17

Mike said and the first item on that agenda is the vacation of alley Ordinance #2023-17, which is a vacation ordinance of the county of Randolph, State of Indiana, for the vacation of a platted alley and a portion of a platted street located in the town of Bloomingsport, Indiana, and providing for the reservation of utility rights and providing for abandonment of a vacated alley and street to the adjoining contiguous landowner. At this time, I'd entertain a motion to pass Ordinance 2023-17 by title only after the first reading.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2023-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF RANDOLPH, STATE OF INDIANA, FOR THE VACATION OF A PLATTED ALLEY AND A PORTION OF A PLATTED STREET LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF BLOOMINGSPORT, INDIANA, AND PROVIDING FOR THE RESERVATION OF UTILITY RIGHTS AND PROVIDING FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF THE VACATED ALLEY AND STREET TO THE ADJOINING AND CONTIGUOUS LANDOWNER

WHEREAS, Linsy K. Zigler, formerly Linsy K. Wilson, has presented her Petition for the vacation of a portion of a platted alley in the Town of Bloomingsport, Indiana, and a portion of a platted High Street in the Town of Bloomingsport, Indiana, and the Board of County Commissioners have been duly advised the in the premises, the Board of County Commissioners now finds as follows:

1) The Petitioner seeks the vacation of a portion of an 8 feet wide platted alley and a portion of a 33 feet wide platted High Street in Bloomingsport, Indiana described more particularly as follows:

An Eight (8) feet wide platted alley which runs North and South and is contiguous to, and between, Lot 2 and Lot 3 in the plat of the North West Square of Town of Bloomingsport, Randolph County, Indiana. Also, an Eight (8) feet wide platted alley which runs North and South and is contiguous to, and between, Lot 2 and Lot 3 in the plat of the South West Square of Town of Bloomingsport, Randolph County, Indiana.

and

A portion of High Street, which is a 33 feet wide platted street, which runs East and West, and is contiguous to, and between, the southern lot line of Lot 1 and Lot 2 and Lot 3 and Lot 4 in the plat of the North West Square of the Town of Bloomingsport, Randolph County, Indiana and the northern lot line of Lot 1 and Lot 2 and Lot 3 and Lot 4 in the plat of the South West Square of the Town of Bloomingsport, Randolph County, Indiana. In addition, the portion of the original platted High street commencing at the southeast corner of Lot 2 of the North West Square and running East 8 feet to the southwest corner of Lot 3 of the North West Square. Thence running South Thirty-three (33) feet to the Northwest corner of Lot 3 of the South West Square. Thence

8 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 2 of the plat of the South West Square, thence North 33 feet to the place of beginning"

- 1) The above described platted alley is an Eight (8) feet wide platted alley, runs North and South and is contiguous to, and between, Lot 2 and 3 in the plat of the North West Square of the Town of Bloomingsport, Indiana, and also is and is contiguous to, and between, Lot 2 and 3 in the plat of the South West Square of the Town of Bloomingsport, Indiana. Exhibit A.
- 2) The above described platted portion of High street is a 33 feet wide platted street, which runs East and West, and is contiguous to, and between, the southern lot line of Lot 1 and Lot 2 and Lot 3 and Lot 4 in the plat of the North West Square of the Town of Bloomingsport, Randolph County, Indiana and the northern lot line of Lot 1 and Lot 2 and Lot 3 and Lot 4 in the plat of the South West Square of the Town of Bloomingsport, Randolph County, Indiana. See Exhibit B.
- 3) A GIS map of the area described is attached hereto as Exhibit C.
- 4) The Petitioner, Linsy K. Zigler, formerly Linsy K. Wilson, is the owner of the portion of Lot 2 and Lot 3 in the plat of the North West Square of Town of Bloomingsport which are contiguous to the above described alley.
- 5) The Petitioner, Linsy K. Zigler, formerly Linsy K. Wilson, is the owner of the portion of Lot 2 and Lot 3 in the plat of the South West Square of Town of Bloomingsport which are contiguous to the above described alley.
- 6) The Petitioner, Linsy K. Zigler, formerly Linsy K. Wilson, is the owner of the portion of Lot 1, Lot 2, Lot 3 and Lot 4 in the plat of the North West Square of the Town of Bloomingsport which are contiguous to the above described platted street.
- 7) The Petitioner, Linsy K. Zigler, formerly Linsy K. Wilson, is the owner of the portion of Lot 1, Lot 2, Lot 3 and Lot 4 in the plat of the South West Square of the Town of Bloomingsport which are contiguous to the above described platted street.
- 8) There are no other owners of any real estate which is contiguous to, or abuts, the portion of the street and alley which are requested to be vacated.
- 9) The portion of the alley described herein, or the street, have never been improved or maintained by Randolph County as public way.
- 10) The the vacation of the portion of alley described herein, or the street, will not hinder the growth or orderly development of the neighborhood to which the alley and street are located.
- 11) The vacation of said alley, or street, will not make access to any other lands difficult or inconvenient.
- 12) The vacation of said alley, or street, would not hinder the public's access to a church, school or other public building or place.
- 13) That notice of the Hearing on Petitioner's Petition for Vacation of a portion of a platted alley and Street in the Town of Bloomingsport, Indiana has been provided in accordance with I.C. 36-7-3-12(c) and I.C. 5-3-1.
- 14) The Petitioner, by signature, specifically waives notice of the petition and hearing, by certified mail, as required by I.C. 36-7-3-12 c (2).
- 15) The Petitioner requested that the above described Eight (8) feet alley which is situated in the North West Square of the Town of Bloomingsport be vacated, and that the entire Eight (8) feet width of the platted alley be abandoned to and adjoined to Lot 2 of the plat of the North West Square of the Town of Bloomingsport, Indiana.

- 16) The Petitioner requested that the above described Eight (8) feet alley, which is situated in the South West Square of the Town of Bloomingsport, be vacated, and that the entire Eight (8) feet width of the platted alley be abandoned to and adjoined to Lot 2 of the plat of the South West Square of the Town of Bloomingsport, Indiana.
- 17) The Petitioner requested that the above described portion of High Street be vacated, and that the entire Thirty-three (33) feet width of the portion of the platted street which is contiguous to the south lot line of Lot 1 of the North West Square, be abandoned to and adjoined to Lot 1 of the plat of the North West Square of the Town of Bloomingsport, Indiana.
- 18) The Petitioner requested that the above described portion of High Street be vacated, and that the entire Thirty-three (33) feet width of the portion of the platted street which is contiguous to the south lot line of Lot 2 of the North West Square, be abandoned to and adjoined to Lot 2 of the plat of the North West Square of the Town of Bloomingsport, Indiana.
- 19) The Petitioner requested that the above described portion of High Street be vacated, and that the entire Thirty-three (33) feet width of the portion of the platted street which is contiguous to the south lot line of Lot 3 of the North West Square, be abandoned to and adjoined to Lot 3 of the plat of the North West Square of the Town of Bloomingsport, Indiana.
- 20) The Petitioner requested that the above described portion of High Street be vacated, and that the entire Thirty-three (33) feet width of the portion of the platted street which is contiguous to the south lot line of Lot 4 of the North West Square, be abandoned to and adjoined to Lot 4 of the plat of the North West Square of the Town of Bloomingsport, Indiana.
- 21) For clarification purposes, the Petitioner requested that both portions of the Eight (8) feet wide alley be vacated and adjoined to Lot 2 prior to the vacation of the requested portion of High Street. Therefore, the portion of the original High Street in the Town of Bloomingsport, Indiana, which is described as follows: "A portion of the original platted High street commencing at the southeast corner of Lot 2 of the North West Square and running East 8 feet to the southwest corner of Lot 3 of the North West Square. Thence running South Thirty-three (33) feet to the Northwest corner of Lot 3 of the South West Square. Thence West 8 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 2 of the plat of the South West Square, thence North 33 feet to the place of beginning" also, be vacated and adjoined to Lot 2 of plat of the North West Square of the Town of Bloomingsport, Indiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF RANDOLPH COUNTY, INDIANA:

<u>Section 1.</u> The following described portion of the 8 feet wide platted alley in the Town of Bloomingsport, Indiana be, and the same is, hereby vacated as a public right-of-way, to wit:

The Eight (8) feet wide platted alley, running North and South, which is contiguous to, and between, Lot 2 and 3 in the plat of the North West Square of the Town of Bloomingsport, Indiana, and also is contiguous to, and between, Lot 2 and 3 in the plat of the South West Square of the Town of Bloomingsport, Indiana.

Section 2. The following described portion of the 33 feet wide portion of platted High Street in the Town of Bloomingsport, Indiana be and the same is hereby vacated as a public right-of-way, to wit:

The platted portion of High street, which is a 33 feet wide platted street, which runs East and West, and is contiguous to, and between, the southern lot line of Lot 1 and Lot 2 and Lot 3 and Lot 4 in the plat of the North West Square of the Town of Bloomingsport, Randolph County, Indiana and the northern lot line of Lot 1 and Lot 2 and Lot 3 and Lot 4 in the plat of the South West Square of the Town of Bloomingsport, Randolph County, Indiana. In addition, the portion of the original platted High street commencing at the southeast corner of Lot 2 of the North West Square and running East 8 feet to the southwest corner of Lot 3 of the North West Square. Thence running South Thirty-three (33) feet to the Northwest corner of Lot 3 of the South West Square. Thence West 8 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 2 of the plat of the South West Square, thence North 33 feet to the place of beginning"

Section 3. The County of Randolph, State of Indiana, retains the right to maintain, operate, repair or replace, by itself or by a licensee or holder of a franchise from the County, any poles, wires, pipes, conduits, sewer mains, water

mains, or any other facility or equipment for the maintenance or operation of any utility now located in the portion of said alley vacated by this Ordinance.

<u>Section 4.</u> It is hereby declared by the Board of Commissioner of Randolph County, Indiana, that this proceeding and vacation is now final and conclusive upon all persons, and that the above described real estate be and the same is hereby vacated and abandoned as a public right-of-way.

Section 5. The above described Eight (8) feet wide alley which is situated in the North West Square of the Town of Bloomingsport is vacated, and the entire Eight (8) feet width of the platted alley shall be abandoned to the adjoining and contiguous property owner of Lot 2 of the plat of the North West Square of the Town of Bloomingsport, Indiana, which is contiguous to such alley, namely, Linsy K. Wilson.

Section 6. The above described Eight (8) feet wide alley which is situated in the South West Square of the Town of Bloomingsport is vacated, and the entire Eight (8) feet width of the platted alley shall be abandoned to the adjoining and contiguous property owner of Lot 2 of the plat of the South West Square of the Town of Bloomingsport, Indiana, which is contiguous to such alley, namely, Linsy K. Wilson.

Section 7. The above described portion of High Street be shall vacated, and the entire Thirty-three (33) feet width of the portion of the platted street which is contiguous to the south lot line of Lot 1 of the North West Square, shall be abandoned to and adjoined to Lot 1 of the plat of the North West Square of the Town of Bloomingsport, Indiana, which is owned by Linsy K. Wilson.

Section 8. The above described portion of High Street shall be vacated, and the entire Thirty-three (33) feet width of the portion of the platted street which is contiguous to the south lot line of Lot 2 of the North West Square, shall be abandoned to and adjoined to Lot 2 of the plat of the North West Square of the Town of Bloomingsport, Indiana, which is owned by Linsy K. Wilson.

Section 9. The above described portion of High Street shall be vacated, and the entire Thirty-three (33) feet width of the portion of the platted street which is contiguous to the south lot line of Lot 3 of the North West Square, shall be abandoned to and adjoined to Lot 3 of the plat of the North West Square of the Town of Bloomingsport, Indiana, which is owned by Linsy K. Wilson.

Section 10. The above described portion of High Street shall be vacated, and the entire Thirty-three (33) feet width of the portion of the platted street which is contiguous to the south lot line of Lot 4 of the North West Square, shall be abandoned to and adjoined to Lot 4 of the plat of the North West Square of the Town of Bloomingsport, Indiana, which is owned by Linsy K. Wilson.

Section 11. For clarification purposes, both portions of the Eight (8) feet wide alley be vacated and adjoined to Lot 2 prior to the vacation of the requested portion of High Street. Therefore, the portion of the original High Street in the Town of Bloomingsport, Indiana, which is described as follows:

"A portion of the original platted High street commencing at the southeast corner of Lot 2 of the North West Square and running East 8 feet to the southwest corner of Lot 3 of the North West Square. Thence running South Thirty-three (33) feet to the Northwest corner of Lot 3 of the South West Square. Thence West 8 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 2 of the plat of the South West Square, thence North

line of Lot 1 and Lot 2 and Lot 3 and Lot 4 in the plat of the South West Square of the Town of Bloomingsport, Randolph County, Indiana."

shall be abandoned to and adjoined to Lot 2 of the plat of the North West Square of the Town of Bloomingsport, Indiana, which is owned by Linsy K. Wilson.

<u>Section 12.</u> The Auditor of Randolph County, Indiana, is hereby ordered and directed to furnish a copy of this Ordinance to the Recorder of Randolph County, for recording and to furnish a copy of this Ordinance to the Auditor of Randolph County, Indiana, all as required by I.C. 36-7-3-13.

Section 13. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

Gary Girton made motion to approve Ordinance 2023-17. Mike seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said that was a unanimous vote, but we are missing one commissioner today. So.

Meeks said you can do it if you want to, 2/3s.

Mike said we can do it if we want to we can wait on Gary to come back. Is it going to, what kind of a burden is it going to put on you Cody, if we wait?

Cody Ziegler said we've already put a significant of money down for the concrete before I ran into this particular issue.

Mike said that sounds like a significant burden to me.

Gary Girton said I'll move we suspend the rules and have the second and third reading by title only and pass the ordinance today.

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

Mike said that motion is unanimous, and I'll entertain a motion to pass ordinance #2023-17 by title only today.

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

Joe Copeland – Update on bridge costs

Mike said Joe Copeland, update on bridge costs.

Joe Copeland said good morning. I put together final costs. What we've gotten finished. This includes bridge replacements and bridge deck repair and overlays. I'll go through them one at a time.

Mike said okay.

Joe Copeland said first one is bridge 36, 300 West, north of 32, total cost I have is \$134,925.11. I also put in there, how much the labor and equipment's costing me per day. And the cost per square foot of deck that that's costing, to give me an idea for the future.

Mike said is that or will that be asphalt? Will there be asphalt

Joe Copeland said no. No, that has a concrete overlay.

Mike said what about the approach, have they been?

Joe Copeland said no, I don't think they've been completed yet, because I can put a note, no asphalt included.

Mike said right.

Joe Copeland said bridge 63 was done last year. It's on 700 North, west of 800 East. It's a smaller structure. It cost \$73,121.55. The unit cost per square foot is a little more, but it's a smaller structure. So, I understand that. Third one is bridge 78. It's a deck repair and overlay. 400 East, north of 800 North. It's a little bit larger structure. Total cost, \$125,128.13. The unit cost for square foot is \$2833, which is pretty cheap. \$125,000.00 for a structure that size is a good price. Bridge replacement, bridge 159, 500 East, north of 550 North.

Mike said can I interrupt you?

Joe Copeland said sure, go ahead.

Mike said so bridge 36 and bridge 78, bridge 36 is smaller, shorter, but wider, bridge 78 is longer but narrower, difference of the cost is \$10.00 a square foot. Is that time you did it?

Joe Copeland said a lot of it, a lot plays into the how bad the deck is.

Mike said okay.

Joe Copeland said and 36 was pretty rough.

Mike said so that's the biggest difference is the condition.

Joe Copeland said the condition of the deck. Bridge replacement 159 on 500 East, north of 550 North, and that was \$258,383.28. That's \$226.00 a square foot, okay. The next one is 173, 400 South, west of State Road 1. This is a little bit smaller structure.

Mike said is the grant filed?

Joe Copeland no, we're, I'm working on it. We're getting close.

Mike said that's due when?

Joe Copeland said the end of the month, well the last Friday.

Mike said okay.

Joe Copeland said so it's, it's moving. Quarterly reports are due this week. Any questions?

Mike said Gary, do you have any questions?

Gary said no, just appreciate the update.

Joe Copeland said hopefully, I can give you some long range, get a little better handle on what funds are needed, particularly out of Wind.

Mike said that would be helpful.

Joe Copeland said okay. Thank you.

Mike said and where the other funds are coming from?

Joe Copeland said MVH is some of it. Yeah, and bridge.

Mike said and bridge. And you need grant money.

Joe Copeland said yeah, we do.

Mike Haffner - Paving

Mike Haffner said okay, on the paving, our annual bid on their mix was 50% using 9s and 50% using 11s. I believe Milestone, I'm pretty sure Milestone did that one and E&B did the other one. You can take a look at 900 West even the new pavement sections they did, I don't know if its grain, agriculture grain parking on the sides of the road, but you can take a look. About anywhere from six inches to a foot out into the road, and they have linear cracks all the way up and down it. So, 300 West, that seems to be doing pretty good so, I'm not sure why, that was paved before hand and established, and then when we repaved, that one seemed to be holding really well. Some of these roads that the road certainly got tore up and didn't have a very good base, and that's why 500 West, we decided to go with pug to try to get that base before we go to the expense.

Mike said is that with 9s or 11s?

Mike Haffner said that was 50% 9s and 50% 11s.

Mike said so why are you changing it?

Mike Haffner said basically, those two roads that we did, we knew we were going to have to go fairly thick. But the rest of the roads, I want to do more wedging. We've got a tall crown. You've got a wheel track, and it goes back up. I don't plan on paving the whole road. These are just going to be spot patches. And in the thick wheel track area, you might need two or three inches, but it might taper into zero onto the crown. And when you've got the bigger stone, it doesn't, you know, it unravels so-to-speak. So, there's basically, some of the counties that's using this pug, they're using this 50/50 mix. And then, they'll go in with another mix, a 100% 11s to do some patching and stuff. But some of our patching is quite a bit thicker. I've actually drove Blackford County and Grant County's roads and looked at what they're fixing. My fix is a little bit more severe. So, that's why we're adding about a quarter inch of heavier stone that are 25% of the heavier stone just the fine stone is great. It actually looks like hot mix. It's going to

be really thin. But if you're laying it 2 or 3 inches thick, the bigger stone gives a little better mix to it. So, that's kind of, it's a judgment call and that's where I just kind of determine I'd like to, if I go straight 11s, it might be another dollar or two, even higher. I don't know. I didn't even price it but, because I just felt the 9s and 11s mixture was pretty good the first time around, but just a little bit courser than what my second round might be. Usually, your hot mix is pretty much all 11s, 12s, and maybe a little sand. So, your top mix on your paving is a little finer. About like years ago, we were chip and seal with some bigger stone, we were getting a lot of complaints, so, we switched back to the finer stone.

Mike said Old 27 South, which is a recently paved road, it's got a crack right down the center. Hopefully, it's wedged some that there won't be any water sitting in a crack. But, there's a crack right down the center.

Mike Haffner said the crack down the center, a lot of it is caused when they do one side of the road, then come across the other.

Mike said I'm sure that's it.

Mike Haffner said the crown of the road, yes, a crack is severe and then we'll go in there and we'll put some material to seal it.

Mike said I'd look at it pretty close first. I don't know how bad it is. I did see a crack when I walked across it. The other question I have, and I don't know if the highway department has the funds or the capability, and I mentioned this to EDPR, the Windfarm people, but 300 West, you're right, it's from 36 to highway 32, it's about as good as you get in this county, and has been for a long time. There's a 100 yard stretch from 600 North, north a 100-yards, that is pitiful. My concern is people, I don't speed often, but occasionally, I'll get up to that speed limit on that road. From 36 to 600 you've moving pretty good and then you hit that rough spot. If you're not paying attention, you could lose control. And I just think we need to, I tried to ask EDPR if they would help us there, and I think they're responsible for it. But, I can't show that they are. But I don't know what else would have happened down there that would have caused that stretch because they replaced it south of there and they stopped at 600 because that was their route. But, it's torn up and it needs to be, something needs to be done with it.

Mike Haffner said okay. Let me, I've got a couple contacts with E&B since they're the ones that Paved that road. I'd like to, at least, reach out to see what they recommend to fix.

Mike said not very much, but it's enough to cause a problem in my mind.

Mike Haffner said we've got a couple intersections on a 1000 and 1100 West, and there was a fatality out there. There's a hump to the road, I want to look into what we can do to get rid of that high hump and spread it out. So, I'll have them to look at that as well, just a couple little places. Like you said, when we start travelling on 1100, it's another thorough road that you're going to see some speed on, if you're not paying attention and come up on it.

Mike said okay. Gary, do you have any questions of Mike?

Gary Girton said how do you think overall your paving is going this year?

Mike Haffner said 250 came out beautiful, 500 West, we had some learning curves and again it's just a base coat. If you talk to the residents, there're a couple concerns. North basically, south of 700 North on the east side of the road, all their trucks hauling created another soft spot, and we dug that out. And within a couple days later, we paved over it, and that was not the answer. Probably should have let the soft spot, either had to pack it a month or so, but that developed some wheel tracks and rutting. And although it's got harder and it worked itself in, I might have to do a little spot paving there before we come across the top and give it a finished layer. So, yeah, there's obviously, some learning curves and training, but we knew that going in. But we're getting, I'm very happy even with a few things that didn't turn out. We're able to do it on our time. We're able to with our own manpower. I think towards the end of the season we'll have all of the bugs worked out of it and we'll get to these high thorough roads that we always wanted to pave, but just money-wise, couldn't do it. So, I'm looking forward to next year's program or this end of the season's program. Albany Heights, there's a culvert replaced over there. And that's over, we need to put a cap over that where we tore up. But yet, it's kind of like some of the other roads and I'll probably try to, several thousand feet, and just start from the highway and go up the hill where the first drive is, and try to do that with hot mix, and see how that turns out. That will be another all hands there and even my paving experts, McCallister's will be there to help guide us because that's another road we don't need mistakes on. So, I'll have all the right people there to make sure we do the best job we possibly can.

Gary Girton said that's good to hear. I think we're moving forward.

Mike Haffner said yeah.

Mike said anything else? Okay. Thanks Mike.

Mike said I'm remiss, I skipped council, but I don't see anyone from council here this morning.

John Greene, NLBC – Fiber conduit lease (tabled from 6/19/23)

Mike said John Greene, New Lisbon Communications. We're on track for that, are we not, Meeks?

Meeks said yes.

Mike said and we'll take that up again our first meeting in August.

Meeks said yes.

<u>Jackie Welch – Randolph County Open for Business</u>

Mike said that brings us to Jackie Welch, Randolph County United and presenting, looks like an event, Randolph County Open for Business. Looks like you have a team with you today, Jackie. Morning Karen, morning Andy, and morning Daniel.

Jackie Welch said we are here on behalf of RCU to ask, we want to do a pitch competition. This has been done in several surrounding counties as well, in partnership with the Indiana Small Business Redevelopment Center. Karen is here. They lead the workshops on that. But what this is, is that applicants apply to either be a start-up brand new business or they can be an existing business, where they want to expand and do something new and innovative in their business. So, there's prize money, cash money that they would receive for that. There're judges at the end that judge, but prior to that, they go through workshops to kind of narrow down their ideas to build their business plan and get their financials and things like that in order. This is where the East Central Small Business Development comes in with their expertise. They lead those workshops and help the people with their business ideas to make that happen. We are fortunate in this community that we have EDPR, who has stepped up and they are going to match up to \$10,000 that the county puts in to help this program happen. I think it's a really great way to support entrepreneurs in our county and economic development. So, I'm here today asking for \$8,000.00. \$15,000.00 of that will be for the cash prize money and then the other \$1,000 is for just expenses for the marketing and any type of refreshments and things like that, that we offer in the workshops.

Mike said Gary, I'm on this committee, so I know what we are trying to so. So, I don't really have any questions.

Gary Girton said I haven't had a chance to study it. I have heard some about it. It seems to me, looking at the big picture at all these programs, we've got to move in this direction to help them. We have people wanting to do something in the county, those that are here trying to expand, and I think that's something we have done over the last few years to try to retain and help those who are already here rather than trying to bring in new business, particularly, with our available employees and when I talked to businesses, I think we need to try some of these programs. I'm glad to see EDPR sees a need to assist us. And I think they've done that a number of times. So, I think we need to move forward at this time. We talked about some of the surrounding counties, who are the surrounding counties who are doing it, and how long have they been developing this?

Jackie Welch said Jay County has done it. And then, Henry, Delaware County has done it and then Grant County has. Wayne County is in the process.

Daniel Baker said I think it's beneficial to also mention we're in talks, we are also trying to go regional-type of pitch competition once we're all on board. We don't have all the details worked out.

Karen Lloyd said you've got to have enough on board to bring all of those together. This is something we want to do on an annual basis because we want to continue this.

Andy Fahl said a couple things that I'd like to add is Jackie has witnessed Jay County's and I have participated in Jay County's, so it's a little bit of collaboration with them we've experienced. But we've seen the results, and I think it's fair to say from the committee, that we are going to try to include the entire county in this event even with judges, and we've got an idea

to incorporate all 5 schools in this event to make it a county-wide event. So, that's our goal currently.

Gary Girton said to me, that's very important. I think we've made a lot of progress in the last few years in bringing the counties together. I think you guys continue to do that. When I first became a commissioner, and I still do. When I went to the town council meetings throughout the county, and one of the things they would ask me at their meetings, what do you want? Well, I didn't want anything. I was there to help and do anything I could to encourage and support, and unite. And, we've been able to do a lot of that throughout the last seven years. I think we need to continue to unite the county.

Mike said one of the things that I think is very important, I don't know if you read through this, but eligibility under bullet point 4 is, Jackie mentioned it, which she went over very quickly, attendance of the workshops hosted by East Central Small Business Development Center is required. So, if you want to participate in this, you're going to have to put some effort behind it and, which will be, not only a benefit to the contestant, but it's going to be a benefit to Randolph County in the long run. Even if they don't win, they're going to have some basic knowledge to go forward whether they work for somebody or whether they are in business for themselves. So, that being said, I'd move approval for this \$8,000 grant from EDIT for Randolph United's Randolph County businesses.

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

Meeks said it's for the Randolph County United for?

Mike said the Randolph County Open for Business Event.

Andy said I'd like to add, I appreciate your thoughts and appreciate the money, and I think the appropriate thing to do is for this group to report back after the event and give a summary of how it went.

Gary Girton said there's going to be some learning curve to this. If you have an experienced person to follow but there's still going to be a learning curve being the first time for the county. That's all we're asking for basically, where we're at, and what you're doing, and how things are going.

Mike said be sure to thank EDPR for us. Mayor Bob McCoy do you have anything for us this morning.

Bob McCoy said no, I don't.

Mike said that brings us to Other Business.

Other Business:

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

Mike said Sheriff Art Moystner.

Art Moystner said I do not have anything.

Mike said everything doing good over there then?

Art Moystner said yes. I do have a project going on right now, and that should be wrapping up the next couple of days.

Mike said moving right along then. Do you have any questions for Art, Gary?

Gary Girton said no.

Payroll Claims \$279,627.26

Mike said that brings us to our payroll claims at our place in the amount of \$279,627.26. I'd entertain a motion to approve the payroll claims.

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

Regular Claims \$745,623.20

Mike said that brings us to our Regular Claims which we received a copy of via email in the amount of \$745,623.20.

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

Housing Resource Hub Claim \$2,000.00 Mike said next claim is a Housing Resource Hub claim in the amount of \$2,000.00.

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

Randolph County United Claim \$18,467.66 Randolph County United Tourism Claim \$2,365.66

Mike said next two claims are Randolph County United claims in the amount of \$18,467.66 and the Randolph County Tourism claim in the amount of \$2,365.66 for regular monthly draw.

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

Union City EDIT Claim \$10,000.00 Winchester EDIT Claim \$10,000.00 Farmland EDIT Claim \$10,000.00 Losantville EDIT Claim \$10,000.00 Lynn EDIT Claim \$10,000.00 Parker City EDIT Claim \$10,000.00 Ridgeville EDIT Claim \$10,000.00

Saratoga EDIT Claim \$10,000.00

Mike said next 8 claims are the towns and cities annual EDIT claims in the amount of \$10,000.00. And, those towns and cities are Union City, Winchester, Farmland, Losantville, Lynn, Parker City, Ridgeville and Saratoga.

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

Farmland Ambulance Building and funding

Mike said next item is the Farmland ambulance building. You sent us some information on that.

Meeks said I did and I talked to Gary a little bit, and Gary said he is getting specs for that building. If you're going to bid the building or do you want to hire somebody to get the specs.

Mike said do you have any questions or thoughts?

Gary Girton said we could call him and see if he started on it yet.

Meeks said as of Friday, he hadn't. You can call him, but I don't think he has.

Mike said Duane do you have any thoughts on it?

Duane Petry said no.

Mike said okay, we'll go ahead and table that until our next meeting.

Resolution 2023-22 in support of renaming a portion of State Rd 32 in Farmland

Mike said that brings us to Resolution 2023-22. This was brought up our last meeting. It's a resolution in support of renaming a portion of State Road 32 in Farmland, from the intersection of State Road 32 and State Road 1 to County Road 900 West, rename it to the Kyle Osgood Memorial Mile. Whereas, the board of commissioners find that Kyle Osgood was a life long resident of Farmland, Indiana, and dedicated 15 years of his life to the Farmland volunteer fire department where he served as assistant chief. Whereas, the board of commissioners further finds Kyle was a courageous man that passed away in the line of duty as a firefighter for the town of Farmland, Indiana on May 25, 2023. Now therefore, be it resolved that the board of commissioners support the efforts to rename the portion of U.S. 32 from the intersection of State Road 1 to County Road 900 West to the Kyle Osgood Memorial Mile, all of which is adopted this 17th day of July, 2023 by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners.

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

Fiber Optic Easement agreement

Mike said Fiber optic lease agreement. This is with BBW Farms.

Meeks said so, they asked for some changes. You already signed it.

Mike said we already signed it once?

Meeks said yeah.

Mike said it don't affect us any?

Meeks said very minimal changes on the tops of page 2 it has to do with the load and size.

Mike said size being 20 feet by.

Meeks said yeah, not more than 20 feet on each side.

Mike said okay. This is the last one that we can get?

Meeks said I certainly hope so.

Mike said okay. Do you have any questions about the easement? So, we need to move approval of this?

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

Head Start Amended lease agreement

Mike said okay, Head Start amended lease agreement. We received a copy of this via email. amends the term of the lease until July 31st, 2024. All other terms are the same so, the question is, do we want to extend the lease until July 31st, 2024?

Gary Girton said Jake's not here, is he?

Mike said no.

Gary Girton said since it's a new company. I've not heard anything.

Mike said we can wait if you want, talk to Jake. But, as you indicated, we signed this lease previously, although that was several months back. What do you want to do?

Gary Girton said well I haven't heard anything negative. I'll move approval.

Mike said so a motion to approve the amendment agreement, to lease agreement #1 with the Community Development Institute Head Start, a Colorado non-profit corporation.

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

Farm Leases

Mike said we have four farm leases that are expiring. And one is with Phillip Howell for 37.91 acres of pasture. One is for Ben Brumfield for 8.002 acres of, I believe that's tillable is it not?

Meeks said yes.

Mike said 7.82 is tillable. And one is for Union Go Dairy for 144.6 acres, tillable. And one is with Clark Chamberland for 31.8 tillable acres. Are these on the same terms and conditions as they were last year?

Meeks said well they all expired December 31st. So, they're holdover leases, so we just had the lease for this year. And they would be under the same terms and conditions, since there was not a sign.

Gary Girton said the last ones was two years.

Meeks said oh yeah, but the last year, they've expired December 31st, 2022. So, this is a one-year lease.

Mike said so the pasture's \$110.00 an acre, the 8 acres is for 212.50 per acre, tillable, 7.852, the 144 acres of which they're leasing 129.61 is for 276.62 per acre, and the 31.8 is for \$237.00 per acre, which when we last negotiated these, we considered that to be fair amounts.

Meeks said my though was to have somebody go talk to the farmers, have them sign this lease for 2023, and then see if they want to do a, see if you guys want to do a two or three-year lease, and what the numbers are again. Then we can have those ready in November or whenever you usually do.

Mike said okay. Do you want to do that or you want me to do that?

Gary Girton said you.

Mike said okay, I'll go talk to them.

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

Mike said I'll take them out. If you could email me contact information, it will be a lot easier.

Meeks said I can tell you, I know I have Goldstein's and Ben's.

Mike said well I know where they live.

EDIT Plan (set EDIT meeting)

Mike said we have an amended EDIT plan that adds \$4,800.00 to, for the trails project for engineering costs and the \$2,000.00 for the Fountain Park Cemetery. That's our amendment. Jackie, your event is not until end of?

Jackie Welch said October 26th.

Mike said okay. Well why don't we go ahead and amend this today, then we'll have to do another amendment at a later time?

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

Mike said do we want to set a meeting?

Laura said no one else has asked for one. So, if you want to wait until after your next meeting, I think we would be fine.

Mike said okay. Want to set a meeting after our next meeting?

Gary Girton said that's fine.

Mike said okay.

Request to use ARPA for ARPA Audit Expense

Mike said we have a request to use ARPA for an ARPA audit expense.

Laura said do you just want to pay the ARPA portion of it if you agree?

Mike said and that's what this is \$6,768.00?

Laura said yes.

Mike said and that would be an expense of ARPA, coming out of ARPA?

Laura said it can be if you guys agree to it. State Board says we can pay the ARPA portion out of ARPA.

Mike said well I think we should. I'll move approval of that ARPA expense.

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

Request for joint Council and Commissioner meeting

Mike said next item is a request by me for a joint meeting of commissioners and council. At our last meeting, I mentioned to you that we, I requested \$4,800.00 to pay the preliminary engineering costs, a next level trails application for a trail that was going to run from the Cardinal Greenway in Losantville to the Henry County line. And since that time, we have enlisted the services of our engineering firm Butler, Fairman and Siefert, and with consultation with them, and with what we consider our East Central Indiana resident trail expert, a man named Jeff Raye, who's developed several trails in Henry County, our committee has been convinced that we would have a better opportunity to receive a next level trails grant if we built

instead of a less-than-a-mile trail, if we build a six-mile trail from 525 East in Henry County, which is where the Wilbur Wright trail ends in Henry County, to Modoc. And, the Randolph County portion of that, from Henry County line to Modoc, are trail committee had considered, but we were going to seek READI funds for part of it and Next Level Trail Grant money for part of it. And, two things happen if we expand this as a next level trail grant opportunity from the end of the Wilbur Wright trail to Modoc, it puts us in a pot of money that is truly regional funding, which is a 32 ½ million-dollar pot that the state has out there for next level trails, as opposed to 7½ million-dollar pot. I think those numbers are correct. It might be 22½ and 7½, but I think it's 32. It also really cements a regional trail in that we're connecting to another trail system, Henry County's, we crossing Cardinal Greenway, and then it also connects the town of Mooreland in Henry County, the town of Losantville in Randolph County, the town of Modoc in Randolph County. In addition, it also touches Union School Corporation project, which is a big plus in developing trails. So, we were convinced that we should go after the whole six miles. And, in doing so, the cost is obviously, going to go up, and in doing so, and I don't know that cost yet, I have some idea, but I'm not ready to make that public, but I'm supposed to know by the end of the week. And I think I mentioned in our last meeting that this is, we're on a short time frame here. We have to have this in by the end of day, July 31st. But, we've come to conclude that our known source of matching money right now is the county. So, if we're going to apply for this grant, we have to tell DNR where our matching money is coming from. And although I know we have some match in agreeable property owners agreeing to either sell or give us easement across their property without cost. And that serves as a match, but I know what value that has. So, what I'd like to do is ask the commissioners and then ask the council to match this out of Windfarm funds. And in order to do that before July 31st, you and I could do it today, but that's not fair to Gary Friend to do it, and I can't go with council until after August 1st, and that's going to be too late. So, we'll miss our window of opportunity, so, I would like to call a joint meeting of commissioners and council yet this month, and make it an evening meeting, and hopefully, get everybody in attendance, so we can either vote not to support this trail project or we can vote to support this trail project with Windfarm funds. So, that's my request for a joint meeting. And I guess, I'm going to say that between now and the end of the month, I will make myself available for any of those dates that are available to the council and commissioners.

Gary Girton said when would you have some type of figures as far as cost?

Mike said I should know by the end of this week. And I guess my intent would, once I meet with all these farmers about these farm leases, I'll put together a narrative that I could send to council and commissioners as to what the trail is going to cost, what the trail is going to look like, what I think it's going to do for the county, and what our cost is going to be. And it would probably be an up to amount, because as we develop the project, if we get the landowners to sign off at no cost, that would reduce our max, because that goes into the funds. So, I think, I don't know what day is best or not, but I do know the 19th, I'm going to be at the Losantville town board and the 26th, I'm going to be at the Henry County Commissioners, making a presentation to them as well. Any day during the week of the 24th, I could meet. So, if I could, if we could just get a poll from council what the best night for them is, I guess, hope that you could be there. If you have a bad night during that week, 24th, 25th, 27th or 28th, and if it comes down to the 26th, I probably could send somebody else from the committee to go down to Henry County and get

our jurisdictional letter of support. And they've already kind of agreed to do that. I just think somebody from our county needs to be present. I would leave any of those dates available.

Gary Girton said Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are completely open.

Mike said okay. So, can we just start with Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and see what's available for the council?

Gary Girton said okay.

Mike said will you be available?

Meeks said I'll be out of town. I'll send Tom up here.

Mike said as far as I know, that would be the only agenda item I would have. But in my opinion, is a big one.

Gary Girton said I agree.

Mike said okay. Do you want to say 6 o'clock or 7 o'clock?

Gary Girton said anytime.

Mike said 6 or 7, if that's what works best, okay. We'll just have to let Tom know we're not going to give him a vote in when it is. That brings us to the end of our agenda. Laura, do you have anything for us?

Laura said 3 sets of permanent minutes.

Mike said Meeks do you have anything for us?

Meeks said I do not. I will be gone on Thursday, then the whole next week, so if you guys have anything for me, I'll get you the EDIT plan before I leave. Actually, we have another week, don't we? The 31st is a Monday, so, okay.

Mike said the EDIT plan?

Meeks said I was just thinking when I got back we would have a meeting, but it's the week after so. If you guys have anything for me, let me know.

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

Gary Girton said have we had any updates from Jake on the boilers?

Mike said I've not had any updates from Jake.

Laura said I know they're working on it. They're here working on it.

Mike said Ed, do you know anything about the boiler going on down there? You live down there.

Ed said yeah, there was a dumpster full of old boilers the other day, and there's a whole bunch of pallets of new stuff went in. Seems to be coming along.

Mike said sounds like it is. Okay. Anything else Gary?

Gary Girton said Dan, would you want to give a little bit of an update on the broadband information. I think that would be somewhat appropriate at this time.

Daniel Baker – Broadband update, Make My Move, Randolph County promotional video Daniel Baker said so, last week, we had our technology committee meeting, which was very successful. We have now been able to pull in at least 3 ISPs internet service providers into our meetings. So, we had been working for a couple months to get Watch Communications on board, and they showed up in full force with three individuals, one from Cincinnati, and they provided us with an update on their future capabilities and what they're planning to do in Randolph County. And the technology that they're planning on implementing is going to be utilizing direct wireless. But, this technology, they just started testing this year. They're going to put one antenna up here north of Winchester, and one in Farmland. It's supposed to reach 9 miles out, and from what we're being told, is that these are 400 meg up and about 150, 200 meg down, which is really fast. And the other piece of that technology, which was very impressive to both Gary and I, was that the antenna that normally, you have at your house, are line of sight, these, they said they took one of the antennas, directed it directly into the middle of an oak tree and it still picked up a signal. So, there's really good technology that's coming out. We're supposed to have it implemented by the end of the year. But, what I've found is that the other ISPs we have, New Lisbon has always been coming, but we also have Charter that's getting involved, and others as well. The biggest thing that we are recognizing is one yes, there are going to be some gaps, and we are looking at how to fill some of those gaps. For example, we're trying to figure out if we need fiber out to the county barn, and 4-H fairgrounds, or out to the speedway or in Union City or wherever that may be. We're trying to fill those gaps and identify areas for that. However, with these new technologies that we're seeing coming on board, there may not be gaps over the next three, four, five years. It's going to take a little while for it to be implemented. So, really, our focus is starting to turn towards digital education and equity, because we think it's important to teach and train people on how to use the software. We can, these types of speeds. Most people won't use these speeds or some of them can't afford it. of they don't think they can afford it. So, how do we educate our citizens is our next go around for our technology committee.

Mike said so is there any discussion or do you think this next level connection round 4 would benefit Randolph County at all?

Daniel Baker said I think there would be some benefit. Maybe it'll help us go quicker. But I do know, like in Union City, for example, there was an ISP that went in there and they're actually

looking to add additional fiber. But, I think really, the focus on that, from what my understanding is, is trying to put fiber to the home in every home, but in reality, when you're in a rural community like ours, when you have direct wireless that has the technology that Watch is saying that it does, that's a game changer our community. But I do think there's opportunities there, Mike. We would just have to figure out what those are.

Mike said so, is somebody going to pursue that?

Daniel Baker said we're looking into it right now.

Mike said okay good. That's what I want to know. That cover you?

Gary Girton said well yeah, Watch is telling us, and that's what Daniel just talked about, this new technology, two of the gentlemen that was there saw a demonstration that was 9 mile I believe and was received behind the tree, which is unbelievable, because now if were not exactly in the line of sight. And also, we have Charter in the south east part of the county installing fiber right now. They've got two crews. I don't know how many miles they've pulled it so far.

Daniel Baker said yeah, I think this round, they're supposed to be reaching about 300, 350 homes, and then total the 5, 525, Charter should be around 950 homes. That's what they have from the federal government agreement that they made. But, some homes, they can pick up along the way, so it may actually reach more than that.

Mike said so, I guess while you're up here, I know you're working on the Make My Move.

Daniel Baker said that was going to be my next.

Mike said okay. And I know you're coming probably next month at our meeting to talk about public participation in that, if you weren't going to be up here, I was just going to ask Gary if he'd looked at any of the Make My Move presentation. But I think it would be worthwhile to do so before you come. Have you seen those Gary?

Gary said no.

Mike said has he gotten a copy of it?

Daniel Baker said I will have to double check, but I will make sure all three of you get a copy.

Mike said if you want to share anything about it now, go ahead.

Daniel Baker said yeah so, Make My Move has been around awhile. We just, I mean, Jay County just did this a few months ago as well, but Make My Move is a program to entice remote workers to move into the area. And these remote workers usually have very high paying jobs. Usually, they come with either at least, a trailing spouse or an individual with them or even families. And they're able to increase the tax base question just by the work that they perform outside of the area, which actually ties into the technology side of what we just talked about. A

lot of them need those types of speeds. Right now, we have, just last week as well, we had the Make My Move team come and present to us a proposal. We asked them for two different proposals, between 5 and 10. I don't have the numbers right on top of my head, so I'm not going to share those right now, but one of the biggest things that we are going to request is help from the county. But there are matching grants from the state as well. And it's a one to one match. So, and with that, it helps us entice remote workers from these different areas. We're also working with other organizations like the Y to offer different incentives, like a year long membership at the golf course. These are all discussions right now. So, there's no hard-set decision on what these look like. So, we're just looking at different incentives that we can utilize and showcase Randolph County in the community. And we want to make sure that we, yes, we hit Winchester and Union City, but we want to make sure hit all of Randolph County, and offer up those incentives, because these programs have worked very well in other communities. And have one, even if we don't receive remote workers, they've been able to promote Randolph County, or promote these communities and counties out to the nation. Basically, their platform and the way they do it is not just SEO but they do target audiences and target marketing within social media and other areas as well. So, yes, on the, I believe August 7th is the next commissioners meeting and I'm going to be bringing Make My Move representatives here to present that. But before then, I will make sure that you guys receive that presentation and what that looks like. And hopefully, by then, we have majority of the incentives already set up.

Mike said okay. Any other questions for Daniel? Do you have anything else you want to add?

Daniel Baker said I have one more thing, and it has to do with a promotional video we're looking at doing, not requesting funds right now, we are working with local developers, realtors, and other organizations, or organizations looking at pitching into this opportunity and what we have done is we have looked at some, a national firm to start promoting Randolph County as well, kind of tying a little bit to Make My Move, but promoting Randolph County basically, to the country. So, what this is, is going to be, they're going to come in and develop different commercials and different things that we can promote on platforms like Hulu, Netflix and other things, so that we can really showcase Randolph County. The individual has very extensive experience helping in news marketing over in Ohio and other areas, some California commercials, things like that. And he is actually a Union City-alumni. So, he's from Union City and he is, we're looking at supporting that. Right now, we have Mayor McCoy and Mayor Spence both on board in this program, so it's a kind of a community-wide effort. So, that will also be at the next meeting. But, I wanted to make sure that you guys heard about it and then feel to reach out if you have any further questions on that. I think that's all I can remember off the top of my head.

Mike said okay. Any other questions? Thanks Daniel.

Daniel Baker said thank you.

Citizen Comments (3 minutes)

Mike said any citizens here this morning that would like to make a comment?

Adjournment

Mike said hearing none, I'd entertain a motion to adjourn.

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

Reviewed and signed this 7 day of August, 2023.

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