

Randolph County Commissioners

July 20, 2026

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Council's update

Gary said alright ladies and gentlemen, we'll now open up the commissioners meeting for this morning and one point of interest, if anybody is here waiting on discussion for the amendment changes to the solar ordinance, or the discussion of it, we are not going to take that up today. We're taking it up next meeting, August the 3rd. Okay, with that, we'll start with our agenda, and it's not on the agenda item, that's why. Council update. Is anybody from the council? Alright, seeing nobody.

Jail Bids

We'll open the jail bids. This is a re-bid for the HVAC renovation of the Randolph County jail, and it is from John L. Maxwell, doing business as Maxwell Construction Company. And that bid is \$7,714,000.00. Next, this is the re-bid HVAC renovation of the Randolph County Jail. It's submitted by Carroll Electric, Richmond, Indiana. And the total for this bid is \$6,576,000.00. Okay, so we have these two bids. Mr. Jacobs, can you come up please? Tony Jacobs coming up who is from ARGO Consultants. Would you please identify yourself?

Tony Jacobs said morning. I'm Tony Jacobs with ARGO Consultants, engineer.

Gary said we have two bids here Tony, and the process, you took care of the process, today was the opening of them. We'd like to turn them over to you for your review, and then you can inform the commissioners how you see them at our very next meeting, August the 3rd. Would that work for you?

Tony Jacobs said yeah, I actually have that in our schedule for review and then return the bids to you.

Gary said wonderful. Anything else from the commissioners concerning this project?

Tony Jacobs said no sir, that's it. Thank you very much.

Gary said okay. Tom, anything?

Tom said no. Thank you, Tony.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said no.

Gary said alright.

Tony Jacobs said I'll review these and get back with you.

Gary said thank you very much.

Tony Jacobs said alright. Thank you.

Debra Johnting, Area Planning –amended zoning ordinance/Schwieterman

Gary said alright. Debra Johnting was here from Area Planning, but she has gone home ill. We can take up the business that was before us from the Area Planning, which is ordinance number 2026-13 amended, an ordinance to amend the zoning map of Randolph County, Indiana. It's where Scott Schwieterman from 4265 West State Road 28, Ridgeville, Indiana, Randolph County, Indiana, having heretofore filed a petition with the Area Planning Commission requesting an amendment to the zoning map of Randolph County, Indiana. An amendment was taken out of commercial, there was a car lot there, going back to Ag-limited is where it started. Any questions, Tom?

Tom said nope.

Gary said any questions, Missy?

Missy said no.

Gary said anybody in the audience have anything to say for this ordinance? With that, would somebody like to approve the ordinance number 2026-13, an ordinance to amend the zoning map of Randolph County Indiana on the first reading?

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

Gary said would somebody like to make a motion to suspend the rules, have the 2nd and 3rd reading and passage on the same day for this ordinance 2026-13?

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

Gary said we have a motion and a second to suspend the rules, have 2nd and 3rd reading and passage of the same day of ordinance 2026-13. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said would somebody like to make a motion to adopt ordinance 2026-13?

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

Joseph Baldridge, Leap – Quote on security upgrade, Quote for MDM(tabled from July 6)

Gary said Joseph Baldridge. Not here. Has everybody had an opportunity to look at the LEAP quotes that have come in?

Tom said yes.

Missy said yes.

Gary said one for the security measures and then, I'm still not ready to take up that one to have.

Missy said I'm not either.

Gary said how about you, Tom?

Tom said no, not at all. I don't think I will be ready.

Gary said I don't think I ever would.

Tom said no, I agree.

Gary said however, anyone that does think so, just bring it up at another meeting, Tom.

Tom said yeah.

Gary said I think all three of us said that pretty quickly.

Tom said I would vote that down if we need to vote.

Missy said yeah.

Tom said do we need to vote on that, say no?

Gary said I don't think we need to vote on that. It's just for proposal, not for the commissioners to consider, and I think I would too.

Tom said okay.

Gary said alright, now we have the proposal for the security measures we've been talking about for a \$102,489.14. It seems like a lot.

Tom said it did.

Gary said what do you think, Tom?

Tom said I think we're to a point where we don't have much choice. We need to go ahead and put it in place. I agree, I thought it was a little higher than I expected, but I think we need to move forward.

Gary said Missy, what's your thoughts on this?

Missy said I would like to have a discussion with them before we, have them attend the meeting. I've got a couple questions about some things that were in there. I thought they might be here today, sorry.

Gary said I did too, actually. And I agree with what Tom's saying, I think it's a lot, and I think we don't have much choice at the point. But we can wait for discussion, Missy.

Tom said sure, yep.

Missy said yes.

Gary said can you see if Joseph is here today? If he's going to come up, we can do it at the end of our session?

Missy said I just sent him a message about something else that someone needs, and he has not responded back.

Gary said we will.

Laura said he was going to try to have Mike here, but it was kind of last minute when I mentioned that you guys might have questions.

Gary said you want to table this until the end of the meeting? If he is not here at the end of our meeting, then we will table it until August 3rd. Missy, are you okay with that?

Missy said I'm fine.

Gary said Tom?

Tom said yes.

Gary said okay. One thing I guess we can agree on as we're talking about it is it's an expense that should be gone to the Special EDIT.

Missy said yeah.

Tom said yeah.

Jim Nunez and Angie Martin – Tourism update

Gary said next, Jim Nunez and Angie Martin, Tourism update. I'll get Joe next.

Angie Martin said Angie Martin, Tourism and then we have Jim Nunez. He's the president. I hope you guys all received the packet that I sent you with just some information just in case you had any questions. But I just kind of want to quickly go over kind of what we've accomplished in the last 6 months, just to kind of give you guys an idea. At the beginning of March or mid of March, I went to the Indiana Tourism conference just to kind of honing your skills. There's a lot of classes. They do classes about every 30 minutes and you kind of switch around to see what the latest and greatest for marketing and you know, getting your county out there. So, that was really good. At that event, I learned about potential of funding for new Randolph County events that I've been having discussions with the speedway to see if we can kind of get that, because that is money that would come from the State. And then, Jim is passing out a whole bunch of stuff, but I'll kind of go through it all. We did an article in the USA Today Midwest Escape magazine. So, this goes out to Indiana, Michigan, obviously, Ohio, it actually goes, it goes across the US. But they were kind of the areas that we're focusing on because we're trying to get people from outside the state really, in here. I did paper mark, because it's kind of big, where our ad, where our ad is in that magazine for you to look at. One other thing that we did, we updated the Randolph County logo. So, you have that in your packet as well. Just something we wanted to make it where if somebody saw really quick that they could identify with Randolph County, with us, and kind of what we are about. If you noticed, on a lot of our marketing that we've been doing where we use our logo, we also have been using our QR code, which will take them immediately to our website. So, trying to get some more traffic that way. I've been working on, the model T's from Richmond are coming to Winchester Speedway. This is actually a national event. Next year, they're doing more of a global event, so, we're trying to get them to actually stay. This year they're not, there's a few that are staying in Randolph County, here at our hotel. But, for the most part, we just kind of tagged on with Richmond. I had my very good relationships with the Tourism office in Wayne County from prior. So, have been really working with them. And that's been very, very good. We also had, we've done an ad for Compass, Ohio. So, if you go on to the Compass, Ohio.com, there's an ad that runs on there. It actually will be running on all year long, so trying to get more that people, especially since we're right on state line, you know, Ohio really is kind of our focus state that we really have been kind of trying focus just because it's close and people kind of jumping over. We also had an ad that is running in the Culinary Crossroads. Again, this is something that was in your packet for you guys to kind of read as you want. It focused on Ghyslane. You'll notice that we've done a lot of ads and articles. We have been trying to kind of shift it where each one focuses on different areas of our county. We have really been trying to make sure that we're kind of touching on all of it. One thing we have kind of struggled with, in general, is getting information from other areas of our county to, because I can't promote things that I don't know about, so, getting that information. So, we really have been focusing on our board, making sure we have somebody represented on our board from each area of our county. You know, so we have somebody from kind of the Lynn, Modoc area, that are in charge of that, you know, Farmland, Parker. So, that really has been helping just trying to get people on our board that are more engaged. So, we have the article for Compass, Ohio. So, they did, there is a magazine, there is online, so they do both. So,

we kind of get, it was kind of a two for one. We are also advertising this coming year, so, this will be for the next, this will actually be for, it was this summer. And then we're going to do it again next summer. So, it's this magazine. This isn't the one. This was the spring one, but just to kind of give you an idea. It's the Travel Indiana and this is the article that will be going on there. So, this part right here that I sent you is of us. So, we kind of worked on the things that people can do in Randolph County in the summer. You know, we have Camp Modoc. I think a lot of people don't even realize what all they have to offer there. We have updated our visitors' guide. We do plan on doing a bigger visitors' guide. I don't know if you guys remember, because it's been 10, 12 years ago.

Jim Nunez said 12 years.

Angie Martin said but I created a visitors' guide that had, not just the restaurants, because that's mainly what this one is, but it had all of our attractions, it had places to stay, all that. That is a goal for hopefully, next year. It's just, it's a lot of work and a lot of just gathering data. So, we are on our second run, because as soon as you print these things, they're already out of date. Somebody closes, somebody opens up. So, you'll see, we've been doing smaller quantities of our prints. That way, we can keep them as updated as possible. So, that's just a re-print of this one. This is our new, we call it our hidden treasures. It has the things to do. So, we kind of go hand-in-hand. This is more food and then this is more things to do. So, that is our new one. We also, I gave you the festival guide. We have 4 events in the festival guide this year. This is the first time we've done it since what, 4 years?

Jim Nunez said 4 years ago.

Angie Martin said 4 years was the last time that we were, we were in the festival guide. So, we are in it this year. We're working on it for next year, as well. Another one of our big marketing things we've been doing is everybody gets these, they're free, I'm sure you all have seen them. They're the Shop Smart magazine that come in your mail. Not only, we normally do the Jay, Randolph, is what we've always done. We expanded this year to Wayne County. And then, we also have done a couple, well we know one for sure, for Delaware County. Delaware County is the most expensive county around us just because they have the most population, and so it does go by population. So, we're kind of doing this on trial and error and seeing you know like, does that work, does this work? So, a lot of our marketing stuff that we are doing, it does take at least 2 years of doing marketing before you really start seeing. I mean, you might get a person here and there, but before you really start getting traction. We have updated all of our marketing stuff. We now have a banner. We are getting like a standup banner. We have new table cloths. We have yard signs that we've been putting out at events that we promote or we help promote. We've been doing that. We have door magnets for when we do parades. So, we can have that type of stuff. We now have t-shirts that we actually just picked up on Friday, that our board, when we're volunteering for stuff and it has our logo on the back with the QR code, so trying to do like the walking billboard type of stuff. We, let me think, we're going to be in the Food Indiana magazine as well. So, well this is the article I sent you guys as well. This goes with this magazine right here for all of our food, for the Indiana Foodways Alliance board that we are on. So, hopefully, there's a lot of trails. There're a lot of foodies that even they might like to do the tenderloin trail or the coffee trail or the sweets trail, or whatnot. So, we did the sweet

temptations trail just because it had the most diverse for our county. I mean it goes from Jerry's Dairy Freezer to Ghyslain to Mrs. Wicks to, you know, we tried to get something where it goes everywhere. We are working on a, we've talked about this before the Tourism guide which is we're going to call a grave yard guide. It's just going to have kind of fun facts. We have 2 Indian burials in Randolph County. You know, there are people that really are interested in that. And then doing kind of more the famous graves arounds Randolph County. So, we have really, I mean, I think we've really accomplished a lot in the last 6 months, really trying to get Randolph County back out there. Have been working very closely with the Speedway. I know we all kind of realize that as far as attractions go, that's kind of Randolph County bread and butter, you know, in getting people in as far as the masses, and like an event. But we have a lot of new events that's been coming up, a lot of really good events. There's been, I feel like a lot of activity with different things that we are working on currently that have been going on, to try to make them bigger and better, and ones that we have that are new. So, I did, in your packet, I listed, we have a request fund where if you have an event, you submit a request to the Tourism board and then the Tourism board votes on you know how much money that we'll allot out to people to help you market your event or bring in events. So, we have done several already this year, and that we have listed on there. We have the Start with art health benefit concert. We have the Goodrich Park free concert series that we did, the Winchester fireworks, the Wicks Pie show. We had the women's fun basket and state line heritage days. Those are the ones that have reached out to us so far. So, anybody that has an event in the county can submit, can contact me and I give them a form that they fill out for events. So, you know, we are trying to get as much help out there, especially to our smaller you know, communities as we can. Jim and I have been, we've already obviously, we've spoken with the commissioners, we went to Winchester city council, we went to Union City, city council and Parker. So, we are trying to get out. We stopped at Lynn city hall and we've tried to stop out and just kind of touch base with all of our towns and let them know that we're here to help. I mean, you know, whatever, whatever they need, especially in the marketing area. So, we've really been trying to be in contact with as many people as we can. And obviously, a little difficult. If I didn't have Jim sometimes, I don't know what I'd do, because, work 20 hours, so we're trying to pack everything in, where we did the mayor's breakfast on Friday. We set up for the 4-H fair. We're at the 4-H fair. Right now, we have the Hawaiians that are coming in this week. So, we've been, July is always our busy month. But, that's what we love.

Jim Nunez said because I know that you, time me when I start talking. So, but anyway, we're very fortunate to have Angie with us. We sent her to school in January?

Angie Martin said March.

Jim Nunez said March, and she came back with a lot of ideas and off of those ideas comes these things here for advertising. And so, that's how we grow, you know. And that's why I fought to be president this year and I'll fight again for next year to be president. So, those are kind of old ideas and new ideas and that's what I say, you know, old school, new school. And that's how we move forward for Randolph County. So, I'm proud to be Randolph County's. And with this kind of help, we'll move forward. But we need your help too, you know, it's all togetherness. As I tell her all the time, it's a team effort, it's a team effort. So, I'm proud of our team and that's why we're here to give you a 6-months update. And that's all we have.

Gary said perfect. I think it's a good update. I thank you for that. Tom?

Tom said very good, very positive.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said good, very good.

Angie Martin said if you guys ever have any questions or anything, don't hesitate to reach out to Jim and I, swing by, whatever, we're always here to answer questions or help out any way we can.

Gary said Jim always picks up the phone.

Angie Martin said that is true.

Missy said Angie, on your website here, has that been updated recently?

Angie Martin said we have been trying to update it as much as we can. I have a, it's a very limited platform as far as my knowledge of, I'm not a web designer, so, I do try to go in there and update it. Every time I go in there, I find stuff that's out of date. So, if you happen to see anything or know anything, please reach out to me, send it to me, and I will update it as much as I can, because we are wanting, we have been working, and it has been, I will be the first to admit, a very slow process of updating our website. So, now if you go on to you know, restaurants or whatever, you can click on the picture and I have it where now it links to their either face book page or their website. So, I've been working on that a lot, but there have been, I know that there's restaurants that, I know of 2 that have closed, that are still on there. So, I know that I have some work to do as far as the website goes. If anybody knows how to run a website real well or design any, I would love, I would love some assistance, but, so, yeah. Is there something that you see in particular that?

Missy said well I just, I heard from both, just some citizens in both places, you know, Union City has the Farmers' Market on Saturday mornings and so does Winchester, and there's nothing on there about that. And they thought that would be good.

Angie Martin said I can absolutely add that on there.

Missy said I'll send you a list of what a couple people sent me.

Angie Martin said that would be great if you would.

Missy said the website looks really good, but.

Angie Martin said we are trying to work on the color. I've been told when I went to the Tourism Conference that the green we have is one of, not a very good color, especially for people that there's certain color blindness and the brightness of the green, they can't see so, it almost looks

like they're blank. So, we are, we are working on all that. So, I do apologize that it's kind of taking me longer than what.

Missy said I think Modoc's Gardens, Modoc Gardens is closed also.

Angie Martin said yes, that was another one that's on there.

Jim Nunez said so, when we first started all this, I wanted to get the word out but in hind sight, when you try to spend a lot of your money trying to re-develop, you kind of, okay, where do you put your money at first. Well, I want it to go out the gate, sending her to all this stuff and spending the money here, and you know, do you update that? Well first, let's get the stuff first and then we do the update, because I know there's probably some websites out there listening to this and oh, look, let's go to Tourism. They are needing our help and they cost a lot of money, but first, I thought, my idea is let's get the stuff first, get that out and then, and you're right Missy, we need to update ours.

Missy said you need to have it accurate.

Jim Nunez said yeah. Yeah, accurate.

Missy said I drive to Modoc Gardens and it's not open, and that's out in the country. That's the only thing I got a call on that.

Angie Martin said yeah.

Jim Nunez said so, thank you for that, and we'll get working on that.

Gary said did you two identify yourself when you came up?

Angie Martin said Angie Martin, Tourism.

Jim Nunez said Jim Nunez Jr. president of Tourism. Thank you.

Angie Martin said thank you.

Joe Copeland – LPA Bridge 5 and Bridge 303 and change order Bridge 32 & Professional Svc agreement

Gary said next up, Joe Copeland.

Joe Copeland said good morning. Joe Copeland, highway engineer. First two items, contracts for Federal aid bridges. We received Federal funding for two. One was bridge 303, first one. That's here on Orange Street in Winchester. Total amount of the contract is \$652,030.00, which will be reimbursed 80% from the state, from the Federal highway.

Gary said okay.

Joe Copeland said it's, of course, being in town, it's going to have its problems. It seems like every time you work in town, you start the demo and you always find a utility of some kind or a storm sewer or something that you had no idea was there, and you've got to deal with. So, yeah, it's sometimes difficult, but they'll get through, no problem.

Gary said this bridge 303?

Joe Copeland said bridge 303, yes.

Gary said okay. And then the second one?

Joe Copeland said and the second one is bridge 5. And it's, well, the first one is with SJCA. The second one is with USI Consultants. And that contract is for \$611,900.00. It's going to be a tough one because it's right near the intersection. It's not going to be an easy one to do, to design. I have copies.

Gary said okay. Any questions, Tom?

Tom said no.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said no.

Gary said Joe, do you recommend these?

Joe Copeland said yes sir.

Gary said somebody like to make a motion to approve the contracts for bridge 303 and bridge 5?

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

Gary said what else you got going, Joe?

Joe Copeland said next one is change order for bridge 32. It's under construction, nearing the end of construction.

Gary said and 32 is where?

Joe Copeland said over here on what is that, 100 West, just on the west side of Winchester, the one that was one lane.

Gary said oh, it's done.

Joe Copeland said yeah, it's nearing completion right now.

Gary said it's open though.

Joe Copeland said yes, it's open.

Gary said yeah, okay.

Joe Copeland said I didn't know if you had copies of the change order? What it is, is the geotechnical engineer for the project wanted what they call pile tip elevation, in other words, drive the piles to a certain depth, and I could have told them beforehand that they're not going to get that depth. And they didn't. They got the refusal. So, what this is since they didn't get to the depth of the piling, they're going to put Rip-Rap in, additional Rip-Rap around that piling for scour protection. So, that's what that is.

Gary said and that funding is coming from where?

Joe Copeland said that's, believe it is bridge.

Gary said so it's in the bridge

Joe Copeland said Cum Bridge, but it'll be 80%.

Gary said okay. So, would the highway?

Joe Copeland said they'll send us a bill for the change order for our 20%.

Gary said this is our 20%

Joe Copeland said yeah, we'll pay 20% of that.

Gary said okay.

Joe Copeland said so far, the project has run under. We're at 79% right now of the full amount of the bid. So, we're sitting in good shape.

Gary said okay. Alright. Any questions, Tom?

Tom said nope. Need a motion to approve?

Gary said Missy?

Missy said no, no questions.

Tom said the change order.

Gary said we have a motion to the change order?

Tom said yes.

Gary said we do have a motion to approve the change order. Do we have a second?

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

Joe Copeland said for some reason they only give 2 places for signatures.

Gary said yeah, okay, that's what I was asking. Just two?

Joe Copeland said yeah.

Gary said next?

Joe Copeland said the next item is the professional services agreement with SJCA to extend another 2 years.

Gary said okay.

Joe Copeland said yeah, this extends the term for another 2 years beyond the date that it's signed.

Gary said Perry's here. Perry, do you want to come up. Do you have anything to add on it? Joe, did you identify yourself when you came up?

Joe Copeland said excuse me?

Gary said did you identify yourself when you came up?

Joe Copeland said yes.

Gary said you did?

Joe Copeland said Joe Copeland, highway engineer.

Gary said okay, thanks.

Joe Copeland said it's been signed by SJCA.

Perry Knox said Perry Knox with SJCA. We have a professional service agreement that we renew. They're on 24-month cycles. So, yours is up for renewal. There's no dollar amount attached to it. It's just terms and conditions and our current rate sheets. And this replaces the one that is expired in May.

Gary said I appreciate what you've done to help us with our bridges.

Missy said yeah.

Gary said and we do intend to continue.

Perry Knox said thank you very much.

Missy said I make a motion that we accept that 2-year agreement.

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

Missy said thanks to both of you guys for all you do.

Gary said thank you.

Perry Knox said thank you.

Gary said anything else, Joe?

Joe Copeland said no, that's it. I just need.

Gary said please hang around though Joe, we have the next item on the agenda is concerning a ditch in Randolph County. So, if you'd stay for that.

Joe Copeland said okay. Send me the.

Laura said do you want the originals or can I just scan them to you?

Joe Copeland said a copy will work, yeah, that'll be fine.

Laura said okay, I'll scan them to you.

Joe Copeland said and I can forward to INDOT, so, thank you.

Debbie Honeycutt- Ditch issue on 1150 W

Gary said okay. Next on our agenda is Debbie Honeycutt, ditch issue on 1150 West. Please identify who you are for the record, for the people.

Debbie Honeycutt said Debbie Honeycutt, a resident of Randolph County.

Gary said okay. What have you got?

Debbie Honeycutt said okay, I live on 1150 West, out in the county. Back in 2023, it became an issue. I approached commissioners at that time, and asked for a guard rail, and that didn't happen. The road is narrow. We live on a county road. There was a concrete culvert there, and it was deteriorating, it was getting old. So, they decided, the farmer that has that property out there cleaned out the ditch and they cut down the trees that was a security so people didn't fall down in the ditch. It's probably 10 foot down there. At that point in time, I'd asked for a guard rail, talked to Mr. Haffner. It didn't happen. Said hey, nobody come out and okayed it, it was a

done deal. The farmer took out the culvert because he said he can't get his equipment down there. I've lived there for 38 years and nobody's ever had any trouble, okay. We have a big trash that's overload, that goes down through there, we have a gated bridge where people are not supposed to go, and they consequently do. So, now, because we had the big rainfall, that water has consequently been about that far from coming up to the road because it can't get away, and there's nothing to stop it. So, the embankment has went whoosh. So, now they're out there trying to fix it. And they have put debris from another bridge as your concrete to go over it and then they put some rim rock over it and they put some dirt down it. But it's still going to erode away, and all I asked for was a guard rail back in 23 and it still didn't happen.

Gary said I remember you being here, I just didn't.

Debbie Honeycutt said so, somebody goes off there, you may not even know that they're down there in the ditch. But is they had not cut the trees down, they wouldn't have the erosion that they have right now, because that's when I was informed to talk to Mr. Haffner over here, because Mike was here, you were here.

Gary said yeah.

Debbie Honeycutt said and he said that there was no authorization by anybody that that should be done. That was just we're going to do it. So, my main thing is guard rail. I don't want somebody to get killed and go off down there.

Gary said the authorization that you're referring to is what?

Debbie Honeycutt said well I was told that, by Mike Haffner, that there was no authorization from the surveyor that they go ahead and do that. I don't know if that's true?

Gary said so, what he was saying is it was done without somebody saying okay?

Debbie Honeycutt said yep. That's hearsay. There's nothing in writing.

Gary said yep. I got it. I just wanted to understand it correctly.

Debbie Honeycutt said correct.

Gary said Joe?

Joe Copeland said there's a design standard.

Gary said you have to identify yourself please.

Joe Copeland said oh, highway engineer, Joe Copeland.

Jay Long, Randolph County highway.

Joe Copeland said and there's a design standard with INDOT for placing guard rail. It's a graph that they use. And what we need to do is I'll get the graph and give it to Jay and they go out and measure it and see if it warrants guard rail replacement or not.

Gary said let's just say that graph doesn't warrant, then you're looking at we have a concerned citizen, is it something we can just go ahead and do?

Joe Copeland said yes. And it would probably, guard rail, you've got to be careful because it becomes.

Gary said sure, yeah, we had that.

Joe Copeland said it's a safety thing, but it also creates a hazard because people hit it, okay. So, but this case, you know, even if it's not warranted, you can still put it up without any problem.

Gary said so, you'll go out and check it?

Joe Copeland said yeah, we'll, I get the graph and we'll.

Gary said report back to us at the next meeting so we can make a decision on what we're doing forward? I do remember Mrs. Honeycutt being in here 3 years ago, maybe?

Debbie Honeycutt said yeah, it was.

Gary said yeah, and, but I don't remember all the details after that. I never heard about it again, to be honest.

Jay Long said I didn't either. We just, we were out there and noticed that the bank was eroding out, so we were actually the ones. I think Todd started like a week and a half ago, he's actually putting that concrete beside it trying to build it up to protect the road from going out. But I didn't know anything about the guard rail until I just spoke to her.

Gary said well she did bring it up. That's a fact.

Jay Long said yeah.

Gary said thank you for bringing it back to our attention. We'll have to restart the whole process. That's how it has to work.

Debbie Honeycutt said okay. My main concern is peoples' safety out there, because we have motorcycles that drive through and we've got a lot of teenagers that drive like a bat down there. And right now, if you would come off the Windsor road and go down 1150 and go to the south, there's no rough road, there's no sign, there's no precaution, and if it was dark and it was foggy, you'd have a good chance of just going right over the edge. Just saying.

Gary said yeah, well, thank you. Tom?

Tom said I don't have anything to add.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said nope.

Gary said well let's get restarted on it, then we'll have some information at our next meeting.

Debbie Honeycutt said okay. Thank you.

Gary said thank you. Okay, I think that's everything on the new business part.

Other Business:

Ken Hendrickson, Randolph County Sheriff

Gary said other business. Sheriff?

Ken Hendrickson said no business.

Gary said no business. Thank you.

Payroll Claims \$383,838.64

Gary said payroll claims, \$383,838.64. Somebody like to make a motion to approve the payroll claims?

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

Regular Claims \$1,960,396.38

Gary said regular claims, \$1,960,396.38.

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

LWC Inc. claim \$17,512.00 (tabled from 7/6/26)

Gary said LWC claim. It was tabled. Missy, were you able to get any information from the airport?

Missy said no, I was not. Oh, yes, I have, yes, I have. I got a message from Jim Michael. He is actually out of town. Haven't got, let me pull him up here. So, his understanding is I stopped out at the airport and asked for a little clarification, but decided to try to find it in a little bit different way. And so, here is his answer. The FAA grant money that we got for the new hanger built is what we'll pay BF&S. The invoice is for that project. The other invoice is for the terminal concept that everyone at the joint meeting said they would pay out of, there's a 500 or \$750,000.00 budget evidently, that everyone said was set aside for a terminal. And so, that's where we're at with that. I don't have great notes on the airport board meeting that we had with them in this room. So, I don't know exactly where we stand on that.

Gary said okay. So, basically, what they're saying is that concept that we got for the meeting cost us \$17,000.00?

Missy said yes.

Gary said 17,512.

Tom said I was thinking it showed on there that prior to that, it was approved for \$25,000.00 and by who, I'm not sure, on that, for that concept.

Laura said I would have to go back to the minutes to see, because I don't specifically remember. I'm not saying yes or no, because I don't know.

Gary said well and I reported to the council that there was probably some money discussion, I do not remember the totals. But I just.

Tom said it says on there, there was 25,000.

Missy said my recollection was that we were going to get more specific details on what the project was going to look like, not just the photo with all the glass that we said that wasn't going to work.

Gary said if we are verbally obligated, and in the minutes obligated, we're obligated, if this doesn't meet the obligation of the discussion, we can have a revisit on that. I don't know that the bill will ever go away now. What would you like to do with it, Missy?

Missy said I would like to get more, I'll contact Jim. He's on vacation. And I'll get with him and say can you give us the entire information.

Gary said when you contact him, I'd send him an email about the hanger door hanging loose out there. I haven't heard back yet on that so, we have a concerned citizen who brought it to my attention it's been that way a while. So, maybe you can bring that up again.

Missy said I will.

Gary said I think I forwarded you and Tom the information on it.

Missy said you did.

Tom said uh huh.

BF&S Civil Engineers \$21,423.82 (tabled from 7/6/26)

Gary said okay. So, I would say on this particular situation with the airport, we need to pay the BF&S claim. Somebody like to make a motion to pay the claim for BF&S?

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

Gary said and on the LWC claim that we're going to table until August 3rd, hope to have some better information on how that dollar amount come to be. You okay with that, Tom?

Tom said yes.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said yes.

Gary said okay. Let's make a motion to.

Missy said are you guys agreeing that all we really saw was a picture of that? No details?

Gary said yeah. Yeah. I think there's a loss in translation. I do believe that there was discussion of who would pay to get it.

Missy said yeah.

Gary said so, let's get a motion to table that one. It's going to be a month after.

Tom said the 25,000 amount was the contract with the vendor. It might not have been what we approved.

Gary said right, their discussion.

Tom said that was their discussion, yes.

Gary said someone make a motion to table the claim for LWC until the next meeting?

Missy said motion to table.

Gary said we have a motion to table. Do I have a second?

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

BNY Mellon 2025 bond claim \$124,594.67

Gary said next we have the BNY Mellon 2025 bond claim, \$124,594.67. That is for the communication towers. Somebody like to make a motion to pay the claim?

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

BNY Mellon 2020 bond claim \$180,500.00

Gary said next, BNY Mellon 2020 bond claim, 180,500.00. Which one is that?

Tom said highway.

Gary said highway, yeah.

Tom said the first one was the jail.

Gary said the first one was jail. The first one was jail that we just passed. And then the highway and then communications, correct? Thank you. So, now, the \$180,500.00 is the bond on the highway. Somebody like to make a motion to approve?

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

BNY Mellon 2019 bond claim \$228,500.00

Gary said and finally, the 2019 bond claim from BNY Mellon \$228,500.00 and this is for communications tower.

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

Gary said just for clarity, the 2025 bond payment for 124,594.67 was for the jail. And then the bond 2020 bond claim \$180,500.00 was for the highway department building. And the bond claim for 2019, 228,500 was for the communications tower. I know I jumbled that up a little bit, so that should get it clear in the minutes.

Maze Design (Hwy Garage) claim \$3,500.00

Gary said next, Maze Design, highway garage claim, \$3,500.00.

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

Missy said when do we think that's going to begin?

Gary said the highway?

Missy said yeah.

Gary said that would be late July.

Missy said okay.

Gary said as of my question, the same question was last week.

Tom said they were laying it out last week.

Gary said yeah, it's laid out.

Thor Construction (Morgue) claim \$135,181.53

Gary said next is a claim for \$135,181.53 for the Thor Construction claim on the morgue project.

Tom said move to approve.

Missy said I will second that and ask how, where are we at? Looks like it's really coming along.

Tom said yeah, it's finally moving.

Missy said yeah.

Gary said Danny Stamper is not here now, is he?

Tom said no.

Gary said I asked him this morning could it be done next month. All he said was maybe. So, I would say we're probably looking at a September finish.

Tom said I think so.

Missy said okay.

Gary said okay, so, we do have the motion and a second. Any further discussion on that, Missy?

Missy said no.

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

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Randolph County United claim \$20,134.34

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

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

Tax Refund claim \$4,982.50

Tax Refund claim \$4,865.13

Tax Refund claim \$4,454.70

Gary said on this one here, Laura, do you know what happened on these three refunds?

Laura said yes.

Gary said it looks like 3 alleys were put into a taxing situation and taken out?

Laura said they should have been coded in our system as non-profit, and they were not. So, they got charged tax that they shouldn't have been charged for, so, that's why.

Gary said who didn't code it?

Laura said probably my office.

Gary said okay. Well, where's that at?

Laura said I don't know. I didn't look at it.

Gary said it's in Union City, but I don't get where the. The bulk of that comes out of Union City's General Fund, doesn't it?

Laura said yeah, it would go to them in settlement, yes. So, yes.

Gary said yeah. Does Randolph County have any, yeah, they would have to pay part of that, right, out of their settlements?

Laura said yeah, it'll come back to us.

Gary said okay.

Laura said well, I mean, yeah. So, we'll pay it back to the taxpayer.

Gary said right.

Laura said and then it'll be deducted from Union City's tax settlement.

Gary said every gets portions of it?

Laura said yes. So, it'll correct itself in that process, yes.

Gary said we don't have any choice. It's been already determined, decided. I just didn't know.

Laura said all three of them need to be signed, but, you can approve them all at once if you choose.

Tom said I make a motion to approve all three tax refunds.

Gary said we have a motion to approve all three of the tax credits refund claims.

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

Gary said could you send us an email where this is in Union City? Seems to me \$12,000.00 is a lot of tax assessment on those smaller areas. Not that I'm saying that anybody is right or wrong, I just didn't know, don't know.

Tom said wonder if it's the old Eagles building?

Missy said what is it?

Tom said I don't know for sure. I just was questioning whether it was the old Eagles building.

Gary said well we're obligated to pay it back.

Tom said yes.

Missy said is this over time or is this for one year?

Laura said it's three years.

Missy said three years, okay.

Laura said they can only go back three years.

City of Winchester Claim \$10,000

Gary said and now we have a City of Winchester claim, \$10,000.00 for another property that's been, a house or building taken down. Somebody like to make a motion to approve this?

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

Gary said Mayor, what address was that?

Bob McCoy said 443 East North. Does that sound right?

Missy said what did you say?

Bob McCoy said 443 East North.

Gary said I don't see it on here.

Bob McCoy said I'm always turning the east north and north east around for some reason.

Gary said okay, we have a motion and a second on this?

Missy said motion to approve.

Gary said we've got a motion to approve. Do we have a second?

Tom said second.

Gary said a motion and a second. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Randolph County EDIT plan

Gary said Randolph County EDIT plan. Missy, on that \$100,000.00 that might be in next year's plan. This is just a correction for the rest of this year.

Missy said yeah, yeah.

Gary said so, I think we're okay right now.

Missy said okay.

Gary said so, what's added new to our EDIT plan, to go to the EDIT meeting is the \$3,750.00, Union City and Winchester for the Opportunity zones. Somebody like to make a motion to approve the addition to the EDIT plan?

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

Flex time policy

Gary said okay, flex time policy is on here, but it's not going to be voted on until the next meeting. Anybody have any comment on it? Tom?

Tom said I don't at this time now.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said not at this time.

Gary said I do not either. And we will address that on the August 3rd meeting.

Resolution 2026-10 – Surplus property

Gary said and then we have Resolution 2026-10 a surplus property. And it's from the prosecutor's office for a Glock 40 caliber model 23 handgun. Someone like to make a motion to approve Resolution 2026-10, a resolution to declare certain personal property of Randolph County, Indiana, as unneeded and to be considered surplus property for disposal. Someone make a motion to approve the resolution?

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

Missy said what happens to that?

Gary said it's sold and then the money goes back to the account that it came out of.

Missy said okay.

Gary said not everything gets sold on these types of resolutions. This one will. Some things just have to be destroyed. Missy, do you have anything for this morning?

Missy said no, I don't.

Gary said Laura?

Laura said I have a couple things. State Board of Accounts, I just got the email this morning, I apologize for the last minute. But they would like to do, they are now editing our 2025 books. They would like to do the entrance conference on Thursday the 23rd at 9:30 a.m. I just need at least one of you there.

Gary said Thursday the 23rd?

Laura said well actually, I think only one of you can be there.

Gary said this Thursday?

Laura said yes. Because, didn't we have this issue once before?

Missy said uh huh.

Gary said yeah, we did. Are you available, Tom?

Missy said I am not.

Gary said you are not.

Tom said not really.

Gary said okay. I got it.

Laura said so, you can do it?

Gary said yeah.

Laura said okay.

Missy said I mean, there's a chance I could get back, but.

Gary said don't worry about it. I'll take care of it.

Missy said I've got an early appointment with my husband.

Laura said the only other thing, I handed you guys the budget hearing schedule.

Gary said yeah.

Laura said and would like to have at least one of you there for your budget hearing at 9:15 on that first.

Gary said I think, Tom, are you still planning on going to that?

Tom said yes.

Gary said okay. Anything else?

Laura said that's all I have.

Gary said I'm good. Tom?

Tom said nothing.

Citizen Comments (3 minutes)

Gary said anybody in attendance today have anything to bring forth to the commissioners? Please come up. You have to re-identify yourself, and this particular time, not being on the agenda, is a 3-minute. Wait until we get identified.

Lauren Abshear said I'm Lauren Abshear. I am the executive director of New Age Recovery Village and Christina Benedict with Community Pathways. Okay, you want to start?

Christina Benedict said good morning. So, I'm not sure if you guys are familiar with the month of September is notified as overdose awareness month, and so, I have a non-for-profit organization called Community Pathways, and Lauren has one called New Roots. So, pretty much in a nutshell, we just want to focus on helping people that have maybe been affected by substance abuse use, among other things. But, our county has not had anything to do with like substance abuse as far as an event goes. And so, we have decided that we think that we should have an event like Jay County does, Muncie, Richmond, and it would be called kick the stigma. We have a lot of stigma around that. And so, when we were talking about well what could this event do? We're hoping to have some musicians come as well as like some food vendors.

Lauren Abshear said some art vendors, resources.

Christina Benedict said yes, art vendors, resources, you name it, to try to bring our community together instead of separating any further. And so, we had talked to Bob McCoy, our mayor, and so he said well, what about the streets? So, we got an approval to use like the side streets. Well I know in previous years, they had like, probably back in 2016, they had to use the courthouse yard. And I said oh, that would be a perfect area like where the bicentennial is, to set up like a PA system for these musicians to perform, and things like that.

Lauren Abshear said speakers.

Christine Benedict said yeah, speakers to do their testimonials and things. And I was like, I think that would be great, and Lauren is like yes, that would be wonderful. So, we do have some more

information. I did send Missy something in her email that gives you guys a little bit more information on who would be coming to this event and what all it would entail. It would be on Saturday, September 26th.

Lauren Abshear said we've sent vendor forms already also. We've got vendor registration forms out. We've had multiple people reach back to us already. So, like she said, we've got, Meridian Health, lots of health resources in town. We've got quite a few vendors already that have responded. I sent you the approval letter also this morning from Bob for the streets. So, basically, we're working on funding for things right now. We've got, we're going to do some fundraising activities for it. My husband and myself are going to donate some. I believe Christina is with Community Pathways also. We're going to receive a grant from Drug Free Randolph County soon, and I actually spoke with them about using some of the funds for that to help with event also. So, we're not asking for funds. We're just basically asking for approval, bring you guys to join us. We just really need some support with this. I think we can make it a really big annual event. I'm going up to the credit union today. I spoke with Nel. We have our first committee meeting. We're going to go, we set up a committee for it also, and we're going to set up an account there and all that so we can go and have it official.

Christina Benedict said keep the funds separated.

Lauren Abshear said yes. And keep it, hopefully, try to make this an annual event for the community.

Gary said okay. So, thank you.

Missy said what is it you're asking us?

Christina Benedict said approval for the courthouse yard. So, that way, we can have like a PA system set up, we were thinking like at the bicentennial area. It's a flat piece of land. So, that way people could come out, listen to the speakers, you know, and have access to that.

Gary said okay. Missy, what do you think?

Missy said oh, I think that's fine. I mean, we do it for other groups.

Gary said Tom?

Tom said I'm good with it, yeah.

Gary said okay. Somebody like to make a motion to, give us the date and time again?

Lauren Abshear said September 26. We put 2 to 6.

Gary said you've got to make sure you have liability insurance.

Lauren Abshear said yes, absolutely. We've looked into that. That's part of what we were getting it.

Gary said well don't look into it, have to have it.

Lauren Abshear said yes, we have it. We will have, we'll have it. I promise. Yeah, 2 until 6 is what we have listed right now, September 26.

Gary said on September 26, 2 to 6, okay.

Christina Benedict said and we've asked the people who do the farmers' market if they might want to stay over that since they're already set up, they already have their area. So, let's all bring Randolph County together and do it, you know, what we're wanting to do is bring people together.

Lauren Abshear said I'm working on letters to send uptown to the residents also.

Gary said alright. We've heard the request. Somebody like to make a motion to approve?

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

Missy said knowing that you're going to clean everything up?

Lauren Abshear said yes, absolutely.

Christina Benedict said yes.

Missy said it's going to look just like it did, yeah.

Christina Benedict said and we would want to use like the port-a-potties if that's okay, so that way, there is some sort of bathroom.

Gary said it's not ours.

Christina Benedict said oh, okay.

Missy said Main Streets.

Gary said you have to work that out with the Farmers Market.

Christina Benedict said okay. We will talk to them. Thank you.

Lauren Abshear said thank you.

Gary said thank you. Anybody else in attendance would like to come forward?

Ruthie Rose said Ruthie Rose, Randolph County United. I don't have anything, just wanted to check in and see if you guys needed anything from us?

Gary said I do not. Thank you. Missy?

Missy said nope, can't think of anything.

Gary said Tom?

Tom said nope.

Ruthie Rose said if you think of anything, let me know.

Gary said will do. Thank you. Anyone else?

Adjournment

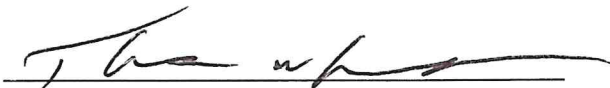
Gary said alright. Seeing no one else approaching, somebody like to make a motion to adjourn?

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

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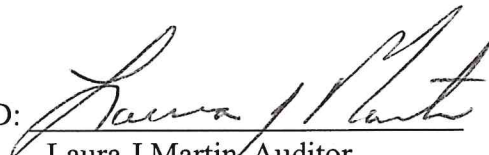
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