

Randolph County Commissioners

July 3, 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, Gary Friend 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

Council Update

Mike said first item on the agenda is the council update. We have I think, just three council members here. I don't see a fourth one. Dave, Missy, Mike. Dave, come on up.

Dave Lenkensdofer said thanks for having us on first thing here. Two things on our Wednesday meeting we're going to be discussing to bring you guys up to date, is the payroll for 2024. Now there is a committee of four that has gone through this. Mike was on there for the commissioners, and there was Bev Fields, Mike Stine and myself, as county council. We met three different times to discuss what our best approach is for 2024, and we come up with some ideas. And we will be discussing that on Wednesday morning to see what direction they want to go as a body. And the other thing is, we're going to be discussing General Fund to Rainy Day for 2024, or earlier. We may even try to do it this year yet to build our Rainy-Day fund up a little to meet the demands going forward. We've been at I think, 1.1 million for about ten years maybe, I think, and our times have really passed us by on that so. Those are two main things. Are there any questions for any of the council?

Mike said who's going to council.

Gary Friend said I am.

Mike said okay.

Sherri Thompson – Preparedness grant application

Mike said Sherri Thompson, Health Department preparedness grant application. This is an internal document for the county. And this one looks to be amended. Is this one you apply for every year?

Sherri Thompson said yes.

Mike said this is for the 2023, 2024?

Sherri Thompson said yes.

Mike said amount requested, \$25,000.00 and there's no county match. With the new health legislation, this one we won't be applying for anymore?

Sherri Thompson said as of now, they haven't rolled that into it yet. Next year I know that the school liaison will go into that fund. We won't have a separate grant for it. Preparedness hasn't been decided yet.

Mike said okay. Anybody have any questions of Sherri?

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

Mike said you'll need to go to council on Wednesday.

Chris Shaneyfelt – Grant request application (tabled from 6/19/23)

Mike said Chris Shaneyfelt, grant request application that we tabled from our last meeting.

Chris Shaneyfelt said the grant that we're talking about is the multi-hazard mitigation program grant. We expressed a letter of interest back in 2019. The grant was signed 7/31/21. Typically, how this grant was run, was the state held the funds, and at the end of the grant, when FEMA and IDHS approved the grant, then they paid the contractors. They are no longer doing that. They are requiring us to pay the contractors, and it's reimbursable. I found this out last month when the contractors were asking for money. So, the contract that was signed was for \$18,225.00. The total state award was \$19,457. And then just our in-kind match at \$6,486. But the contract is for \$18,225, and that's what we need to pay the contractor.

Mike said then once we pay the contractor and submit that, then the state will reimburse us for that?

Chris Shaneyfelt said yes. We just have to show the normal payment paper work to, ledger from the auditor.

Mike said so we need to approve this request? If we approve this grant, which it does look like we approved it back in 2019, we need to pay the contractors so we can get reimbursed.

Gary Girton said what is the turn around.

Chris Shaneyfelt said the grant should be done by the end of this year. So, we're getting close. We have our third meeting some time in, I think the 10th of this month. And then after that, there's a public meeting to come before you gentlemen so the public has the opportunity to comment on it. I believe we have to have it closed out somewhere around September.

Mike said and none of the fee has been paid?

Chris Shaneyfelt said none of the fee has been paid. I think what I'm going to ask him to do is just send me an invoice for the beginning and the middle project, and then once we're done, then we can pay him that final amount out and go from there.

Gary Friend made a motion.

Mike said I have a motion to pay the contractor, Vantage Point Consulting completion of the mitigation plan project, \$18,225.00. Do I have a second?

Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried. This will also have to be taken to council.

Chris Shaneyfelt said sure. I just wanted to give you guys a brief update on our shortage of dispatch. If you recall, we were down three full-time people, and then we had Lyndsey that went out on maternity leave, so, we were down four, which threw us into the 12-hour shift schedule. Since then, Lyndsey has come back and she started working last week again. But out of the three that we hired, only one has stayed. The other two, one walked off the job, and the other one was there a month and left and went to Wayne County. So, I'm still down two personnel. But, with Lyndsey coming back, and the other person successfully completely our program, we're just down two. So, we're working now on getting people out, getting their comp time down. We have a couple that are close to 300 hours. So, we've got some of them that are taking like 16 days off in a row. But, with that, the staff has come to like the 12-hour schedules because they were giving them three days off in a row, and they're wanting to stay on the 12-hour schedules. And we've been able to configure it so they're not going to be really getting any overtime. But it's different than what our policy says as far as county policy goes. So, if we could possibly stay on those 12-hour schedules, I think it'll be a hybrid schedule actually once, if we can get the other two positions filled, we would have 12-hour schedule and then two eights. That would be like a tax shift, so we can get people up and try to get their comp times down, and go from there.

Mike said has it worked well? Do you see burnout?

Chris Shaneyfelt said I don't see the burnout that we had with the four and twos. With everybody, with us being short, and we went to twelves, I didn't have any call ins other than people that were truly sick. And the in-house fighting stopped. I broke up a lot of teams, changed them around, and they're getting along well. So, right now, I think it's reduced the stress in the house some. So, now the big thing is just getting our other two people in there and getting them trained. I know from reading the paper, I'm kind of surprised, but they say the number one reason for people quitting is satisfaction with the schedule at work, and then second is pay. So, I can see that. It has been far less stressful in the building.

Gary Girton said is our pay that much different than Wayne County?

Chris Shaneyfelt said about \$5,000.00 I believe. Our staff is making, I believe, 35 now, and the county got a significant, what their director called a significant increase for 2023. So, I've never really asked what their pay is but it's over \$40,000.00 I know. We had an applicant that was wanting to leave Henry County and she applied here, but then she got hired full time in

Delaware. And I know Delaware is probably over 40. It's just tough to keep people. The girl that we had hired and left that went to Wayne county, part of it was pay for her, and the other part was her father works down there as a police officer. So, she wanted to be part of that.

Mike said so, is it your intent to go 12 hours permanently even if you gain staff?

Chris Shaneyfelt said the staff wants to stay that way just because of the way the schedule rotates and it gives them more days off. They're working more hours, but in the end, they're getting more time off in a row. So, that 3 ½ days off that they get is more valuable to them than other things. And you know, we've struggled, trying to be competitive. And the first thing they like that's making them happier, I really hate to change it if that's true and it's working.

Gary Friend said what's it do to you, on the scanner working at all different times, what's it do to you as a manager? Do you have to come in and fill a shift because of manpower, do you have an extra 12 to run along with your regular 40-hour management shift?

Chris Shaneyfelt said the seats got to be filled. So, if I can't get it, we have one part-timer, and she's currently taken a new job. So, I don't know that I'm going to be able to rely on her. So, shifts need to be covered, and if my staff doesn't want to do it, and we're trying to keep their hours down, I just adjust my schedule and either, instead of working eight, I'll work twelve, or if I'm forced to, I'll do overtime.

Gary Friend said can we entertain running a 12-hour through the remainder of the year to see if it actually does work out, and revisit it in January?

Chris Shaneyfelt said yeah. I mean that would be a good trial phase, and if it doesn't work, then we're not re-writing policies and all that.

Mike said I guess I would be in favor of that as well.

Gary Friend said I'll make a motion we allow them 12-hour shifts on their cycle and revisit it late in December.

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

Meeks said Chris can I ask you a question? Is it that in the handbook?

Chris Shaneyfelt said it's in the county handbook under the 911 group.

Meeks said the handbook 911?

Chris Shaneyfelt said yeah. It shows us as 40 hours and I believe Monday through Fridays.

Meeks said could you get me the work schedule? Can you email that to me?

Chris Shaneyfelt said yes sir.

Meeks said and I'll look at the handbook, see what needs to be changed. And do we have to do anything with the salary ordinance for that? I think we just straight hourly, right?

Laura said yeah, I think we have a lump sum.

Meeks said we have a lump sum.

Mike said do we need to change the handbook?

Meeks said you're going to need to do something temporarily. We'll get it together. I'll look at it and see what we need to do, and then get back with you.

Chris Shaneyfelt said okay. Now I've only got, we've only got a couple of months planned out because we're not planning that far ahead.

Meeks said okay, just send me the schedule. I'll check that.

Chris Shaneyfelt said sure. Thank you, gentlemen.

Mike Haffner – Request for credit card (tabled from 6/19/23), utility agreements, highway business

Mike said Mike Haffner and Jessica.

Jessica Olson said credit card. Everyone get my email in regard to the usage on the credit card? There are about, those two things are the only thing. I do have a copy of the query stuff if anybody wants to take a look at it. I did not email it because it's just a set of instructions on how you go and purchase them. So, that would be the usage on that. The only other thing we could possibly think of is anything on line that does not allow me to run it through the auditor's office. Like, any kind of conferences, all that stuff, training, right. The only thing I could think of that we used before, is when I got my notary commission. So, that's the only two things we could come up with. That would be the only two things that we would use it for.

Gary Friend said so how much do you put on it for a limit?

Jessica Olson said for the queries?

Gary Friend said no, on the credit card.

Jessica Olson said well I haven't applied yet, because you guys haven't told me I can.

Mike said I wouldn't think you would need much of a limit.

Jessica Olson said I don't really think we need much. I mean the queries are a \$1.25 each. And then you're going to do it a \$100 a year probably. Notary recommission is \$50.00.

Mike said and you have on line training?

Jessica Olson said that's the only thing that I've come across so far with the notary. But, I know that LTAP does a lot of little bit of stuff on the side. Usually, you can always run it through the auditor's office. It would just be anything that I cannot get to Danita.

Mike said we have a request here and as we discussed at our last meeting, the queries, the purchasing queries, in drug and alcohol clearing house accounts, that's the only way you can pay it?

Jessica Olson said that is the only way. I tried. I called them.

Mike said you're using your private card now. That's not a good situation.

Jessica Olson said yeah, Mike had to run his card on that.

Mike said does someone want to move approval?

Gary Girton said I'll move that we accept the recommendation of use of a credit card.

Gary Friend said we should put a limit on it.

Gary Girton said yes.

Gary Friend said well a limit for me, it's a distraction so we can't be hacked. I wouldn't go beyond \$2,500 on it. How low can you go?

Jessica Olson said I don't even know guys. I haven't, I haven't looked into it. It involves, when you apply for a credit card with the county, it has to go through the auditor and the treasurer. So, I don't know. I haven't done anything with it.

Mike said I would say limit it to \$2,500 if that's the low.

Jessica Olson said that's all the low it can go. I mean, I can find out and let you know at the next meeting. I don't know. Do you get to say? I don't know.

Gary Friend said on the what?

Jessica Olson said do we get to say on the limit? Can I say on the limit?

Mike said I think you can. If it's going to be a county card, then the county can determine that the highway department has a limit of \$2,500 or \$1,000. At least that's the way a corporate card works is that you would limit individuals on the card or departments on the card to a certain amount. I don't know if it's, and there has to be a name applied to it.

Jessica Olson said well that's what I mean when they have to go through the auditor and the treasurer, that's why, because it's going to say Randolph County Government.

Mike said I presume Mike's name or your name? You're going to have to work that out as well because they're going to want a name and social security number attached to that card.

Jessica Olson said well I know. That's why we run it through the auditor and the treasurer, because we don't want to use our personal social security numbers. We use our tax ID number, and that's why it goes through them.

Mike said but you're going to have to have your name applied to it or you're not going to be able to make a charge. Or you're going to have to ask Jessica, you're going to have to ask Laura to make the charge. Or, at least, that's the way it works. I don't know how it works in government, but that's the way it works in private industry.

Jessica Olson said oh, then I may stand corrected. I just am going off of that based on ten years ago working downstairs.

Mike Haffner said I would suggest maybe Jessica, being the authorized user.

Mike said that's what I'm getting at.

Jessica Olson said okay.

Gary Friend said I think it should stay with Jessica, the financial part of that office.

Mike said so, I guess we'll work with Laura and her office to get that done and the treasurer's office to get that.

Gary Friend said I'll second Gary's motion. I'll second the motion with a \$2,500 or the lowest one we can get.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Meeks said just read the handbook.

Jessica Olson said yes you did.

Meeks said make sure you follow that.

Mike said utility agreements?

Mike Haffner said yes. This is a very large project, New Lisbon. It basically, has to do with the Windmill. This is the conduit that's already been laid, and basically, they're just blowing fiber. Now, as far as my half, as far as everything underneath the road right-of-way, I'm okay with. And they I forwarded this to Ed because this does go cross country out of the highway's right-of-

way. So, I gave it all to Ed. I guess, I'm recommending that on the highway right-of-way, but I'll bow out when it goes out of our right-of-way, and turn that over to Ed to see if he's got any issues.

Mike said okay. So, what you're asking is, you're recommending for the highway right-of-way the right to run the fiber optic from 700 South to 1200 West in the existing conduit.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike said okay. Any questions of Mike? Someone want to move approval?

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

Mike said okay. Highway business.

Mike Haffner said okay. Joe has asked me to kind of.

Jessica Olson said do you guys have a copy of the professional service agreement with Clark Dietz?

Mike Haffner said the Clarks Dietz. We can go to it.

Mike Haffner – Culvert 2924 replacement agreement

Mike said okay. It's a professional service agreement for the replacement of culvert 2924?

Mike Haffner said this is basically, the reason why we're asking, or he's asking for some engineering. This water does get over the road and structure, and it does lie in DNR ground. So, we have a representative from Clark Dietz if you have any questions here. But basically, Joe and I's asking for, just paying it out of the MVH 73.

Mike said okay. And where is culvert 2924?

Mike Haffner said it is up on 750 North. It's presently known as like, South River Road. Remember that north, where we put that concrete structure in and opened it? It's basically just on the other side of the river in that same location.

Mike said part of the Mississinewa River?

Mike Haffner said yes. This would be on the south side of the river about that same area, where the road turns and makes a 90-degrees. That whole area floods under water.

Mike said so, this engineering cost at \$92,100.00?

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike said and the compensation is broken down in 7 different tasks, design and planned development is the biggest part of the fee. Do you have any questions of Mike or the representative from Clark Dietz?

Gary Friend said I do not.

Mike said you're recommending this, or Joe is recommending this?

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike said I'd entertain a motion to approve this professional service agreement.

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

Jessica Olson said just to make sure everybody is aware on top of that estimate, the geo-technical ground analyses, is estimated at \$7,200 on top of that.

Mike said and you'll be paying that from the same fund?

Jessica Olson said correct.

Gary Friend said what is that geo-technical ground assessment?

Mike Haffner said they bore samples into the ground to know what type of soil is there so to determine what type of structures is best suited.

Mike said okay. One other matter?

Mike Haffner said and then the next item we have is bridge 250, Joe's submitting an application. It's due by the end of the month for the fall session of 23 on bridge 250 on Community Crossing.

Gary Friend said which one is 250?

Jessica Olson said 250 is, I don't know why I can't keep, county road 950 South west of 100 East over Mud Creek.

Mike Haffner said it's a double spanned bridge presently.

Gary Friend said double spanned meaning what?

Mike Haffner said basically, it has a pier in the water, so it has two sections.

Gary Friend said okay.

Mike Haffner said and basically, it was on the agenda for him to ask for CUM or Wind, but if, basically, it has to start with commissioners if we're going to use Wind.

Jessica Olson said we're asking for Wind in the amount of \$400,000.

Mike said 400 even?

Jessica Olson said uh huh.

Mike said and that would be our 25% match.

Jessica Olson said correct.

Mike said and that would be for the fall Community Crossing. It needs to be in by the end of July.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike said so, I guess you could ask for council's tomorrow and we could do it on the 16th.

Jessica Olson said well we can do that that way. We just wanted to present it because apparently the letter, or the application has to be dated by July 21st, 22nd. So, we didn't want to, if we wait a whole month, we will miss the application deadline for the Community Crossing grant.

Mike said is this bridge on our bridge spread sheet and planned out to use Windfarm funds for the match?

Jessica Olson said well no it was not originally planned at all to be paid out of Wind. The construction that Joe has on his spreadsheet for you guys is that construction was supposed to take place in 2025. However, apparently, the conversation that I had with Joe on Thursday was all of a sudden, this bridge became ready and they're applying for the grant. I have not prepared for that. I apologize, but I just found out about that on Thursday afternoon.

Gary Friend said is this replacing a bridge that was on schedule, or is it adding to?

Mike Haffner said it was on the schedule.

Jessica Olson said yeah, we're into two year of paying SJCA engineering costs. I mean, we've been doing this for a couple of years.

Mike said so this is on the schedule. I guess, you'd indicated earlier that maybe they didn't think it would be ready to go to contract when it needed to be for this Community Crossing grant, but now they've decided it would be ready to go.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike said so you want to apply for this project this fall, which kind of relates to when it was off, you were thinking of paving Greenville Pike with this Community Crossing grant.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike said okay. But, I guess what I'm hearing you say is that this bridge would have priority over paving Greenville Pike?

Mike Haffner said yes.

Gary Friend said then is the match for Greenville Pike going to come from Windfarm?

Mike Haffner said I'm not sure where he planned on getting that.

Gary Friend said where would you have got the match? What was your thinking? I mean, if we're going to replace dollar for dollar project, where was that money coming from?

Jessica Olson said I guess that's why I'm here. As everyone, I'm sure, is aware, we appropriated money out of MVH funds this year for paving for bridges. I mean, we're at about 2 ½, almost 3 million dollars into appropriations. So, when you go and you write the budget for 2024, you know, you've got to pick all the boxes for the department of government finance. And that consists of what your current cash balance is, what your unexpended appropriation is, you know, what you're going to make July to December, and what you're going to get from January to December of 24. In order to get underneath the line that DLGF needed, I could only put \$300,000 into bridge. Otherwise, I would have been over the limit. DLGF would have come back and said you have to cut your budget. So, right now, sitting there, is only \$300,000 worth of appropriations that can legitimately get approved.

Gary Friend said right now in MVH?

Jessica Olson said in MVH.

Gary Friend said both accounts or one?

Jessica Olson said both of them.

Gary Friend said total.

Jessica Olson said yeah.

Gary Friend said so you need this, even if it was going to be a pavement project, you weren't going to be able to fund it out of MVH?

Jessica Olson said no.

Gary Friend said okay, that's the question.

Jessica Olson said yes.

Gary Friend said you're always going to need the secondary account.

Jessica Olson said right. I mean, yes. If we get done what we need to get done this year, with all this bridge stuff, and we get that money spent, perfect, that's what we did it for. And they need to be done. However, that I now going to put us in the surplus category. We're not going to be in that. So, we're not going to be able to shell out 2, 3 million dollars you know, for bridge stuff.

Gary Friend said do you have mechanisms in there to make sure that we don't go the other way? I think six years ago we found ourselves on the other side of that line. Do you have failsafe protection that we're not going to inadvertently, approve a project that's going to put MVH under water? Are you going to make sure that doesn't happen?

Jessica Olson said Gary, yes, I do. If everybody gives me all the information that I need.

Gary Friend said I would want to know if you didn't. Okay. So, this is you need \$400,000 from some account and you're requesting out of Windfarm funding?

Jessica Olson said I'm saying that because I think that recommending to the council to pay it from MVH would be since we are responsible, because you don't have that to recommend.

Gary Friend said right, which is what I want to know.

Jessica Olson said yes.

Gary Friend said I'm sure the council wants to know.

Jessica Olson said I'm sure they do.

Gary Friend said any other accounts available, such as tipping fees?

Jessica Olson said landfill?

Gary Friend said is this still setting?

Jessica Olson said we have two projects if everybody looks at the email I sent out. We've got two, a state line culvert and 800 East, both qualify for landfill host fees. So, we can pay those out of that, so I don't have to deduct that from MVH on all the other small structure stuff. We've got all of those projects. Currently, bridge 183, bridge 231, culvert 2703, culvert 1111 are all under construction right now. We've got the two small structures there at the bottom of that, culvert 2724 and 2732. Darke county has agreed to pay us half of the cost for that state line one. The arrangement is we have to pay it in advance, and then they are going, Darke county will reimburse us. The only downfall of that is it comes out of our appropriation line, and they can

replenish the cash, but if we needed it, we would have to come back and ask for appropriation for it. It's going to come out of our line.

Mike said looking at the bridge projects that Joe has provided us earlier this year, it looks like Carl Street, bridge 304, Mud Creek bridge 250 have flipflopped in timeline.

Jessica Olson said yes, those, it appeared to me too, I had it the other way around. I think Joe had it the other way. I think that things happened that he did not anticipate.

Mike said so the Carl Street is not really ready for a Community Crossing grant now?

Mike Haffner said no.

Mike said and this is ready hopefully, in the spring session.

Mike Haffner said this spring session.

Mike said if we don't authorize Windfarm funds, or don't authorize funds, then we have no applications for Community Crossings in the fall?

Mike Haffner said right.

Mike said so I guess I would think we would be remised in not authorizing this.

Gary Friend made a motion to approve \$400,000.00 out of windfarm as the Community Crossing match for Bridge 250. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary Girton said so Mike, if we adjusted the Carl street, put that in the spring, when would construction be on that in 25? Your projecting a spring application, that would have to make completion in 25?

Mike Haffner said if it's accepted in the spring, and awarded, it will go out to bid. And more than likely, it would be installed in 25. There's a possibility yes, it can go out in August, September if the contractor has the empty time slot, he has the, he can do it in late 24. But these guys are pretty scheduled up. So, more realistic number would be 25.

Mike said okay. Have you got something for us to sign? Our local cost is \$323,900.

Jessica Olson said that is what Joe recommended to me just to do any kind of stop gap. It doesn't mean we need that.

Mike said and his total cost on here is a little larger then what was on his spreadsheet.

Jessica Olson said apparently costs are going up everywhere.

Mike said anything else this morning?

Mike Haffner said no.

Debra Johnting – Ordinance 2023-16 Zoning map amendment

Mike said Debra Johnting. Resolution 2023-16, a zoning map amendment. Are you Benjamin?

Benjamin Welsh, yes.

Mike said and you're requesting a zoning change of your property?

Benjamin Welsh said that's correct.

Mike said located at 4540 north 800 West. I reviewed what I received via email, but I never saw the attachment, so I don't know what you're doing out there.

Benjamin Welsh said okay. We've, we're starting a small business with machine shop, laser cutters, making parts and signs.

Mike said I see it on the back of this one. That may be why it didn't come through on our copy. It was on the back.

Debra Johnting said it's just a portion around the building that will be rezoned. It will revert back if, by our definition, if it's discontinued, which is one year without any activity, or if the owner moves and takes the business with him. If he sells property with the business, it can continue exactly as it is, or it will revert back to ag. That way, if he builds the business up and decides whoever moves in there will continue to do it, he won't lose out on his hard work. But no one else can move in and do something different.

Mike said so is this spot 250 by 250 going out to the barn.

Debra Johnting said yeah.

Mike said and the Area Planning Commission is recommending this?

Debra Johnting said yes.

Mike said do you have any comments about that Gary?

Gary Friend said no, this is, there's not a lot of traffic activity. A lot of it is online sales correct?

Debra Johnting said uh huh.

Benjamin Welsh said correct.

Gary Friend said it's pretty remote out there.

Debra Johnting said he's not going to have employees. There won't be people coming and going. In the future, we'd like to have more small individual home businesses be more of a special exception. However, since this is in the manufacturing category, it's better off to keep track of it.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-16

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF RANDOLPH COUNTY, INDIANA

WHEREAS, BENJAMIN WELSH, 4540 N 800 W, Farmland, IN 47340, Randolph County, Indiana, having heretofore filed a petition with the Area Planning Commission of Randolph County, Indiana requesting an amendment to the Zoning Map of Randolph County, Indiana;

WHEREAS, the Area Planning Commission of Randolph County, Indiana held on June 21, 2023, pursuant to notice, a public hearing on said petition, as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Randolph County, Indiana have received the Area Planning Commission's report of a Favorable Recommendation of said petition to amend said Zoning Map;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIANA that said Zoning Map (APC2023-17-Z) be, and the same is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. The following describes a portion of land, (250' x 250'); area as shown on map Exhibit "B") of real estate located in Randolph County, Indiana, which is now zoned A-I (Agricultural, Intensive) and shall hereafter be zoned M-1 (Industrial, Light). Legal descriptions for the property are attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "A".

Section 2: FURTHERMORE, the following zoning of M-1 will revert back to A-I at the time that the business is abandoned as defined in the Unified Zoning Ordinance, or the property is sold.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage by the RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Gary Girton said no, I'll move the approval of Ordinance 2023-16 by title only.

Mike said I have a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-16, an ordinance to amend the zoning map of Randolph County, Indiana, by title only. Do I have a second?

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

Mike said that motion was unanimous. We can suspend the rules and have the second and third reading today, and pass this ordinance today, or we can put it off for two weeks and do it all again in two weeks.

Gary Girton said since we have a favorable recommendation from Area Planning, I will make a motion to suspend the rules and have a second and third reading. Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said I'll entertain a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-16 and ordinance to amend the zoning map of Randolph County, Indiana, and with approval, the ordinance would be adopted today.

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

Mike said your zoning is changed.

Benjamin Welsh said thank you.

Arlinda Hardwick, Ridgeville – Request for windfarm funds (water tower)

Mike said I think the last meeting you were requesting Windfarm funds for your water tower.

Arlinda Hardwick said I took their information and put it down. You'll find on the second or third page of the first one it spells out there the type of work that will be done to the tower.

Mike said based on this, what are you asking from Windfarm?

Arlinda Hardwick said well, when we were here before, we were, we have a \$100,000 to put towards the project, we had asked for a \$150,000, and you all suggested that we find out exactly what it was going to cost us. So, after the initial sticker shock, we found out it's \$411. So, we'll take anything you can give us, but \$300,000 would be great.

Mike said so what is the difference in the two different contracts, other than the price? One costs us \$237,000.

Jeff Doss said the higher end is basically sandblasting the whole tank down, repainting the inside and outside. That's the difference.

Mike said that's the 411?

Jeff Doss said yes.

Mike said and what does the 237 do?

Jeff Doss said that does all the re-welding of brackets, changing the ladder to meet OSHA standards, the railing at the top that meets OSHA standards, the aviation light on top. Fix them because they're just hanging there by the conduit, putting an aerator in the tank so water, we had pictures at one time, but just like a pond, that water will flip.

Mike said so it gets you up and going?

Jeff Doss said right.

Mike said I think you indicated at the last meeting that the inside was in pretty good shape.

Jeff Doss said the inside is pretty good. Now, if we do the whole total package, what they will do is go through and re-caulk everything, and re-paint everything on the inside too. But that's on the whole package deal. But right now, if we just do the minimum, that's all the maintenance, spot painting, and bringing everything back up to OSHA compliance.

Gary Friend said what's the difference in time and usability of the water tower?

Jeff Doss said well right now, it's a time crunch on what we have done, on when they can get started.

Gary Friend said I mean the longevity of the tower?

Jeff Doss said max, every five years on just touch up stuff. The pain will last, I don't have the papers in front of me.

Arlinda Hardwick said the paint will last up to ten years.

Gary Friend said I guess I want to rephrase that.

Jeff Doss said they're going to come in every year and go through stuff. I'll let you ask your question.

Gary Friend said the 400 versus 237, or 411, how much more life does that give the water tower? Or, does 237 get us to the same date of redo as the 411,000 will?

Jeff Doss said no.

Gary Friend said if the inside is ok?

Jeff Doss said if we just do the minimum.

Gary Friend said the exterior, is the minimum the exterior.

Jeff Doss said on the exterior, it still needs painted within the next, minimum of three years from now.

Arlinda Hardwick said we're not looking at replacing the tower. The tower is really in pretty good shape. As long as we get it up to OSHA standards and do the maintenance that should have been done prior.

Jeff Doss said the overflow is only hanging on by one bracket. The others are all broke. The painter's ladder on top that rotates around the top, it's actually gouging into the metal.

Gary Friend said I guess my point is, I get all that, I think that needs to be taken care of, it's like the inside that's extra to jump you ahead? If you didn't do the inside, if the outside wasn't in dire need, would you even be putting the inside on your to-do list this year?

Jeff Doss said not necessarily this year, but within the next two to three years, it has to be done.

Gary Friend said okay. So, the next two or three years, you have to get to the inside of that?

Jeff Doss said yes, because he said the insides actually look pretty good, other than it needs, like I said, an aerator to keep the water so it doesn't get stagnant. It's kind of like a pond. It'll flip.

Arlinda Hardwick said it'll also keep it from freezing.

Jeff Doss said right. Yeah, there's a vent on top that has to be changed.

Gary Friend said but, my point is, you could defer the inside maintenance work until a routine schedule three years from now?

Jeff Doss said right.

Gary Friend said that's kind of what I'm looking at is, taking care of the outside, all the OSHA standards.

Jeff Doss said even on the outside on the paint, what they fix, they can go back and touch up right now. And then hopefully, within the next.

Gary Friend said they'll paint the whole tower, yes?

Jeff Doss said the whole, well.

Gary Friend said outside.

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time comes, is a total sandblast. The 411 is with the sandblasting the whole tank, and doing the insides.

Gary Friend said and if the 411 is the route that going, how far does that push you down the road before the water tower becomes an issue again?

Jeff Doss said paint-wise over ten years. Maintenance-wise, if we could get things done on a maintenance schedule, they'll be in every year just to check things. And that maintenance schedule, it would be miniscule compared to what we're paying out of our pocket now.

Gary Friend said I guess what I was looking at, by doing this, the water tower would be up and in good shape and back on a routine schedule, and it should last how long?

Jeff Doss said it would be nice to get back on the routine schedule. The max you really want to go out is five years on maintenance period. But if we do the minimum now, he said within the next three years, we really need to get the insides and outside completely blasted.

Gary Friend said can your utility fund pay anymore than the \$100,000 on the water side? There're no bonds against it now, it's paid for, right?

Arlinda Hardwick said no, no it's, no. The bond issue that were in now is with the sewage plant, which is 1.2. The water utility hasn't been raised. The rate, but they're going to have to be. The sewage rate was raised 73% because of the other project that the other council put us in. So, yeah, it can handle it, it can. But they're going to have to raise the water rates.

Mike said so, if we helped you with a \$150,000 that would get what repairs you need done now.

Arlinda Hardwick said with our \$100,000, yeah.

Mike said and then in three years, you would have some funds to apply towards painting the inside and out of the, sandblasting and painting.

Arlinda Hardwick said uh huh, we hope so, yeah.

Mike said Gary do you have any questions?

Gary Girton said does the 200 and some thousand now, would that reduce the 411 in three years?

Jeff Doss said it should.

Arlinda Hardwick said yeah, it should some.

Jeff Doss said because now you're not, two years or three years from now you wouldn't be fixing the ladder, the railing, the welding.

Arlinda Hardwick said the safety part would be fixed.

Gary Friend said you wouldn't know. Inflation could go up or it could go the other way.

Arlinda Hardwick said exactly.

Gary Friend said well I kind of think that to paint your water tower, you're going to have to kind of look at any other city and town that portion of it. But to help you get it back in normal operating, is a service to the people, I mean, because it's gotten out of compliance, we have to get it back. We can't get it back. I don't have any problem with going \$150,000 to help them get there, but I think we have to wait for three years to come back and see how we're going to fund the painting portion of it, when you can fund it, then we'll look at it again when it gets to that. So, that's kind of where I'm at.

Mike said what are you thinking Gary?

Gary Girton said well I'll go with a 150. I think they definitely need to get that into compliance.

Mike said someone want to make that motion, that 150?

Gary Girton said I'll make a motion for \$150,000.00.

Mike said from Windfarm?

Gary Girton said yes.

Mike said I have a motion to grant the town of Ridgeville \$150,000.00 for water tower repairs from Windfarm account.

Gary Friend seconded the motion.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Arlinda Hardwick said thank you.

Jim Martin – Christmas lights on the monument (tabled from 6/19/23)

Mike said Jim Martin, Christmas lights on the monument.

Jim Martin said it's encouraging the response we've got. I have three packets for you that includes some information. In the first is just a generalized letter that we were able to send out to the community, asking for community support like you wanted us to. The second page is actually a letter of support from the Journey Home. Third letter is from the mayor of Winchester, his support for the project. And then we were able to, the best I can say, is organically get 162 people to sign this saying that they support the project. 162 out of the 7,000 in Randolph County seems miniscule, but my encouragement through this was it was all word of mouth. We didn't necessarily go knocking on doors. We didn't, we didn't solicit a lot of this information or these peoples' names. We were encouraged, right after last commissioners

meeting, Beth Mullin approached me and she was able to put it on the radio. And then also, Ray Coony was able to put a nice little article in the newspaper. And we definitely appreciate their ability to get the information out to our community. Something else that was interesting that we just kind of threw it out there, but we applied for a grant from Muncie, it's First Merchants Wealth Advisers, and already we have been awarded \$2,500.00 for the project of decorating the monument. Now, that's kind of getting the horse before the cart type of deal or the cart before the horse. And so, if you don't want us to go forward with this, then we could use those funds for other kinds of decorations on the monument. But with the community support we're gathering in this, I mean it's, we've not heard any negative feedback about don't do it, don't touch the monument, a sacred monument that cannot be altered. We did get a lot of people asking about how we're going to decorate it, and not wanting the monument injured or touched in any way. And that's what I brought also. The last page is a page of the fixture that we're planning on using at the top of the monument. Last time in the packet I gave you last week, I gave you pictures that I was up there getting measurements of the base of the soldier. And so, this is the actual fixture that would go around the very bottom base of the soldier. I talked to the fire department. They're able to get us fire hose that will kind of attach to this fixture, so that way in no shape or form whatsoever, will any kind of metal actually touch the monument. It would all be protected by fire hose. And so then also with that fire hose, if in the future, when we're taking it down, we see wear and tear on the fire hose, then we can actually replace the fire hose instead having to reweld or fix the monument or do anything with the fixture itself. Talking with Winterland, they are insured to install the lights, take down the lights in anywhere from 3 to \$5,000 a year for them to come down and set the lights up on our monument, and then come back and take them down. But then also, I did somewhat mis-speak. Last meeting you had asked us if we wanted any kind of funds from the commissioners, and by all means, we're not looking for funds, but we also see that as a community support, if you would like to donate funds, I mean, you are more than welcome to also. But in the list of people, a couple of the names that I was most impressed with that signed it was Ted Martin and Thursa Short. They're part of the historical society here in Winchester, Art Moystner, the Sheriff, Randolph County Sheriff's department, John Stanley, he was a previous service man, but he was actually in charge of our National Guard here in Winchester. I reached out to the National Guard last week, but they didn't have time to get back with me to say yes, we officially approve or not. But he was the one who actually asked why we haven't done it in the past, and why it's taken so long. Jill Keener, she's actually from Winchester, moved to Florida, but apparently back in the 80s, 90s sometime, when they originally wanted to do this project, she was behind it then and she still fully supports it. Steve Croyle, the previous mayor, he is very much in favor of it. Lisa Jennings, Community Foundation, she is in favor of it. Niles Thornburg, from here in Winchester, he's a previous military, and not just military guy, he supports all branches and is really an advocate for military service people, he supports it. Daniel Baker, Randolph County United, also previous military person, and he fully supports it. I think he's still active also, but fully supports it. And then Kim Conn, she was a previous promoter of this project last time, and she continues to support it. That was just me quickly running down through names of people I recognized. But, so far, like I said, I've not gotten any negative feedback, just more inquiry of how we're going to do it, and the protection that we're going to put on the monument, because we definitely are serious about upholding the integrity of the monument.

Mike said any questions of Jim? So, if we were to give approval today, what would be the next step?

Jim Martin said the next step is waiting until Falcon Industries comes back to school in August and they would start manufacturing the fixture. My thought is that we'd actually set up a wooden mock up of the top of the monument, the soldier's base, and the platform it's setting on, just to make sure it's going to set on there nicely, there's not going to be any adverse effects after we get 50 feet up in the air and have to do it then, but just kind of a mock up of it down on the ground. Then we're going to be talking with Winterland, make sure we get the right lights. The mayor specified he would like to see the warm white lights on the monument that match the rest of the city trees around the square. We think that would be a definite beautiful.

Mike said your plan would be to kind of coordinate with the mayor and decorations go up at the same time?

Jim Martin said yes.

Mike said so they complement each other?

Jim Martin said definitely, yep. It goes up, at one time, we're thinking maybe do it Veterans day in November, Veterans Day, November 11th, kind of have a celebration, a ceremony possibly when we, the first year of this, depending on feedback from the community, possibly do that every year. But then possibly also moving it after Thanksgiving because that's kind of the traditional, setting up Christmas lights after Thanksgiving, and then taking them down the week after Christmas during that New Year's holiday.

Gary Friend said you would light it up on Veterans Day, not just work on it?

Jim Martin said correct, yes. It would be ready to go on Veterans Day for a celebration.

Mike said is, I can't recall the name of the professional group that's going to put them up, do they give you a timeline on how long it's going to take them to do that? Is that just an afternoon event?

Jim Martin said to set it up?

Mike said yeah.

Jim Martin said I'm assuming it would be probably an afternoon or a full day's work, especially the first time getting all the kinks worked out, making sure it's going to be a good project.

Gary Friend said you're fully funded right now?

Jim Martin said no.

Gary Friend said your shortfall is what?

Jim Martin said well, the preliminary is going to be \$5,000 for them to set it up, probably another \$5,000 for the lights themselves. And then I've not heard back from Mr. Clawson about the actual fixture, but I'm figuring probably \$500 for the fixture. And so, altogether, we're looking at around \$10,000, 12,000 for everything. We've never worked this out with Winterland because they were initially thinking it was going to be 16 to 19,000 initially. So, we're doing all the preliminary investigating, make sure it's a good project, no integrity shortcomings to the monument, but yet it's still going to be great for the community. After I get the budget set up, I can definitely come back and allow you to donate if you would like to.

Mike said we meet the first and third Mondays and you're welcome to join our agenda any time you'd like to.

Jim Martin said thank you. Thank you very much.

Mike said the matter at hand is to authorize Main Street, I presume that's the group, to decorate our monument.

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

Gary Friend said who's going to build the wood mock up?

Jim Martin said they also have a wood shop at the Falcon Industries.

Gary Friend said that's quite a large mock up.

Jim Martin said well it would just be like the top.

Mike said thank you Jim.

Jim Martin said thank you.

Daniel Baker – Update of the trails section of the comprehensive plan

Mike said Daniel Baker, updating the trails section of the comprehensive plan.

Daniel Baker said hopefully, you guys received a copy. If not, I have some. Alright, just trying to give you guys a kind of flavor of what we are looking at doing, and have probably been talked about for awhile now. So, there's a county-wide trail that we are proposing or trying to accomplish, and that trail will utilize the old railroad bed from the Losantville area down through Modoc to Lynn, crossing Winchester and up to Ridgeville, and then eventually, over to Union City. So, we're trying to create a county-wide trail that would connect Cardinal Greenway, also connect the Henry Trail, coming out of Henry County over there, off of Losantville, there's about a five-mile strip there from Losantville to the Randolph County line. And then if we're able to connect to the Ohio, Union City, we are then able to connect to the Ohio Trail system. So, as we were looking through the, as the Trails committee was looking through the

comprehensive plan, we did not think it was robust enough to really tell individuals if we're going after any grants or anything like that. We didn't feel like it was robust enough. So, in here, you will see some corrections to the Cardinal Greenway section and also the Ohio trail section, and then finally on the very bottom of it is kind of the expanded piece of what I just went through, just to kind of lay out what we are trying to do within the county. I'm going to stop there. Any questions, comments? Okay, that's all I have. So, my request.

Mike said I guess I probably should share, and I'm on the trails committee, and we've really got two projects happening at the same time. One is a trail from Cardinal Greenway west to Henry County, which will hook up with the Wilbur Wright trail eventually. And that trail project, the trails committee, with Randolph United, would like to use Randolph County as an applicant for a next level trails grant that would fund 75% of that trail cost. And then there's a second trail project from Losantville to Modoc and beyond, which I think we're narrowing it down from Losantville to Modoc, which Randolph United I believe, is going to seek a READI grant, a READI 20 grant for the funding of that project as well. So, the goal is to have state funding in place for our trail from Henry County to Modoc on the railroad right-of-way between those two locations. The positive thing about the railroad right-of-way is there're very few property owners along that stretch. There are some property owners that we need to, and are seeking support from, and hopefully, we can get that. But that's the status of the trail. And the two grant opportunities require the amendment to the comprehensive plan to make it more specific in what we want to do. So, that's the reason Daniel is here asking us to amend the comprehensive plan. So, that's why we're asked to do that.

Daniel Baker said correct. Sorry, the last thing is, the whole goal of to show a regional approach, because the next level of trails is a \$30,000,000 funding. \$22.5 million is based off a regional trails. So, if we do a local trail, there's only \$7.5 million allocated in that front as well.

Mike said so our connections to Henry County will give us that regional fund to go after.

Daniel Baker said correct, yep.

Mike said and we're working with the trail gurus in Henry county as well, a man named Jeff Ray. He's built a lot of trails down in Henry County, so we're coordinated there. And along that line, it's, is that I have a request this morning. We have a proposal from BF&S Butler, Fairman, Seufert, our, they're actually our airport engineers. They're also been recommended to us to do a trails project. And in order to file for the next level trail grant, we need to have a fair estimate on what this trail is going to cost us so that we don't cut ourselves short in applications for the grant. And one of the expenses involved in that is that the civil engineers, BF&S will do the application, they'll prepare a detailed cost breakdown, they'll develop an application narrative, they'll address impacts on environmental, they'll prepare and submit to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, early coordination, and they'll create and enhance existing site maps, they'll take photographs of proposed routes, they'll document knowing and existing easements, they'll document an estimate of value of the right-of-way need for the trail corridor and will provide overall review of the application items submitted by the county. So, that's not done for free, and they've quoted us a proposal of \$4,800.00 to perform those ten items for us so our application will be ready to go before the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. So, as part

of this amendment to the comprehensive plan, which costs us very little today, I'm asking for a \$4,800.00 grant from the EDIT fund to pay for Butler, Fairman, Seufert Engineering fees to give us a cost estimate on what our trail will be.

Gary Girton said that's the one in Henry County?

Mike said that's the one from Losantville to Henry County. It runs up across the right-of-way there. It's owned by a few property owners.

Gary Friend said and the request actually gets Randolph County layout involved, right? The comprehensive plan will show the routes of Randolph County in the future.

Daniel Baker said correct.

Mike said right. It goes beyond this particular trail. It goes throughout, as Daniel said, it runs from Henry County to Lynn, up to Winchester, over to Union City, and then over to Ridgeville. We were one of the few counties in the state that really does not have a visionary trail project going on. And, I don't know if you recall, but the governor's quote that everybody needed to be within five miles of the trail. We are not.

Gary Friend said I think it's a good use. I would make a motion to use EDIT funds of \$4,800. I'll also motion to upgrade our plan.

Mike said I have a motion to grant \$4,800.00 to Butler, Fairman and Seufert for their trail proposal out of EDIT funds. Do I have a second?

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

Mike said and I also have a motion to update and amend the comprehensive plan of Randolph County as presented by Daniel Baker of Randolph United today. Do I have a second?

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

Mike said very good. Anything else for us this morning?

Daniel Baker said alright thank you.

Mike said anything else for us this morning?

Daniel Baker said yes, if I may, last time I mentioned Make My Move, we have a time solidified for that, so, July 12th at 1:00 p.m. in the community room. You should have all received an email or will be receiving an email for that. Also, we met with Parker City and Winchester and Gary was there for a comprehensive plan that Ball State is looking at doing, and we're going to be meeting again, I think July 12th, or next week sometime, I don't know exactly the date.

Gary Friend said I haven't heard from them yet.

Daniel Baker said you haven't heard yet, but, so there may be a request for help from Winchester and Parker City at some point, not yet.

Gary Friend said and in that conversation, the request was possibly a \$10,000.00 endeavor, Ball State would assume part of that, and the possibility of Randolph County EDIT funds using \$5,000.00 equally \$2,500 to each town, but it's matching 50/50, was the discussion.

Daniel Baker said thank you.

Gary Friend said correct?

Daniel Baker said yep, that's correct. Thank you. That's it.

Mike said okay. Any questions of Daniel? Thank you, Daniel.

Greg Beumer – READI Grant award letter and contract agreement

Greg Beumer said gentlemen, good morning. I'm here on behalf of future needs committee of Randolph County 4-H Club Inc. We recently received approval from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation approving our work plan and budget for the use of READI funds. This was the initial READI allocation. They have forwarded to us a copy of the document. I believe you've received a copy of that. And, so I'm here to get your approval basically, naming Randolph County government as the, what they term the contractor, but you are the keeper of those funds. I've looked through the document. It pretty much, the boiler plated language very closely follows what you see in OCRA grant and so on.

Mike said we keep the funds and as invoices come in, and then we would forward that.

Greg Beumer said you can either pay the bills directly or you could forward it to Future Needs or Randolph County 4-H club and we could pay the contractors.

Mike said we are the contractor in this?

Greg Beumer said that is the term used, yes.

Mike said okay. Well we need to take action and move approval of this contract.

Gary Friend said I looked it over as well, I understand what it is, so, I'll make the motion to approve the contract.

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

Greg Beumer said Mike you've got a copy there and if you would sign another one, you'll have an original and I'll have an original. Then I'll forward this to get Trevor Friedeberg's signature as well. And we do want to thank you again for the allocation of funds to the fairgrounds

project. I should have mentioned for those here listening. This is for the new show arena and the upgrades to the Best Way Hall.

Mike said our commitment to that is \$650?

Greg Beumer said 650,000.00, yep.

Gary Friend said plus you got a grant because of that didn't you?

Greg Beumer said yeah. So, this is an additional \$250,000. If not for your 650, we would not have been eligible for this, because you had to have matching public funds. So, again, on behalf of 4-H Incorporated, thank you very much.

Gary Friend said one thing I'd like to add Greg, you said that to everybody, I was there, but Greg didn't take any credit for himself. Really, and you've done a lot of work on this. I appreciate the work you are putting in to make this happen out there with your knowledge and kindness.

Greg Beumer said you're welcome, but there's a lot of others too.

Gary Friend said I know, and you've recognized them all.

Mike said thanks Greg. I don't see a mayor with us this morning.

Other Business:

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

Quote for kitchen pipes

Other maintenance issues

Mike said Art, Randolph County Sheriff, Art Moystner. Received a, are you adding all these repairs up?

Art Moystner said just trying to keep things working.

Mike said I understand.

Art Moystner said I would share that the quote that I had given you when he was placing the quotes, some of the piping that they're looking at is above one of the locker rooms in the basement of the jail, and they can't get in to look at it. That's a solid ceiling that's going to have to be taken out so they can access it. So, he told me this would be a high estimate or a high quote because they're not sure what they're going to get into when they open up that ceiling. I do know at this given point in time, we're using a sink on the south end of the kitchen, and the two that are on the north end, we cannot use. Every time they use them, the kitchen floor floods.

Mike said when you say a solid ceiling, what do you mean by solid ceiling?

Art Moystner said it's not the tile that you could pull down easily. They'll have to get into it. It's drywall I believe.

Mike said plaster or drywall?

Art Moystner said yes.

Mike said not cement?

Art Moystner said correct. And this does not include fixing that once they're finished. But if we can get the drain opened up and then we'll go in and look and see what the best, easiest way is to get the ceiling back to the way it should be.

Mike said one that allows for easy access?

Art Moystner said correct.

Mike said well we have a quote of \$23,865.00 for labor, materials and equipment to replace the cast iron waste in rooms 21, 23 and 26.

Gary Friend said does that cast-iron pipe include the one that's by the day center for, oh, we were in there a couple months ago, and those cast iron pipes were leaking.

Art Moystner said are you talking about the ones in the garage?

Gary Friend said nope, no. I'm trying to think in my mind the name of it. You were in work release. We off to the left of work release. Does that include those cast iron pipes?

Art Moystner said this is not the cast iron that's in work release.

Gary Friend said is it still leaking?

Art Moystner said it is not.

Gary Friend said that was part of the other project?

Art Moystner said it is.

Gary Friend said okay.

Art Moystner said and Cobalt Civil has been in looking into that. As soon as they get some of the pieces they need, they're going to start that project.

Gary Friend said okay. I apologize, I didn't make it over to look at that like you asked. That's why I'm asking questions.

Art Moystner said no, you're absolutely fine. If you're familiar with where the training room is in the basement of the jail, this pipe runs along the east wall of the training room, and runs north to south through the building. This would be a replacement at the north end.

Gary Girton made motion to approve the Sheriff's recommendation. Gary Friend seconded the motion.

Mike said all in favor of the motion, signify by saying aye.

Gary Friend said before I say the aye, where are we going to fund this from?

Mike said yeah, where are we taking the funds from Gary?

Gary Girton said you don't have any idea. Do you have the funds?

Art Moystner said we do not.

Mike said taking jail repairs out of ARPA for a long time.

Gary Friend said yeah, we have.

Mike said we've been taking out of ARPA for long time.

Gary Girton said that's fine.

Mike said we have a motion, amended motion to pay the funds out of ARPA. Is this a second?

Gary Friend said it is.

Mike said a motion and a second to pay Salyer Taylor up to \$23,865.00 for the repairs recommended by the sheriff out of ARPA funds.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said and you're going to seek COVID funds to maybe replace your washer and dryer and you ice machine?

Art Moystner said we are. We had made contact. My understanding in talking to the jail commander, she had contacted them regarding those. And we had put a laundry list together for them. In that laundry list, I believe that the washers, dryers and sanitizer would fit within that quite easily. So, we're waiting to hear back from them on that equipment. With regard to the ice machine and the stove, that's probably something I'm going to have to price and come back for at some point. So, we're going to look at those. But those, the other three items I think, we will definitely be able to get into that if they give us the funding.

Mike said okay. I trust you'll keep us posted on that.

Art Moystner said I will do that.

Mike said we received your commissary report. Any comments about that?

Art Moystner said I do not. One of the things I've talked to the council about, and I'm currently looking at is some of the counties have done a resolution for things that are routinely agreed upon between the sheriff and the council to purchase out of commissary that are not part of the statutes that governs the sheriff. I believe there's a nine-item statute that allows for spending the commissary funds. One of the things that I've talked to the council about is possibly having a resolution to include some of the things that we normally purchase from that that is not in that list of nine so that I don't have to come back every year to ask the council for approval on that. So, I'll move forward with that with council as we put those together. But I'm gathering, gathering some information from other counties in what they've done, so that we're not reinventing the wheel.

Mike said okay. Any questions of Art? Okay. Thanks Art.

Minutes of 5/15/23-6/5/23-6/19/23

Mike said brings us to our minutes of May 15, June 5th and June 19th, which we received copies of via email. I trust we've had opportunity to review them. Any additions, corrections or deletions to those minutes?

Gary Friend said no. I'll make a motion that we accept those minutes.

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

Payroll Claims \$282,357.38 & \$282,326.62

Mike said next item is the payroll claims. Have two sets, one for \$282,357.38 and the other for \$282,326.62. They're at our place and I'd entertain a motion to approve the payroll.

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

Regular Claims \$1,216,660.79

Mike said and that brings us to our regular claims, the amount of \$1,216,660.79.

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

Resolution 2023-20 Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission

Mike said next item is an item that I've asked to be on the agenda. As you are aware, we are a dues-paying member of the East Central Indiana Regional Planning Commission, which consists of Randolph, Wayne, Henry, Rush, Fayette and Union County. And as our regional group has filed a CEDS plan with the Federal Economic Development Administration, we, as part of that filing, we need to show our support to the CEDS plan and the region. So, we have a resolution

number 2023-20, which is a resolution of support for the Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission to be recognized as a district organization serving the Economic Development district. And that is a requirement to have a CEDS plan with the Federal Economic Development Administration, which opens up the regions for Federal Economic Development grants. So, I would ask that we approve this resolution number 2023-20 of Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission and I would make that motion.



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RESOLUTION # 2023-20

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE EASTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO BE RECOGNIZED AS THE DISTRICT ORGANIZATION SERVING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD)

WHEREAS, the Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (EIRPC) had received approval on its CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) as of February 21, 2023, by the Economic Development Administration; and,

WHEREAS, the next steps for EIRPC now that its CEDS is completed, is to process a District Organization change for the Economic Development district that is comprised of Fayette, Henry, Randolph, Rush, Union, and Wayne counties; and,

WHEREAS, this process is considered an abbreviated version of an Economic Development District designation. The six counties of this region are already designated an EDD, this Resolution is one step in completing EDA's Regulatory and Programmatic requirements needed to formally recognize Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission as the District Organization serving the Economic Development District; and,

WHEREAS, once this process is complete, Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission would be eligible to receive non-competitive funding under the EDA Partnership Planning program; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Randolph County Board of Commissioners support the entity known as EIRPC to be recognized as the District Organization serving the EDD.

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

Fountain Park cemetery request for funding (tabled from 6/5/23)

Mike said we have an outstanding request Fountain Park Cemetery for funding, which we've tabled since early June. And as you recall, this is for their paving project going on at Fountain Park Cemetery. We have found out that the City of Winchester supported this project with \$2,000.00 out of their EDIT fund. Found out that the White River trustee where the cemetery is located, she cannot support a project of this nature by law, is what she indicated to me. So, we either need to say we're going to support it and create the opportunity that we'll have to support other cemeteries throughout the county, or we're not going to be able to support it.

Gary Friend said well we can, I don't have a problem as long as there's like matching funds from the city that it's in, so to speak. Cemeteries in a township, if townships can't do that when they come, we'll have nobody to match up.

Mike said do they, Susie Girton told me that they can help with operations, but they can't help on projects they cannot, keep it open I guess is the best way to put it. They could help in that situation.

Gary Friend said well, I think we need to afford to put \$2,000 in since Winchester did. That would leave us with a formula that would allow other cities and towns to come and ask the same thing, and we don't go any higher than \$2,000.00 and they have to give 50/50 match with us.

Mike said is that a motion from EDIT?

Gary Friend said yes, \$2000.

Gary Girton said that's just for the city cemeteries or is that for all cemeteries?

Mike said I would think of Modoc could, if Modoc needed a \$1,000 and they, their cemetery in the Modoc area needed a \$1,000 and the town of Modoc put up \$500, we could match up the \$500 is what the logic behind that is.

Gary Friend said right. I mean it's just a working formula. Right now, we can just stay with the cities. We don't have a solution or formula yet for the townships but we could certainly put one together when the requests come forward.

Gary Girton seconded the motion.

Mike said I have a motion and a second to support the Fountain Park Cemetery request for funding in the amount of \$2,000.00 from our Edit fund.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Meeks said and that was for what?

Mike said that was for their paving project.

Ertel Broker Compensation Disclosure

Mike said next item is the Ertel Broker Compensation Disclosure, which we've received a copy of. Anybody have any questions or comments?

Gary Friend said the only question I have on it is that a yearly thing every time we renew?

Laura said this is the first year they've had to do it.

Mike said yeah, and we are to accept this agreement. Any reason not to accept the agreement?

Gary Friend said none that I can think of.

Mike said someone want to move approval?

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

Randolph County Grant Policy memo

Mike said that brings us to our Randolph County Grant Policy memo.

Laura said so, if any of you have read our audit from this year for 2022, a lot of the issues were because they weren't getting paperwork from the departments for grants. So, looking back, we had a resolution 2014-18 that kind of listed out grant policy. And I don't see a problem with that, but maybe just a reinforcement and this was a recommendation from our State Board of Accounts Auditor to do a memo to all the departments.

Mike said a reminder memo?

Laura said yeah. And to refuse claims if the paperwork hasn't been turned in. So, our thoughts in my office, if you guys would agree to sign this so we can send it out to everybody, was that, when we receive a claim on grant funds, we will go through and make sure we have everything, and if not, we would put a sticky on that claim to you guys that we do not have all the paperwork. Then it would be up to you guys whether you approve or deny that claim.

Mike said and deny until we get all the paperwork.

Gary Friend said right, yeah.

Mike said that sounds like a good working process. Someone want to move?

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

Resolution 2023-21

Mike said this is resolution 2023-21, a resolution determining the method of leasing Randolph County's fiber conduit. Do you want to tell us about this Meeks?

Meeks said well the statute requires us to make a written determination. If you don't do the appraisals, like two different appraisals, and then go out and bid it, that you can do the alternative, and this is the alternative statute when it's difficult to get appraisal work for a fiber conduit that, and they're going to, the company is going then provide certain services and things, and that's just, I don't know how you would ever evaluate something like that under a normal leasing process. So, that's the resolution, you guys need to make that written determination per statute. There's then a notice I'd like you guys to approve that Laura then can get in the newspaper two times, seven days apart, seven days before our meeting on August. I don't know when our meeting in August is. It needs to be two times, seven days apart Laura, seven days before the August meeting, or seven days before the date that says, I think it says July 31st.

Mike said I think our meeting is on the August 7th.

Meeks said yeah, I think I put the end of July just so we have time.

Mike said July is the deadline for proposals?

Meeks said yeah.

Mike said so we need to approve the resolution 2023-21, a resolution determining the method of leasing Randolph County's fiber optic, and then we need to make a motion and approve a request for proposal and ask a notice to be put in the newspaper.

RESOLUTION 2023-21

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE METHOD OF LEASING RANDOLPH COUNTY'S FIBER CONDUIT

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners ("Board") has determine that pursuant to IC 36-1-11-12 that it must make a written determination that IC 36-1-11-10 is not feasible in leasing the Randolph County's Fiber Conduit.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board that it makes this written determination that the use of IC 36-1-11-10 is not feasible in leasing the Randolph County's Fiber Conduit. The Board finds that it desires to enter into a lease with a Company that will provide the residents of the area that the Fiber Conduit is located with broadband services. To obtain a fair market value of the Fiber Conduit is not economically feasible and would be more costly than any lease entered into by the county as well as being difficult to determine taking into consideration the amount and types of services a Company may offer to the residents of the area.

Gary Girton made motion to approve.

Mike said I have a motion to approve resolution 2023-21. Do I have a second?

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

Mike said and then someone want to move our approval for the request of proposals of the fiber optics.

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

Meeks said and the only other thing I have on that is the contract. I made one or two changes. I don't know if you guys saw that. But, there's a typo I think on one of them. One said 180 days and then it said you have to give them 30-day notice, so we changed that to be 180 days and then there was a, it was from the insurance company, the comments. And if you guys are okay with that, I will send that on to the company this afternoon.

Mike said I'm okay with the lease. And that would be NLBC's proposal I presume?

Meeks said yeah, I'm going to explain to them that they need to follow the notice and I will send them a copy of that notice.

Mike said okay. Very good.

Additional Appropriations:

Cum Cap

Building Maint	\$20,000.00
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Mike said that does bring us to additional appropriations, the first one being from CUM CAP to building maintenance in the amount of \$20,000.00. I'd entertain a motion to approve that additional appropriation.

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

Children's Advocate

Coordinator fee	\$6,700.00
Office Supplies	\$1,000.00
Training/Schooling	\$1,000.00
Postage	\$ 200.00
Travel/mileage	\$2,000.00
Volunteer Recruiting	\$5,000.00
Advertising	\$ 800.00

Mike said children's advocate, coordinator fee, office supplies, training/schooling, postage, travel/mileage, volunteer recruiting and advertising for a total of \$16,700.00 of additional appropriations. I'd entertain a motion to approve.

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

Windfarm

Bridge 308 \$113,363.00

Mike said and the next one is the Windfarm for bridge 308, which is the Short Street bridge I believe, and that's for preliminary engineering to meet federal guidelines for the federal grant. I'd entertain a motion to approve this additional appropriation.

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

Commissioner's

Desks for Commissioner/Council room \$15,647.60

Mike said and then we have additional appropriations for two desks for the Commissioners/Council's room in the amount of \$15,647.60.

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

ARPA

Boiler's RCFFO Bldg. \$241,492.00

Mike said the last one is from ARPA and that's for the boiler for the RCFFO building in the amount of \$241,492.00.

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

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

Laura said yes.

Mike said Meeks do you have anything for us?

Meeks said I do not have anything.

Mike said Gary Friend, do you have anything for us?

Gary Friend – Farmland ambulance building

Gary Friend said I do. I went and spoke with Danny Huston on a follow up on the ambulance depo possibility in Farmland. In discussing with him, I had told him, but there were some

thought patterns that maybe we don't own the building versus us building the building and he told me point blank, he said well I don't want to own the building either. I said well Danny I'm not here to ask you for any money. We're well funded. We can do this. This is just a possibility. There are some good people who would rather lease the building versus own the building. And after that discussion there, I came to my conclusion that it's a building that we probably ought to fund and pay for ourselves, if we so choose to, versus asking for any kind of help, when we don't even need the help. I asked Danny, I said why don't you save that thought for an EDIT project that would serve Farmland and Parker where you're living. So, I have talked to Briner Building and they're ready to move forward. However, he knows that there are government ways to do it. So, I asked Meeks to inform us, after, of course I guess, it would be time for the commissioners to decide do we want to do this or do we not, and if we do, what's the next step. I want to do it. I would make a motion that we go forward with this project.

Mike said to build an ambulance depo in Farmland, similar to the one that's been proposed?

Gary Friend said correct. And, use ARPA funds to do it.

Mike said well there's no reason we have to make that decision today.

Gary Friend said no that part, it's not. Just to move forward.

Mike said make our decision at our next meeting?

Gary Girton said alright.

Mike said we'll table this until our July 17th meeting.

Gary Friend said and if we were to go forward, Meeks what would be the next steps for us to do?

Meeks said well then, you'll have to decide.

Gary said if an engineer is building, I'd like to stay out of that.

Meeks said then you'll have to decide whether or not you're going to get an architect or engineer. I think that's, \$250,000, I think it's going to be over whatever it costs us. I didn't look it up, I'm sorry Gary. I told you I was going to. But I know it's \$250,000.

Mike said do you want to give us a report on that?

Meeks said I can give you the statute, yeah. Well I know it's going to be over the statutory amount, so that's what it is.

Mike said and you could tell us what the next step is?

Meeks said it would still be an engineered building. It's just their engineers.

Mike said yeah, okay.

Meeks said it's going to be a request for a proposal. It's going to be very similar to what we just did. I can tell you that.

Mike said well we're going to decide next meeting.

Meeks said exceedingly similar to what we just did.

Mike said anything else?

Gary Friend said no thank you.

Mike said Gary Girton?

Gary Girton said no.

Mike Wickersham-Kyle Osgood Memorial

Mike said I have one other thing, and that's J. D. Prescott reached out to me regarding a, he's working with INDOT to honor Kyle Osgood, and he wants plans to, along with Senator Alexander in the senate, to propose during the upcoming interim study committee of roads and transportation, they're asking that we support the renaming of a portion of U.S. 32 from the intersection of State Road 1 on the west side of Farmland, to county road 900 West, name that the Kyle Osgood Memorial Mile. And they would either, he would like a resolution or a letter of support for the road naming resolution. And I, for one, would be in favor of supporting that.

Gary Friend said I also spoke with him, and I would too. Mike he may have told you the history behind getting a resolution is that it has happened in the state of Indiana, that somebody has had an accident, and they were a part of the community in renaming a road, this is justified, this was a community member who was known by the people.

Mike said so, I guess, if I could ask our attorney to prepare a resolution.

Meeks said would you forward me the request, or did you have that on?

Mike said yeah, I can forward it to you.

Meeks said will you forward it to me.

Mike said yeah. If the resolution is before us, then we can approve the resolution. Yeah, I'll forward that to you.

Meeks said do they want a resolution or a letter or what do they want?

Mike said he said if you could provide either a resolution or a letter of support for this road naming resolution.

Gary Friend said he also mentioned, did I mention the ambulance depo going on, possibly going over there, there might even be grants available for that. It's a long way from getting a grant I know.

Mike said okay. That's all I have this morning.

Citizen Comments (3 minutes)

Mike said do we have any citizens here that have stayed with us that would like to speak this morning?

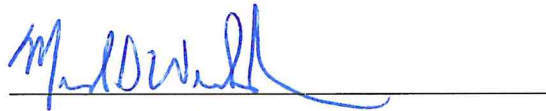
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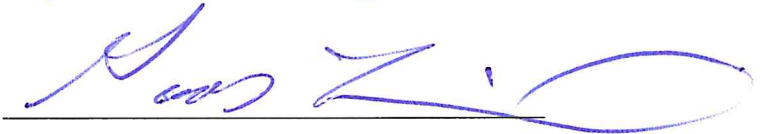
Mike said hearing none, I'd entertain a motion to adjourn.

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

Reviewed and signed this 7 day of August, 2023.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS







ATTEST: 

Laura J Martin, Auditor of Randolph County