

## Randolph County Commissioners

August 19, 2024

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

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Pledge of Allegiance

### Council's update

Mike said first item on the agenda is a council update and we have two members of council here, Missy Williams and Dave Lenkensdofer. Looks like Dave's got some information for us. Dave, welcome.

David Lenkensdofer said thank you. Yes, we know tomorrow and Wednesday is going to be our annual budget review. I've gone through it about three times, I know Missy and everybody else has gone through this. There're a lot of good stuff that's going to happen, I believe. And hopefully, your commissioner representative is Gary Friend.

Mike said Gary Friend. That's what we're going to talk about, on our commissioner's budget this morning.

David Lenkensdofer said okay.

Mike said and we probably are going to add a line to it and hope you'll approve it, the line, the maintenance of all of our buildings, outside maintenance, and I'm not quite sure what the appropriate name of that would be, in the one line. And that would give our facility manager the opportunity to get that for all encompassing and he wouldn't have 5, 6 or 7 different invoices to approve a pay, just pay, approve 1 invoice a month and they would be paid that way, streamlined, is what we're proposing to do.

David Lenkensdofer said okay. He came to our council meeting last time and sort of went through all this, and I think in concurrence, we all agree. I think it will be much smoother.

Mike said we're thinking \$30,000.00 would probably be the amount we would use there.

David Lenkensdofer said to add to the budget?

Mike said that's what Jake advised us.

David Lenkensdofer said okay.

Mike said and I think we're probably going to talk about commissioner/council salaries, as well, this morning.

David Lenkensdofer said that would be good.

Mike said that leaves Gary Girton and I in kind of an unusual predicament. I once said well, if we could backdate those 4 years, I'd go all for them. But I don't think we could backdate those, so, we'll talk about those this morning.

David Lenkensdofer said yeah. I've got a lot of questions on those myself. The other thing is, last year, both commissioners and council agreed to \$250,000.00 out of Renewable Energy monies for Rainy Day fund. At our next meeting, I'm going to present that to our county council again that we use 250 out of General Fund, and also get their recommendation on using Renewable Energy funds to do the other 250. I'm just bringing it up now to get your ideas going forward.

Mike said if that passes through council, then we'll address that at the meeting after that.

David Lenkensdofer said okay. Right now, I think we're about 1.6 million, and our goal was to get up to about 3.1 or 2. And that would take us to 2.1 million. So, we're a few years away yet to get to our goal. That's all I have.

Missy Williams said that's all I have. Budget meeting is tomorrow and Wednesday.

Mike said our meeting I think, is at 9 o'clock, I believe. Okay. Thank you. You don't have any questions do you, Gary?

Gary Girton said no.

Mike said okay. Thanks, Dave. Thanks, Missy.

### **Ed Thornburg – Utility agreements**

Mike said Ed Thornburg, utility agreements.

Ed Thornburg said here we are again.

Mike said you have 3 of them?

Ed Thornburg said I think that's right.

Mike said are you giving us a recommendation on all three of these?

Ed Thornburg said yes.

Mike said so one is for the New Lisbon broadband and communications, the second one is for Frontier?

Ed Thornburg said yep.

Mike said the third one is for Sunrise Telecom?

Ed Thornburg said yep, yep.

Mike said you're giving a recommendation that we approve all 3 of these?

Ed Thornburg said yeah.

Mike said Gary, do you have any questions?

Gary Girton said no.

Mike said okay. Do you have anything you want to add?

Ed Thornburg said not really at this point.

Mike said okay. Well, I'd entertain a motion to approve all three proposed county utility agreements with the 3 utilities as I mentioned before.

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

#### **Chris Peacock – Farm Consulting agreement**

Mike said our next item is Chris Peacock, farm consulting agreement for our pasture out south of town. Morning Chris.

Chris Peacock said morning.

Mike said we've got a lease with Dr. Phillip Howell right now for that pasture. And it looks like you have just modified and amended the lease to your form, same terms and conditions?

Chris Peacock said yes revised it, same terms and conditions. Meeks has had a chance to review that, approved of the revised lease for 2025.

Mike said and we need to add this property to the farm consulting agreement?

Chris Peacock said yes sir.

Mike said I think that's probably the first thing we should do is approve Halderman Farm management. Chris Peacock is our representative for this 37.91 acres.

Chris Peacock said yeah, there seems to be an acreage discrepancy that I'll work through.

Mike said okay.

Chris Peacock said but that's what the lease.

Mike said somewhere between 37.91 and 41.9?

Chris Peacock said yes sir.

Mike said the cemetery is not that big out there, I know that.

Chris Peacock said no, it's not.

Mike said so, Gary, I'd entertain a motion to approve the farm consulting agreement with Halderman Farm Management to take over this acreage of pasture?

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

Mike said then the cash flex farm lease, and that's a set amount of \$110.00 per acre.

Chris Peacock said so, on a pasture, there would not be an opportunity for a flex lease on that.

Mike said okay. I suppose we could, that would be kind of complicated the way this sounds.

Chris Peacock said it would be very complicated.

Mike said but this is your standard lease, so it's just whatever the amount says, a 110 an acre?

Chris Peacock said yes sir. So, would you like me to negotiate?

Mike said for \$4,170.00? Pardon?

Chris Peacock said would you like for me to negotiate with Dr. Howell for 2025 or would you like that opened up for people to submit bids?

Mike said is that something we need to know today?

Chris Peacock said no.

Mike said because I'm not going to be a commissioner in 2025. When will you need to know that? Do you need to know that this year?

Chris Peacock said we need to know that yet this year to have the lease in place for 2025.

Mike said well my preference would be to negotiate with Dr. Howell. I don't know how Gary Girton feels, and Gary Friend is not here. So, we probably should wait until Gary Friend is here



to make that decision whether we open it up or, at least, hear Gary's position on it. So, we could do that at our next September meeting.

Chris Peacock said okay.

Mike said and have time to do that. Is that okay, Gary?

Gary Girton said I don't have a problem with that I'd just as soon negotiate with Dr. Howell, but then, we'll see what the discussion is.

Mike said so, we need to approve and enter this lease. So, I'd entertain a motion to approve the lease with Dr. Howell on the Halderman Real Estate Farm Management cash flex farm lease.

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

Mike said thank you, Chris.

**Brad Dilger, EDPR – letter of approval of road use**

Mike said Brad Dilger, EDPR. You're back again Brad.

Brad Dilger said good morning commissioners. This is just, I think, more of a simple housekeeping item. Our legal department has asked to get the letter that has already been approved, just signed by the commissioners.

Mike said okay.

Brad Dilger said I have a copy of that here.

Mike said you have a copy? It looks like you've added signature lines to it.

Brad Dilger said yes sir.

Mike said and this basically, is what we decided at our last meeting where you want to give an easier access to the substation using county road south 1100 West. So, I don't think we need approval to sign it, do we, if we've already approved it.

Meeks said you've already approved it.

Mike said okay. So, I'm going to go ahead and sign it.

Brad Dilger said and with Commissioner Friend not being here, we can, you know, I guess get those signatures at a later date.

Meeks said I think if 2 of them signs it, it's fine.

Brad Dilger said okay.

Meeks said 2 of the 3, yeah. It'll be fine.

Mike said if you want to get it, I'm sure Gary Friend would be happy to sign it.

Brad Dilger said okay.

Mike said he'll be here tomorrow.

Brad Dilger said oh, okay. I'll verify the two.

Laura said I can get it and email it to you after he signs it if you want it.

Brad Dilger said yeah, that's fine. That'd be great. And that's it.

Mike said very good. Thanks Brad.

**Joe Copeland – LPA agreement Bridge 212**

Mike said next item is Joe Copeland, an LPA agreement for bridge 212.

Joe Copeland said good morning. I have an agreement with SJCA. They were the consultants that were picked to do the design for bridge 212 in Union City.

Mike said is that one by Harter Park?

Joe Copeland said yes. Park on one side, cemetery on the other. The fee is \$508,000 and part of the problem with the fee is we're next to a park and we're next to a cemetery, which causes lots of problems. So, there's quite a bit of money in here for the environmental.

Mike said historic.

Joe Copeland said yes. That is, the park is, they said the park is a real problem, I mean, to be able to get through all the permits and things to be able to do this. So, yeah, the historical, archeological investigation a full section 106 is \$55,500.00 alone.

Mike said and this is a federal bridge project isn't it?

Joe Copeland said yes. We will be reimbursed 80%.

Mike said for this fee?

Joe Copeland said yes.

Mike said okay. That sounds better.

Joe Copeland said this has been reviewed by INDOT. There were a few changes that had to be made. Standard agreement, and they've made the changes. And we got it in just as Lonnie had sent an email to Laura to put us on the agenda. So, we just received it back.

Mike said and when will the, what's the anticipated date of completion of this bridge?

Joe Copeland said probably about, start will be 2029 right now, it looks like, if we can get through all the environmental and historical reviews.

Mike said there're two other federal bridges that are before that?

Joe Copeland said yes.

Mike said okay.

Joe Copeland said hopefully three. 32, 85 and 308 up here?

Mike said oh, Short Street.

Joe Copeland said yeah.

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

Gary Girton said no.

Mike said want to move approval of this LPA Consulting contract?

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

Mike said is that all you have for us today?

Joe Copeland said that's all I had.

Mike said okay. Thank you.

Joe Copeland said bridge 250 is supposed to start today, the one down on 950 South. They postponed it for two weeks, so hopefully, they get started today. And if Laura could just send me a scan of that agreement.

Mike said while you're here, and since you're part of the highway department, I wanted to say to Jay that's here, I saw that you've chipped and sealed County Road 200 West. Nice job on that road.

Jay Long said thank you. Appreciate it.

**Mayor Bob McCoy - update**

Mike said okay, mayor. Bob McCoy. Have anything for us this morning?

Bob McCoy said Community Crossings, where Greenville is coming along pretty good. We got some more concrete work to do. The guys, we kind of added some stuff. So, they're taking a break. They should be back on the site fairly soon. We're still hoping to get that done by the end of August as far as concrete and then it'll be a mill and then a pave, which will take about 3 days.

Mike said will the paving go all the way to South Street as well? I noticed the sidewalks going all the way down there.

Bob McCoy said paving will go to that intersection of Oak, that Y right there.

Mike said Greenville, Oak and South?

Bob McCoy said yeah, I think so.

Mike said I think they've done a nice job down there.

Bob McCoy said yeah, it looks really good.

Mike said okay. Any questions of Bob?

Gary Girton said no.

**Other Business:**

**Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff**

Mike said other business. Sheriff, Art Moystner?

Art Moystner said I don't have anything for you this morning unless you have questions of me.

Mike said I don't have any questions.

Gary Girton said I don't have any.

Art Moystner said thank you.

Mike said thank you, Art.

**Minutes of July 15 and August 5**

Mike said we've got two sets of minutes to review and approve, minutes of July 15<sup>th</sup> and minutes of August 5<sup>th</sup>, both of which we received via email. And if there're no additions, corrections or deletions to those minutes, I'd approve those, entertain a motion to approve them.



Gary Girton made motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mike seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Payroll Claims \$315,937.84**

Mike said next item, our payroll claims that are at our place in the amount of \$315,937.84. I'd entertain a motion to approve the payroll claims as presented.

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

**Regular Claims \$2,832,752.56**

Mike said we received a copy of our regular claims via email in the amount of \$2,832,752.56. I'd entertain a motion to approve the regular claims.

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

**Club 720 Development Corp claim \$2,000.00**

Mike said next item is a claim for the Club 720 Development Corporation claim which is the new name for the Housing Resource, in the amount of \$2,000.00. I'll move we approve this claim.

Gary Girton said second. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Tower King marketing agreement**

Gary Girton said I definitely think we need to move forward. I know we, I've been involved in discussion with them over a period of time with other issues and I think they're the best company to deal with. So, I move to approve this contract.

Mike said have a motion to approve. I'll second that.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Randolph County United Claim \$20,134.34**

**Randolph County United Tourism Claim \$2,365.66**

Gary Girton made a motion to approve the two Randolph County United Claims as presented. Mike seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Heart of Indiana United Way lease**

Gary Girton made a motion to approve the United Way lease for Suite 311 at the RCCFO Building at zero dollars. Mike seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Frontpath Health Participation Agreement, Joinder agreement**

Mike said next agreement is the Frontpath Health Participation agreement, which is a joinder agreement for our county provided health insurance policy for county employees. And Frontpath

is the cooperative trust that we agreed to go with based upon the recommendation of our corporate agent, Ertel and Company. And this is our agreement.

Laura said this is for the Ohio portion of it.

Mike said Ohio portion of it. We've already signed the Indiana portion.

Laura said right. So that they can use doctors in Ohio.

Mike said and you've reviewed this, Meeks?

Meeks said yeah. I mean, unless we want, yeah.

Mike said well and I don't think we want to restrict our employees from Ohio doctors if they want to do Ohio.

Meeks said exactly, yeah.

Mike said I need a motion to approve this joinder agreement so we can move forward.

Gary Girton said I move we approve this contract. I think it's necessary. I think it looks like a good plan.

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

#### **Ertel annual health event**

Mike said we have Ertel annual health event, which it looks to be the same as it's been every year, which we've had Ertel doing these. These are basic health tests and examination for our employees at no cost to them, I believe. If they want to choose to do additional things, there are charges that the employees would cover. And it looks like we're going to provide 50 flu shots in 2024 for those that want to do it. So, we need to approve this health event on October 28<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup> of 2024.

Gary Girton said this is a great program. It has been from the get go, and we had, I know I've said before, we had issues to start with of people wanting to be involved, and once they became involved, they just wanted to continue. And it's been very, very beneficial. They've found situations that some of our employees that they would not have found, I'm sure. So, it's certainly a good program, and I move we approve this contract.

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

#### **EDIT plan and set EDIT meeting**

Mike said next item on the agenda is the EDIT plan, which we modified at our last meeting to add a grant to the Art Association of Randolph County, in the amount of \$6,000.00. And we need to approve this amendment and then we need to set a date for an EDIT meeting. So, my

first request would be, I'll make a motion to approve the amended EDIT plan to add the grant to the Art Association of Randolph County. Do I have a second?

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

Mike said we typically have these on Wednesday night at 6 o'clock and what are you thinking, Gary? The earliest Wednesday we could do it would be the 28<sup>th</sup>, if you wanted to do it on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Gary Girton said I don't have a problem with that.

Mike said well if we go into September, I hate to do it on the week of the second because that's a short week anyway. We would be meeting on Tuesday and council would be meeting on Wednesday, so let's shoot for the 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 o'clock. Does that work for you, Laura?

Laura said yes.

Gary Girton said I'll move some things around. That'll work.

### **Commissioner's budget**

Mike said last item on the agenda is the commissioner's budget. We briefly talked about that with Dave. One of the things that we should address is the new line item. And I can say I've not, I've done this in the past, I don't recall how we do it. I suppose the only thing we do is just approve it and name it and see how much it is and then we'll present it tomorrow. We want a line item added for the benefit of our facilities, outside facility management, and that would be all of them that our facility manager has responsibility for. And the amount that he indicated that would cover it would be a little less than \$30,000.00. So, I would recommend that that's the amount we put in there. What are you thinking, Gary?

Gary Girton said I agree. I think Jake's recommendation is fine with me, and I'll move that we accept his recommendation, add this line item to the commissioner's budget.

Mike said is that a motion?

Gary Girton said yes.

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

Mike said the other matter for discussion is under personal services for the commissioner's budget, and the salary stated in here is a total of \$108,000.00 for 36,000 per commissioner, and that's compared to \$21,843.00 per commissioners this year. And unfortunately, we've not talked about this up until this date. And I'm trusting this is coming from the salary committee. I don't see any salary committee members, Missy, you're not on that?

Missy Williams said no.



Mike said Bev is, Gary is and I think.

Laura said Mike Stine and Todd Holaday.

Mike said Mike Stine. It's difficult for me to say one way or the other, other than the fact that if this were not a year in which I was going off the commissioners, I wouldn't be in favor of this increase in pay. I'm not opposed to increasing the pay of the commissioners, but typically, our increase in pay was equal to or somewhat close to what the balance of the county got, a percentage, so. If the county received a 5% increase, the commissioners got a 5% increase. Without getting into the details of the job, it is time-consuming and it's, although many people think it's part-time, it's somewhat full time, and Dave's been there. He knows. Missy may or may not be there come November, but if she is elected, she will find out that it does take some time. But, I don't feel comfortable changing that today because council can change it, and been told before, if we don't, council won't raise it if it's lowered, so, I guess I'm not sure what to do. It would be better if Gary were here, and Gary's not here because he is on the salary committee. And the same applies for council. Council's been bumped from a little over 9,000 a year to 12,000 a year, which is about a 33% increase. It looks like the commissioners' is about 67% increase. So, and I look at those increases and I haven't calculated if it's 108 from 65, that's almost, that's 43,000, and, well 63 to 84, that's almost \$50,000.00 that those funds could be, go a long way to create a position of a part-time assistant auditor that could assist our Auditor in some of the work she does, and these meetings, EDIT meetings, and other matters. And all that would mean a whole lot more if I were continuing to be a commissioner, but I'm not continuing to be a commissioner. So, it's just, I guess, political fluff right now, so, I don't. What's your thinking, Gary?

Gary Girton said well I'm opposed to it. I've been commissioner for a number of years and I've put in as much time as anybody as commissioner with all the meetings I attend and activities, and there're too many other areas for this funding to be put to. And we have too many other needs in the county. I consider a commissioner, from my perspective, you know, I've been willing to donate, or not take some of the pay but I can't do that because we all have to be paid the same. So, I just do other things with that money. But, I think the commissioners' appointment to the county is also not just to be paid, but to serve as a community service representative and be available to help in any way that we can. So, I'm not in favor of any more than the normal percent of increase that the normal employee, average employee would receive here in the county. And I think this is just not, Laura are the council and commissioners still allowed the health insurance?

Laura said they are.

Gary Girton said so, what kind of a total benefit on the average?

Laura said I think it's close to 30, if they take it.

Gary Girton said if they take it.

Laura said not everybody takes it.



Gary Girton said I understand. If they take the insurance, there's another 25, \$30,000.00. That makes that employee certainly an excessive salary in my opinion by far. And that would make me, that makes me really concerned. I don't think these figures should even be discussed. I think it's not fair to the other employees in the county, and it's certainly not fair to our taxpayers to pay that kind of a salary per person. And it still is part time, no matter how you look at it. Gary Friend works full time. I work full time. Mike works full time. You know, I work and I give my time of an evening and during the days that I have to, but that's just part of the job. And I work to be of service help in moving the county forward as being a representative. So, I'm a 100% opposed, because there are, at least there have been council members and commissioners who have taken insurance, so you can see what that's going to be. They're presently being paid what, close to 55, \$58,000,00 a year?

Mike said who is that?

Gary Girton said the commissioner if they accept the insurance.

Mike said oh, yeah, I'm not sure about that. Based on what she said, it'd be, yeah.

Gary Girton said well, that's what I'm saying.

Mike said if it's 30,000 like she said, it would be 51,043 plus drainage is about \$100 a month, I would say. So, do we want to modify this today?

Gary Girton said I do, from my perspective. I'll make that in the form of a motion as commissioners.

Mike said do you want to modify it with a not to exceed percentage?

Gary Girton said yes.

Mike said and what would that be?

Gary Girton said I think the percentage that you recommended, whatever the percentage of pay increase is this year.

Mike said I don't know what that average is.

Gary Girton said I don't know either.

Mike said what if we just said an increase of commissioner and council not to exceed 10%? That would take commissioners up to \$24,027 and council up to \$10,035. And that would be not to exceed. Obviously, anything we present, council is going to have the final say to determine what the pay would be.

Gary Girton said I understand that.

Mike said and they typically are conscious of the county budget and the salaries paid to everybody, and I think they've tried to be fair and even across the board. And I don't, I've no idea what the average pay is but I do know that the salary committee has made strong steps in bringing the average pay of every employee up. And I don't know what that percentage is but I think a not to exceed figure of 10% would be the idea that we like the idea of what the average is, then I think that would be fair. If you think that's too high, we could lower that.

David Lenkensdofer said Mike, the average this year looks like around 8%.

Mike said 8%. So, you know that then.

David Lenkensdofer said I do know that.

Mike said so, why don't we just go with your motion the average pay across the board?

Gary Girton said yes.

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

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

Laura said no.

Mike said Meeks?

Meeks said we do, the Farmland contract for the ambulance, they made all but one of the changes. The one change they didn't make was apparently when you did the, I wish Gary was here because he could explain it a little bit better. How he explained it to me, it made sense. That they took 5% of the whole back money on the whole project or it's 10% on half the project. So, it's the same as it was. What they proposed would be the same amount of money that was originally, which, 10% of half or 5% of the whole would be the. I don't know why they changed it. So, I would recommend we pass it with the 10% of the half. So, these are the same, I mean, it's the same. I guess they did a rule change at the state. I don't know.

Mike said I guess I'm okay to take 5% of the whole.

Laura said well I think that's what's in it now.

Meeks said okay then that's what's in it.

Mike said if it's a \$500,000.00 contract, 5% is 25,000.

Meeks said 10% is.

Mike said 10% of 250 is 25,000.

Meeks said so, if I can get you guys to approve that, I'll have, we'll get this one signed.

Gary Girton said well that's an awful small retention in the construction business in this day and age. But if the rest of you want to go with that, I want to get the building built. I'm not opposed to that, but I don't think that's, when I was in the construction business, we withheld 10% then of the whole job, if it was a million, 2 million, whatever. That is just part of it.

Mike said well it is a small contract.

Gary Girton said I know it is small, but it's still.

Mike said ask for 10% of 3 quarters?

Meeks said Gary's been talking to them. I haven't talked to them. I just know what Gary told me.

Mike said I'll move we accept the 5% of the total as retainage just to get it going. I need a second for that. If I don't get one, then we'll wait and talk about it next month.

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

Mike said do you have anything for us this morning?

Gary Girton said no, everything I've got has been discussed.

Mike said okay. I don't have anything.

### **Citizen Comments (3 minutes)**

Mike said do we have any citizens here that would like to make a comment? Yes Ron. If you would, state your name for the record.

Ron Brandon said my name is Ron Brandon. I'm here with the residents of Martin Street, west Martin Street. The high school track uses Martin Street to run down to Stockyard Road and then back. We have a lot of golf carts. We have a lot of bicyclers, a lot of pedestrians walking, a lot of motorcycles. We have a couple boys that have turned that road into their little speed track. And they go wide open from the factory all the way down to Stockyard Road. We would like to see maybe a 35 mile-an-hour speed zone right through there. Somebody's going to get hit. This kid went to the edge of Stockyard Road because they told him to slow down. He stops and turns around and comes back and sits there in front of the house and revs the motor. That's what we got out there. I went to the sheriff's office once and turned one boy in. He went and talked to the boy. And he has slowed down some, or else, he found another way home. But there're two other boys that are doing it too. I don't know if they're all friends. I think they just do it just to aggravate more than anything. But, somebody's going to get hurt.

Mike said so, we're talking about Martin Street to?

Ron Brandon said to Stockyard, yeah. From the factory, across the bridge.

Mike said from the west side of Maul?

Ron Brandon said yeah.

Mike said and that's county property?

Ron Brandon said yes, yes. Yeah, between the bridge on to Stockyard Road it's county.

Mike said what's the speed limit on Martin Street?

Bob McCoy said 30.

Mike said 30?

Bob McCoy said I think.

Ron Brandon said they did it, north, the old 27 going out of town north. I just figured you know, we could probably do it to that road also.

Mike said well I'm not sure what would prevent us from doing that. I don't know if the highway department or if the sheriff has any comments or want to add anything regarding that.

Ron Brandon said they did come out and sit, he sat one day out there for about 20 minutes with the radar gun and of course, the kid didn't come down through there at that time.

Mike said sure.

Ron Brandon said he doesn't do it every day, but probably 3 days a week. Between the 2, 3 of them, yeah, it's quite often. But like I say, the track team, you get boys and girls running down that road. They run all the way to Stockyard Road, then turn around and go back to the high school.

Mike said is there any posted speed limit out there now?

Ron Brandon said no.

Mike said so if there's no posted speed limit on a county road, what is it, is it 55?

Ron Brandon said 55, yes, yeah.

Mike said that's a little fast for Martin Street.



Ron Brandon said yes.

Mike said well I wouldn't be opposed to passing an ordinance to change that speed limit to 35, and I might even consider 30 so it's the same as the city going out to the curve.

Gary Girton said that would be my thinking. Maintain it the same so it doesn't step up, just keep it so they don't have an issue.

Mike said so is that a motion?

Gary Girton said yes, because it certainly sounds like.

Mike said what's going to happen is we have to pass an ordinance to post that speed limit and then I think it's 30 days after that.

Meeks said 45 days.

Mike said 45 days after that, that it would become effective. Can we buy signs for that, Jay?

Jay Long said yes sir.

Mike said okay.

Ron Brandon said thank you very much.

Mike said thank you. So, does one of you own the corner out there? Very nice. Nice job on that corner. I think I sent you a little note about that, but, well done.

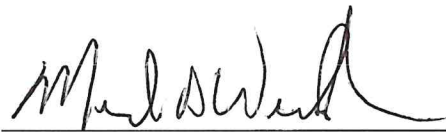
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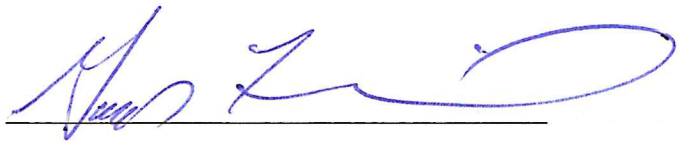
Mike said anybody else have any comments this morning? Hearing none, I'd entertain a motion to adjourn.

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

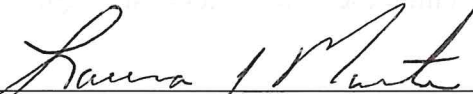
Reviewed and signed this 16 day of September, 2024.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
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Laura J Martin, Auditor of Randolph County