

# Randolph County Commissioners

August 5, 2024

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

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Pledge of Allegiance

## Council's update

Mike said first item on the agenda this morning is a council's update, and I'll ask Missy Williams if she has anything to share with us this morning?

Missy Williams said we haven't had any meeting since our last update, but we will have a meeting tomorrow and budget hearings on August 20th and 21<sup>st</sup>.

Mike said okay, that's 9:00 o'clock tomorrow for those that want to attend.

## Jake Donham – Funding request (Community Corrections building)

Mike said next item is Jake Donham. Got a funding request for the Community Corrections building.

Jake Donham said a couple weeks ago, we had a, what I thought was a power surge storm related incident at the Community Correction Probation building. It took out two of my rooftop compressors, which the whole second floor was no AC. Thinking storm damage, so, we had Salyer-Taylor come in. Got new compressors in. Got them fired up and about 12 hours later, they both went out again. So, when they got back on site, both compressors went in lockout and it became an issue with the power. We lost one of the phases on 3-phase. So, we traced it back to the outside of the building and it was the power company, where it comes into the building, one of the lugs on one of the lines had come loose and shorted out. So, once they got that repaired, the compressors came back on line, thankfully. I don't know if it harmed then any or, obviously, it didn't help them. But, it's going to be a pretty significant bill, and I don't have, probably not going to have enough to cover it. I'm not going to have enough to cover it, so I'm going to need some additional appropriations. Last time, I think, pulled out of Cum Cap and put it into my Cum Cap to get it through pretty quick.

Mike said how much do you need?

Jake Donham said probably do, I wouldn't be afraid to do \$15,000 if you guys can. That way I got a little bit, because I had my roofers in following, because of all the activity up there, we had some issues with the roof after we got the compressors back on with some leaks with walking across some joints and stuff. So, that's going to be an upcoming bill as well. I hope 15 will get me through the rest of the year.

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

Jake Donham said hopefully, that'll get me through the rest of the year. Also, real quick, I had talked to Gary on the phone a little bit, going into budget hearings this year, I wanted to pass you guys and see if it's okay and then mention it to council to tomorrow if I can. As of right now, I've got up to 6 or 7 facilities, 9 or 10 if you count the cell phone towers with mowing, spraying, snow removal and all that. Would there be a chance we could create a county line item for outdoor maintenance for county facilities so I'd just have one invoice a month instead of 10?

Gary Friend said I don't see a problem.

Jake Donham said so what I would do, first of the year, probably get multiple quotes, 2 or 3 of them if I can. I'd just say here's our property addresses, give me a price for mowing, snow removal and the whole shooting match, and then just have one person do everything with one invoice per month.

Mike said how many different vendors do you have for that now?

Jake Donham said right now, just Myers Landscaping estimating.

Mike said just have one?

Jake Donham said yeah, yeah. He's done our snow and that might.

Mike said I thought that was the case, so, I wasn't sure.

Jake Donham said and that might limit us on how many quotes we can get, because there're some people that just do snow or just do mowing. They don't do the snow removal or visa versa. But I'll reach out. I think All Brothers in Union City are one of them, they do both, and then Myers, and I'll see if I can drum up another one possibly and, that'll clean up our invoices a bunch.

Mike said I think that's a good idea, Gary.

Gary Friend said yeah.

Mike said I think he needs our authority to do that.

Gary Girton said yeah.

Mike said the other thing here on, kind of on the agenda, going to the bottom of the agenda. Is Ashley Breedlove here? Ashley is with the Heart of Indiana United Way, and they're requesting office space in the RCFFO building office number 311.

Ashley Breedlove said good morning.

Mike said good morning. And we've talked about, or at least, I think you've talked to Jake. I think we've talked, and that space works for them, and I think Jake thinks it works for them, and it's empty.

Jake Donham said yep.

Mike said so, the idea here is they are United Way of East Central Indiana, Heart of Indiana United Way, and I would propose that we just authorize the use of this space at zero dollars per square foot.

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

Meeks said it's still a contract, so, can I get your contact information?

Ashley Breedlove said yes. My, want me to just write it down for you?

Meeks said yeah, that'll be great.

Ashley Breedlove said okay, I will. Also, that because that room is keyed with the other rooms in that hallway, we would want to have that re-keyed with 3 copies for inside and outside, and of course we would, we're not going to ask the commissioners to pay for that so, se could be invoiced for that. And one other thing that Jake and I, Jake learned that I'm a little bossy. No, but one thing Jake and I had talked about was possibly, currently our office is above the movie theater in that building, and we have a desk in there. And so, just asking if Jake can help us move that desk from that office to the new office, if that was possible.

Mike said we probably could get you in the building. I'm not sure if Jake can get you out of the building, unless he wants to do that. If he wants to volunteer to move you out of up above the movie theater.

Jake Donham said do you want me to run that pass my bosses?

Gary Friend said honestly, I think we should stay out of that. There's no end to it. I think, we should not do that.

Ashley Breedlove said okay.

Jake Donham said we don't want to open up the door for me to be the local moving guy for the county.

Ashley Breedlove said that's fine and that's why we asked. So, we'll find another opportunity. Yep.

Mike said okay, anything else?

Ashley Breedlove said may I approach and I'll write down my?



Mike said yeah.

Jake Donham said also, Meeks, on that, it's room 311, and it's approximate 115 square feet.

Meeks said 115 square feet.

Jake Donham said and it's on the first floor.

Mike said anything else for us, Jake?

Jake Donham said I don't think so.

Mike said I hate to say it, but any other requests

Ashley Breedlove said not today. I'll see you next time. No, I'm just kidding. Thank you.

**George Caster – Updated job description and update disaster information**

Mike said George, county assessor, has an updated job description for his department's first deputy. I've got a copy of this. Can you share with us how it changed?

George Caster said yes. That is my full purpose here is, how it changes because of the ability for training. My initial request is that we had a chief deputy position. The purpose of that chief deputy position is in my absence, they fulfill my duties. However, by state law, in order to do that, they must be, have level three training, which is extensive training period. The problem we have is I have no one wanting to do that. They're okay to getting level two, but they don't want to spend a week away. They don't feel they have the money to put out front even though they get reimbursed, and spend a week away and it's hard training. It's a semester's course given in four days. So, they just don't think they can handle it. The first deputy, if we bring it down to it, they're basically, what civilian world would call an office manager. They perform all the duties, making sure that everybody is doing their job, helping where they need to be, making sure budgetary, working with me on the budgets, work with me on appraisal stuff. They're a step down from level three. And all I'm doing is changing the job description. Their pay is right now, what it's going to be, because they're not going to get trained, so they're not going to get that increase. So, what I'm trying to do is just change the name on the line.

Mike said so, instead of chief deputy, you have now a first deputy?

George Caster said it would be a first.

Mike said and the first deputy only has level two assessor's appraiser certifications?

George Caster said that's the only requirements they would eventually have to have is that.

Mike said in your absence, what happens?

George Caster said they cover what they can, but they cannot make taxpayer to assessor.



Mike said so that waits until you get back?

George Caster said yes. So, they could take until I do, or they can contact me, and if I'm available, and we could make that discussion on the phone.

Mike said okay.

Gary Friend said so are you eliminating the chief deputy position?

George Caster said I'm not eliminating it because who knows what the next person may want to do. I don't want to have to create that continual wheel.

Gary Friend said so there's still a chief deputy position with job responsibilities included?

George Caster said yes.

Gary Friend said we just don't have it filled?

George Caster said correct.

Gary Friend said you want to take a first deputy position and give them all the authority of but level three?

George Caster said correct. Because I have a person in there who, she does the job.

Mike said so, the chief deputy job description is the same as this, except they have to have level three?

George Caster said and it also says, performs the duties as the assessor in my absence. This one is not.

Mike said so, who's going to perform the duties in your absence if this one does not?

George Caster said well it would be basically, this person would except for the detailed analyses of value.

Mike said but the job description doesn't speak to that?

George Caster said correct, because I was advised to take it out. I had it in there, but I was told to take it out.

Gary Friend said is there a statutory requirement to have a chief deputy on staff?

George Caster said there's not a statutory requirement, no. However, again, it's just, it's the office, I've got counties that have directors, not deputies. I mean it just, I guess every county has their own.

Gary Friend said my concern is if we're going to make an avenue where we don't have to pursue the chief deputy, just to make life easier, if we don't have a chief deputy, we're not really covered properly.

George Caster said correct. I'm not saying we shouldn't have to, we should have that avenue.

Mike said who advised you to take it out?

Laura said I did.

Mike said you did?

Laura said because otherwise, there is no difference. He's saying first deputy cannot cover for him fully.

Mike said this may be way out there, but is it possible to have an and/or situation? And we need the position, chief deputy, and the chief deputy has level three training and can do all the duties of an assessor, or the chief has level two training and can do all the duties of the assessor except for.

George Caster said yes, that's what the initial, my initial was.

Mike said I have two positions.

George Caster said but I was advised to take it out. So, I just sort of took out the words that pertained to that.

Laura said well because he's only got one position. Whether it's a first deputy or a chief, it's the same position. You don't have another open position to fill.

George Caster said no, I have no opens, no.

Laura said he's only got one position. He filled it with a gal that he thought was going to be his chief. She doesn't want to do the required classes.

Gary Friend said so, is that the true problem? You hired somebody that's not following through? I don't want to make a bunch of rules to manipulate around what the requirements of the original hiring of the job is. I'm not trying to cause any pain to anybody. But isn't the true problem is, the person you hired is not following through?

George Caster said correct. So, I delegated her to the bottom level.

Gary Friend said I think you should have a chief deputy personally, to me because what if you're in, out of the pocket for, how long can we run without a level three making decisions in the county in the event that your position, something has happened, where you're not gone forever, but you're on six months of some kind of medical leave?

George Caster said that's too long.

Gary Friend said that's too long. And that can happen. That's a real possibility.

George Caster said yes.

Gary Friend said we have to have a chief deputy.

George Caster said yes.

Gary Friend said I think you're going to have to go to the council and talk to the council about funding for a chief deputy in getting, my personal opinion is, you can't, I don't believe that we should be making a change because somebody who hired into one pretense is not following through.

George Caster said right.

Gary Friend said and I don't think we should make it easy not to have a chief deputy.

George Caster said no. But like I said, I, originally, had written this either or.

Gary Friend said okay.

George Caster said but I was advised to take it out. So, I took it out. And I agree with Mr. Wickersham. If you meet the requirements, you are this. If you do not meet the requirements, you're this.

Mike said you're still that. You just don't meet all the requirements.

George Caster said correct.

Mike said they can't do everything that the level three could do.

George Caster said correct.

Mike said and I would think the job description would read that way. But I think Gary is making a good point, is that if you hired somebody to be chief deputy, then they should be chief deputy, and they should have read this before you hired them.

George Caster said well, they did. And I went through it very particular with them, but they took the first test and they were done. So, it's not for everybody. You've got to have the mentality to want to do this, I guess.

Mike said what do you think? Can it be either or?

Meeks said probably could. I'd have to look at it a little bit longer.



Mike said I think we should table this.

George Caster said okay.

Mike said see where that takes us, but let Meeks.

George Caster said I mean, it makes it a lot easier if we just leave it the way it was and basically say what you commented, you're this, but since you have training, you're this.

Gary Friend said in the future, with this line that we're on here, how many positions shall we hire who do not follow through with the requirements? This is the real problem I think.

George Caster said well it is a problem. And this being a specialty office the way it is.

Gary Friend said I agree.

Meeks said I haven't seen that.

Gary Friend said I agree with Mike, we should table. Do we need a motion to table this until next meeting?

Mike said are you okay with that?

Gary Girton said yes.

Mike said a consensus will do it. We'll table.

George Caster said okay. Now your next thing on there I gave you, I was on there for updating the county on the March disaster.

Mike said right.

George Caster said I had originally given you a this is where we're at, type comment. Well, as you can see on the cover there, things have changed. Roughly, initially, it was determined to be about 367 properties that were impacted with varying extents from damage ranging from minimal to severe destruction. In July, a comprehensive re-evaluation was conducted to incorporate changes in property conditions due to insurance claims and sales. We had been told by property owners that had undertaken structural removals without obtaining the necessary permits. When questioned, they claimed that they were informed they didn't have to because they weren't getting a fee. I can't validate that claim. I'm just telling you what they said. So, to be prudent, I just went out and started all over again, because I didn't know. Revealed that there were 315 properties that were considered major damage and had values that were substantial. Now, if you look to the second page, I have grafted for you, or not grafted for you, but listed out, each township or taxing district that received, the number of parcels, summary of loss, and the summary of possible tax loss. And that tax loss is based solely on the caps because without going through hours and days of research of what deductions you have, whatever, I just made a

cap base. Winchester took again, the brunt, 263 severely damaged properties summing 13 million. The original estimate that I gave you was 15 million, is now 17 million. Now, when you go to the next line there.

Gary Friend said is that 17 million for the entire county or 17 million for Winchester?

George Caster said no, entire county.

Gary Friend said okay.

George Caster said the original was 15. Now, it's 17.

Gary Friend said got it.

George Caster said now if you go to the next line, a breakdown of percentages. Winchester took 83, almost 83 ½ percent of the damage. If you go down to the last set of numbers, it shows you that I have right now, 45 permits, 27 from Winchester. The value of the permit is here, which is total \$7,301,000.00, which is quite a big jump with 45 permits versus 315. And we're already at 7 million, we're going to increase our value probably within the next two years. The values of possible loss and gain were determined only by tax caps, to 28 new homes, I estimate by 2026 tax intake, we will gain 42 to 45 percent of our loss back. Now I plan on every two months giving you another update so that you see the progress.

Gary Friend said can I ask you a question. I'm looking at all the values here, that you don't have the loss for Randolph County

George Caster said the bottom line, grand total, is you, the county.

Gary Friend said that's the value of the loss, but you don't have a grand total for, yeah, that's a \$247,000 loss for the county for Randolph County government?

George Caster said Randolph County, as a whole, lost \$17,000,000.00 in value or \$247,000 in tax revenue.

Gary Friend said our tax rate is what, about 60 cents? So, some of these values are set on the city's tax rate?

George Caster said they're based on the tax cap of the unit.

Gary Friend said of the unit. So, ours will be all of it together, the 17 million times our tax?

George Caster said correct.

Gary Friend said which is about 60 cents?

George Caster said which I didn't know at the time, what that was, so I wasn't going to guess.

Gary Friend said so it looks like Randolph County is around \$100,000.00 loss to the county general fund for the tax.

George Caster said about because these are based on 1, 2 and 3 percent, based on whether commercial. You also have some exempt properties in there that I did not count because we don't collect taxes on them.

Mike said okay. That's valuable information.

Gary Friend said I think it's a good report. I appreciate it.

Mike said any questions of George?

Gary Girton said no.

Mike said we'll see you in two weeks, George.

George Caster said alright.

Mike said I'm going to take the liberty, since we're talking about the tornado damage, we have Steve James here, who is the chairman, is that your title, of the Long-Term Recovery?

Steve James said it was. I resigned that position.

Mike said a member of the Long-Term Recovery committee which was put together by the Volunteer Associations of America I think is the title.

Steve James said yes.

Mike said and they've got an issue with, they've been, the Long-Term Recovery committee has been given a bill for cleanup in the amount of \$2,242.70. And they've been advised by their parent corporation, for the best way to say that, that that's really not a responsibility of the Long-Term Recovery committee. Their responsibility is to help out property owners with rebuilding, getting them back in their homes so we can get them back on the tax rolls of bringing out taxes back. And Steve reached out to me and asked me if there was any way the county could cover that. And I thought, for lack of a better, I guess the best position would be offer that to Solid Waste this afternoon at our Solid Waste meeting to see if they could cover the cleanup. And he's got an itemized bill here, and most of it is in the city of Winchester.

Steve James said that's correct.

Mike said all of it is.

Steve James said yeah, we had a cleanup day.

Mike said it's tornado cleanup and it's, looks like it's for fuel.



Gary Friend said who billed you?

Mike said Best Way of Indiana.

Steve James said it's a Best Way, yeah.

Mike said it's a Best Way

Steve James said yeah, we had I think there were 6 dumpsters out there in the Gaslight District and around town there that got a lot of the debris that really wasn't covered as part of the cleanup, and wasn't covered as part of the cleanup and wasn't covered from the insurance, if they were insured there.

Mike said Solid Waste paid for quite a bit of the cleanup and the expenses that go with that.

Steve James said correct.

Mike said and I just thought, I think it's natural that this would go there as well.

Gary Friend said yeah. And I'm pretty confident that'll be taken care of one way or the other.

Mike said so I think, I just, I think we'll do it this afternoon at 1:00 o'clock. Very good.

Steve James said yep. Just a quick update, we will have a committee update August 15<sup>th</sup>, I believe, next Thursday with updates. But again, I think for us, the good news is, we only have 24 open cases. I think we've closed 334 of those cases, and there're about 50 pending, some insurance, just really finalizing the insurance and then we'll help that. I think we've raised so far, a little over \$400,000.00 in that, and we have other organizations that are willing to pitch in to get them homeowners up and running.

Mike said where will that update be?

Steve James said in Winchester Commons, the high school.

Mike said the high school commons?

Steve James said yeah.

Gary Friend said who's going to be the new director?

Steve James said we haven't decided that yet.

Gary Friend said okay.

Steve James said I just, I talked to the committee on Friday, let them know with my situation, what not.

Mike said very good.

Gary Friend said it takes a lot of work.

Steve James said absolutely, appreciate it.

Mike said yeah, thank you.

**Ed Thornburg – Frontier Utility agreement, Sunrise Telecom agreement**

Mike said Ed Thornburg, Frontier Utility agreement, Sunrise Telecom agreement.

Ed Thornburg said good morning. Here we are again.

Mike said yep. Looks like a pretty standard agreement. Anything unusual about it, special?

Ed Thornburg said not really. Most of the wires are going to string is overhead. There's like 3 quarters of a mile that buried.

Mike said are you recommending approval of this utility agreement?

Ed Thornburg said yes.

Gary Friend made motion to approve.

Mike said I have a motion to approve county utility agreement WO 24-12. Do I have a second.

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

Mike said you might as well stay there.

Ed Thornburg said I was going to say, we have WO 24-11 also.

Mike said I'm not seeing that.

Gary Friend said is this the one by Parker?

Ed Thornburg said yes. That company supplies their own form.

Mike said and you're recommending this one as well?

Ed Thornburg said yes.

Gary Friend said this making a lot of fiber being buried in Randolph County?

Ed Thornburg said oh yeah. Being installed. At this point in time, probably more of it is going overhead than underground.

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

Mike said and then while you're up here, let's talk about Sugar Creek clean up. Karen Pittman.

Ed Thornburg said they moved in Friday.

Mike said so Ed tells me that the equipment and the labor has moved in to start that cleanup?

Karen Pittman said yes.

Mike said okay. Any other issues we need to talk about this morning?

Karen Pittman said I don't think so.

Mike said okay.

Gary Friend said the mowing on the west side.

Ed Thornburg said yes.

Gary Friend said is that something that we do or we have to mow on a maintenance system, year after year?

Ed Thornburg said this is something, we did it 8 years ago, and 4 years before that we cleaned the entire ditch. We cleared the path on the west side and did all that. If this was out in the country, probably not. It's not out in the country.

Gary Friend said right.

Ed Thornburg said so, there we are.

Mike said it cost \$75,000.00 8 years ago.

Ed Thornburg said that was when we did the major, the whole clearing. I think it was.

Mike said that wasn't 12 years ago, because I wasn't here 12 years ago.

Ed Thornburg said okay. Okay, I know we spent a ton of money the first time. It might have been 8.

Mike said yeah, I think it was 8. Okay.

Karen Pittman said well, we had, we had trees down in the creek from the ice storm that had to, you know, and they'd been there a long time, so, those were removed, and created that access



route over there on the other side. So, I think they took, well Hunts Tree Service took out a lot of trees.

Jim Nunez said and they put in access road this last time.

Karen Pittman said yeah, on the west side.

Jim said that's why it was a little bit more. All this was is just a reminder, we'd just like to have. And we appreciated it.

Karen Pittman said and I think, Mike, didn't you talk about after we did that initial cleanup, that every 5 years that it can be updated.

Ed Thornburg said that's the target.

Karen Pittman said yeah, target, yep.

Ed Thornburg said I'll be honest. I look at it every time I take 32 out of town. But, I'd say it ended up being a little longer than that. But they're working on it.

Mike said okay.

Karen Pittman said thank you. Thanks Ed.

Mike said thank you.

**Jim Nunez – Randolph County Tourism Thank you**

Mike said Jim, you got a thank you from Randolph County Tourism?

Jim Nunez said yes. My associate is not here today, but she's in Indianapolis. But we would like to thank you from Tourism. The picnic tables, the positioning where they were at was a big success. I'm the Tourism treasurer and we had a lot of people sitting in them here and there. And it was a big success on Saturday since we had several things happening on that Saturday morning and afternoon. The Hawaiian's they'll be back again with bigger and better things to do next year. So, it was a big success with you letting us put the picnic tables there in that corner. They loved it. They just coming back for their 51 annual next year.

Mike said good. Okay.

Jim Nunez said thank you.

Mike said thank you.

**Suzan Dillon Myers – Vacation of alley Ordinance 2024-13 (tabled from 7/15/24)**

Mike said Suzan Dillon Myers. Vacation of the alley. This was tabled from our 7/15 meeting. This is ordinance number 2024-13, an ordinance of the county of Randolph, State of Indiana, for the vacation of alley. Said alley located off the North Street, the town Harrisville, Randolph

County Indiana, and providing for the reservation of utility rights and providing for the abandonment of the vacated portion to the adjoining landowners. I think at our last meeting, there was some disagreement on how that alley should be divided. And I think that division has been worked out. And Suzan has provided us a surveyor's description of the vacated portion, which is kind of a skewed line from north to south, and it runs a little to the west on the north end and a little to the south on the east end. And for property owners, it runs from a tree 1 foot to the west of a tree on the north end, to a sawed-off new fence post to the east on the south end. Is that correct?

Suzan Dillon Myers said that's correct.

Mike said and the parties are in agreement to this?

Suzan Dillon Myers said that's my understanding.

Mike said you're in agreement to this as a petitioner?

Mr. Krommenacker said yeah.

Mike said Samantha Burke, you are here, and I know we've talked, but I believe you are in agreement to it as well, are you not?

Samantha Burke said that is correct.

Mike said okay. So, I think we're ready to move on this Ordinance number 2024-13, and I would entertain a motion to approve this ordinance after the first reading by title only.

Meeks said so, does it split the alley 50/50?

Suzan Dillon Myers said not quite.

Meeks said I think we have to split 50/50 and then you guys can deed it between the two of you, right? I think the statute says that.

Mike said okay. You're beyond me there.

Meeks said am I right Suzan? I mean, I think that's what the statute says.

Suzan Dillon Myers said I was under the impression that if we came to a compromise, that they could approve it based on the legal descriptions that were there.

Meeks said well I think what you would do is to split it 50/50 and then you guys deed it back and forth. Whatever you guys would want to do after we split it. I think the statute doesn't allow for us to, if there were joint petitioners, she petitions also, we could probably do that.

Mike said so, you're saying our ordinance should read as the past ordinance we've done, is that this alley be vacated 50/50?

Meeks said and then they can be deeded back and forth between the two of them. Or if she wants to become a joint petitioner, I don't have a problem with that either. But I think it would either be.

Mike said well if she's a joint petitioner, can we divide it the way it's stated in here?

Meeks said at that point I don't care because that's the only two people that can complain, would be the two petitioners.

Mike said but we can approve that we, we can't approve this ordinance as it's written, and I'm not sure.

Meeks said I think the statute says 50/50.

Mike said okay, I'm not going to argue with you there.

Meeks said I'd have to pull the, I'd have to pull the statute. But the last one we got into that we got into a, when we got litigation, that's what I'm worried about.

Mike said well we could act on this ordinance, and it doesn't say 50/50 in there.

Meeks said it should say abandoned.

Mike said abandoned to the property owners. Mike said and then you're saying that Suzan could prepare a quit-claim deed for the parties.

Meeks said yeah, they can deed whatever they want to.

Suzan Dillon Myers said well then that would require us an additional survey because it's, if you split it in half, then the legal descriptions are not what they're going to be deeded to each other.

Mike said I would suspect if we have a description of the alley, you could say that you are the owner of 50, ½ of that alley description and you're going to transfer by quit-claim deed, your share to Samantha and Samantha owns ½, she's going to describe by quit-claim deed.

Suzan said why couldn't she, just on the record here agree to be a petitioner on it and then you approve it.

Meeks said well I'm fine with that too, if she wants to sign.

Mike said I'm fine with it, if she wants to do that.

Meeks said if you want to come up and signed the petition and agree with it, I'm okay with that.



Mike said do you have the petition?

Meeks said just put down on the bottom, read and approved, and date it.

Mike said I'll let you put that in there where you can just sign it.

Meeks said want to sign it on the bottom there?

Mike said basically, this is just saying that you agree to what they say you've agreed to.

Meeks said if that's what you agreed, that's, just say, I just put down read and approved.

Samantha Burke said I do have one question. When that extends those properties, will new pens be set by surveyors or how will that ever change, like, say the tree falls down, or whatever happens?

Suzan Dillon Myers said they are coming back out to set the markers.

Mike said they're coming back out to set the markers.

Samantha Burke said okay.

Mike said and then you always have a record of the description.

Samantha Burke said correct.

Mike said so if the markers are buried or somebody pulls them out or something happens to them, then if there's ever a question you go to the description and somebody can determine where that marker should have been.

Samantha Burke said okay.

Mike said that's what this ordinance says. Basically, it describes the portion you're getting. It described the portion Kenneth and his wife are getting.

Samantha Burke said okay.

Mike said and this is ordinance number 2024-13, a joint petition. Based upon a joint petition by the neighboring property owners in Harrisville for this vacated alley and dividing the property as I aforementioned, the property would be divided, and I'd entertain a motion to approve this ordinance without reading on the first reading.

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

Mike said that's a unanimous vote. We can, if we choose to, wait, suspend the rules.

Gary Girton said I'll move we suspend the rules and have a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading by title only and approved today.

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

Mike said I'd entertain a motion to adopt ordinance number 2024-13.

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

Mike said thank you.

Suzan Dillon Myers said thank you. Thank you, Meeks.

**Grant Phillips, Tower King – Tower Revenue (tabled from 7/15/24)**

Mike said Grant Phillips. Is Grant here? He's not.

Meeks said I sent that out. I don't know if everybody saw that.

Mike said I got it. It was the red line version wasn't it?

Meeks said yeah, I don't know how that red line is. I think they made all the changes.

Mike said did they answer your questions?

Meeks said I think they made all the changes. I just added the Auditor's office, I just added some addresses there on page 5.

Mike said and really, I guess that one of the questions you raised, if we find somebody, do we have to use them?

Meeks said that's a question for him.

Gary Friend said I think so.

Meeks said I think that's what it says.

Gary Friend said yeah.

Mike said I guess that's the question, do we want to use them. And do we want to use them for 45 years?

Gary Friend said renewable, 5-year increments. We don't always have to renew, do we? Automatically,

Meeks said I think it says.

Mike said it says the initial term of this agreement shall automatically extend for 8 successive 5-year renewal periods.

Gary Girton said then you have.

Mike said unless manager gives notice of its intent not to renew it at least 90 days prior to.

Gary Girton said 90 days, right.

Meeks said I don't know. It's done.

Mike said we can get out of after 5 years.

Meeks said no, we're not the manager. We're the owner.

Mike said they could get out of it in 5 years.

Meeks said I suppose that they have you know, they want to make sure they get paid.

Mike said well yeah, if they sign a lease for a guy that's 35 years or 30 years.

Gary Friend said the only hang up I have with all of it was the 45 years. On their end, they're going to want paid all compensation if we get out or not.

Meeks said that says that in there.

Gary Friend said and it's kind of like the farm ground, it's better managed by the people that know how to manage that.

Gary Girton said right.

Gary Friend said I wouldn't know how to manage these towers, and we're not getting revenue from them at all.

Mike said but it would complicate the agreement, but I mean, could you give us, could we propose to get an out of the agreement so long as they're compensated for existing leases at the time of requested termination or notice of termination?

Meeks said I think that's already in there. Right there on page 2 under item 5. In the event the agreement is terminated, manager shall be entitled to a percentage and it talks about that we would have to pay them including renewals.

Mike said well then how do we propose that we are able to terminate this as they are able to terminate. I mean, if we're going to get compensated for the work they've done until the entire lease is completed, then, I don't know why they would have a problem with us terminating.

Meeks said well we'll just add owner and then it says unless owner or manager gives notice of its intent.

Mike said can you propose that, see if he's okay with that?

Meeks said I'll set it up.

Mike said okay. You okay with that, Gary?

Gary Girton said yes.

Mike said okay. So, we'll table that for a couple of weeks.

**Dave Wall – Bridge closure (tabled from 7/15/24)**

Mike said Dave Wall, bridge closure. Morning. I don't have any answer for you. I don't, I think we talked about two weeks ago, we talked about giving you the bridge, talked about closing the road and that sounds good right now, but somebody advised me that you may want it back, then you're going to have to buy it back. So, I think we would be, I think it would be irresponsible for the county to give you that bridge and give you that road. I just don't think it's something that we should, in my opinion, we should do. And I know that doesn't help you, and I don't know otherwise how we

Dave said what about replacing the bridge? Is that an option?

Mike said well it's not on our short list of bridges to replace. It doesn't have a priority, but it doesn't mean it wouldn't happen sometime. But, a bridge is, and of course, we've not gone out there but usually bridges are 7 figures to replace. I don't think the county has the budget to do that.

Gary Friend said I agree. I think we just have to leave things alone. That's not the only bridge in Randolph County that has issues of being closed. On 500N is a significant bridge because it's historical, it's being closed.

Dave Wall said lately, I own half the road, in the legal description of my property.

Gary Friend said that goes for everybody everywhere in the cities and towns, I don't think that's an avenue that has any standing right now. We own the road right-of-way. That's what we're talking about.

Mike said one of the things I talked to Dave about, which is not going to solve your problem, but it could alleviate your safety concern, that is to put a stop sign on 200 West at 800 North, and that would make it a little safer to back that semi across 200 West. I know stop signs are based upon traffic count, and accident damage and things of that nature. And I'm pretty certain this would have to be an exception to the rule, and I don't know where that takes us, whether we can even do that. I suppose we can. Talk to the county highway department back there and see if they have any suggestions for me on that.



Dave Wall said you're asking them now?

Mike said what?

Joe Copeland said I don't think that the stop sign would meet the requirements.

Mike said we can't override those?

Joe Copeland said you can, but you're, somebody could sue you in the future.

Dave Wall said I've had a couple people tell me that by law, that we have to fix that bridge. Is that?

Meeks said not that I know of.

Dave Wall said I've had a surveyor from another county and a commissioner from another county and a farmer that says there is a law that says that the county has to maintain their bridges. I tried to look it up, but I'm not real tech-savvy and didn't find it. But I was told there is a law there.

Meeks said I know of no rule that requires us to do that. I don't know any rule.

Joe Copeland said morning. My understanding of the Cum bridge law is that the commissioners have total charge of it and that they schedule and dictate the priorities for the maintenance. And there's nothing I've ever read that said that you have to maintain the bridge, you have to replace a bridge, or anything to that effect. But, yeah, it's a priority issue.

Meeks said I would 100% agree with that. There's nothing requiring us to, if it's a 5-ton bridge, you have to close, I mean there's things we have to do when it doesn't pass those inspections. But, not to actually, you go down a 3-ton bridge, it's not like you have to fix it.

Mike said and this bridge has been closed how long?

Dave Wall said since 12?

Mike said 2012? And the road is basically a farm lane? I don't know what to, I'm like Gary, I don't think there's anything we can do to change that situation, Dave.

Gary Girton said Joe, you talked about the stop sign. Why isn't safety a positive and justification for putting one.

Joe Copeland said there are certain requirements.

Gary Girton said I understand that.

Joe Copeland said to put up a stop sign, particularly, like a 4-way stop. And I don't think that the intersection may meet any of those. I mean, it's accidents, the amount of traffic, sight distance. There're all kinds of different things, but I mean, and it says in the manual straight up, that you're not supposed to use a stop sign for speed control. And that's not the issue here, but.

Mike said a little bit.

Joe Copeland said you could do it. I mean, what's the idea of getting sued in the future?

Mike said what about a caution, truck crossing sign? Caution, trucks entering sign.

Joe Copeland said yeah, there's a warning sign for trucks entering and exiting.

Mike said what's the requirement to put that in?

Joe Copeland said no, you don't need a requirement for that. That's a warning sign.

Mike said I mean I would be willing to put that up.

Dave Wall said what about the campers and people that are going back there and messing around?

Gary Friend said we have a sheriff's department.

Dave Wall said do what?

Gary Friend said we have a sheriff's department.

Dave Wall said yeah, but I'm not, I'm two miles away. I don't know when somebody is back there.

Gary Friend said they actually have the right to walk back there. It's not a no pedestrian road. If they're not doing anything malicious, they have the right to be there. They can stand on there and fish out of the creek if they want. I mean, it's an open road. It just has a bridge out. But if you have activities going on that are suspicious, then that's the sheriff's department role. I mean I've seen the campfire there, but it didn't look to me like it was a heavy use area. And I agree that there could be issues out there if nobody is watching it, but we have a sheriff's department to do that. But they have the right to be back there.

Meeks said I don't think you can camp there though.

Gary Friend said well that's the sheriff's department. I mean, they have the right to walk back there.

Meeks said I think that's correct.

Dave Wall said can they resume maintenance of the road?

Mike said I think we, Jay's here. Jay, would you come on up too? I think he can clean that area out back there. The question was asked can we resume maintenance of the road?

Jay Long said yeah.

Mike said I don't think we're in a position to grade it and pave it.

Dave Wall said not pave, but.

Mike said but we can maintain it.

Jay Long said we can trim the trees back and remove the debris from there.

Mike said and really go back to where you can see the barricade in the bridge, and that cleaning up itself, would keep some of the mischief away if there is mischief out there. We can do that. And I wouldn't have a problem putting a truck crossing sign or a trucks entering and leaving the highway warning sign out there on both the north and south.

Dave Wall said does that take away some of my liability if I'm backing across there and somebody runs into me, or I back into somebody with that truck sign there?

Meeks said it's going to all depend on the situation. I can't tell you yes or no. I don't know what the situation would be. If somebody's going 80 miles an hour on that road, it's probably going to be their fault. I don't know. We'd have to look at the situation.

Dave Wall said you know, I'm 60 feet long. I can't see when I'm backing out both sides, especially when there's corn on the one side. That's my biggest, one of the biggest concerns is that having an accident there. I mean, it's happened in the county before.

Mike said I'm not so certain, if I were you, I might put a roadblock out there when I'm backing that semi and then pick up that roadblock when I'm done backing the semi.

Gary Friend said yeah, one thing's for certain during the harvest season, your situation is not the only one in the county where there're semis all over out there and yeah, everybody is at risk for a while.

Mike said so, you've heard us. We can maintain the road. We can put truck crossings, warning signs on 200 West. I'm not sure what else we can do for you.

Dave Wall said okay.

Mike said okay, thank you.



**Pam Frazier, AARC – Art Depot request for funding (tabled from 7/15/2024)**

Mike said Pam Frazier, Art Association of Randolph County.

Pam Frazier said I'm here today to provide more details regarding our request tabled from July 15<sup>th</sup>. I made copies for all of you. And also, to update you on how our fundraising tour is going this year. Our request includes programming costs, gallery updates, art supplies for drawing and painting activities, and our HVAC replacement. Currently, our funding looks like this. We've got 10K from Union City, 5K now and 5K promised later in 2024. We do get a grant from Indiana Arts Commission in the amount of \$7,995.00. We do have ongoing fundraising efforts on our own. We need to start our 2024 membership drive. We are doing a masquerade fundraiser in October, and tentatively, we have in the planning stages, a 1940s themed Depot fundraiser for March of April of 2025. I do have some notes regarding our request. The programming cost, AARC has a full schedule of exhibits and events for the first half of 2025. AARC continues to refine and discuss our unique role in Randolph County. We intend on increasing our focus on traditional fine arts and regional art events. This will distinguish us from other organizations that focus primarily on kids' programming. Having said that though, we do have very successful kids' programming and had great success last year with kids' camp. We had a micro grant from IU Center of Rural Engagement last year to cover eclipse activities. And we also had a partnership with the Richmond Art Museum to expand their Artist Mexico programming. Our gallery updates, we seek to attract professional regional artists to our gallery space for workshops and exhibits by having easy to move, customizable gallery panels and updated lighting in our gallery. As far as the art supplies go, we know that Winchester High School has eliminated their art classes, and we feel that this provides us with a tremendous opportunity and a renewed focus on fine arts. The last item, our HVAC we do have an older historic landmark building. We have many challenges that go along with that, and our last system was installed in 2002. So, obviously, keeping our space climate controlled is essential in hosting original art and workshops in our space. What I've included, our price list for what we were requesting. I've also provided the HVAC estimate, and also our statement of financial activities by month for the last fiscal year.

Mike said so, what are the notes here, Union City, \$14086.33? Have they given you ten of that? Is that what this means?

Pam Frazier said they've given us five with five promised later this year.

Mike said and you've got that for operating expenses plus HVAC replacement. Is that the way you have to use that or is that the way you intend to use it or what?

Pam Frazier said well yes, I mean, a big part of that will be HVAC. Obviously, that's not something we planned on, but the 10K from Union City, that's pretty traditional. They did that for us last year. That covers all our operating expenses.

Mike said okay. So, then Winchester, \$33,000, are you waiting on that?



Pam Frazier said oh gosh, I need to look at it. I beg your pardon. Well, I did present to Winchester City Council, and I need to make plans to be on their agenda again. The 33, that total is just based on everything we would need to run through 2025.

Mike said okay.

Pam Frazier said I don't know if I expect to ever get that full amount, but if we could get there, it will help us, you know, continue with our planning through 2025.

Mike said and you're doing a 1940s depot fundraising. Is that for the depot building itself, or is that just fundraising to make money for the arts.

Pam Frazier said well, I mean programming will be our next thing after the HVAC. Obviously, it's important to note that almost all of our programming is free or low cost. That helps us, you know, serve everyone. Not everyone can afford to pay for family programming.

Mike said well really, the, from my position, and I appreciate what the Art Association does, and there're a lot of organizations in the county that do things for the benefit of the county. If I were going to support the Art Association as a member of county government, it would be for the infrastructure over there. It would be for the building or plumbing or the HVAC but it wouldn't, I don't think I could get myself to support operation expenses, which is programming.

Pam Frazier said okay.

Mike said because everybody, I mean if I support operation expenses, then you're not going to be able to support yourself is the way I look at that.

Pam Frazier said okay, I see what you're saying.

Mike said but if you have an issue with the building, an issue with plumbing, an issue with electricity, an issue with your heating and air conditioning needs replaced, I wouldn't be opposed in helping in that way.

Gary Friend said that helps me, because I could never go for operating either. Everything Mike said, plus all the other organizations across Randolph County could have the exact valid right to ask. As far as getting the funding for the HVAC that you say is \$10,374, you have \$5,000 already committed to that?

Pam Frazier said well not necessarily committed to that. I mean the \$5,000 from Union City in my mind, and what they were presented were all our utilities through the year, which is a substantial amount to keep that building heated, cooled, water, everything else.

Gary Friend said if you see, kind of what my thought is, is if we were to pay all of your HVAC expenses, what's to stop every single organization in Randolph County, not having the same burden?

Pam Frazier said well probably nothing, but not every organization is in a historic nationally recognized landmark as our depot building. And we're the only depot building that's running to almost capacity for the entire county as far as I know.

Gary Friend said why wouldn't there be revenue then to pay for a furnace system in your operating expenses? I mean why wouldn't there be a capital expenditure item in your group's budget to maintain an HVAC?

Pam Frazier said well, that's a good question.

Gary Friend said it is.

Pam Frazier said I wish I had that answer for sure. We thought that, knowing that how long ago that was installed, I knew that was coming. But I didn't think it was going to come this year. But, you know, that's not a good excuse really, but there it is.

Gary Friend said I'm not looking for an excuse. I'm just looking for reasons where we're at.

Pam Frazier said yeah.

Mike said well, and, I mean, just this morning, we are giving United Way office space in our building because they do things for the county. And if the Art Association was coming to us and saying we'd like to lease a spot in the RCFFO building, I'm not sure we would charge them rent for that spot.

Gary Friend said right.

Mike said and so I guess that's where I'm coming from in helping them with their historic building over there.

Gary Friend said I'm okay with it. It just can't be easy, there has to be significant reasons. And Mike makes a very good point. We would, it is a historic building.

Mike said well what do you think?

Gary Friend said is there a campaign for getting more money? Do you have a campaign for the HVAC only? Do you have anything going that says we need to get a drive out here that is specific to our HVAC? Let us be a contributor, but we shouldn't carry the whole burden.

Pam Frazier said oh, I don't think you should.

Gary Friend said so how much of the \$10,000 would you be proposing for us to be able to help you get your campaign started?

Pam Frazier said well we're in discussions with, it used to be Wallace Heating and Air Conditioning, but they have offered us a significant amount to start paying for that. So, the

balance, as far as I know, I do not know for sure when they're coming, probably sometime later this week, they've offered \$6,000 towards payment for it. So, I mean, if we had the balance, it would certainly help. We want to keep our doors open for programming. That's our main thing, is to serve Randolph County with access to the arts. And I'm not sure there's much of that from what I can see. But we can't have workshops and we can't have people bring their artwork in if there's going to be damage to those things or discomfort to anyone who comes through our doors. I don't see, I mean that's my A number one thing now to get that covered.

Mike said what do you think, Gary?

Gary Girton said well I think they have a good program, and I've been there many times over the last 10, 12 years. And I think we've pretty well held the line over the years I've been here on staying with infrastructure, and definitely not going to operational expenses. And we've had two or three of those issues, major issues about the last 8, 10 years. But I do think that we could contribute to the HVAC. I think that it's important to keep that building open and functioning. And as she said, it is a historic building, and one of the few that's in the county that's serving the services that they're providing.

Mike said well, we're in agreement to help them. I think we are, to help them with the HVAC, and I guess it's just a matter of how much we're going to help with.

Gary Friend said sounds to me like if you're going to have \$6,000 in concessions from the vendor, that we could go \$6,000 and it would be covered, out of an Edit Fund.

Pam Frazier said it absolutely would be.

Mike said so the total cost is 10?

Pam Frazier said 10,300, yes.

Gary Friend said 10,300? I don't mind going to \$6,000.

Mike said Gary is suggesting \$6,000.00.

Gary Girton said I agree on that. I'll second it. That's a motion.

Mike said is that okay Pam?

Pam Frazier said that'll work.

Laura said is that out of EDIT?

Mike said that would come out of EDIT?

Gary Friend said yes. That's a formal motion, 6,000 out of EDIT to help with the HVAC

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

Pam Frazier said okay.

Mike said so EDIT, we will at our next meeting amend our EDIT plan. Once we've amended our EDIT plan to include your payment, and you don't have to be here for that.

Pam Frazier said okay.

Mike said and, unless you want to be. Not everybody wants to be here. But then, we have an EDIT board meeting after that meeting, which the EDIT board approves our amendment, which is safe to say it will be approved, and then a check will be cut to the Art Association.

Pam Frazier said thank you very much.

**Brad Dilger – EDPR letter**

Mike said Brad. Morning Brad.

Brad Dilger said okay. So, as indicated in the letter, we are looking to gain permission to use a route, one-time use to deliver the main power transformer to the Riverstart IV substation location, so that's using 1100 from Losantville to 300 and that's where it connects, well, just south of there is where it connects to the agreed upon route already. So, to make sure that we know the current condition, a road study has been conducted to just assess the condition of a road that's already in good condition, but just want to make sure that we know before we use it, and then we'll also conduct a study afterwards as well, just to make sure that we catch anything that may have happened.

Mike said Jay, you've seen this?

Jay Long said yes, I have.

Mike said are you okay with it?

Jay Long said yes.

Brad Dilger said so, I'm just here to ask for permission to use that route and answer any questions you guys might have.

Mike said looks like a lot easier route to get there.

Brad Dilger said it does. And just based on the conversations we had with the transfer company, they said it was going to be a lot more risk involved with the extra turns.

Mike said a lot less expensive for them too.



Brad Dilger said potentially, yeah. I mean there would have been turning radii that would have had to be incorporated so. They're looking for the safest, most efficient route, and that is.

Mike said yeah, it looks like it. So, I would entertain a motion to approve this proposed alternate route to the power station from Losantville.

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

Brad Dilger said thank you very much.

**Mayor Bob McCoy- Courthouse lawn tank clean up, Winchester Community Crossing projects update**

Mike said do we have a Mayor here?

Bob McCoy said I got a call from Sergeant John Stanley regarding the tank. I believe he contacted you.

Mike said that's on my list later, but we can talk about it now if you want.

Bob McCoy said well, I didn't know whether, I don't think he's here.

Mike said I don't think John's here.

Bob McCoy said he planned on being here. He just said this really looked bad, and Shean Bosworth, my street superintendent said we did have a tank and some equipment if somebody wanted to use it and clean it, or whether we could get somebody from Community Corrections with some buckets and some soapy water, I don't know. But anyway, or it could be a project from the school or whatever, but he asked if there's any way that can be cleaned up?

Mike said well I had reached out to John, emailed him, and asked him if he knew of anybody that was in the business of doing that to military vehicles, because just to take a power washer out there and wash it down, it's got a lot of significant painting on it that would probably be power washed off. And I would suspect that those symbols are as valuable, as part of the tank as everything else. I mean, it's, I think it would be easy to get it clean, but I think you're going to take it right down to the bare metal, so, then you're going to have to find somebody to paint it back. I don't know, I'm not sure where you go to find that person?

Bob McCoy said I didn't know, I mean, without going out there and really looking at it whether again, soap and water would make it look better or not?

Mike said I think it's about like taking soap and water to the side of your house when it's got the north side algae, it's pretty heavy on the north side as I recall. So, I don't know. I think John makes a good point; it needs to be cleaned up. I just don't know where we go to clean it up. The last time we started cleaning up a monument, it got a little scary. That one ended up in Detroit. We can't tell where it was for a while. I don't think that's drivable to take it anywhere.

Bob McCoy said no.

Mike said I don't know if we can reach out to other communities and see what they've done on tanks, or if we just take the risk and we power wash it, we take pictures of it, power wash it, then hire somebody to paint back the symbols that are on it.

Gary Friend said American Legions do a lot, with a lot of memorabilia. I wonder if, you know, I go through Fairmount and they've got a jet plane tank, helicopter, everything up there. Somebody out at the American Legion will probably know how to restore to keep these things up. I wonder if maybe in, I mean I can contact the Ridgeville American Legion on what their people get to the next level and see if there's something that could be done.

Mike said want to do that?

Gary Friend said sure.

Mike said okay.

Bob McCoy said thank you.

Gary Friend said I think American Legion is probably going to be the answer for getting it there. And if we were to hire a power washer in the county, I'd be looking at power washing everything on the courthouse, including the vestibules and everything. Like Mike said, you take it down to the bare metal, you've got to get this painted back which is world war II paint.

Bob McCoy said yeah, it could get really involved if you're not careful. I totally understand that, but I told him I would relay that to you guys.

Mike said do you want to share with him that we're going to reach out to the American Legion and see where it takes us?

Bob McCoy said I will do that.

Mike said we're willing to help clean it up, just take us a while. Okay. Thanks Bob.

Bob McCoy said Community Crossing's 2023-2, which is Greenville Avenue, that project, I would say by the end of August, good possibility that would be complete. And then we just started 2024-1, which is Franklin and North Street. That project is just starting. You should see some trees coming down on North Street very soon, and then sidewalks, and then sidewalks down on Franklin as well. And hopefully, we'll have that project done before the end of the year.

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

**Other Business:**

**Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff**

**ARPA funding change**

Mike said that brings us to our Other Business. Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff.

Art Moystner said morning. I had sent an email earlier after talking to the Auditor's office to clean up one of the funds you guys had approved, or an account you had approved for spending under ARPA. So, with that, I think, in the email, I'd explained that we had some excess in one area and deficiency in the other, and I would like to pay the \$880.90 out of the access we had. All of that I believe, is in the same line anyway. But since it was an ARPA approval, in talking to Danita, I believe we need to, I need to have your approval to pay the \$880 because I think it was earmarked for cameras, and then to take the excess and get it back into the unspent or unused portion of ARPA so that it's available for other things.

Mike said sounds like a plan to me.

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

Art Moystner said thank you.

Mike said anything else?

Art Moystner said just a quick update. We'd had some issues with the control side of our air conditioning system. We had to get ahold of Trane and bring them in. It took us, I don't know, a little over a week, so I waited to see what that bill is going to be, but I think we've gotten everything fixed there. I haven't heard from Argo lately so, but other than that, I think things are going well. If you guys have any questions for me, I'd love to answer those.

Mike said I don't have any. Do you have any?

Gary Friend said I do not.

Mike said Gary?

Gary Girton said nothing.

Art Moystner said perfect. Thank you.

**Minutes of June 3, June 13, June 17 & July 1**

Mike said next item are our minutes of June 3<sup>rd</sup>, June 13<sup>th</sup>, June 17<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>. I think the 13<sup>th</sup> was a joint meeting with council, and we received a copy of each of these via email. I trust we've reviewed them and taken a look at them. Are there any additions, corrections or deletions to them?



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

**Payroll Claims \$323,052.82**

Mike said next item is our payroll claims in the amount of \$323,052.82 and they're at our place. I'd entertain a motion to approve the payroll claims.

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

**Regular Claims \$663,442.09**

Mike said our regular claims in the amount of \$663,442.09 were sent to us via email. I'd entertain a motion to approve the regular claims.

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

**BF&S Claim (Vision Trail) \$66,676.00**

Mike said next item is a BF&S claim, civil engineers that are our engineers for the trail, the vision trail. This is for \$66,676.00. \$920 of it is for labor for the head engineer and \$63,800 is for topographic survey and route plat, project management administration, and utility coordination. I'd entertain a motion to approve this claim.

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

**Randolph County Airport (T-Hanger) Claim \$181,685.00**

Mike said next item is the Randolph County Airport and this is an economic development claim for \$181,685.00. This is for the grant to the T-Hanger project. I'd entertain a motion to approve this claim.

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

**Town of Losantville Claim \$275,000.00**

Mike said next claim is for the town of Losantville claim for \$275,000.00, and this is the claim out of energy funds for the sewer connections.

Gary Girton said they have, a little update, the contractor doing the work is saving some money, so with that, what he's saving, they're going to go out to a bid for one general contractor to install all the hookups so it will be easier to control and easier to inspect, and so on. And, at this stage of the game, the majority of the expense that each, that most of the property owners will be covered with the savings and with this grant. So, that's going to put them in pretty good shape.

Mike said so, do we want to hold on this claim?

Gary Girton said no, no. I'd say though, that's, before it looked like they were, this was not going to be enough funding. And so now, it is going to be. That's where they're at right now.

Mike said so I have a motion to approve.

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

**Rural Alliance 32 Claim \$242,530.00**

Mike said next claim is the Rural Alliance 32, RAZ 32 claim, and this is our first payment of a two-year commitment for \$242,530.00.

Gary Friend said I know this, and we're obligated. With Mr. Black leaving Randolph Eastern, will there be a disruption of this. I would hope this would go, no matter who's in a position.

Gary Girton said 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the whole program. Randolph Central and Monroe Central. I would hope that.

Gary Friend said would pick it up and keep going.

Mike said I would hope they would pick it up and keep going, yeah.

Gary Friend said yeah, I mean it's valid, I mean, I'm just concerned.

Gary Girton said I know he initiated it. He was the one that initiated the program. But, yeah, I agree with Mike. That's a valid question, but I think surely, with the other two involved to the extent they are, will go forward because that's an important program.

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

Mike said that raises the question for the next one as well.

Gary Friend said it does indeed.

**Randolph Eastern School Claim \$100,000.00**

Mike said I don't see anybody from Randolph Eastern here.

Gary Friend said would it be asking too much to table the next one until they tell us they're going to continue marching forward with the same thing?

Gary Girton said do they have an assistant superintendent?

Meeks said I think he's still.

Mike said I don't know.

Laura said he sent the email requesting the funding, he said they've already dumped a lot into it and then he signed the claim.

Meeks said I think he's still superintendent over there.

Mike said well and obviously, if they don't open it, then they would, the county could call the note and ask to pay it back.

Gary Friend said I mean it should go on no matter who's running it.

Mike said yeah, I would hope so. I would hope so because it's a good program. So, I'd entertain a motion to this claim.

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

**City of Winchester Claim \$10,000.00**  
**Town of Losantville Claim \$10,000.00**  
**Town of Parker City Claim \$10,000**  
**Town of Lynn Claim \$10,000.00**  
**Town of Modoc Claim \$10,000.00**  
**Union City Claim \$10,000.00**  
**Town of Farmland Claim \$10,000.00**  
**Town of Saratoga Claim \$10,000.00**  
**Town of Ridgeville Claim \$10,000.00**

Mike said the next 9 claims are for \$10,000.00 each, and these are the annual payments to the local communities out of EDIT funds. I'd entertain a motion to approve all of 9 at one time.

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

**Thor Construction AIA Contract**

Mike said that brings us down to the AIA contract with Thor Construction for the construction of the new ambulance center in Farmland. The attorney has raised a couple of questions about it, which seem to be discretionary in the contract, the first being paragraph 5.1.7.1, which calls for a 5% retainage on each invoice submitted. And that would be for the construction cost. And I think, typically, 5% is the minimum and I think 10% is the maximum there. \$435,000.00 contract, 5% is a little less than \$22,000.00.

Gary Girton said mostly contracts that I think we've been involved in have been in the 10% range.

Mike said have you talked with them about this?

Gary Friend said not about this, no.

Gary Girton said I think 5% for that kind of contract is awful small retainage.

Gary Friend said that means there's no problem with it?

Gary Friend said that means there's not a problem with it?

Meeks said I just brought it up.

Gary Friend said if 5% is on the low side.

Mike said 5% is on the low side.

Gary Friend said then I'm saying there's nothing wrong with this on that.

Meeks said that's to his advantage.

Mike said that's to his advantage because we're holding that out of each payment he gives us, so for every 100-dollar bill, we're going to keep \$5.00. If it's 10%, for every 100-bill, we're going to keep a 10 dollars. So, the philosophy of that is at the end, if he doesn't finish or if he's done something we don't like and he, and we start arguing about that, we have money.

Meeks said held back.

Mike said held back.

Gary Friend said I don't know what's customary with the commissioners.

Mike said I think I read that 10 is maximum on some contracts, municipal contracts.

Gary Girton said it may be, but that's pretty standard in the years I've been involved.

Mike said I don't recall what the highway garage was.

Meeks said 5 or 10.

Gary Girton said it was 10.

Meeks said I thought it was 10. That's a lot bigger project.

Gary Friend said about 9, 10 times, yeah.

Meeks said I just brought it up. I wanted you guys to know.

Mike said I understand.

Gary Girton said I think it's a good point. I think we should ask for 10.



Mike said are you okay to do that, Gary?

Gary Friend said yeah, I don't have a problem with it.

Mike said see what he says. If you consider his, well we probably want to skip ahead. The other one is a pretty easy one. Our attorney doesn't line arbitration. That's in paragraph 6.2, and I think it's another one that's optional. You pick an arbitration or you pick litigation.

Meeks said binding arbitration is just very expensive.

Gary Friend said yes.

Mike said and this brings us to the last one is that if for some reason, we terminate the relationship, then it's in 7.1.1, we are required to pay him any outstanding cost plus 15% of his overhead, of those costs as overhead in profit. So, basically saying that, one could say that in his contract, he's got 10% of his overhead and 5% of his profit, in that \$435,000.00, so that's about 60, \$68,000.00 or something in that neighborhood.

Meeks said that's for your convenience. This is terminated.

Gary Friend said yeah.

Mike said yep. So, I don't have a problem with that.

Gary Friend said I think it's customary just to go up to 19 or 20%.

Mike said I don't have a problem with doing that because number one, I don't think we're going to terminate.

Gary Friend said right.

Mike said two, I think that's fair, and especially fair if we're going to retain 10%.

Gary Girton said I think, and I don't, in this situation, I don't foresee any, even the slightest chance of this occurring.

Mike said I don't either.

Meeks said yeah, that's why I didn't get too, just wanted to point that out to your guys.

Mike said so, we're going to ask Thor to raise the retainage to 10%?

Gary Friend said right.

Mike said and ask for litigation instead of arbitration?

Gary Girton said correct.

Mike said okay.

Meeks said and if he changes that, you probably can approve it today with those two changes. So, you can sign it and get it.

Gary Friend said I'll let him know that too, you said those two changes we could approve it today.

Meeks said yeah,

Gary Friend said I know. I know. Thank you though.

Mike said the contract calls for one signature. Do you want me to sign this as the representative. Do you want to sign it?

Gary Friend said I'll make a motion if Thor accepts these two changes that we sign this contract.

Mike said I have a motion to approve the AIA contract with Thor as presented with those two changes noted of a 10% retainage and litigation instead of arbitration if we have issues. Do you have a second?

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

Mike said now you can bring up the print issues.

Gary Friend said I'd spoke with the architect on this print and Gary, to look at it, in the kitchen area, the hand-drawn print that I drew had a stove in it, and their advice, and I agreed, was to not put that stove in. That would run this into a commercial kitchen in today's codes. And I've spoken with EMS. We don't need a gas stove in there because they do all their cooking on hot plates and they've got a black stone they use too, I wouldn't, just want the commissioners to make note that we know that there's no gas stove in that kitchen. It's just slightly different than the print that I drew by hand, and the reason is this was possibly going to get into a commercial kitchen situation.

Gary Girton said I think that's true, because I know when I built the food pantry it was that way.

Mike said okay.

Gary Friend said and the second thing is, is in lieu of that then, I'm going to ask them for a through the wall exhaust vent in the kitchen area in case there's a smoke out in there that you can get the air turned over and out of there. And then I see on the print that I didn't notice where the activated CO fan in the garage area is placed on the print, and I'll take care of that then.

Mike said okay.

Gary Girton said good catch.

Mike said okay and you're our representative?

Gary Friend said I am.

Mike said are you okay with that?

Gary Girton said yes.

Mike said okay, very good.

#### **APC/BZA Attendance report**

Mike said APC/BZA attendance report. Our folks have attended better than other folks. So, appreciate you going. Any comments, Gary?

Gary Friend said there is a solar discussion coming up Mike, and your name was actually mentioned on that. And I'd asked them last week to ask what your thoughts were, we talked about setbacks and what not. And then, of course, the thought is not to harm them, the homeowners nearby. The 10 kilowatts would have the same setbacks, but anything above 10 kilowatts wouldn't be ruled out. It would have to go to the BZA to be looked at. So, production can continue in situations where it makes no matter whatsoever. But that the ordinance would be protective of the homeowners.

Mike said yeah, would that have to do with that Baker project?

Gary Friend said uh no, the Baker's on, well one's on the roof and one's on the ground.

Mike said there's one down at Baker on the ground?

Gary Friend said yeah, they'll have to go to the BZA on that one. The one on the roof doesn't though. As long as they have an engineering plan, the roof be supported.

Mike said right okay.

#### **Electronic Map Data renewal application**

Mike said we've got the Electronic Map renewal application that I think the fee was reduced because they are an existing user, so it's a \$100.00.

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

#### **Salary Study Committee and Handbook committee**

Mike said the salary study committee.



Meeks said we had a good meeting.

Gary Friend said we did. Everybody's invited, department heads, questions. It seems that there's no will and a lot of resistance to everybody going to 40 hours.

Meeks said paid lunch.

Gary Friend said paid lunch. I'm sorry. Paid lunch.

Meeks said which is really, that's really a council decision. So, the council will probably take that up at their meeting tomorrow. I hope take it up at their meeting tomorrow. I think there was an appetite to do away with the compensatory time. What transpired from the meeting was a, we need to update our handbooks. That's very obvious, need sitting there. So, the suggestion was to have perhaps one of you on a revised handbook committee and then have a council member. They'd probably have Laura, because he office is going to be kind of over-seeing that. Probably Shannon maybe just to listen. And then when we're talking about such as the highway department, we've had the highway people there. When we talk about the EMS, we'd have the EMS show up. We can talk about the sheriff's department, but, you know, probably not necessarily need the EMS talking about the highway, right? We'd want to have kind of small working group and it was suggested that we go to one handbook with appendixes for the highway, the sheriff's and everything else, which makes a lot of sense because 90% of those 4 handbooks are the same. I mean FMLA is FMLA, no matter. I don't care. So, I suggested, and I talked about it, so what I'm looking for is one of you guys.

Gary Friend said I will do it of an evening if someone wants to do it.

Meeks said it'll be in the evening.

Mike said is it going to be done by the end of the year?

Meeks said she thinks we can do it. I don't, but, I think it's going to be a lot more entailed than what.

Mike said but that would be my only problem with starting it, you wouldn't want a non-commissioner finishing it after the first of the year.

Meeks said I think this is going to go for, we're looking 6 to 12 months.

Gary Friend said I suggested the possibility of one of you or Gary doing this part of it and Meeks concern was doing it into next year. Because I was thinking somehow, they wanted it done during the day during courthouse operation hours, and I just couldn't commit to that. If it could be done during this year, then you may.

Mike said so one of us could represent you until the end of the year and then you take over. What do you think about that, Meeks?

Meeks said that's fine.

Gary Friend said that'll work.

Mike said I don't have a problem doing that. Want to split up Gary?

Gary Friend said I'll make a motion that Mike represents the commissioners on the handbook committee through the remainder of this year.

Meeks said okay. I hope to get it done. She seemed to think we could. I just don't have every confidence we're going to get that done in that amount of time.

Mike said want to see where it takes us?

Gary Friend said yep.

Mike said was there anything else?

Gary Friend said everything else on that salary committee as we come forward is, we probably ought to, do we want to make a motion or do we just want a consensus we'll do it?

Meeks said I'll just email you when we get a, I'll talk to the council tomorrow, and then we'll set the time with Irwin.

Gary Friend said they need us to approve continuing though, don't they, as a, consensus?

Meeks said I only need one person for the committee.

Gary Friend said no, I mean to take the list and go.

Meeks said the salary.

Laura said the changes to that from the salary study committee.

Meeks said the benefit parts that you guys would need to vote for, and that would be the extra week.

Gary Friend said but I think, I thought you ask me in a meeting if I thought the commissioners would approve continuing on. My question is does that approval need a motion of a consensus.

Meeks said I think you can do a motion.

Gary Girton said and move forward with it.

Gary Friend said with the plan?

Laura said the list that Gary gave with the 9 points and the only thing they took off was the hour-paid lunch, 40-hours

Meeks said yeah. Part of that would be benefit and part of that would be council. You guys could approve, and then recommend the rest of it to council. Probably do a vote on that. That would be cleaner.

Mike said okay.

Gary Friend said I'll make that motion.

Mike said and that's one we looked at before?

Gary Friend said yes. With the proposed changes. It's going to be up to the council and Wage and hours will go to council.

Mike said so this is the one that basically, paid sick and personal time off are going to be combined.

Gary Friend said correct, correct. They want to do vacation separate.

Mike said separate vacation. No comp time, overtime paid 1 ½ times. And we're striking number two. We'll let council decide on two, which is the paid lunch. Earned time is considered PTO in lieu of personal and sick.

Gary Friend said yep.

Mike said hours of work would be flexed by the direction of department heads and that would help with the overtime issue.

Gary Friend said yep.

Mike said hours of operations remain fixed as they currently are. All budgets to be developed to include overtime. All employees are non-exempt, only elected officials.

Gary Friend said you'll have to change that to exclude, elected officials are actually excluded.

Mike said 4 weeks' vacation after 15 years of service.

Gary Friend said yeah.

Mike said and, we've done that, so, do you want to look at this list, Gary?

Gary Girton said no, I heard you.



Mike said so, I think, other than all paid, all positions include paid lunch, other than that, these other, I guess there're really just 6 changes. We need to vote to approve those, to recommend those to council. I guess we approve them. We don't recommend those to council.

Meeks said part of it would be recommendation, part of it would be approval.

Mike said I need a motion to do that.

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

Meeks said it was very, she made a very good point that we want to keep vacation separate from paid time off. So, we would still have to benefit, we would have paid time off because vacation is when you accrue it, you earn it, you have a right to that.

Mike said right. Okay.

Gary Friend said one thing council will be addressing is the paid lunches in emergency services will have to be reviewed.

Gary Girton said what was that Gary? I couldn't hear that?

Gary Friend there are people who are getting paid lunch who are administrative, who are not directly in the line of emergency services. This could be EMT, sheriff's department, highway department, highway drivers would be considered out there through paid lunch. But those who are on paid lunch and the council will have the wage and hour on that, would not be able to leave their site with paid lunches because of the clock in, clock out rules for liability. That'll have to be reviewed by council to approve who got the paid lunch and who didn't, and the ones who are there are validly there and who's not.

Mike said okay. Have you got it?

Gary Girton said yes.

Mike said okay. Is that it?

Meeks said that was for those two. I did have one other thing. If you want to do that now, or at the end? It's up to you.

Mike said I'll do it later.

**Additional Appropriations:**

**Highway Wheel tax**

Road projects

\$700,000.00

**Highway MVH 1173**

Stone/Gravel	\$50,000.00
Bituminous materials	\$350,000.00

**Highway MVH 1176**

Stone/Gravel	\$410,000.00
Bituminous materials	\$100,000.00
Professional Services	\$5,000.00
Equipment rental	\$15,000.00

**Highway MVH 1176**

Repair trucks/tractors	\$27,000.00
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Mike said we're ready for Additional Appropriations. We have looks like 4 additional appropriations from the highway department. The first is \$700,000.00 from wheel tax, and the second is from MVH 1173 for stone and gravel for 50, bituminous materials for 350. The next is MVH 1176 for stone and gravel, bituminous materials, professional services and equipment rental for 410, 100, 5,000 and 15. And the last one is for 1176 for repair trucks and tractors for \$27,000.00. The gentlemen are here to talk about them.

Jay Long said got a couple. Can I pass these out to you guys?

Mike said sure.

Jay Long said this is for the last item \$27,000. Basically, on that first picture there, we started that before I took over. That building out there was parking for additional trucks. It didn't have any lights, had just open rafters. Everything we parked out there, every time you'd go to take it, you would have to pull out, clean off the windshields. On our DOT check on the vehicles, it was dark out there, no lights. We installed lights out there. People were trying to stand on a ladder or something to check oil, everything in the vehicles. So, it was more of a hazard, so what we did is we had the roof finished and had the lights put in. So, it gave us better parking and was able to use the trucks in a timely manner.

Mike said and hopefully that'll keep the birds out?

Jay Long said it has, trust me. That second picture is after, and believe me, you can go out there and you can get in any of them trucks and drive them out of there.

Mike said okay. Do you want to comment on any of the others?

Jay Long said a lot of the appropriations, I wasn't a part in doing out budget, things of that nature, so. These are things that we need to change the perspective of the highway moving forward to where rainy days and stuff, we're not just trying to pick up trash. We can haul stone, stock pile, a lot of other options for our guys to do. Obviously, 10 hours looking out a window at rain isn't fun for anybody.

Mike said do you like that 10-hour?

Jay Long said I like the 10-hours working, but I don't like the 10 hours staring at the rain.

Mike said some departments go 10 hours during the summer and 8 hours during the winter. So, 4 days during the summer and 5 days during the winter.

Jay Long said I think our 4-10s is a perk for a lot of our guys. It helps retain people too.

Mike said I always heard they get other jobs.

Jay Long said uh huh.

Mike said I was just curious.

Jay Long said yep, just trying to keep everybody happy.

Mike said okay. So, I'd entertain a motion to approve these 4 additional appropriations from the highway, from the various funds as presented.

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

Mike said anything else this morning?

Jay Long said uh, just give you a little update on our help. We got the banners out on the fence. We've had a lot of applicants. We got a guy starting tomorrow full time. We got 2 guys seasonal, that are actually going through classes for their CDL. So, eventually, we're going to be at the stage of moving somebody up into the operator lines and then we'll have one position open to hire after that.

Mike said good.

Jay Long said everything is on the up and up, so.

Mike said good, okay.

Gary Friend said and have a full staff, right?

Jay Long said yep. We're at, if everything works out right, we'll be one short, but we have had a couple guys apply that we haven't got to call to talk to. We're just trying to let the other pieces fall into place.

Nate Moore said and plus, we'll have a couple of part-time snow plow drivers on hand too if we need help in the winter. If somebody calls off, we won't have areas go untouched.



Mike said have you paved any roads?

Jay Long said no, we haven't.

Nate Moore said getting ready to start.

Mike said getting ready to do that?

Nate Moore said uh huh.

Jay Long said yep.

Nate Moore said finishing up the chip sealing, we have one day left of it, and then we'll be done for now.

Gary Friend said you spoke to me on what you're doing with the pug road like on 500 West?

Jay said yes. So, basically, we all know that that probably has some issues. It's moving, a lot of spots need fixed on that. We've kind of, we're trying to take care of our 500 East base road down to 200. We're going to, we're changing the pipes, obviously, trying to change all them. Then we're going to grind that road down, smooth it out, flatten it out, then we're going to pave that. Then we're going to transition over to 500. There're a lot of spots that need fixed before we put any pavement on that.

Nate Moore said on 500 West.

Jay Long said yeah, it's not ready at that stage.

Gary Friend said I think what we should, also makes sense, that particular problem would not have mattered with hot mix, it just wasn't properly prepared.

Jay Long said exactly, yes.

Gary Friend said pug didn't cause it to fail?

Jay Long said no.

Mike said okay. Anything else, highway department? Joe, you came back up. Anything you want to share?

Joe Copeland said Community Crossing matching grant, I filed to resurface of 800 East last week, so it's been submitted.

Mike said okay.

Joe Copeland said we'll see if we get it.

Mike said okay. Very good. Thank you.

**ARPA**

Building Maintenance Jail \$12,408.35

Mike said next two come from ARPA. One is the building maintenance for jail in the amount of \$12,408.35, and that is for the walk-in freezer repair. And, I'd entertain a motion to approve that additional appropriation.

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

**ARPA**

Farmland ambulance Bldg. \$435,000.00

Mike said the last one is for \$435,000.00 for the new Farmland ambulance depot for Thor Construction. 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.

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

Laura said no.

Mike said Laura does not. Meeks?

Meeks said yes. I was at the state fair and I ran into Dr. Howell and his farm lease is going to be up this year, and that's the field that I don't think we had Chris sign him up because it was already under a lease. I didn't know how you guys wanted to handle that. So, I thought I'd ask. Hire Chris if you want to do another, Phil seemed to think he'd be agreeable with doing another two-year deal. There's \$110.00 per acre, and I think it was about 4,700 bucks.

Gary Friend said I think we need to hire Chris. He's got our farm ground.

Mike said I think we'd keep it all together.

Gary Friend said yeah.

Meeks said I will shoot an email to Chris.

Mike said are you okay with that, Gary?

Gary Girton said somewhat, yeah, with that situation. I mean with, that's a little bit different, but I don't disagree.

Meeks said I will email Chris and have him contact Phil.

Mike said okay. Is that it?

Meeks said yep.

Mike said Gary Friend, do you have anything?

Gary Friend said no., thank you.

Mike said Gary Girton, do you have anything?

Gary Girton said no.

Meeks said I actually, sorry, Brad's here.

Mike said Brad's here. Come on up Brad.

Meeks said and stuff you sent me, a POA. I'm sorry.

Mike said that's alright. I don't have anything. Already took care of mine.

Meeks said I don't know who you wanted as POA, Brad.

Brad Mullen said I was understanding by talking with Duane, Duane is still part-time with us, and he was on the initial DA license with us, and he just asked if we could have Dalton step in for him. And I didn't know if we had to remove him and me and then reapply with it?

Meeks said well this says you're removing everybody and then you're reapplying. That's what this, the revocation at the bottom says.

Mike said I would think we'd only want one out there, wouldn't we?

Brad Mullen said well, the problem is, like when we order our drugs, we go over to Muncie and pick them up, I'm the only one that can pick them up. Dalton would be the other person I would like to put into the POA so, if I'm busy doing something, he could run over to Muncie and give both of us that opportunity to go over there and be able to pick them up. There's a DA form you have to fill out and it can all be sent out.

Mike said I thought there was an issue that you couldn't do that. Is that not an issue?

Brad Mullen said I can fill the form out and pick the drugs up.

Mike said okay, you just can't apply for them?

Brad Mullen said I cannot give them to patients.

Mike said what do we need to do?

Meeks said you need to sign this Mike. He's examined it and I'm going to witness it after you sign. And then you need to sign these two approving, one is approving Brad and one's approving Dalton. But we need you guys to sign too.

Mike said so, you want me to revoke this?

Meeks said yeah, we revoke it then you do another one. And then you redo it for both of those guys.

Mike said okay.

Meeks said and then you'll want to sign on the top line of both of these sheets. Here's that one revoking it. If you want to sign this one right now, I can witness it. Sign that one Brad. Then you'll need to get Dalton to sign and we can witness. So, Dalton needs to come in and sign. You can give it to Laura and he can just come in and sign.

Laura said he can just stop by my office and sign. Once I get them all signed, I'll, do you want the others first, or do you want me to wait until you have all three of them?

Meeks said the all three of them. Don't send the one just revoking, it's going to be a mess.

Laura said okay.

Mike said anything else, Meeks?

Meeks said now I'm done.

**Citizen Comments (3 minutes)**

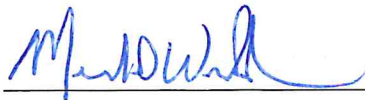
Mike said have any citizens here that would like to make comment this morning? Hearing none, I'd entertain a motion to adjourn.

**Adjournment**

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

Reviewed and signed this 19 day of August, 2024.

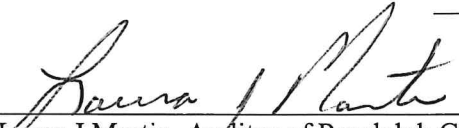
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