

Randolph County Commissioners

September 18, 2023

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

Michael Wickersham, President presided over the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Hazard Mitigation Plan Public Hearing

Mike said first item on the agenda is a public hearing for Hazard Mitigation Plan, and I'm going to open the public hearing and ask that Chris Shaneyfelt, our Homeland Security Director, as well as Troy Jester will make a presentation regarding our multi-hazardous mitigation plan update.

Troy Jester said okay. Good morning. Thank you. The presentation that you've got in front of you, you can see the multi-hazard mitigation plan dated 2022. The county is required to update that plan or this plan every five years. And FEMA, through the state of Indiana provides funding for that update to the plan. The county is required to do a certain amount of match funds to that. But they are able to, and Chris is able to justify and note the work completed, as well as time spent from each of the meetings that we've had, as well as this meeting, to show that the county is providing that match funding. So, that's where the funds come from for this plan. The plan, the main purpose of the plan is for local governments to update, develop their mitigations plans to meet the requirements of Title 44 in the Code of Federal Regulations, FEMA approval and for the eligibility for the county to receive mitigation assistance for some program funds. It also offers a practical approach for, and examples of how communities can and effectively plan to reduce long term effects from natural hazards as well as disasters and mitigate from those. So, our primary goals for the multi-hazardous mitigation plan is to protect the public safety and to prevent the loss of life of county residents, to reduce hard from existing and future developments, prevent damage to the communities' economic cultural and environmental aspects. The last mitigation plan was updated in 2016. So, this plan really looked at the 5-year span from 2018 to 2022. The list of mitigation strategies is what the planning team came up with. It's the attachment that you see in your packet. There are 4 pages of these. The county and Chris, and the planning team kind of ranked those in priority. But these are the strategies that Chris' office as well as some of the other towns and cities are going to work towards in the coming years to increase their level of preparedness, focused primarily on natural hazards. There are some manmade hazards, hazardous materials. The, page 3, down at the bottom, you can see the active aggression or active assailant threats that we have in the communities. And then, page 4, you can see where there are some civil unrests, cyber-terrorism, listed there as more of the manmade type of emergencies, disasters that we have to deal with as communities. And then the

natural, as you can see, the tornadoes, winter storms, wild land, or open land fires, flooding, droughts, severe storms. The plan also focuses and the part of the process focuses on the dams and the levies in the county. So, that's the list of the strategies. Any questions about the plan? I know that each of you had received it last week, but it's a fairly large document. We've been working a little over a year on the document. So, it's a lot to take in.

Mike said any questions, Gary?

Gary Girton said no, I don't.

Mike said Gary?

Gary Friend said no.

Mike said anyone from the public would like to speak to this plan or have a question regarding the plan? Yes. If you would, come up and state your name and write your name on this piece of paper here.

Beth Mullin said I just wanted to ask how often do you utilize this?

Mike said we need you to sign in.

Beth Mullin said Beth Mullin. I was just curious, how often is it utilized per year, let's say.

Troy Jester said from an operational perspective.

Chris Shaneyfelt said it's, the plan can be used throughout the year. It's, there are things in there like when it comes to the tornados and severe weather events, the communities are wanting to upgrade their tornadoes sirens and things like that, or purchase notifications platforms that can notify each community of events or hazards. So, it's not per say, you know, a one-time done. It can be used throughout the year, just depends on what we're trying to do. If you know, we've got properties that are in flood-prone areas, which we really don't, but if there are some, then you know, we could have strategies in there to look at purchasing property, so we're not constantly fixing up property that's in a flood zone and stuff like that. So, the biggest thing is just, you know, dealing with the inclement weather, the tornadoes, and then as we're looking with more increased violence and stuff like that, purchasing or working with law enforcement communities and our other first responders, make sure they've got the proper equipment to respond to those threats, and then keeping the public informed about those threats as well. So, it can be referred to often.

Mike said okay. Thank you, Beth. Anyone else like to speak to the plan or have a question? Okay, hearing, let the record show no one else is speaking. Anything to add, Troy or Chris?

Troy Jester said no.

Chris Shaneyfelt said no.

Mike said anything from the commissioners? I'll close the public hearing on the Randolph County multi-hazard mitigation plan update. And after we open the commissioners meeting, this is something we'll need to approve. So, we will approve it at that time.

Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan Public Hearing

Mike Said we have an unusual situation this morning. We have two public hearings. Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan, public hearing, which is prepared by Sherrie. Do you want to come

up? This is our Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan for 2024, which we update every year. And it has been updated?

Sherrie Timmons said yes.

Mike said anyone have any questions of Sherrie?

Gary Friend said no.

Gary Girton said no.

Mike said anyone from the public like to speak to the Randolph County Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan for 2024? It's basically, the same as last year's is it?

Sherrie Timmons said yes.

Mike said it meets all the federal and state requirements for a Non-discrimination plan?

Sherrie Timmons said yes.

Mike said anyone like to speak to that? Okay, hearing no one speak, let the record reflect that. Do you have anything else to add, Sherrie?

Sherrie Timmons said no.

Mike said gentlemen?

Gary Girton said no.

Gary Friend said no.

Mike said then I'll close the public hearing on the Randolph County Title VI Non-Discrimination plan for 2024. At this time, I'll call the meeting of the commissioners to order. And the first item on the agenda is to take action on the Randolph County multi-hazard mitigation plan updated 2022.

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

Mike said next item on the agenda is to take action on the Randolph County Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan for 2024. I'd entertain a motion to approve that plan.

Gary Girton made motion to approve the Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan as presented. Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Council's update

Mike said next item on the agenda is the council update. We have one council member here, Mr. Tom Chalfant.

Tom Chalfant said I really don't have anything to update unless you have some questions for me. Mike said I don't have any questions for council. Gary?

Gary Friend said no.

Gary Girton said no.

Mike said okay, well thanks for coming, Tom.

Duane Petry – Power of Attorney for DEA and Certifying Entity Data Collection form

Mike said next item is Duane Petry, Power of Attorney for the DEA and Certifying Entity Data Collection Form. If you don't mine, let's do this Certified Data Collection Form first so we can get that out of our inboxes. We've been going back and forth quite a bit. This is for the annual government ambulance provider reporting requirements, correct?

Duane Petry said yes.

Mike said and our representative on that is Myers and Stauffer?

Duane Petry said Rooney and Company is the one that does the, fills it all out for us, and it goes into Myers and Stauffer for medication.

Mike said and this is drawn for my signature?

Duane Petry said for the authorized person is you, and then she's got me down as, for the preparer.

Mike said okay. And it indicates that we have spent expenditures eligible for federal financing participation in the amount of \$18,233, and Medicaid of \$13,102 and some change, and then we've received appropriation during the reporting period of \$808,527.00. And this reporting period is from July 1st, 2022, to June 30th, 2023, is that correct?

Duane Petry said yes.

Mike said we need to approve this non-state government owned operated ambulance provider certification.

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

Mike said the next item is the Power of Attorney for the DEA?

Duane Petry said yes.

Mike said do you want to tell us what this is about?

Duane Petry said up until about a year ago, we were using Dr. Kornilow as our medical director. We were using his DEA license.

Mike said we have a notice of revocation. So that'll stay with the auditor's office. So, I'd entertain a motion to approve the power of attorney for DEA forms 222 and electronic orders for Duane and Brad.

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

Mike said Meeks do you want to be a witness?

Meeks said you guys can date them.

Mike said anything else this morning?

Duane said the other thing, just to keep in the back of your mind, on the load system for the ambulances, the one we had bought, for the one that's ordered, and now is going to be delivered maybe in December of 24, we used that load system in that first. So, sometime, we're going to have to get another one ordered.

Mike said what's the lead time on our load system? December of 24 seems pretty quick to me for that ambulance. I didn't think it was going to be that early.

Duane Petry said no, this last time, it was going to be June of 24. Now, it's back to December 24. I'll check with Striker and see what they say the lead time was. I think it was two or three months, last time I checked. I'll check.

Mike said we're going to have to buy one.

Duane Petry said yeah, just so you guy's have got that in your head.

Mike said probably want to buy it, probably, after the first of the year and then if we want to use ARPA funds.

Duane Petry said I'll try to get a ball park price and see what the lead time is on it. I think that's it then.

Mike said okay. Thank you.

Duane Petry said alright, thanks.

Bob McCoy – Winchester Animal Control contract

Mike said Mayor Bob McCoy, Winchester Animal Control contract.

Bob McCoy said did everybody get a copy of the contract? Mike?

Mike said I did.

Bob said and did you get the other information as well? So, just everything in red is, kind of changes. Something we did run into was there was some confusion as to what our services cover when it comes to incorporated cities, Union City, so we clarified that in there. And we will enter into separate contracts with them to provide animal care. Other thing, city will determine scheduling and best practices. I mean the goal is to keep it open per contract 5 days a week, 8

a.m. to 5 p.m. but, depending on circumstances. I mean we may be, somebody may be called out, just a variety of things happen with animal control.

Meeks said do you have a copy of it?

Art Moystner said can I see a copy of that?

Mike said so the past three years, the average I guess, 57 were retrieved from the county?

Bob McCoy said yes.

Mike said is that one year, is that two years, three years?

Bob McCoy said that's last year. It was this year to the day.

Aaron Ore said from January 1 to present. Actually, as of this morning, it was 62 dogs that we've taken from the county so far.

Mike said those are outside of Losantville, and Modoc and Union City, Ridgeville, Saratoga?

Aaron Ore said yes.

Bob McCoy said and obviously, I've got the budgets for animal control as well as the LOIT budget, which the LOIT budget, Aaron's paid out of our LOIT budget, and I kind of fed all of those numbers there and you know, we've got to operate, no matter what we're doing, so those costs are pretty much fixed. But, I just kind of tried to throw together everything as far as expenses, and something they did change in 21 of July, is we're required to do the state neuter, heart worm, vet check, and all that before we can adopt out an animal. And something I didn't put in there, there's been times where you're overloaded where we have to make a phone call, and sometimes Ft. Wayne?

Aaron Ore said yes, Ft. Wayne. Humane Ft. Wayne will sometimes come and pull dogs from us if we get overcrowded, which we've faced overcrowding a lot this year.

Mike said 16 is not very many.

Bob McCoy said no, so the goal is to construct additional space. And that's the plan overall so we can actually house what we're taking in. Just the expenses to maintain the shelter, staffing, insurance and I didn't even include gas. We're at \$2,384.00 worth of fuel this year alone.

Mike said so, of the 57, are you going out and picking all those up?

Aaron Ore said no, that's what they bring to us from the county.

Mike said okay. The sheriff's department brings them in or people bring them in?

Aaron Ore said people bring them in.

Art Moystner said the people bring those in. We don't have the ability to transport.

Mike said okay. I didn't think so. So, have we called you to go out and pick them up?

Aaron Ore said there's been a couple occasions. I can count on one hand what I've been called out for to the county.

Mike said but that process will continue under this contract?

Aaron Ore said yes.

Bob McCoy said we should have got this to you probably before budget time, but it, kind of snuck up on us. And I put down 60 days as an average for us to hold a dog. I think it actually, is probably a lot longer when it comes down to it.

Gary Friend said it's a no kill shelter?

Aaron Ore said yes.

Bob McCoy said like I said, if we get overloaded, we do make phone calls to see if we can, Ft. Wayne will take them or have adoption events, or things like that. But, the biggest thing is we're not set up to take on that many dogs. And I don't know what it was prior years, whether it's continued to grow every year, but it's getting to be where we're going to have to add on, no matter.

Gary Friend said what will that move your occupancy for dogs up?

Aaron Ore said hopefully, with the new construction, we'll be able to help approximately 40 dogs comfortably, is what we're shooting for. So, and then that will also give us a quarantine area, which, you know, right now, we're not set up or equipped to quarantine dogs, whether it be bite cases, or dogs that come in because technically, we should be quarantining any dog that comes in to monitor for any illness, such as parvo or anything like that.

Gary Friend said and you are going to build this?

Bob McCoy said yeah, that's the plan, and I think we do have some money set aside that we can get it started. But, of course, part of this with county's assistance and the contract, and going after the other municipalities, if they want contract, then that will actually add to that fund. And, but we're already, basically, sketched it out, and got a quote, so, that's the plan.

Mike said well we've got a couple of months here to make this decision, and give us an opportunity to take a look at it, and if the sheriff wants to comment on it, the attorney comment on it, and you're going to have to take it to council anyway to get the money to cover it.

Bob McCoy said you did get a copy of the fees, right?

Mike said yeah.

Bob McCoy said and we just raised the fee. So, it's getting where it's kind of a balance, if we go too high, then we're never going to adopt a dog out. I mean, that's what we get into, but we are very competitive with, don't want to say competitive, but we are right in line with a lot of other communities as far as adoption fees. It's just getting to the point where the expenses to take a dog in, daily expenses as well as everything we're required by the state to, the shots and everything else, to adopt them out, that it's just an expensive thing to do.

Gary Friend said our expenses have gone up, I'm trying to find, \$19,000 a year, 45 to 64, is that right?

Mike said 61 I think.

Gary Friend said 61. I'm looking for it here. I read it somewhere.

Aaron Ore said 65 isn't it?

Gary Girton said 65.

Bob McCoy said oh, yes. And I can, I may have sent it to Art, I can send you guys the budget for animal control, as well as what comes out of LOIT. I'll send you the LOIT budget and the animal control budget. The animal control budget just pays, basically, for a part-time employee, which works 30 hours a week.

Aaron Ore said 32 hours a week.

Bob McCoy said but you know, we've got just expenses in general, that budget itself, well it's showing, \$55,000, just for that budget. And then Aaron's wages come out of the LOIT budget. And again, you know, no matter what, we have to operate, it's going to cost a minimum amount of money every year to operate the shelter.

Gary Friend said this is a three-year contract?

Bob McCoy said exactly. And what I'm getting out of a lot of other communities, Richmond contacted us, last year?

Aaron Ore said last year.

Bob McCoy said they're running into problems. And you know, we looked at it, but it would have been crazy for us to enter into a contract with Richmond already being overwhelmed with what we've got going on. But, we would have had to definitely, build on and it would have been, it would have been crazy to enter into a contract with them.

Gary Friend said I think what Mike said, you have to get the council to approve additional appropriation from the Commissioner's budget for that. But I think it's a good idea

Mike said it worked pretty well I think.

Gary Friend said yeah, I do too. I liked it so.

Art Moystner said we've worked well together over the last three years, absolutely. I think we've had one hiccup in the process of the whole thing over the last three years. We kind of worked through that, and figured out some things on our own.

Mike said I'm going to ask how you're handling the incorporated cities now and towns, how is that working?

Bob McCoy said we, well right now, we're not. I mean, we've told Union City that you know, you have an area to keep your dogs, you keep your dogs. We're not going over there and getting, we're not doing it for any of them. And yeah, I mean, we've been asked, but, if they want our services, then we'll turn it into a contract.

Mike said that's not the county's responsibility is it?

Meeks said no, not, Union City is Union City's.

Bob McCoy said the one question that did come up, can our fees apply to, we pick up a dog in the county, or a county dog is brought in, and somebody comes back and says hey, that's my dog, I want it back, can we charge them?

Aaron Ore said the release fees.

Bob McCoy said the release fees under our ordinance?

Meeks said yes.

Mike said I would think so.

Bob McCoy said okay. I just wanted to make sure that if it ever comes up as a, an issue, say hey, you guys you're a city shelter, not county shelter.

Meeks said it doesn't matter. You can charge those fees.

Bob McCoy said okay.

Gary Friend said any incorporated town will have in their budget, taking care of their own animals.

Bob McCoy said yeah.

Gary Friend said they can contract those.

Bob McCoy said yeah.

Gary Friend said and it needs to be clear, because it came up controversy, a couple times.

Mike said so, really the earliest we'll be able to approve this would be the first meeting in November, because we don't want to sign this contract when we haven't looked.

Bob McCoy said well like I said we tried to get it done quicker, but we just got overwhelmed with everything else.

Mike said okay.

Bob McCoy said but, any other questions, get with me, get with Aaron or Mike, and we'll get you any information you need. And just like I said, I tried to throw together all the numbers that I could possibly put together.

Gary Friend said I don't need anymore. I like the way we do this, who's the vet that you use?

Aaron Ore said so right now, I use Doc Bader, up in Portland. That's primarily because he's gave us the best deal to get dogs spayed and neutered, whereas, I've reached out to other vets around the area, and they were upwards of 2 to \$300.00 to get everything done.

Gary Friend said and this is State law that you have to spay and neuter

Aaron Ore said yes. As of July 1st of 2021.

Gary Friend said there's no way around that?

Aaron Ore said no, we can't get around that.

Bob McCoy said and Linda Wilcox in Union City, Judge Wilcox has been really good at helping us out with some stuff. And so, she's even found homes.

Aaron Ore said yes.

Bob McCoy said and actually put people that are for community service, has sent them to the shelter to help. So, that's been good, and good relationship with them as far as that's concerned.

Mike Burk said we have to take in consideration the safety and the health of the animals that are there too. In the past, it's been nothing to do after hours, drop off, but we had a pretty serious episode in November of parvo. So, we had to train, change our bio hazard. We had to change our procedures to make sure that when we have an animal that comes in, first thing they're going to get is a parvo shot.

Gary Friend said so, it's dogs and cats, I understand all that, but you could get a wild animal in a garage and get a call, a possum, what do you do?

Aaron Ore said so usually, we just tell them to call like an exterminator company. There're a couple in Richmond, a couple in Muncie.

Gary Friend said you'd do that for the county too, you say hey. If you could get a call from the county, well, got a raccoon in my house, what are we going to do?

Aaron Ore said right.

Bob McCoy said they're, and you've took out traps for people though.

Aaron Ore said yeah, we've taken traps out. I mean, we're not going to go in the house and you know, try to get it, but, you know, if they want to set the trap in the house, they're welcome to, and then.

Gary Friend said I guess really my question is, if a county call comes in like that, do you even respond to tell them what to do, how to get, as part of the contract?

Aaron Ore said well, I mean, if a call came in I would, I mean, I would go out and assist any way I could, whether it be, take a trap to them or you know, give them guidance in to call an exterminating company to come in and try to remove it.

Gary Friend said okay.

Bob McCoy said and we did make sure we were clear on farm animals. We don't want to get into any horse situation anymore. Although, if something doe come up, Aaron is real familiar with horses. I mean, again, his expertise in that, he could, you know, advice-wise, yes, but we're not equipped to house them.

Gary Friend said chickens come up once-in-a-while.

Bob McCoy said well yeah, and we're talking about chickens right now in town. But it seems to be a common thing, people wanting to have chickens.

Mike said any other questions for the mayor?

Gary Friend said I do not.

Gary Girton said I've just been pleased with the cooperation we've had, and how well it's worked. I've had zero complaints since you've taken it over. Prior to that I had numerous calls and I think from talking to two or three of the veterinarians in this community, they're pleased with the way you people are handling the situation.

Mike said so, we'll ask for additional funds from the council the first meeting in October, then revisit this our second meeting in October.

Bob McCoy said okay. Thank you.

Mike said thank you.

Charity Cox – Wedding venue update

Mike said Charity Cox, wedding venue update. Morning Charity. I saw you putting in drainage hose the other morning.

Charity Cox said yeah, our water line's in finally.

Mike said update on the wedding venue.

Charity Cox said yes. Yes, so, I wanted to come back and just of update everybody and to see where we're at. I did take some videos that you guys can see what it looks like. I took them this morning. Drywall is up, it's getting mudded and sanded by Wednesday, today and Wednesday. Then we have painters coming in and then after that, concrete gets stained and finished. We're hoping to have it be done by October 1st. We're having all of our friends and family come in that weekend, and kind of move furniture in, hang mirrors and things like that. We're hoping October 7th or the 14th to have a big open house for the community to come in and see it. So, we're super, super close to the end, especially on the inside. The outside, we're still working on getting it soil conditioned so it can be seeded. We are hydroseeding that, this fall, at some point, whenever it's done. Burton just has a couple more loads. He said he has about three days of, loads of trash and junk, and dirt being hauled out. But other than that, we have our septic in, our water lines in, our county tile is in, our drainage system is in. So, we're super, super, super close. And I just wanted to come back and give an update to let you know that we're close and we wanted to come back and thank you guys for the city septic, the support for that, and drainage board for the support for the drainage, county tile. I did want to kind of let you guys know that we do have 11 events, 11 weddings booked for next year. I have two showings tonight, and I have a signing tonight, so, that is just, and when I say booked, that means deposit paid, contract signed. We are doing the Randolph County Foundation, and the Randolph County United Business galas in November. We have two Christmas parties also this December. We are doing the Winchester prom as well. We were able to work with them. I've contacted all the other county schools to see if we could get their prom, and I don't know if they have a contract with wherever they're at, but none of them have reached back out other than Winchester.

Mike said well good. I've heard a lot of nice comments about how it looks so much better out there.

Charity Cox said yes. I'm sure you are going to love it too. We've had lots of hiccups. It seems like every step we go, there's been hiccups, lots of different things. I do have a preferred vendors list with 14 different vendors on it that every bride or anybody that books with us, and these are all Randolph County vendors. We wanted it to stay local like we said. So, all of these people are from Randolph County. I do have videos and I've got pictures. Our big thing is, we

have Junior's Bar Lounge and I don't know if you guys know this, but we named it after William Burton, Juniors, because he sold us some property. And so, that's a little thing. We did get ten sponsors from the community for our specialty drinks. We are just floored with the support of the community, like when we took those to people, we were like oh, maybe people would want to do that, maybe they wouldn't. And every person that we asked, and we had more people waiting, but we stopped at ten. We have more people that want to support us, and want to have a sponsored drink, but we stopped it at ten, and we're just so overwhelmed with gratitude from the community for the support that we've gotten for this.

Mike said okay. Any questions for Charity?

Gary Girton said it's certainly an improvement.

Charity Cox said yeah, I'd love to show you guys this video.

Mike said well it looks beautiful on the outside. As I said, they've cleaned that junk yard up tremendously.

Charity Cox said we are very excited to get everything going here. It's nerve racking because luckily, we're working with Brittany Armstrong. She's our interior designer, because I didn't know there were so many colors of white you could pick from. And so, we're excited, nerve racking in the last month, because there're a lot of big decisions that we're making like colors of paint and things like that. But we do want to come back and give you guys an update and tell you how things are.

Mike said well we're approving your claim later this morning, so, if you want to stick around and hear us approve that.

Charity Cox said I'll be here. Thank you.

Chris Shaneyfelt – Personnel issues

Mike said I asked Chris to share his personnel issues with us.

Chris Shaneyfelt said okay, so, I don't remember what number we were at last time I came and spoke with you.

Mike said it wasn't up. I know that.

Chris Shaneyfelt said no, two or three down. In the last week, I brought back a former employee and she's already started. She'd been out of the job for a couple of years. She's doing fine. I mean, she's pretty much picked up right where she was at. We just have to go through the process of getting her recertified and everything. One of our, well the only part-time person we had, has decided to go ahead and go full time with us, and I think the decision for that was the pay raise that we got that will be coming up next year.

Mike said well that's good.

Chris Shaneyfelt said and then I've got a third person that I offered employment to last week. She's accepted. She's done all of her paperwork and stuff. We're just waiting on her background check to clear with the county. As far as background checks with us, she's passed all that so. However, with hiring those three, I don't know if it was last week or the week before, the one young lady that came and visit you at the last commissioner's meeting, she gave me a 12-hour notice and quit. So, she's no longer employed with us. And then Tuesday or Wednesday of last week, Lindsey turned in her resignation. Lindsey is my deputy director. She is leaving to go to be employed by the State of Indiana, primary reason there is she'll be jumped up to \$47,000 in pay, and weekends off, Monday through Friday. The only exceptions to her weekends off would be the shift she's on call.

Mike said what was she making here?

Chris Shaneyfelt said see line staff right now is making 35 something, so she would be making about 38, right in that neck of the woods. So, about a \$9,000.00 pay raise. So, if the math in my head is right, I'm still down two full time employees. Lindsey is staying with us until the 28th. So that means I've got to replace a deputy director. I've got two supervisor positions that are open. With most of my staff being new, it's kind of tough to put people in supervisor positions. The few that I do that have the age and the time and service and stuff like that, they don't want it.

Mike said so, how can we help you?

Chris Shaneyfelt said well, I mean the council did a good job by getting us up with that 14% pay raise. I'm hoping that's going to help us some. It may require more. My concern, to a certain degree is with all the time that I'm spending in dispatch, I'm not getting much done on the EMA side. If I am doing stuff on the EMA side, it's while I'm in dispatch, and trying to do stuff in between calls. So, I'd mentioned this to the council that we might need to look at getting a part-time EMA, as well, just to do a lot of the meetings that I can't get to or help with writing plans and such like that.

Mike said well that's a, sounds like a solution.

Chris Shaneyfelt said yeah, something else I wanted to bring up to you. I've tried twice now to get out for vacation. I can't get it done. My vacation rollover date is the 15th of October. Right now, I'm still sitting at 64 hours of vacation time that I can't get burned. I was going to try to do it the first of October. Now with Lindsey quitting, that kills that. So, I would like to be able to bank those, and hope that somewhere along the line, I'll get this figures out and be able to burn some vacation. And then the last thing that I kind of want to talk to you about, Union School Corporation, and I believe it's Blue River that's over in Henry County, there on 36, they are doing with the, a lot of the schools are trying to do more tech-related things, their school corporations are, they've created a curriculum, and they've hired a teacher to begin training people to serve in the 911 community. And that teacher has reached out to me. He's going to have his students that are going to be going through a public safety telecommunicator training course, which is one of the things that, one of the first classes we have to do when we hire people. But he's wanting to intern people with us, so that they can come in and see how the

center works, and then maybe help in some point for the time that they're there for that classroom activities. So, as far as our end goes, it would be tough to do a lot of things with them because of the amount of time it takes to train somebody. But if they've got their PST certification, then we can make them call takers where they would be answering calls on the non-emergency lines, taking routine calls. I mean, they may occasionally get an emergency call, but we would work with them to get them trained so that they can get the information that we need to do call taking. And then we would.

Mike said then if they got an emergency, they would have a procedure to follow to hand that off.

Chris Shaneyfelt said yeah and there would still be the two people in the room that, at a minimum, that would be able to do it. But, I've never dealt with interns, so I didn't, I just figured I'd come to you guys and get permission, and then whatever we have to do as far as the legalities of the interns. I'm willing to do that.

Mike said the only thing I would recommend is make sure you discuss it with your staff because sometimes they can be more trouble than they're worth.

Chris Shaneyfelt said yes. Most of our staff right now, the ones that are there, they're thinking that any, if we can get people interested in it, we may be able to get somebody hired out of it. They're all for it.

Mike said you have a problem with it?

Gary Friend said no, I don't.

Mike said Gary?

Gary Girton said sounds like a good idea to me. I think we've got to do something to move forward to try to get some employees coming in to fill these spots, because we can't, and you're not alone.

Chris Shaneyfelt said no, no, we're not alone.

Gary Girton said Randolph County is not alone by any means.

Chris Shaneyfelt said no, we're not. It's a problem statewide.

Gary Girton said I just read a report that Wayne County and the state get 80% on the negative side.

Chris Shaneyfelt said is that the report that I sent to you guys from State 911 board?

Gary Girton said yes.

Chris Shaneyfelt said yeah, yeah, there's several counties that are hurting. The pay increase, I think, is going to help, but beyond that, how to get more people in there, I'm not for sure. It's just, we're working on it. I've got, we did hire an additional part-time person and Lindsey plans on staying, so, that'll give us two part-timers that we might be able to cover some shifts with.

Mike said the sheriff's got a comment.

Art Moystner said one of the things I was going to suggest in the short term, and Chris and I talk a lot, being in the same building, and you know, I'd struggled with this in the jail for a while, we're full now, he's struggling in dispatch. And one of the, one of the issues that he's having, and we'd talked about, we'd talked it at the 911 advisory board meeting, is some of the openings he has when the people are taking off, he doesn't have the part-time personnel to fill in, so you have full-time personnel filling in for this. And he's in a never-ending battle with comp time to where if somebody takes a 12-hour shift, somebody else is working that, so he's giving out 18 hours in comp because we don't have the time and a half, I'm not sure if it would be feasible for you guys, with the openings he has and some of the salary that might still be sitting in that budget, whether it's something that some of these shifts for people that are trying to take vacation or take some of that time, whether you could offer people to sign up to fill in for the shift that are full time. Obviously, if they do that, it would be a paid at time and a half in a short-term basis, to fill some of those shifts. I'm not sure if that's something, because he's having problems getting people. His people are starting to get burnt out.

Chris Shaneyfelt said that is the reason why the young lady that came and visited you guys, that's why she left. We could not get her shifts filled. You know, and the girl that left us and went to Delaware County, she said it just felt like she was working for free because they just keep running comp time, but we can't get them out.

Art Moystner said and I wasn't sure if it was something that you can do in a short-term as a benefit, that if you're signing up to fill a shift so somebody can take off, and you're working that extra shift, that possibly pay that at time and a half for those 12 hours as opposed to comp time. Again, for the short term, until he gets people trained up in filling those positions, but right now, the ones that he's hiring have to go through the training and the certification, and they can't sit a chair by themselves. So, that's a hole you have to fill.

Chris Shaneyfelt said that young lade that left, I'm paying her out over 330 hours of comp that was on the books.

Mike said well and we've, I mean, it's been discussed here, been discussed at council several times, that paying overtime would eliminate comp time for a lot of departments.

Art Moystner said it would. It would. I just, I'm curious whether in the short time, there was a financial benefit for somebody to cover a shift so somebody's taking their vacation, because right now, they're probably all sitting high enough on their comp, by county policy, they can't take their vacation until they get down, and they can't get that number down because there's nobody to work. So, I don't know if that's something that the commissioners would consider,

then obviously, he would have to go to the council, because that would be a pay issue. But that might be a short-term fix that Chris and I had discussed that would maybe help him fill some of his open shifts.

Gary Friend said often times, and I agree, I mean, commissioners can authorize comp time pay down. We could do it a biweekly basis instead of you know, to help, but often times, it's not that, that stops you, it's the burn out.

Chris Shaneyfelt said no, they don't, and that's, I've got a lot of people that are teetering on the edge, especially my older people that have been there and they're just tired. And they don't care about the comp time. They really don't.

Mike said it may not fix it, but the money is not going to hurt them.

Gary Friend said no, it won't hurt them.

Mike said may help somebody, I don't know how we're going to.

Chris Shaneyfelt said yeah, there are some people that have said that if they paid overtime, they would more likely take it because it's helping them financially. And like he says, I mean, you'd have to get somebody to come in and work, we're basically giving somebody 18 hours of comp for that 12-hour shift. It's a never-ending cycle I can't, it's too hard to break right now.

Gary Friend said I guess my point on that is if we changed certain procedures, that would be just pay down comp time with, if we give them time and a half pay.

Mike said I don't know how we do that.

Gary Friend said I don't either. We can pay comp down every two weeks when we meet and see where he's at on having help, if that will help. Will paying down comp time now help you?

Chris Shaneyfelt said well, yeah. I think most of my staff is, I think I've got one, maybe two people that are at 200 hours. Everybody else is within a 150-hour time frame that we already established as being acceptable. So, there would be some that we could pay down. The biggest one I had, like I said, she just quit. So, I don't have, she's getting paid out with that and her vacation time and stuff, so. I would have to go back and look and see if we have anybody else that's over 200 hours, but there's just a couple.

Gary Friend said can you bring us in two weeks a pay down schedule.

Chris Shaneyfelt said yeah, I'd have to do those comp sheets every two weeks when we do payroll.

Gary Friend said and beyond that, what else can we do to help you hire people? I know the sheriff's struggled for years with the jail and the kitchen.

Art Moystner said a couple of years, yes.

Gary Friend said third partying out the kitchen help, which is a big relief.

Chris Shaneyfelt said yeah. I've been looking at a lot of the discussion boards and things like that. I've seen some stuff this morning from a threat over the weekend where some places are, saying these are the hours that aren't covered, whoever wants to work these shifts, work that shift, making these more flexible shifts instead of set 12-hour shifts. Then some places say that seems to work well. I'm really leery of having contract dispatchers for some reason. You know, they're similar to contract nurses. I mean, they would have the certifications and stuff, but we're still going to have to get them trained on our systems and stuff like that.

Gary Friend said and what's the certifications look like? A new employee, to sit alone.

Chris Shaneyfelt said a new employee, right, to sit alone under the State requirements, they have to have PST1, which is Public Safety Telecommunicator One. That's the first thing they have to have.

Gary Friend said how much time is there?

Chris Shaneyfelt said that's 40 hours.

Gary Friend said okay.

Chris Shaneyfelt said then.

Gary Friend said job training 40?

Chris Shaneyfelt said job training?

Gary Friend said are those on the job 40, or is that actual extra schooling 40?

Chris Shaneyfelt said we try to make them do it while they're working, but they can't do it after hours, because it's not a classroom environment. It's online courses.

Gary Friend said if they do it while they're working, they're being compensated?

Chris Shaneyfelt said yes.

Gary Friend said are we giving them comp hours for the time they're doing it at home?

Chris Shaneyfelt said we try not to because we've decided that they can do it there at work. Then there's the emergency medical dispatching where you try to get them to do second, and they have to have their CPR certs for that. And then there's fire service communications, law enforcement communications, and they have to be IDAX and NCIC certified as well. So, you're

looking at about 200 hours of classroom for those certifications and then the in the room training is about 460.

Gary Friend said so what the sheriff also deals with, if you get that training done, then they're free to take that training anywhere else, they go to work anywhere else?

Chris Shaneyfelt said oh yeah, those are national certifications. And the only thing that wouldn't transfer is if they decided to leave Indiana, then they would have to get certified in the NCIC in that state.

Gary Friend said my final question is what happens to a county when you can't staff PSAP

Chris Shaneyfelt said I've never had that issue. I hope not to have that issue, but I think the maximum that I can work people is 16 hours straight.

Gary Friend said what do we do when nobody is there to answer the phone? What's the, what's the contingency plan?

Chris Shaneyfelt said if there's not 911 people there, the 911 calls would roll over to Wayne County, and they would be answered, but then that information would be transferred up to us to dispatch them. But if I don't have people in that room to dispatch them, then we're going to have to find an alternative source to dispatch.

Gary Friend said I'm not foreseeing that. I just had in my mind, if I was asked, what if?

Chris Shaneyfelt said so like if we have a 911 failure, communications failure, whatever, our stuff is designated the 911 calls go to Wayne County Indiana. That's our secondary answering point. And the State of Indiana is also working with vendors, so that the MEVO backup ones that we have in case our computer screens crash, those are now being fixed so that we can start answering admin telephone calls on those MEVO phones as well. So, if we have a broadband outage here where we would lose our phones like we've had from time-to-time, then we would be able to work off of those MEVO phones which comes out of a different telephone hub. So, those are fine, but if we don't have the people in the room to dispatch officers and stuff like that, then we're going to have to, the county would have to look at outside agencies to do those tasks, which would be somewhere, Wayne, Jay. But I hope that we don't get that way.

Gary Friend said I was just curious.

Chris Shaneyfelt said but you know, like Gary referred to, there are some locations that are 80% understaffed and I mean the highest we've been is 30, so.

Mike said well what, I guess I've asked that question, I don't know how we so about paying overtime.

Meeks said you have to change, you have to change the salary ordinance. That's to come from the council. They'd have to appropriate it and then they'd have to.

Mike said as Gary said, we could, we could pay out comp?

Gary Friend said right.

Meeks said as long as you have the appropriations.

Chris Shaneyfelt said then you would just paid for doing that.

Mike said then I'd get 6 hours comp time, and then I would be paid that 6 hours comp time.

Meeks said aw man, we've talked about doing away with comp time since I've started, 14, 15 years ago. So, I think it's a good idea.

Chris Shaneyfelt said it's just a never-ending cycle of constantly trying to get rid of it.

Mike said if somebody has got 330 hours of comp time, it's somewhat of an incentive to quit.

Chris Shaneyfelt said yeah, yeah.

Mike said especially if they have another opportunity.

Gary Girton said that's right. There're opportunities.

Chris Shaneyfelt said yeah.

Meeks said well it's not like they didn't do the work, right?

Mike said I understand.

Meeks said that's why you should just pay them.

Mike said I'm just saying, if they're, if the money is paid to them as they earn it, and they spend it as we all typically, do, then they don't have a 330-hour bank of money to leave with.

Chris Shaneyfelt said yeah, that's right. And it's, I don't begrudge the girl. I mean, I would be totally upset like she was that, you know, I put in for this vacation, I can't get it covered, and especially when she's covering other people when they're sick and stuff like that. I mean, she didn't you know, just, miracle that comp time there, she worked for it and you know, she expected to get off. And so, I understand her quitting and leaving. But, I know that being paid overtime versus the comp time, this seems to be more of an incentive for the staff right now.

Mike said and we could do the same thing by being more prompt in paying comp time.

Gary Friend said yeah.

Mike said is what you're saying?

Gary Friend said yeah. We could have, work with council to set an appropriation fund in General to have the money set in there to not have to go through the month. What could we do for you right now though, Chris? I mean, we can approve the rollover vacation right now. What else?

Chris Shaneyfelt said come answer phones, learn how to dispatch.

Art Moystner said and one of the things that we could talk about at some point in time, it's not a short-term fix. But I don't think we've looked at employee benefits in the entire time I've been in here with regards to vacation and things of that nature, to make it more attractive to come work for Randolph County, because we've had the same thing. If we max out at 10 years, you max out at 3 weeks of vacation, and that might be something that we look at because I know there are a lot of people that are changing a lot of things with regards to that. That might be something that we need to talk about soon to see whether we can get that changed. But again, that's commissioners' issue, just a suggestion on my part.

Gary Friend said I know you're busy Chris. Can you come back in two weeks and give us an update?

Chris Shaneyfelt said as long as I've got the staffing, yes.

Gary Friend said I know you're right. I hear you on the scanner. I know, I know how busy it is.

Mike said is that a motion to roll over his vacation?

Gary Friend said yes, it is. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Chris Shaneyfelt said thank you. I'll do my best the next two weeks.

Gary Friend said okay. If not, I understand completely.

Charity Cox said I have a comment.

Mike said what's that comment? Go ahead.

Charity Cox said so I'm an ag teacher in the county or like the town where I work, there's two big factories. And I have met with those people, and I teach a credentials course. So, in 6th period I teach kids to get OSHA certified, they get floor pusher certified, they get CPR certified. So, that when the kids that aren't going to go to college and want to go to the workforce, after they graduate, they already have the credentials to go in so those factories don't have to train them for it. Maybe work with the high school, maybe get into credentialing course.

Mike said Union City tried a small enforcement EMS training program, and I don't know what the success of that is. Randolph County has welding and other, and evidently, Union is training up nursing.

Chris Shaneyfelt said Union City is also doing nursing now.

Mike said that is happening as we speak. I think it just, they have to find the person that has the credentials to do the job.

Charity Cox said I have to say my school over the summer I certified people to forklift and all of that done, so it takes time, but it's definitely worth it so those kids are more desirable for those companies because they have the experience already.

William Greer, Parker City funding request

Mike said okay. Have an agenda addition. William Greer from Parker City has requested to make a presentation regarding a proposal for additional park funding.

William Greer said good morning. William Greer, town council president, Parker City. Long time listener, first time caller.

Mike said I've seen you at EDIT meetings.

William Greer said yeah, yep. I guess I'm just, we've already got plans and funding for putting a substantial park in downtown. I got some land donated to us from a private citizen. The town lacks green space. But I got some land downtown, getting a free-standing large potential park and a shelter house. Have funding for all that. I have funding for all of that, like \$99,339.00. I've got all that budgeted, ready to roll. We wanted to add a concrete handicapped restroom right behind our library in the same area, downtown area. It's starting to grow into very nice community area. It's like, it's kind of breathing some life into our town. Like a lot of those other small towns starting to go the other way, we're kind of on the up trajectory in my opinion. It's great. I'm real excited about it. But we, my dreams have outgrown our budget somewhat, and I'm going to ask for an additional funding for phase 2 of our park in the downtown area of \$35,000.00 for a handicapped accessible restroom, toilet seat, etc. It would benefit our town greatly, and the downtown area. And then also, this is, looking to put a, we have a, our only green space we got, we really haven't, besides that one, has already been taken care of, is our, up by the ball diamond on the north side of town, where we have our smaller park. That's why I'm building this bigger part down town so smaller kids don't have to cross highway 32 to get to a park in town. They can just, kids in town get bored and they, the parents won't let them go across the highway, and they stay out of trouble in this park that I'm trying to build downtown. We've decided we need, trying to get a pavilion built for like a summer concert series. We do weddings there, any kind of function someone would want. For the pavilion there, I need \$13,000 for the pavilion and the foundation for that would be \$3,500 for a total cost of \$16,500 so that, so this is, I'm asking for additional funding for these projects I'd love to continue with and keep Parker in the right trajectory, which I believe is upward and onward.

Gary Friend said how much in total are you requesting?

William Greer said \$16,500 and \$35,000. \$51,500.

Mike said so the pavilion would be out where the baseball diamond is?

William Greer said yeah, the north end of our green space, kind of, I don't know if you're familiar with where are existing park is, kind of behind the veteran, our memorial flag pole.

Mike said I know where that is, yeah.

William Greer said the very north end of the big green space we have there. So, it would be kind of far away from the highway and any other residence, wouldn't be any noise problems for anyone out there. And we kind of feel a need for it because summer time events, and I've talked to other town councils and municipalities, is of the fair situations, in all these towns. Street fairs are starting to dwindle. Like it's hard to get a vendor. It's hard to get people to show up to them. Vendors want a \$20,000.00 guarantee of funds. Whether they make it or now, they want us to you know, pony up the rest if they don't make their quota of money that they want to make. And like the Blue Bird days of Selma had that problem. Farmland's was kind of, and our fair didn't happen this year. So, I was thinking we could start some kind of a, on our own, like we could get like food trucks there and create our own events up there. And we have a solar eclipse is coming on April 8th. We're planning a big event then, so I was hoping to get that construction. I got everybody ready to roll on the construction of everything. The parks coming in, the structure is coming into downtown already in November.

Mike said where is that located?

William Greer said it's down on Washington Street and Fulton Street, Main Street. It's going to be on, we have a library on Main and right behind the library, by the big United Methodist Church right there on Washington and Main. If you're familiar with Parker, it's a big red brick church right downtown. Pretty much the town has control of that entire block area now, who owns it, so, we're really going to make that a community based, it's our base right there.

Mike said for that you would, you're seeking funding for the restroom?

William Greer said the restroom for there, yeah. I've got \$99,000.00 already, that's already, I've got everything taken care of that. Just waiting for the vendor to come to the construction of that which is November the 6th is the last date that I've got for the construction of the park downtown, our main park downtown. And this pavilion, I'm hoping it will have future, Summer-type events for, I don't foresee, I'm hoping to work with the fair vendor again. But it seems I guess, I don't know if that's a dying thing in these small towns, a fair, the street fairs and things, I'm trying to create something different.

Mike said so, do you have plans for the pavilion as far as engineered drawings?

William Greer said I do not have, I mean, I've got plans.

Mike said I don't need to see them. I'm just curious. Are you ready to go on this? Is this a project for next year?

William Greer said I can pull the trigger as soon as, if you guys, we could pull the trigger on it next week. I mean, I could at least get them.

Gary Friend said where is the pavilion again?

William Greer said where is?

Gary Friend said where would the pavilion be?

William Greer said north of the ball diamond. It's just north of 32 in Parker. And it would be back in the back of our green space. We have like, we have lawn seating. There's plenty of parking there.

Gary Friend said is this east of the ball diamond?

William Greer said it would be east and north, yeah. East of there.

Gary Friend said I got you. The flag pole's there?

William Greer said yeah, right behind the flag pole to the east of that, to the very back of this back corner back there. There's a, I'm not sure how many acres it is, but it's a pretty good chunk of land back there.

Mike said when do you expect the park to be done downtown?

William Greer said that's going to, they start construction on that November 6th. I'm meeting with the foreman, general foreman of the project on October 6th, and then we're just waiting for the product to get made. We ordered it about six, seven months ago. The lead time is coming out of Cleveland. A lot of it's a professional park with zip lines and three different slides, and it's going to be, and a couple of swing bays.

Gary Friend said so, it's a \$151,000.00 project. You've already got a 100,000 of it covered?

William Greer said correct.

Mike said any questions, Gary?

Gary Girton said no. I been kind of following it a little bit.

William Greer said you've been to a few of our meetings.

Gary Girton said yeah.

Gary Friend said is this something that you could take a loan from Randolph, from us against your \$10,000.00 a year of EDIT plan that we give you?

William Greer said I wasn't aware of that, to be a possibility.

Gary Friend said but we have, like with Union City, we have with Ridgeville, loaned them advance on their \$10,000.00 a year that the county gives them, no interest, just a loan.

William Greer said oh.

Gary Friend said go ahead Mike.

Mike said I was just going to say I'm not sure. I mean, this almost looks like a project for 2024. This one's not going to start until November. Are you going to do both at the same time?

William Greer said yes. Actually, the builder for the concrete foundation is the same guy. So, we were hoping to do both slabs at the same time.

Gary Friend said I want them to get a park. There's no doubt about.

Mike said we helped Parker once with Windfarm funding, initial round. This could be a second round at least for the park portion. And I wouldn't be opposed to that.

Gary Friend said neither would I. And that would just be a forgivable loan.

William Greer said that would be great.

Mike said that would take council's decision as well, which wouldn't happen until the 1st of October. So, we could move to grant \$35,000.00 from Windfarm funding for Parker City, or solar fund. I guess I'm going to call it alternative energy.

Gary Friend said alternative energy, yeah. That's fine.

Mike said we could do that today or we could do it our first meeting in October. That would give us an opportunity to go look and see where the park's going to be. Come back in October and then the council meets in October as well. They could either say yes or no to that decision in October.

William Greer said okay. Fair enough. I appreciate you listening gentlemen.

Gary Girton said that's a good plan.

Mike said okay. We'll just table this until our first meeting in October and review it again and make a decision then.

William Greer said thank you very much for your time.

Other Business:

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

Mike said that brings us to other business. Art, do you have anything for us, anything else?

Art Moystner said no sir, I do not.

Mike said okay. Thank you.

Payroll Claims \$ 296,429.24

Mike said that brings us to our payroll claims which are at our place in the amount of \$296,429.24. I'd entertain a motion.

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

Regular Claims \$1,721,627.65

Mike said we received a copy of our regular claims in the amount of \$1,721,627.65. We received those via email. I'd entertain a motion to approve the regular claims.

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

Housing Resource Hub \$2,000.00

Mike said next claim is the Housing Resource Hub in the amount of \$2,000.00. I'd entertain a motion to approve that claim.

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

Mike said I did go to the Housing Resource Hub's symposium last Wednesday, and due to the Housing Resource Hub it was a pretty packed room, it was a pretty good review and update. And I thought they did a pretty good job. So, I was pleased to see that.

Randolph County United \$18,467.66

Randolph County United Tourism \$2,365.66

Mike said next two claims are for Randolph County United in the amount of \$18,467.66 and Randolph County United for the Tourism in the amount of \$2,365.66. I'd entertain a motion to approve those two claims.

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

Butler Fairman & Seufert Claim \$4,800.00

Mike said next claim is for a Butler Fairman & Seufert claim in the amount of \$4,800.00 and this was work in putting together the next level of trails grant application, which we approved from EDIT several weeks ago, and I'd entertain a motion to approve this claim.

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

Willow's Edge Claim \$43,000.00

Mike said next claim is the Willow's Edge claim in the amount of \$43,000.00. I'd entertain a motion to approve this claim.

Gary Friend said I seen the paper come in from Cobalt Civil. Does the claim go to them or directly to the venue?

Laura said it goes to the venue. You granted it to the venue.

Gary Friend said yeah, we're not paying this?

Laura said no, right.

Mike said payee is Willow's Edge.

Gary Friend said okay.

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

EDIT Plan (schedule an EDIT meeting)

Mike said that brings us to the end of our claims. We have a new EDIT plan, which we need to schedule an EDIT meeting after we approve this EDIT plan. And it adds the local video commercial project of \$5,000.00. Someone want to move approval of this plan?

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

Electronic map data renewal agreement

Mike said next item is the electronic map data renewal agreement for EDPR. It's a \$100.00 for renewing their contract.

Gary Friend said that scratch on that \$1200, what's that mean?

Laura said because normally, we charge 1200 for that data, but they've already paid the 12, so they're just renewing and they get updated on that.

Mike said okay. I'd entertain a motion to approve this application.

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

Letter's regarding farm leases

Mike said and then we have our notice to quit to our three farmer's leasing grounds. That would be Ben Brumfield, Tony Goldstein at Union Go Dairy and Clark Chamberlain.

Laura said you approved these, last time. He just didn't have the letters ready at that time.

Meeks said you already approved them. You just need to sign the letter. It's a cover letter to go with the notice to quit.

Mike said oh yeah, we approved those.

Meeks said no. You just need to sign.

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

Laura said you didn't set an EDIT meeting.

Mike said oh, thank you.

Laura said then I have two sets of permanent minutes.

Mike said we need to set an EDIT meeting. Wednesday night seems to work best for everyone.

Laura said I will say October 18th, which is a Wednesday night, the Clerk was going to use this room for poll worker training. So, if you choose that night, I'll need to change her schedule to.

Mike said well I don't think this video project needs the money right away. So, I would think if we chose October 25th.

Gary Friend said and anything else that might come up.

Mike said if we had anything else come up between now and then.

Gary Girton said check with, we might check with Modoc. They're working on theirs. I thought they would have it done.

Laura said I've talked to Dave, yeah. He's working on it.

Mike said I'm saying if we waited until the end of October, then we could give an opportunity for more amendments to ours.

Gary Girton said agreed. I agree.

Mike said do you want to set it for 6:00 p.m. on the 25th? Okay. Does that work for you Laura?

Laura said yes.

Mike said we have two sets of permanent minutes. Meeks, do you have anything for us?

Meeks said just an update on the real estate. I ordered for both the Farmland and Camp Yale, a search for those property records searches, so we're, ten days out when I ordered it. So, that was last week, so, I figured we'd probably get it sometime this week. I'm a little more hesitant on the Farmland only because it went to a tax sale and there's all sorts of new rules about tax sales so we're going to have to kind of look at that. But I don't think it's going to be a problem. They've owned it for a long time.

Mike said okay. Anything else?

Meeks said those are, that's my only update.

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

Gary Friend said I do not.

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

Gary Girton said no.

Mike said I've been contacted by SJCA to let us know that in November, there's a Federal Rural Highway Grant opportunity, and then again in the spring, there's a larger Federal, excuse me. In November, there's a Federal Highway Grant opportunity. And then in the spring, there's a larger Federal Rural Grant opportunity, which specifically, would apply to us being so many miles from a 200,000 per population center. And we've talked about Greenville Pike before. And in order to fix Greenville Pike, the match is coming out of town, the match is coming out of Ohio, which is going to be more than Community Crossings can offer and more than we can do locally. This could very well be a ten to 15-million-dollar highway project, which a Federal grant in the spring or fall would both, I don't know about the fall, but if spring would have that kind of money, it would a 20% match on our part. To my knowledge, we've never done a Federal Highway grant. We've done a lot of bridge grants, but not highway grants. This is a new opportunity. And obviously, SJCA would like us to hire them to make that application at an expense. They have done some preliminary work out there without cost to us. And, I don't know what that expense would be, but I was just bringing it up this morning to see how the commissioners felt about maybe considering a Federal Highway grant to do that project from the edge of Winchester to the Ohio line if possible?

Gary Friend said I'm in favor of it.

Mike said I guess what I would want to know what SJCA's preliminary cost would be to do it. It's about 8 miles or 9 miles. So, that, if that's okay, I'll reach out, and Joe Copeland is aware of it as well, which brings me up to the second one. I think you've gotten a call. I don't know if you got a call. I got a call from Joe Copeland that he would like to go part-time at the end of the year.

Gary Girton said I talked to him a while back.

Mike said okay. And basically, work one day here, one day at Henry County, and then the third day would be here or there, wherever he needs to catch up would be as needed. And the obvious loss there is the state would not support that any longer. But, he's proposing, and I don't know what his hourly rate is, but he's proposed that he be paid the same hourly rate for the less hours he's spending. And I don't think we would offer him a vehicle, and we would not offer him benefits.

Gary Friend said right.

Mike said so, financially, it's probably not going to be much worse than we are now. We still have his expertise to continue the plan.

Gary Girton said like when I was talking with him, he's been able to spend his time over the last couple of years in just getting everything, and he knows what's going on here in the county. He knows what needs to be done. And so, I know it's the time where he'd like to retire, but he would prefer to work part-time. And I think it would be foolish, from my perspective, it would be foolish for us to let him go.

Gary Friend said I agree too. But one thing I did speak to him about was this is probably him hitting full retirement, that if this happens next year, I would like for him to help us secure another engineer, because it's coming, it's coming pretty quick I would imagine. I think we're at the point now we just have to have a bridge engineer on staff, or an engineer for the whole county. But if we had an engineer, there's a lot of things, we could use him for other things than just the highway, we could just allocate them out probably. So, I think we're heading that direction. I think if we can get another year out of Joe.

Gary Girton said he may just like hanging around us.

Mike said he may. He doesn't come to our meetings very often anymore.

Gary Friend said he will have to give us a fee schedule though because it'll be a per hour pay.

Mike said yeah. Okay. And then the last thing I had was the DCS space at the old hospital. I don't know if, I mean Jake's not here. I don't know if she's reached out to Jake or what that situation is.

Meeks said no idea. I assume Jake was going to get with her, because I think those are Jake's questions.

Mike said okay.

Meeks said he saw them.

Mike said I'll follow up with Jake then. I don't have anything else this morning.

Citizen Comments (3 minutes)

Mike said any citizen comments this morning? Bob?

Bob McCoy said I would like to let everybody know that the plan as far as the 101 South Main is to take down the center portion of the building, the old Greenville room. Met with contractor, as well as Bob Cook's engineer to make sure his walls are sure enough. I'll talk to council tonight. They're on board, but we've got to move some money around for appropriations, but the plan is to get that building down probably by I'd say it should be down by the middle of October. And then we'll re-evaluate the main structure at that point.

Mike said so does the city own the corner?

Bob McCoy said yes.

Mike said okay. Very good. Any other citizens have a comment this morning?

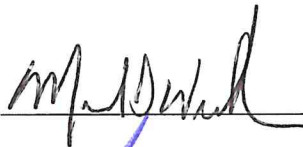
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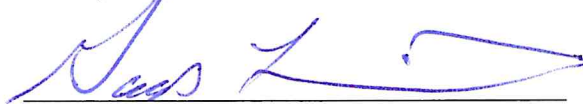
Mike said okay. I'd entertain a motion to adjourn.


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

Reviewed and signed this 2 day of October, 2023.

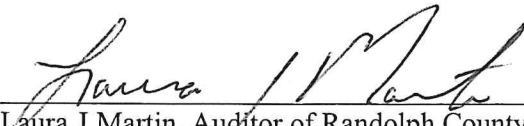
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