Randolph County Commissioners

September 5, 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

Duane Petry - paperwork for additional Medicaid reimbursement & Ertel Health event

Mike said first item on the agenda is Duane Petry, the paperwork for additional Medicaid reimbursement and Ertel Health event. Due to time constraints, I'm here to say that I've already executed the documents to give to Rooney the authority to collect Medicaid reimbursement for us. And would ask that the commissioners approve, we'd already approved he could do it, as far as I understood.

Duane Petry said right.

Mike said we just needed to sign the document so, I don't know if we need action on that or not?

Meeks said I would.

Mike said okay. Somebody would entertain a motion to approve the signing of the proof of ownership letter confirmation, the request for Myers and Stauffer to represent us, and the proof of ownership checklist, which I signed all three on behalf of the county.

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

Mike said the next item is the Ertel Health event, which we do this about every year, twice a year. Anything different this year Duane?

Duane Petry said no, not really. I'm going to call them today and talk to them about the scheduling. The scheduling always seems to be an issue.

Mike said looks like they want to do it the 24th through the 26th?

Duane Petry said yes.

Mike said okay.

Gary Friend said September or October?

Mike said October, I'm sorry. October. And also, a request for 50 flu shots?

Duane Petry said yes.

Mike said anybody have any questions of Duane?

Gary Friend said no.

Mike said Duane, do you have anything to add? Want to move approval of this event?

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

Mike said anything else for us this morning Duane?

Duane Petry said well the other thing from FSA on the certified public expenditure, certified data collection form that Lisa had sent you, and then I sent it back to her, and she was going to fill in a couple spaces that I wasn't sure where the information was coming from. And she's supposed to send that back to me this week for a signature.

Mike said okay.

Duane Petry said and I think it's due back by the end of September.

Mike said so, we would have another meeting to look at that.

Duane Petry said okay. That's it then.

Mike said thanks Duane.

Duane Petry said thank you.

Mike Haffner – Utility agreement

Mike said Mike Haffner, utility agreement. American Electric Power on 6894 South Boundary Pike Road.

Mike Haffner said yes. And basically, what that is, it's all overhead. It's going to be, they're replacing an existing old line into newer fiber lines. So, they're coming up boundary, then they're going to cut across 700 South for about 4700 feet. I see no problems with this.

Mike said okay. So, you're recommending this?

Mike Haffner said yes.

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

Mike said anything else for us this morning?

Mike Haffner said no, that's all I've got.

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff – 2nd septic cleanout quote

Mike said Sheriff, Art Moystner. Another quote for a new cleanout outside the jail.

Art Moystner said correct.

Mike said is this the one you were talking about last meeting that's basically, the same cost as our first one?

Art Moystner said correct. One or two meetings ago, and I think it's something that we just stay proactive with that building.

Mike said are you saying this will keep things flowing?

Art Moystner said yes.

Mike said okay. That's a total cost of \$22,720.57?

Art Moystner said I believe so, yes.

Mike said and it does need done?

Art Moystner said it does. It does, and I would still like to, I think Gary is going to stop and see me at some point in time.

Gary Friend said I can do it this afternoon.

Art Moystner said we'll talk after the meeting. But yes, we can, just look at some of it, I think we need to be proactive with some of the older systems in the jail, and look at those. We're at 30 years now, so.

Mike said okay. So, if we are going to, I think the last time we approved from ARPA, did we not?

Gary Friend said I think so.

Gary Girton said yes.

Mike said so, are we interested in doing that again?

Gary Girton said fine.

Gary Friend said yes.

Mike said someone want to make that motion?

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

Gary Girton said will that be done this fall?

Art Moystner said it would be done as a fill-in job for them. That's why they're doing it at that price. So, it'll either be this fall or early winter possibly. The other question I would have is, does the commissioners want to authorize me to sign on your behalf, or would you like to sign that as this is a maintenance contract?

Mike said this is a maintenance contract?

Art Moystner said it would, well it would be a maintenance issue.

Mike said it's got your name on it for signature. It doesn't matter to me.

Art Moystner said as long as I had the commissioners' approval.

Gary Friend said I'll make a motion that Art sign it. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said so, you can sign on our behalf, that document.

Art Moystner said that document, yes sir. Also, to share with you, I believe the rifles are supposed to be in this afternoon.

Mike said anything else for Art this morning? Anything for us, Art?

Art Moystner said I do not.

Mike said okay, thank you.

<u>Takumi Iwamoto, Common Wealth Engineer – Utility agreement (Losantville Sewage project)</u>

Mike said Takumi. Hello again.

Rachel Runge said I'm Rachel Runge with Commonwealth Engineers. This is Takumi Iwamoto, also with Commonwealth. He can pass out the project overview. We are here to present for your approval, the utility agreement for the Losantville wastewater project.

Mike said okay. I see you got some money.

Rachel Runge said yes. Yes, the project is funded, and now we are waiting to finish up permits, and then we will hopefully, go out there and get good bids hopefully. They did secure a grant through the Revolving Loan Fund, and recently we found out that the OCRA grant was awarded as well. That was wonderful news. So, the project is a low-pressure force main to connect to the new collection system and the town of Losantville with the Modoc wastewater treatment plant. The forced mail will run along 950 South of county road 1000, and then across 900 South, up State Road 1, and then into the Modoc plant.

Mike said say that again now?

Rachel Runge said so, the proposed forced mail will run across County Road 950 South and then north along 1000 West, turning at 900 South, and then it follows the State Road 1 up to Modoc.

Mike said okay, so that is County Road 1000.

Rachel Runge said yeah, the map got mislabeled somehow, left off a zero. And what the numbers on here show are air release valves, and these are just the low ground valves to allow the utility to be able to burp the air from the line, essentially. They're mechanical valves, so they won't need maintenance, other than routine, you know, making sure they work. They're below ground, in below ground structures. We are proposing, or we're bidding the project as directional drilled. We will include an alternate for certain areas to be open cut because, depending on the contractor and how sub-contractor prices come in, sometimes open cut is the most affordable option.

Mike said so, if these are pressure relief valves, where all the number are?

Rachel Runge said uh huh.

Mike said, are those manholes?

Rachel Runge said they're essentially manholes. Yeah, they're smaller manholes. Our sewer main is about 6 feet deep, has 5 foot on top of it, so, it's a fairly shallow structure for a manhole.

Mike said so, is it like the manholes we see on 32 and Highway 1?

Rachel Runge said it will be off the side of the road with all of them. None of them will be in the street.

Mike said none of them will be in the center?

Rachel Runge said no, none of them will be in the road.

Mike said none of them will be on the paving?

Rachel Runge said huh uh.

Mike said okay. What satisfies, I'm getting a thumbs up from the highway department back there.

Rachel Runge said yes, we are, for the majority of this route, we are off, 5 feet off the edge of pavement with our line. Just, for future maintenance, the town of Losantville, if they need to come out and do maintenance on that line, they don't want to be digging up the road, and closing the road every time something is to happen.

Mike said okay.

Rachel Runge said we, generally, we picked this route because it follows the water lines that currently connect the two communities. So, really the only obstacle we had was that the sewer main needs to be on the opposite side of the road than the water main. So, that was kind of the reasoning behind the location.

Mike said so, there's houses along this route. Are you going to offer them the opportunity to tap in if they're not in Losantville?

Rachel Runge said they will have the opportunity to tap in if they would like, but they will not be required to.

Mike said well if I say no, I don't want to, will you put a tap there anyway, or will they?

Rachel Runge said nope. It's a low-pressure forced main, so, if in the future, one of the homes decides to connect, they could install a grinder pump and the line could be tapped at that time. Then they could connect to that. Obviously, there would be backflow prevention devices in that.

Mike said well this is a great thing for the town of Losantville.

Rachel Runge said yes, it's been a long time coming. We've been working with them for quite awhile on this project. We're excited that the funding is finally in place, and we actually have a meeting later this week with the rate consultant to figure out what the next step is to get it out to bid. And we have the item construction permit. The only final two pieces that we need to clarify is the INDOT permit, which we're going back and forth with them on that. And then approval from yourself.

Mike said the only concern I heard from our highway department was the manhole covers, and I think that's been satisfied. Have you seen this Mike?

Mike Haffner said no, I have not. I'd like to get a copy.

Rachel Runge said yeah, I have a copy of the plan. I know, Takumi's having conversation with you so, I'm surprised you haven't seen the plans yet. But we do have a hard copy for you so, that'll be easier. There is a small portion, I should say, in the town of Losantville, there are gravity collection lines. So, there is a small portion where manholes will be in the road. If you go to the third page in the stapled document.

Gary Friend said it's in their city limits thought right?

Rachel Runge said yes. It's on 950 South on the west side of the old railroad where the kind of angles through town, there where the trail is going to be.

Mike said that's optimistic.

Rachel Runge said it will be. It'll be great for the county. Now, as you can see on this third page.

Mike said what numbers are they?

Rachel Runge said 160,156,128 and 128. All of them shown on here are manholes. So, all of these will be primarily in the road with exception of the one along the State, US 36.

Mike said okay. 128, 156, 160, do we plow that Mike? County Road 950 South, do we plow that that into main street in Losantville?

Rachel Runge said yeah. We have an extra copy here.

Mike Haffner said yeah, we go up through the city limits.

Rachel Runge said here is the, this is the fire station, and how that kind of angles. So, our last manhole would be right there.

Mike Haffner said well we, we plow clear up into Main street where we can turn around. But, if it's just a single situation, I can deal with that. I can talk to my guys and we'll evaluate it. A county plow truck does not have breakaway plow shears like the city does. So, if we come up on a manhole or any raised object on the road, that gives us some problems. But, if it's just one, we knew it, we can maybe even mark there off the side.

Rachel Runge said do you want us to include anything in the project as far as marking things?

Mike Haffner said I definitely would like to get a map, and then, I'd like to get a diagram of that manhole that would be sticking up in the road.

Rachel Runge said and it won't be sticking up. It'll be flush with the grade. But, over time, if the road settles or something, the manhole.

Mike Haffner said but, in the future, if I chip and seal or if I pave, what do I need to satisfy, you know, naturally, I don't want to cover up something. So, I need a little bit of help and guidance, how we maintain that for the surface of the road.

Rachel Runge said and I do think these manholes are within town limits.

Mike Haffner said you know, contractors usually have a pretty good idea.

Rachel Runge said so, I will kind of, I don't have a sticky note. I apologize, but I will dog ear that for you. Here's the manhole diagram. This is the full set for in town. So, this one's probably more than what you necessarily need to see. You are welcome to have these two. That should have been the same thing that should have been sent over to you previously.

Mike Haffner said well, that way, Losantville or Modoc, people want, maybe they're bored, I'll have a set where I can share.

Rachel Runge said it makes a great doorstop if you roll it up.

Mike said okay. Have any questions?

Gary Girton said I'll move to approve the utility agreement. I'm glad it's finally going to happen after all these years. I've been to quite a few meetings where there's been good discussion. It's been a wait, wait, wait, wait, wait, wait situation with funding. And then I know originally, you were talking about going out for bids the end of July, and now here we are, in September, still trying to finalize.

Rachel Runge said yeah, well fortunately, and we've kind of been waiting on the funding. Fortunately, the OCRA, we just found out was granted. Modoc found out they were granted their grants, I want to say August. That's when Losantville found out about the SRF grant as well. So, now we're really trying to push through this final, final push to get it out to bid.

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

James Strong – Camp Trinity (tabled from 8/7/23)

Mike said James Strong, Camp Trinity. Morning gentlemen. So, you want to buy it?

Brent Brumfield said yeah, I'd like to.

Mike said we found out from our attorney that we might be able to restrict transfer within the next few years. Is that a fair statement Meeks?

Meeks said uh huh, yes.

Mike said are you okay if we would do that?

Brent Brumfield said depending on what the details of that are, right? You know, we haven't seen it yet, gut we're interested to see what that looks like.

Mike said I guess it's similar to what we did with the YMCA. It's similar to what they did with the Camp Yale organizers in the beginning. And, I guess I would foresee a situation where you would tell us what you're going to use it for. And that would be part of the agreement, so long as it was used that way. And it would prevent you from, if I'm correct, it would prevent you from in five years, saying let's make a campground out of it, or make a housing development out of it. I think you could use it for church purposes. So, you could have, when I say campground, the church could camp out there.

Meeks said yeah, well, the other restriction was for a young adult learning environment and outdoor camp to enhance skills of parents and their adolescent children of problems solving communicating, in an effort to possibly reduce the possibility of abuse, neglect or delinquency, and then it just kind of goes on and on in there. That was the other restriction. It does restrict the ability to mortgage the property.

Brent Brumfield said okay.

Meeks said that's when you gave it to Camp Yale 10 or 15 years ago.

James Strong said from my perspective, I would like, it says young people.

Meeks said we would just use the church or whatever.

James Strong said church purposes would be great with us. We may want to do something with adults as well. I think our vision kind of somewhat, we would like to help grownups as well, there. So, I would like for it to say church purposes. I think that gives us a range of church things we could do. We don't have any interest in doing public, you know, whatever, to make money off of it.

Brent Brumfield said would this restrict then who we could lease the property to for incoming camps then? If we were to.

Mike said on short-term, temporary basis.

Brent Brumfield said yeah, okay.

Gary Friend said I think one of the main restrictions, you cannot mortgage the property.

Brent Brumfield said yes, I understand.

Mike said and there is some issue regarding the septic system?

Brent Brumfield said it's just that if we go to add on facilities, we think that it probably would be required that we would upgrade that. And obviously, our goal is to put more facilities on the property.

Mike said right now I think some of the field goes on to the county, other property that's not included in the tract that we're talking about, if I understand that correctly. Is that right, Ed?

Ed Thornburg said yes.

Brent Brumfield said we would have to get that surveyed, yeah.

Meeks said we'll have to get it surveyed. I think I told you guys that too.

Brent Brumfield said yeah.

Mike said what are your thoughts Gary Girton?

Gary Girton said well I think, I've been in favor or it all along. I think the issue as Meeks brought out earlier and the septic area, that that needs to be surveyed, because, and particularly if you enlarge it, it may continue, I don't know, but it may continue going out in that field, which would be, I guess would be a possibility Ed, or not?

Ed Thornburg said I would suggest that when, if we survey the area where that leach field is, we'd make that, where we don't put the line right on the edge of it. If they were going to do a major expansion on that system, there would be room down where the, down on the north end where they could put an extra absorption field if they needed to.

Gary Field said is that a plowed field? I mean is that a crop field that we're talking about?

Ed Thornburg said the septic system comes out of the corner of the cornfield, literally, the current operator of the ground, that the guy called me wanting to know what those pipes sticking up in the corner of the field was, and can we clean that up?

Gary Friend said I guess my question is, if we need to get the septic field into the boundaries?

Ed Thornburg said oh, the other area, no, the other area is a grassed area where the zipline used to be.

Gary Friend said so, it wouldn't put it where all of a sudden, Camp Trinity would have to pay a farm lease?

Ed Thornburg said no, no.

Gary Friend said okay.

Meeks said it's not that much.

Gary Friend said not that much, okay.

Mike said but we'd have to exclude the current or the future tenant.

Ed Thornburg said actually, the area that's grassed now is probably adequate

Mike said we're talking about the area where it crosses the line currently, if we're going to include that in this sale.

Ed Thornburg said you're not leasing that little quarter acre anyway.

Mike said okay, we're not. So, do we need an appraisal?

Meeks said you do not need an appraisal, but you probably do need a survey. But the appraisal, you don't need, it's a charitable organization. Well you might not be a 501C3, but it's a not-for-profit.

Brent Brumfield said we are not a 501C3.

Meeks said you're not-for-profit.

Brent Brumfield said we are not-for-profit.

Meeks said so, you do not need an appraisal for a not-for-profit.

Gary Friend said you are not-for-profit?

Brent Brumfield said we are not-for-profit, yes.

Mike said so, do we ask for an offer? Tell these two gentlemen how much we want for it? Where does that take us?

Meeks said well I will say that the statute says you can transfer it to an educational group, and that's what you guys are doing. So, we will say religious and educational purposes, so that's why you don't need it. And that's what you guys go here.

Brent Brumfield said okay. Yes.

Gary Friend said did we get anything from the Y or did we just transfer?

Meeks said that went to, it went to Camp Yale first, and I have no idea. That was before my time. The Y bought it from Camp Yale for whatever Camp Yale owed, at that point. But, the county was not involved in that.

Mike said the county gave it to Camp Yale organizers, and the Camp Yale organizers, owed money and the Y paid their debt to get it back. And then the Y gave it to us. We didn't pay the Y anything. So, it goes back 20 years, 25 years to Camp Yale that the county gave it to that group at that time.

Meeks said I didn't pull the deed, but it probably has to be every bit of 20 years.

Gary Friend said so, in the event that you guys, you're done, it would come back to the Randolph County?

Meeks said that's why we put the restriction on there. That's what it'll say, something to that effect.

Gary Friend said I don't have any problem myself, if we're not going to allow them everything's going to be funded, every project, transferring into their hands.

Mike said when you say I don't have any problem, you're talking about gifting it to them?

Gary Friend said yes. With the restrictions of it.

Mike said what about the survey?

Gary Friend said I think they should pay for the survey. We're giving the them the property.

Mike said what do you think, Gary?

Gary Girton said I agree with that 100%. In fact, that was my thinking to start with. They do the survey.

Meeks said so, probably have the church pay for the cost probably, including the survey. There'll be some other costs involved, not a whole lot. We can get you those, but there will be some recording costs and some other things.

Brent Brumfield said do we have an opportunity to get a look at all of your restrictions and have our attorney go over that?

Meeks said absolutely. Absolutely. I can send you what we did last time, which doesn't necessarily mean that's what, we need to update.

Mike said and you can modify it, what he said. If you have some ideas you want to put in there, we'll listen to those.

Brent Brumfield said okay.

Meeks said what's your email?

Brent Brumfield said BBrumfield2009@AOL.com.

Meeks said <u>BBrumfield2009@AOL.com</u>?

Brent Brumfield said yes.

Meeks said I'll forward to you.

Brent Brumfield said thank you.

Mike said and we've got a deal. Thank you, fellows.

Meeks said do you have an attorney?

Brent Brumfield said I usually use Bob Cook here in town. I guess he's not officially my attorney, but yeah, he's who I do business with.

Meeks said okay, no problem.

Mike said okay. Thank you, gentlemen.

Council's update

Mike said I apologize to the council members here this morning. It's in bold print on my agenda and I skipped right over you Bev and Missy. You guys have anything to share with us this morning?

Missy said Bev, you go ahead.

Bev said okay. Good morning. I'm not here to represent the council, so-to-speak, but as a council member, I had a concern, and that was the fact that we have, what I count, 7 vehicles now, that employees drive. Now that doesn't include the sheriff's department, doesn't include the highway department. And when these vehicles are purchased, all I know, is they go out, they try to find what they think is the best deal wherever. And, are they asking for government pricing when they get the vehicle, I don't know. You know, we really don't know. And I'm wondering if, I would be willing, and what I would like to do, is talk to a dealership, wherever, within reasonable distance, and see if a deal could be cut if that, if the buys are funneled to a dealership and maybe government pricing be. And all I'm doing is looking, you know. I'm just looking to see if there is. It's kind of hard to take 7 people and each one try to make an arrangement. And that's all I just am reporting, that I would like to look, and I don't know if there's a consensus that maybe this would be a good thing, maybe it wouldn't be a good thing. I don't know. It seems to me that it might. That's where I'm at.

Mike said it can't hurt. I guess it might be a situation where, yes Jake.

Jake Donham said just real quick, when you guys gave me the opportunity to get a vehicle for the county, I went to Dellan Ford and being bought with a municipality like that, like this, they

automatically, they told me they automatically have to do government pricing. And there are limited on what they can make per sale of vehicle. So, they can only make like a certain small percentage, versus selling out right. So, they're selling them to us for their best government price is what they told me there.

Mike said so if three of you went in at the same time, it probably would be an advantage?

Jake Donham said the way he explained it to me, it doesn't, they're set on what dealerships can make per vehicle selling to a municipality, is the way they sale.

Mike said whether it's 20 or whether it's 5.

Jake Donham said right. And mine went through, and I don't know if Ed and everybody else did, but mine went through a commercial sales versus regular sales as well. And the commercial sales handled all that when I got mine.

Bev said and it's interesting to know because I, I mean, we just didn't know whether, and are these people that are going out and looking, you know, are they telling the dealerships this or?

Jake Donham said right. I think it's a whole different. I guarantee it's a whole different set of paperwork buying for government vehicles versus regular too, because all that was dealt with the auditor's office and the dealership when they handled that end.

Bev said I had talked to Danita about this to see if there was anything, and she wasn't aware of anything.

Jake Donham said yeah, and that's just, that was on my, when I was shopping around and went to the dealership, that's what I was told.

Bev said uh huh. Okay.

Mike said well if you want to pursue it further, Bev, have at it.

Bev said I think I will, just, you know, just in case and if there's something better, you know, that anybody else could be recommended that well, if you're going to buy a vehicle, this is where you.

Gary Friend said what seven are you referring to? I can't think of seven.

Bev said well maybe eight now. Health department, two, coroner, one, 911 has a van I believe, or a truck, I'm not sure which, Randy Abel, Surveyor, and Jake. There's Veterans' office, and I don't know if that's one we purchased or not.

Ed Thornburg said no.

Bev said okay, that's not included. So, that would be, that would be the seven. Okay. I'll probably go ahead and do it. I mean, it can't hurt, and I've got the time to do it, so I just might try. And then we can make recommendations and doesn't have to be, but if they can get a better deal.

Mike said okay. Thanks Bev.

Bev said thank you.

Mike said sorry again for skipping over you.

Gary Girton said what is Ed's situation?

Mike said pardon?

Gary Girton said what is Ed's situation? He had his hand up.

Mike said oh, I'm sorry Ed. Go ahead.

Ed Thornburg said when I bought mine, I went to, actually, I went to Dellan also. I ended up with Fuqua up in Dunkirk. But, it was the same, the only difference between pricing I got was a couple of them switched up equipment, trying to get their prices down a little bit. And it was a very cut and dried set thing. And Honestly, anybody that's doing it, you about have to, because they come to council with a \$50,000.00 request for a pickup truck that the last guy gave \$28,000.00 for, somebody's going to ask some questions.

Mike said okay. Well it sounds like dealers have to deal. It's pretty restrictive.

Ed Thornburg said the interesting part to me was the loaner truck they gave me while they were doing the outfitting on mine, was a 3-year old truck that they were asking \$5,000.00 more for than we gave the truck I bought.

Mike said nice. Okay.

Brandon Webb – narrow road issue

Mike said next item is Brandon Webb, narrow road issue.

Gary Friend said he's not here, I don't think. Is Brandon here?

Mike said Mike, come on up.

Gary Friend said he's been emailing me some, and he's absolutely crystal clear. It's about his path out. From what I went down, and I drove it and looked at it, he has a clear path to highway 1 on 1050 South. The other roads become narrow going to the west I guess, going through there, past his place on 850. That's impossible to get down the road, trees are in the way. On 850 going in to near, like between Union and Shore's gas station there, there's some traffic there, but

if he's got oncoming traffic there, you just have to slow down. So, for the county, and you can correct me if I'm wrong, he has a clear and direct access to a highway.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Gary Friend said Highway 1, which is a mile and a half from his house, directly down 1050.

Mike Haffner said and we've even done an intersection improvement on that 1050 South to be able to achieve semis and larger, longer vehicles on that.

Gary Friend said on my way in there, I passed a semi on 850. I didn't have any trouble getting through there. Are you getting anymore complaints from him that I haven't heard of?

Mike Haffner said no. I have not. I've had multiple complaints over the last few years, but nothing past when you got involved.

Gary Friend said when you chip and sealed down there with our equipment, there was no slapping of mirrors or anything like that?

Mike Haffner said we had no damage, and we had multiple large trucks passing each other. But, yes, you do have to pull over and let one by. It's, just like a school bus, there's plenty areas you can't go 50 mile an hour to pass.

Gary Friend said my concern was he has clear direct access to highway 1, so it's not like we're restricting his business out there? He just may not want to go to one first.

Mike said what's his address?

Mike Haffner said it's, he's the first house south of 1050 on 850.

Mike said so the t-road there?

Mike Haffner said yeah.

Mike said and is he saying the narrowest is between 1050 and 1000?

Mike Haffner said most of it, because they've got woods or trees on both sides.

Mike said but as you say, he's got 850 South that runs right into 1?

Gary Friend said yeah. And he could go 36, 35, wherever he wants to go from there.

Mike said okay. Thanks Mike.

Jim Martin – Monument lighting

Mike said Jim Martin, monument lighting. Christmas will be here before we know it.

Jim Martin said I wanted to give you the notes and also an estimate for electrical work on the monument. But we've since moved to a public meeting that we're having, I think, every couple of weeks just to keep everybody on board of what's going on with the monument. And I just wanted to share those with you. The biggest thing that I'm so impressed with is this started out as an \$18,000.00 estimated project, and with a lot of peoples' time and resources that they're volunteering into this, we've got it down to about a \$5,000.00 project. And then also, we've were awarded a \$2,500.00 grant from Merchants Bank. So, now we're down to a \$2,500.00 bill. But then, as we were looking around the monument itself, we noticed that there's no where to plus lights into. And so, we reached out to Eric Schroeder, and he gave us the estimate of about a \$1,000.00 to hook up lights, put in the outlet boxes down by the lights that are currently there. The other situation, what makes it more expensive, is when we have the Christmas lights, we don't want to have necessarily the spotlights on it, so he's pulling in some pull switches that he can turn the flood lights off in order for the Christmas lights to illuminate better. But then, as we were looking at the lights that are currently there, did a fantastic job of saving the county money, but they're just, I think they're called corn cob lights, led, that's actually screwed into the fixtures, and then a lot of the reflective lens is cut out in order for these Christmas, or this corn cob lights to go into. And so, we did ask him if he could, just estimate how much it would cost to replace those with commercial flood lights. And that's where the total for the project is \$2,886.00. That is an added expense. And bringing that to the commissioners, didn't know if that might be something that the commissioners might be interested in looking at paying for. But then, also, while we were down there, I was talking to Jake through all of this, on the second paper, you can see some mounting rings. So, we've got the mounting ring up at the top that we're streaming the lights off of. Everything there is going great. Falcon Industries is donating their time and material to the community for the ring project. But then we've got to look for some way to mount the ring, mount the Christmas light cables to the bottom. And so, initially, we thought of these fixtures that we can drill into the base of the fence foundation. But then, Jake brought up a good point that it's probably limestone, and we probably don't want to do that. So, just this morning, we're kind of curtailing this idea and I'm going to get ahold of Mike Shannon with the cemetery, since he does limestone and monument work there, to get his suggestion or get somebody professional's opinion of what we could do to mount the lights. The other thing is, we thought about doing ground anchors around the perimeter of the inside of the base. But, we don't know what's down there, which that could very well may be that we just go in there with ground anchors, mount the lights, but we don't know yet. So, that's kind of on hold until we find a good way to mount the lights on the bottom. And then the third paper is just a copy of Eric Schroeder's estimate on the re-doing the lights. I had talked to a previous electrician to try to get as many options for estimates as possible. But they never got back with me. Eric is, so far, the only one's gotten back with me to be able to do commercial work like what needs to be done. And then, on top of that, talking to Jake, the added expense of just seeing the monument and there's a lot of weeds and so forth, between the monument and the inside of the fence, that the landscapers have to constantly get in there and weed eat and trim the bushes, and Jake had an idea how to deal with that.

Jake Donham said I've been contemplating doing this for a while. With this project, the bushes that are out there, they're very old and woody, and there's minimum amount you can trim off of them. There's, actually monuments in between each one of those bushes that you really can't

see, but after trimming real well. So, I had gotten a price, it was pretty short notice, but Meyers Landscaping got me a proposal for taking out all the shrubs that are there, laying down a landscape fabric and putting in wash stone of some sort to clean that area up, and pressure wash the, once he gets them uncovered, pressure wash the monuments that are hidden.

Mike said how many are there?

Jake Donham said four. Well four, all four sides have something in between each bush, and at two bushes per side.

Mike said what was that estimate?

Jake Donham said \$2,995. And I might, I'll probably reach out to him as well if we do go this way, and see if he can assist on the anchoring situation, because he's the one who brought it to my attention that that top cap being limestone. Natural stone, they split it, to split it, you put wedge anchor, put wedges in there to split it. And he said he'd be afraid putting these anchors in there of just splitting those caps in half. And so then, I'd done some research on it, and watched some videos, and I'm like yeah, that's probably not a good idea. Probably need to go below it to the actual concrete foundation with an anchor, or an earth anchor, if there's, but who knows what kind of footer is underneath that? Back in the day, they used to do some crazy footers.

Gary Friend said wouldn't the earth anchor just do the monument alone?

Jake Donham said if you can get an earth anchor in. We're not sure how much foundation they have underneath that wall. I mean, for all I know, it could be a five-foot wall over a rock.

Mike said it would be interesting to see how deep those bush roots go.

Jake Donham said well, on that as well, Royce, he was going to cut them off and tort on them. He's afraid as old as they are, he said now you're going to jeopardize the actually monuments that are going to be existing. So, he recommended just going in and cutting off what we have on them and then lay the landscape fabric down, and put rock down. And I didn't give it much thought, but as close quarters as that is, the roots are going to be pretty congested right around there, and then we're going to have to put, bring in a bunch of dirt compacted, and hope those monuments that are in between don't start heaving on us as well.

Mike said so, do you have any issues with the proposed electrical boxes out there around the monuments?

Jake Donham said no, I actually was with the guys and we all brainstormed on it to try to find the best solution. And that's what we come up with, whether it's best or not, I don't know, but it will work for everybody's purposes.

Mike said is this \$2,800.00, is that part of your \$18,000.00 project?

Jim Martin said no, that was not. We didn't realize that there wasn't any electrical hookup outside those.

Mike said none of this is part of it then?

Jim Martin said correct

Jake Donham said now I can probably squeeze that into my building maintenance budget this year, as long as nothing else, catastrophe happens.

Gary Friend said both of them?

Jake Donham said yeah, I think so.

Mike said I think it would be a good thing, especially replacing the flood lights. I think that's a good thing.

Jake Donham said I mean, while we're there, we may as well, if we decide to do it, do it all and be done with it.

Mike said I think we ought to hire Meyers to do the clean up around the monument as well.

Gary Friend said yeah, I'll approve both of them. Two separate issues, electrical and landscaping?

Mike said is that a motion?

Gary Friend said it is a motion.

Mike said we have a motion to approve the Eric Schroeder Electric quote for both the single gang waterproof box and then also replacing our flood lights with the new led flood lights for a total of \$2,886.00. And is part of that motion to hire Meyers to clean up around the monument, remove the bushes, and clean the four monuments that are there, and add river rock or stone to go around the monument? Out of Jake's maintenance budget. Do I have a second?

Gary Girton said I'll second. All this needs to be done.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said the only other matter that has not been brought up is whether we, as the county commissioners and the county participate in the lighting, financially participate in the lighting of the monument, with help in that request.

Gary Friend said I'm in favor of helping. I don't have a number in my mind right now. I mean, how much.

Mike said they need \$2,500.

Gary Friend said you need \$2,500?

Jim Martin said correct.

Gary Friend said yeah, that's not asking too much.

Mike said where do you want that to come from?

Gary Friend said can it be a Cum Cap expense?

Mike said what do you think Meeks?

Meeks said I'd have to look at the Cum Cap statute, but I would think you probably could.

Gary Girton said what kind of accounts, funding, do we have anything left.

Gary Friend said in our Cum Cap we do.

Mike said or our farm maintenance fund.

Gary Friend said yeah, farm maintenance would be good.

Mike said yeah, the farm maintenance would.

Gary Friend said I'll make that motion.

Mike said motion to contribute to the lighting the monument with the main street out of our farm maintenance fund of \$2,500.00. Do I have a second?

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

Jim Martin said thank you very much. November 10th at 6:00 is the planned ceremony.

Mike said you are going to light them then?

Jim Martin said lightening it up then, yes. It's around the corner. Thank you.

Mike said the city going to have their lights up? I'll ask him that later.

Gary Girton said Jake.

Jake Donham said yeah.

Gary Girton said how are they doing on the boilers?

Jake Donham said last week Phil at Salyer Taylor had finished up tying everything in to the system. He was going to get with the boiler manufacturers and get a start up schedule, and then once he gets a projected date on that, I need to get with RIT about getting our end, getting the wire from the boilers to the computer, and getting our, all of our addresses ready, so when they do the start-up, where everything can be done in one day. So, should be, everything is in place, piped in, water flowing, just waiting for start-up. They finished up flue pipes last week. So, it's pretty much complete, other than start-up.

Gary Girton said were there any issues that you weren't expecting?

Jake Donham said not really. They went, I mean, it actually was pretty smooth, knock on wood, so I hope you didn't just jinx me Gary. No, everything pretty much laid out exactly like they thought it would, and they laid them out on the pads. So, there's still enough pad there for some, whatever reason, if you know, we had to add another one later date, we still have room to do so. But, we're pretty sure that two of them is going to be more than enough. So, yeah, it won't be long on those.

Gary Girton said good.

Mike said anything else for Jake? Thanks Jake.

Daniel Baker - Local Commercial Project

Mike said Daniel Baker. Morning Daniel.

Daniel Baker said good morning, how are you guys.

Mike said good, how are you doing?

Daniel Baker said good. Hopefully, this won't take as long as last time. Alright, so, just as an update, the RC board chose to table the Make My Move project until further discussed, and probably into next year. So, that still might come up in probably June, July of next year. Just an FYI. However, last time, we also discussed this commercial project that we are working on, and you asked for a break down. I did send that to you last night. I apologize for the delay. I was waiting for the final draft of that video I sent to you. That is just one of the videos that they've put together so far.

Mike said so that is, Union City's video?

Daniel Baker said that is Union City's video.

Mike said is that considered the long form video for Union City?

Daniel Baker said that is considered their long form for the housing development piece of that.

Mike said what's the target market for that? Who does that go to? It seems a little long to me.

Daniel Baker said yeah, so, they're going to do short form videos as well, similar to that. And as mentioned last time, a lot of the, so, those videos are essentially targeting Randolph County Alumni, through either streaming platforms like Hulu, face book, things like that, so we can target individuals that used to live in Randolph County, and also others that are looking to move to an area like ours. As we found out, during COVID, COVID is over, but people are still moving out of larger cities, so we want to showcase Randolph County, Union City, Winchester to individuals that are looking for homes and looking for places to move. But it's beyond the home. We want to showcase the culture. We want to showcase everything that we have to offer.

Mike said it's a great video. I thought it was a great video. So, is that going to be emailed to people or?

Daniel Baker said it's going to be set up on U tube for the long form videos. You can also set some long form videos on face book, as well. But you can also pull clips out of that to advertise kind of behind the scenes. It's not, face book posts and ads are completely different, so, a post will get to your audience of all the people that like your pages, but an ad, you go, select the target, just like marketing.

Mike said so does U tube work the same way?

Daniel Baker said U tube does work the same way.

Mike said so it's there for free?

Daniel Baker said it's there for free.

Mike said and I have to find it? Or you can advertise it to boost it?

Daniel Baker said or we can advertise it to boost it. And that is the goal. If you just said something and you don't have any followers on U tube, then you're not going to get anybody to find it. It's just sitting out there in limbo land doing nothing.

Mike said okay.

Daniel Baker said so, since the last we spoke, we did secure \$18,000 in private funding. Our goal, Mike, I think you had asked how are we going to promote this after production, how we were going to get this out and pay for those subscriptions or the streaming platforms. And so, that additional funding now, will help us to do that. We are still pending, Winchester, Mayor McCoy and I have spoke about this as well, I think Mike was, and we have secured tourism, \$2,500.00 as mentioned last time, that has been secured. I think we'd all like for that to be a little bit higher, but due to their budgetary restraints that they have right now. And that's where we were at on that. Go ahead.

Gary Friend said then, in next year's budget, they put \$40,000.00

Daniel Baker said in next years, in tourism budget, I haven't seen that yet. Sorry, I wasn't at the budgeting when they did the budget.

Gary Friend said they may not have extra funding to appropriate, but they might have appropriated funding not yet spent.

Daniel Baker said correct.

Gary Friend said I think I would look at, I mean, it's their call.

Daniel Baker said yeah, yeah.

Gary Friend said you're saying their level of funds is going to come to adding a new appropriation, but they also have appropriate lines.

Daniel Baker said and I'll have further discussions on that one. So, also, I did some preliminary research just for example, on Hulu and face book, if we were to promote these. So, we would be spending somewhere between \$10 to \$30.00 per thousand impressions. And now, when we go to let's say, if we do spend \$500.00 a month or a \$1,000.00 a month, right, we would get this out to, I mean, a couple thousand people that we can advertise these to. Probably more than that on face book, just due to the lower cost. Face book is a bit lower than like Hulu or Prime or other things like that. So, we are doing research into that as well. So, the break out, right, I'll try to break it out from what the county is receiving, Union City and Winchester, some of what is in Union City and Winchester, the county is also receiving, because they're, a lot of the videos that we're doing over there could also be incorporated in some of the videos from the county level as well. So, I'm going to pause there. Any questions for me?

Mike said no, I don't have any. Gary?

Daniel Baker said alright. That's what I have for now. We, I still have on here a request for \$15,000.00 for participation from the county for this, or if you guys would like to participate.

Mike said I've thought and considered this for quite a while I guess. And I think for me, I think it's a project the county, at county level should participate in. I think your request of asking the county to, at this point in time, being the major contributor, short of private development, which is nice to hear, private contributions are at 18. I just can't bring myself to, with what I perceive, I just can't bring myself to consider a \$16,000.00 contribution of this project. So, what I've come down to is, and I've looked at the proposal, and the minutes of each one, and I think I would be willing to support this project at twice what Randolph County United has supported at and what the tourism has, so it would be \$5,000.00 would be my support. And if I add those numbers up right, with private of 18, tourism 25, Randolph County United 25, Union City, 8, Randolph County 5, if Winchester is 8, like Union City, that's \$44,000.00.

Daniel Baker said correct.

Mike said so that's what I would be willing to support from EDIT in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Gary Friend said I can go from zero to there, Mike. It is a wonderful work, but I still view it as private. It's private advertising for private people and private business. And, even though Union City and Winchester are our major population centers, you've got to face Farmland and Parker, Losantville and Lynn. All of these other towns have nothing in these really, just an overview of hey, yeah, they're from Randolph County. But, they have houses too. You know, we see a lot of new development and it's great. There are people remodeling houses. We need to do a lot of remodeling in our communities. I think it's just too narrow focused to people who will have stake in the profit side of it. It's not wide enough into redevelopment and the refurbishing of our whole county. But, I agree with Mike, I could go from, I can go from where I'm at of not supporting it to \$5,000.00, but not to be the major player, and I'd like to see that \$18,000.00, and great work on getting that 18. RCU all along, was trying to split itself from government financing. And that's a good step. It's the first time I've seen a step of that, other than the chamber fees. So, yeah, I would, I would agree with Mike on \$5,000.00 on that. But I believe this is a private endeavor because who gets chose and who don't get chose, and who gets put in, who gets left out, will leave a bad taste in some county peoples' mouth. But it is a good kick start to help getting it going, but it's got to transfer into all private.

Daniel Baker said and I appreciate that. One thing, over on the tourism side is we're trying to get with Losantville, Ridgeville, officials and others who want to be a part of this. And if Union City, Winchester, we've left it up to them to decide who I on their portion of the video. We can't, I would love to have every single person in the county a part of it, but I mean that cost is going to go out the roof. So, I appreciate that Gary.

Mike said I was hoping to see you in Union City.

Daniel Baker said do what?

Mike said I was hoping you would make that cut in Union City with them, but you didn't make it

Daniel Baker said I didn't make the cut. I'll make the cut for the Randolph County one and we'll see what the Mayor adds me to Winchester if he didn't want to support it or not.

Mike said Gary, what are your thoughts?

Gary Girton said I think it's a program we need to have to get going. I know Union City has been working on this for some time. I'm kind of like Gary. I can support it with the amount you just mentioned. I think we need to get it off the ground. And we've got to get it going. And we've got to start somewhere, and I think we also need to show that from the perspective of everyone that the county is supportive of this. And putting in the funds that you're talking about, is showing that. Is that a motion Gary?

Gary Friend said yes, I'll make a motion, \$5,000 out of Edit.

Gary Girton said I'll second.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Daniel Baker said well thank you very much. And, if I may, real quick, give a couple dates out there. So, on September 13th, between 1 and 3:30, you should have seen an invite to the housing symposium over in Union City.

Gary Friend said are going to have that where we could watch it on line?

Daniel Baker said we're going to try. We're going to try to get KISS tv over there as well. So, just depending on what their schedule is. So, the request will be, or, is out there. And then, just so everybody knows, IEDC is doing their Q3 statewide ready regional meeting over in Muncie. I don't have all the details, but it will be on September 26th. Most likely, what they've done in the past is between, somewhere between 1 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon, or 1 to 5. So, just an FYI, I will get that information out as well. Also, the open for business competition, we had our first info session meeting for the participants out there that you guys have supported, and that we had about 7 or 8 that actually showed up there. But they didn't have to show up to be able to register for that piece. Registration does end September 7th for that for anybody who would like to be a part of that. And that's something exciting for the community, and we have a lot of feedback in the community that people are excited about this. So, we'll keep you guys updated on that. If you didn't see, the speedway sign, is lit. It took a while, but it is now lit. Alright, thank you very much.

Meeks said what's the project called?

Daniel Baker said local commercial project.

Meeks said okay. That's what it's called?

Daniel Baker said yes.

Mike said I'd add video in there so it has a little more definition. We see commercial projects all the time.

Meeks said local video commercial project?

Bob McCoy – Winchester Animal control contract

Mike said next item, Mayor Bob McCoy.

Mayor McCoy said I would like to table the Winchester animal until next month or until the 18th of this month.

Mike said okay.

Mayor McCoy said and that was my original intent. I should have been clearer when I sent that request over.

Mike said okay. Anything else for us this morning?

Mayor McCoy said we're going to put new sidewalks down on Union on the east side. Starting that project to try to make that more walkable through there. Once AEP gets done with their project on the west side, with the poles, we'll probably, I want to get some sidewalks out of them. They're obviously, going to tear some stuff up. So, once that's done, we'll try to get new sidewalks down that one as well. The rainbow room portion of 101 South Main, I'm working with a contractor right now. I met with him Friday, going to meet with Bob Cook's people, as well as Kyle Hastings insurance agent. The plan is to try to take that center portion of that building out, hopefully, before the end of this year. And then we'll go from there on the main structure. And a good turnout for Speedway, as well as Labor Day softball. We probably had, I would say, probably between 3 and 5,000 people in our community spending money, and no problems.

Mike said well that's good. Anybody have any questions of the mayor?

Other Business:

Minutes of August 7, 2023 & August 21, 2023

Mike said that brings us to other business. We received via email, copies of our minutes of August 7th, 2023 and August 21st of 2023. I trust we've had a chance to review them. Are there any additions, corrections or deletions to those minutes?

Gary Friend made a motion to accept them both. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Payroll Claims \$ 281,801.12

Mike said next item is the payroll claims and they are at our place in the amount of \$281,801.12. I'd entertain a motion to approve the payroll claims.

Gary Friend made a motion to approve.

Gary Girton said what was the number again?

Mike said \$281,801.12. I have a motion to approve those claims. Do I have a second?

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

Regular Claims \$671,495.17

Mike said next item, our regular claims, which we have received a copy of via email in the amount of \$671,495.17.

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

Milestone (Airport) Claim \$204,272.47

Mike said next item is a Milestone (Airport) claim in the amount of \$204,272.47, and this is for the taxi lane construction. This is a partial pay request number 3, which I'd entertain a motion to approve that claim.

Gary Girton made motion to approve.

Gary Friend said I will second, but where is this funding from?

Mike said it's our loan and FAA.

Gary Friend said okay.

Mike said and we've loaned them money until the FAA grant comes through. And EDIT paid our share of it, which is 5% I think. We did that several weeks ago.

Gary Friend said thank you.

ARPA Plan amendment (4 items)

Mike said we have an ARPA Plan amendment. We have 4 new items on here, the sheriff's department, new rifles and hardware, our personnel policy update, our audit costs and our jail/kitchen pipe repairs. Do we need to approve these?

Laura said you usually approve them.

Mike said I need a motion to approve the updated ARPA plan.

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

Legal Notice to Quit on Farm leases

Mike said Meeks has prepared and sent us Legal Notice to Quit on our farm leases. These are for the three tillable ground for Ben Brumfield, Chamberlain and Union Go Dairy. And this would be Notice to Quit this year's terms so we can have Peacock negotiate next years terms with them or other farmers. So, I'd entertain a motion to approve these three legal notice to quit.

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

Meeks said I'll prepare a letter to go along with those. Don't send them out. I'll get a letter for you. It's supposed to be a bid pack to go out to the farmers. I'll just kind of tell them that.

Mike said and that brings us to the end of our agenda, except for Additional Appropriations.

Additional Appropriations:

Airport state and federal tax \$5,000.00 Mike said and we have one for the airport. It's \$5,000.00 for state audit federal tax. Gary Friend said do they need another appropriation out of General?

Laura said I believe it is. I think it's for the state and federal tax on fuel.

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 this morning?

Laura said I just have permanent minutes.

Mike said Meeks, do you have anything for us?

Meeks said I do not.

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

Gary Friend said any progress on the property from Farmland search for transfer?

Meeks said I'll try. I know we ordered a search. I don't remember seeing the search. So, I'll check that.

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

Gary Girton said just the email we received from Henry County on the juvenile facilities, Mike you're on that, is there any interest in pursuing that?

Mike said well I think somebody had indicated to me, I think Laura indicated to me, that some of the different counties are using the opioid settlement to help support that. And I think it qualifies for both our discretionary, as well as the identify. We would receive, we're restricted on some of the use, but this would qualify for that. I think it would be, at least, worth talking to them and pursuing to see what they can offer us. So, do you want me to follow up on that?

Gary Girton said yes.

Mike said I can do that. That was on my list as well. Anything else Gary?

Gary Girton said that's all I have.

Mike said I think we've all received the email regarding the E911 office. Have you received that Meeks? I'm not sure how to proceed with it.

Gary Friend said probably ought to, maybe he needs to review the one that came before that.

Meeks said I have not seen anything.

Mike said I'll share those with Meeks, and then maybe he can advise us on which direction to go. Is that okay with you Gary?

Gary Girton said yes.

Mike said okay. And then, the only other thing I have is that I will be attending council tomorrow, and one of the things I want to discuss with them is the Randolph United's budget that has \$12,500.00 in it that's supposed to be from, paid from Tourism to help support the Tourism office. So, I don't know if you want me to share anything else, other than the routine business we had. I'd like to revisit that because it's making the United County United budget short by \$12,500.00.

Gary Friend said and they had voted to do it in the first place.

Mike said the Tourism Commission did, yes.

Gary Friend said I guess maybe if they're short on funds for that, they can do some transferring of funds of money spent. I don't know what that is.

Mike said I would hope they could just take some out of Innkeepers tax.

Gary Friend said yes. Well I think they're saying there's not enough money in the Innkeepers tax to do it left unappropriated. Is that correct?

Laura said their budget for 2024. I mean, there is money there now. But, it's going to short them in 2024 is all I'm saying. I guess they can deal with that if they don't get enough tax in to cover 2024, they can reduce that budget.

Mike said so the 2024 budget does not anticipate any revenue from innkeeper tax?

Laura said it does anticipate, but they thought the average what we get, there will not be enough for 2024's budget. Now, if that goes up, then it could cover it. Otherwise, they would just need to reduce their budget next year.

Gary Friend said they put 40 some thousand dollars in advertising in next year's budget, right?

Laura said that sounds right, but I don't, without having that in front of me Gary, I can't tell you for sure.

Mike said that's all I have.

Citizen Comments (3 minutes)

Mike said any citizens here have a comment to make? Yes. If you would, come up.

Nalaina Whitesell said so, I actually came here as both a citizen of the county and as one of your 911 staff. And I'm kind of just wondering at this point, have you guys considered the?

Mike said what is your name?

Nalaina Whitesell said Nalaina Whitesell.

Mike said Nalaina, okay. Now go ahead.

Nalaina Whitesell said so, I'm sure, if you're aware of the amount of staffing that we have at this point, but at the point that we're at, if we lose even one more person, it puts us at a position in which we might not be able to staff our center. And I'm just wondering what is your plan if that occurs?

Mike said well, if, and we are aware of the staffing. Chris has shared his situation with us. And frankly, we, or I should say, I rely on Chris to advise and recommend on how we handle that situation. He is our director.

Nalaina Whitesell said okay. I have asked him and he, from what I have understood, he does not really have a plan either, as to what we're going to do if that does occur. And that's why I am a little concerned, like I said, as a citizen of the county. You know, it's me and my family's safety, as well, if we're unable to staff the department.

Mike said okay.

Nalaina Whitesell said that was basically, my concern and my worry.

Mike said well I appreciate you sharing that, and we'll follow that up with Chris and see where it goes.

Nalaina Whitesell said okay.

Mike said thank you. Any other citizens here who would to share comment, question concerns?

Adjournment

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

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

Reviewed and signed this 2 day of 0ct.ber, 2023.

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