

Randolph County Commissioners

November 7, 2022

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, Tom Chalfant 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 – Paramedic Schooling

Duane Petry said we've had one of our part-time employees ask if we could fund him going to paramedic school. I think he's a pretty good candidate. I think he would get through it without any problem. The Franciscan program has got a really high pass rate, and it's reasonably priced. So, I just want to know if we can go forward with that, how much we want to pay and go from there.

Gary said what are the details then, how long will it take him.

Duane Petry said so I think it's like a year and a half.

Gary said year and a half.

Duane Petry said yeah.

Gary said where is it.

Duane Petry said it's at Franciscan Hospital in Indianapolis. I've got \$4,000 in training for next year.

Mike said and do you want to spend it all on that?

Duane Petry said no. I would say we could probably go with half without any problem, go for three, I think I sent you guys over the weekend, I sent an agreement that New Castle uses to when they send somebody to paramedic school, about repayment and, how long they have to. I think they gave them 18 months once they get out of school to pass the paramedic class.

Mike said have you seen that agreement Meeks.

Meeks said no.

Mike said I guess that was my concern would be if we trained this person up and they work for us and then they find out Wayne County or Delaware is going to pay them more money, then we have an enforcement on this agreement, which is going to cost us funds. I didn't really read the agreement that close, but personal service contracts are hard, number one, enforce and number two, it creates issues of collecting.

Duane Petry said right. I can send that to Meeks.

Mike said I don't have a problem with training up an employee to become a paramedic. I think that's probably a good idea. The other issue I would have is that once we start this with you, then we would probably have to do it with other departments with regards to training that they would do. And I did see some emails from council and there's, council seems to be somewhat in agreement in doing it because our needs are great. But the fair thing to do would be if highway comes and I need a CDL driver, then can I pay, can we pay to have him trained. If the sheriff comes and it, it keeps going. So, I'm not sure where to go with it myself. It's really, I suppose it's like anything else. If we say we would like him trained, then council decides whether or not they want to pay for that. And if they choose not to pay for it, then we don't have, we'd have to go to other funds that we control to pay for it, or use your budget funds to pay for it. So are you thinking he would go in and start in January, is that a suitable amount of time to talk about this a little bit.

Duane Petry said yes.

Mike said and then you are going to go to council tomorrow.

Duane Petry said yes.

Mike said okay. That might give us better direction, and then in the meantime, if you could send that contract to Meeks, Meeks could take a look at it and see what he thinks about it. I may be all wet in my, the way I've looked at it. But those concern me. The idea I think is valuable. Whether we want to commit to the highway department and other departments to do this in the future is another question.

Duane Petry said okay.

Mike said do you have any questions of Duane.

Gary said no I just think it's great. I know our, that is an area which, as I sit in different meetings in the state and listen to people talk, this is crucial. And there's not any, except for if there's adjoining municipalities that want to pay considerably more, that's about the only way you can get one. It doesn't seem like there's many being trained or many taking schooling to come on board. And that's concerning to me because we certainly need them. I don't know how many are you short now if you were at full force.

Duane Petry said one for sure. And probably two.

Gary said two. So, I agree with Mike. You address the council and then give us a little time to think about that. But I think it's certainly a way to maybe entice some of these good candidates to move forward.

Mike said we could table it for two weeks.

Gary said that would be fine.

Mike said okay. Is that okay with you Tom.

Tom said yes.

Mike said have any comments or questions.

Tom said well that's, yeah, maybe other counties poach, I guess, I think the overall solution is to pay competitive wages because when you train people, then you've got to access well are they going to live in Randolph County or are they going to be enticed to go to Wayne, Delaware, wherever. So that's, but paying fair wages is probably what we need to talk about in the long term.

Mike said okay thanks Duane.

Duane Petry said thanks.

Mike Haffner - Utilities, purchase of paving equipment, and a used tandem plow truck

Mike Haffner said first of all, I'd like for you guys to meet Jay Long.

Mike said Jay, Mike Wickersham. Nice to meet you.

Mike Haffner said he's my assistant superintendent. Got high hopes. So, it's been a welcome addition. So, he's certainly been a lot of help for me so far.

Mike said I need, just let me, have you been with us for a while, or you a new employee and assistant okay.

Mike Haffner said when I interviewed him, we talked about the assistant, but I wanted him to have some time in there first. And then we've spent some time just together, going over the details and responsibilities, and he's still very interested in the position.

Mike said okay.

Mike Haffner said I've got three utilities.

Mike said okay.

Mike Haffner said these are, I'm not sure if Laura's got them. Last time I checked, they didn't. One of them is on the county line, 200 East and 100 East. They're basically simple bore under. They was originally, these are about a month old, but they wanted to vibratory plow everything. I told them well that's not going to fly, so that's why they took a little longer because they re-drew them for bore unders.

Tom said who is this.

Mike said Charter. Charter Communications.

Mike Haffner said yeah this is Charter, yeah. So, no use bringing stuff that I wouldn't recommend, so we basically.

Mike said so you are recommending approval of these.

Mike Haffner said I would recommend approval on all three of them.

Mike said all of them.

Tom said I guess I would move approval if Mike recommends them.

Mike said okay, do I have a second.

Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike Haffner said I'm just letting you guys know that I am going to be going to council Wednesday. We need a, to finish out the year, we're just transferring a little bit of money from our 1173, our rental line into stone and gravel. We've got money that we're not using in a rental line that I can use in stone and gravel, so we're just going, moving 20 from there. The other big one is kind of supporting the structures and bridge repairs and all the critical findings we've had. We originally had about \$500,000 set aside in 1173 in our paving line. Well we can't beg, borrow or steal a paver. So, we're just move the \$300,000 over into bridge repair to be able to cover in case we do start seeing a lot of these bills that we wasn't planning on seeing. So that's what I've done there just to support that. It's within our budget, but it's coming out of two different lines, so I have to have approval. So that's what I'm recommending there. The other thing is our paving equipment, to finish that out, again, Joe's been highly involved in this steps, and what do we buy, and what make and model and everything else. The roller, it really comes down to delivery. It would have been nice to just keep everything at McAllister's because that's who we got the paver, get all the support. But on the roller, they're telling me if I place an order today, it is going to be 12 months. And they don't really, we would be at the mercy to try to rent a roller for next year's program before ours would come in. Their price that they're able to give me is \$148,171.00. They thought they had a new one sitting on a dealer lot that they was wanting the dealer trade a product for that would have been pretty much that same price range. But they wasn't willing to give up the piece of equipment the other dealer was wanting. So that deal fell through. Okay, another deal, Southeastern with a, well excuse me, on the caterpillar that was a CB7 vibratory dual steel rim roller. And the same exact width and frame and

everything in a Bomag 141 double steel vibratory roller, they have one coming in around that March delivery that they feel pretty strong that it will be even sooner. At \$136,700. So, it is just a little bit cheaper. Henry County's got a Bomag 161, but for our needs, I think the 141 is that nice bigger medium roller that we would like. And with availability, they can do a Sourcewell for the \$136,700. Now again, the money we've already really, this unit wouldn't be until next year's budget to be paid off anyway.

Mike said paver needs a roller.

Mike Haffner said we need the, we got the paver.

Mike said I'd say buy it.

Mike Haffner said so I guess between them, I'm recommending the Bomag. Joe's got, I mean, trust me, I've been with every step, if you've got anything to say on that.

Joe Copeland said I've had good luck with Bomag rollers.

Tom said there's not a lot of service components.

Mike Haffner said there's not a lot of service problem like on a paver.

Mike said okay.

Mike Haffner said I feel that's the one I'm recommending so, you know, if you authorize me to.

Mike said I can't disagree with you.

Tom said they're both yellow.

Mike said okay good.

Mike Haffner said and then the second thing is and there's multiple different ways we can go, is a skid steer with a little mill head attachments. When you stop, you have to have a milled-out approach. If you're like go along some of your paved driveways and stuff, if you just mill it flush, it might chip off so you mill, you know, and inch, inch and a half deep to give it some, Joe's going for bridge decks, not really to mill the whole bridge deck, but to the approaches to join up with existing pavement, you about have to have that. So basically, a skid steer, again, delivery is a huge problem on these things. We're running a 74 ½ horse just to keep below the depth, so it comes down, caterpillar does have a unit that they can even deliver in December of this year to actually use up our money that we've got set aside for this year. With the skid steer, with tracks and buckets, and the mill head attachment, uh, \$98,175.00. Southeastern, which would be a Kubota, \$101,890. John Deere, is going to be about the \$113,000.00 once you get the mill head attachment. But the availability on the John Deere Kubota and bobcat, I can't, I didn't, the bobcat didn't even want to price it because they're expecting at least 12 months out or better. And their prices keep changes. So basically, it comes down to I'm recommending a

259D3 caterpillar skid loader with a 24-inch mill head and bucket for the \$98,175. It's actually the low bid, plus I can have this unit yet this year.

Mike said that's where we're getting the paver too.

Mike Haffner said that's where we're getting the paver, at Macalister.

Tom said any chance we can trade that zipper in on any of this equipment.

Mike Haffner said I've tried and they are looking at it. They, in talking to Joe some too, there's still somewhat need of it.

Tom said so you could still use it in.

Mike Haffner said we could still use it in some situations. We have an old steel caterpillar steel roller. And Macalister has said they think it's worth \$2,000.00. Southeastern is only going to allow us a \$1000. That's awful cheap.

Tom said that's not even scrap price. Has it got a motor on it.

Mike Haffner said oh and it runs fine. We can do better somewhere else.

Mike said for a \$1,000 bucks, I'd keep it.

Mike Haffner said yes. Or donate it or somebody's that going to have some use in the county. But that's why I didn't recommend trading it.

Mike said would it be, would it be one that in the event that the new one failed to work one day, and you needed to roll out the pavement, you could get that one out there to finish the job.

Mike Haffner said it would take significant, the old one, it runs just fine mechanically, but it would take a completely new water system. The water tank on it is leaking and cracked. And where can you find even a water tank, you know, to put on it so. It's basically just a stone roller at this point in time. Now we used it quite a bit with the new facility rolling in all that new stuff. And you know, so I just felt that was, we can get rid of it or keep it in a different fashion. So, I guess that's kind of what I'm recommending, but that actually, we'll be able to get, it would be late this year, but we can possibly get it in.

Mike said okay. I don't think anybody's in any disagreement with your recommendations. Gary.

Mike Haffner said it would sure be nice to combine, because when they, we planned on buying the extended warranties on the paver and everything, and when they do service work, they can you know, get all the equipment.

Tom said you have a one-year warranty on everything now.

Mike Haffner said everything's got a one-year warranty, but for like \$2300.00, I think it's only \$2700.00 on this paver, you can actually bump that up to three-year warranty. And so that's a no brainer there. The only other thing that I've got, unless you've got something for me, and I'm really, I think I'm going to turn this over to Joe, there's a possibility of yet, this year, being able to purchase from another county agency that's trading some equipment on a dump truck. I've seen, not this particular vehicle, and we'll have to go look at it, but as far as the body, they're running pretty much the exact same control system, the same Monroe underbody stainless steel is everything we have presently. So, it would, instead of it being on an international chassis, it would be a freight liner chassis. But you know Joe you can, you bought trucks off that county last year and got two spoken yet for this year. But they're trading three and Henry County just needed two, and he's kind of said Randolph County might be interested in that other one. And I agree, so I'm going to let him kind of tell you about it.

Joe Copeland said they're nice trucks. He usually runs them up to about 80,000 and then he gets rid of them, gets new ones. So, he paid the last I knew, about two years ago, he was paying \$184,000.00 for a tandem. I bought the last two from a dealer. He'd already traded it in, through the dealership for \$65,000 apiece. I hope we can get it a little cheaper in doing interlocal and see if we can buy them directly from them, do away with the dealer. He'll make out better and we'll make out cheaper so.

Mike said okay. You're going to go look at it.

Mike Haffner said I'm going to go look at it, yes.

Joe Copeland said he's told me that he expects those three trucks to be in, the new ones, this month.

Mike said so it needs to act fast them.

Joe Copeland said yes.

Mike Haffner said so I will know a lot more in December, and if it's something we want to pursue, then maybe in December, we'll know more, then we'll come back to you. Then again, the money's in the line already. It just needs you say okay. And then I wasn't sure on what the process, buying it off another agent, local, so you know, we've never really done that, but Joe's done that so he can work with Meeks and make sure everything is legal and kosher.

Joe Copeland said usually it's just an interlocal once you agree on price.

Mike said okay. So, the old highway garage.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike said how much stuff do we have still there.

Mike Haffner said well pretty much right now, when we put the three total patchers away, that building pretty much will be full. We have all three total patchers.

Mike said you don't have space for the three total patchers at the new garage.

Mike Haffner said no. Even in the cold storage, the cold storage is full. Joe's got a lot of bridge stuff in some bays that have to be under roof. I think the sheriff's got one vehicle that's there under roof. And we have really one and a half to two bays in all of our barricade equipment and all that kind of stuff. And then we keep the mini excavator and some of the more expensive stuff there in the other bays that you know, that's graders, mini excavators and stuff like that and some of our other auxiliary trucks, our chipper, our boom truck, and stuff like that we put under them bays. So yeah, I mean really, and then we still have the fair grounds that we keep our like chipping equipment, our rubber tire roller, our chip box. You know, naturally, we've got a paver and roller and all that and I really don't want it sitting outside.

Tom said are the 4H people still okay with that.

Mike Haffner said the 4H ground's okay with it. We've kind of, the critical spots that they can rent is fine. Our stuff will fit in the other barn that has a lot lower profile that they can't get campers and stuff in. So, we're kind of getting their auxiliary stuff that they have a harder time using. So basically, yeah that north barn is still pretty valuable storage space for me. You know, Tom and I have talked in the past about maybe putting a lean-to off the back side of the existing cold storage. Now there's a water ravine out there.

Tom said yeah, probably twenty foot is about all we could do there isn't it.

Mike Haffner said yeah, well, twenty-four maybe, I think but.

Mike said by what.

Mike Haffner said twenty-four foot shed off of the left side.

Mike said how big is the cold storage. How long.

Mike Haffner said oh how long.

Tom said it's 196 isn't it.

Mike Haffner said yeah I think about 190.

Mike said is that what you're talking about. Is that what you guys are talking about.

Tom said well we haven't.

Mike Haffner said no we've never priced it or anything. We just said in the future, if we ever needed more that that would be a you know, an option.

Mike said how big is the north barn.

Mike Haffner said it's probably, it's got a lean-to on the one shed. What really, we're using of it is probably.

Tom said is that 40 by 70 or 80 maybe, 40 by 80 you think.

Mike Haffner said we're probably utilizing maybe a space of 35ish by 60, 70, you know. And like I said, we still got equipment sitting.

Mike said can you firm that number up and let me know.

Mike Haffner said yeah I can confirm that and email you the exact square foot you know, what dimensions we've got.

Mike said okay that's all I have. You guys got anything else.

Joe said do you have a couple of minutes for an update on culverts.

Mike said yeah we do.

Joe said here's a list of the culverts, large culverts that were on a list that we were given from SJCA, one's that need replaced. There's seven on there. One has been completed of course, 250 East, north of 300 North. A concrete box was installed there. There's another one right now that's being worked on and that's 1250 West south of 28. But these others I'm looking at now, some of them aren't as easy as you think. They're, the one on 750 North, I have a culvert that they said floods. Well I checked DNR's flood elevations and from that, it's about, the flood elevation is about three feet above the top of the culvert, the road, in line with the stream. So yeah, we've got some work to do.

Mike said it doesn't take much to flood that.

Joe said yeah, they warned me when I was out there, a couple of guys were helping me take some shots on it, and they warned me it was really bad. I can't believe that fellow that lives there, there's a driveway right off the side of it, and I can't believe he doesn't get flooded. And then the nine culverts, the smaller ones, they're all completed except two. One they're working on right now on 700 North east of 1150 East. That's a concrete elliptical pipe. And the other one is a box. And I'm going to wait and make sure we got enough money next year, and take care of, buy that one next year, get quotes. I think I can get it cheaper.

Tom said that 700 North and 1150 West, you say 1150 East.

Joe Copeland said which one, the one with the flooding.

Tom said the one they're working on now.

Joe Copeland said oh 700 North, east of 1150.

Tom said east of 1150 West, okay.

Joe Copeland said unless there's any questions, that's all I got. Oh, all the critical findings are done except two. And the contractor's aware of them. Hopefully, he'll have it done in the next two weeks. And they're, it's not a major, we're not having to close the bridge. It's a guardrail post connected to the bridge, the top bolts have been pulled out. Somebody's hit it. And they've got to put new bolts in there. They'll probably move the post over and drill new holes and put it in.

Mike said okay.

Joe Copeland said that's where we're at.

Mike said any questions of Mike or Joe.

Gary said Mike you sent an email out some time ago about you were still paying the electricity on the old highway building. Did you get that corrected?

Mike Haffner said it seemed like it stopped for a while, but then it came back. And they, with new girls, it accidentally got paid a couple of times before we caught it. So yeah, it's the electric bill on the old building is still coming our way.

Tom said do we, do we need that meter on the north building.

Mike Haffner said no we don't need any power at all.

Tom said I mean is it, we should probably just disconnect that shouldn't we. I mean that's still in our name. I'd think.

Mike Haffner said well the north meter, we've been paying because you know, it is nice. But I'm talking the south meter where the Amish have rented. We're getting that bill. I've never complained about that bill.

Tom said I don't know how that got switched back because it was changed.

Mike Haffner said yeah, I don't know why it started coming back.

Mike said what reason not to just switch it back. Just tell them we don't want it back. I mean, do we disconnect that meter.

Mike Haffner said yeah I been, I've instructed them on my side just to get ahold of the electric and say this is not our bill.

Mike said but there's nothing on that south meter we use.

Mike Haffner said no.

Mike said okay. Do you want the north meter?

Mike Haffner said no. I, I've told Lonnie just go ahead and call and have it shut off because we don't need it.

Mike said okay. Thank you.

Tom said oh Joe, could you, do you have a rough idea about the bridge, the highway 1 there at 200, you know, the bridge that we closed, and fixing that intersection. The state's supposed to have plans, but I'm doubtful they can find them. Do you have a rough idea what it would take to draw up plans for that to shave that hill off? Is that real complicated?

Joe said well, here's the problem. It, once we decide how much it needs to go down, then we're going to have to draw up plans because the state's going to want a full set of plans. And then we're going to have to bid it or quote it, depending on what's the estimated price.

Tom said if it's under 150, where we just have to quote it. If it's over that, bid it, yeah.

Joe said right.

Mike said then the state would expect us to pay for it.

Joe said yeah it may take a while for them to review and get back.

Mike said did we find out what the, I guess the accident percent is out there, how many accidents are at that, zero.

Joe said I couldn't find any. I looked.

Mike said well it may change if that bridge is closed, there may be more.

Joe said I couldn't find any. Thank you.

Mike said thank you.

Chris Ashburn – Look for artifacts on the courthouse lawn

Mike said Chris Ashburn. Is Chris here this morning.

Tom said I don't think we'd have any trouble with somebody looking for artifacts.

Mike said I'm not sure I want somebody digging in the courthouse lawn.

Tom said not digging but using a metal detector.

Mike said I don't think we can keep them from walking around with a metal detector on the courthouse lawn. We can keep them from digging.

Jim Michael & Connan Wallace, RC Airport Board – Ordinance 2022-28 Aviation fuel fund

Mike said we'll move to the Randolph County Airport Board. Jim Michael and Conan's here on behalf of the board as well. Morning Jim.

Jim Michael said alright we're here to seek you guys' blessing or approval or whatever, to start a non-reverting fuel fund for the airport. It's something that the FAA has been kind of pushing a lot recently. We've talked with other airports around. Other airports have done it, the closest one being Jay County. They have one as well. We've got a copy of their ordinance. We had Meeks draw up the ordinance for here. Do you guys want a copy of that, or do you have that.

Mike said is this 2022-28.

Jim Michael said uh, probably, it doesn't have a 28 for me but.

Gary said yes.

Jim Michael said yeah.

Mike said an ordinance establishing a non-reverting aviation fuel fund.

Jim Michael said yes.

Mike said for the county council.

Jim Michael said yes. What that entails pretty much is you guys put in the starter amount of it and then we draw off of that as we get out monthly proceeds in, it goes back into that account. We continue to build it. Then it's in the ordinance that any overances in it that we need to pay for repairs to the fuel pump, fuel hose, fuel nozzles, things like that, any kind of fuel related or aviation fluid related I guess, we'd take the funds out of that instead of having to come to you guys to say hey we need to buy a new fuel pump, or something like that. This also hopefully, would reduce the need for Eric to have to come up and ask for more funds throughout the year, as he's had to, and I guess it's the second or third time he's had to do it this year. The one time being was right during the prime, prime time of crop dusting. We were out of fuel, out of funds, and needed to get some things done pretty quick. So, the other situation is like we have right now where we needed to order fuel, the funds weren't there, we ordered the fuel, had to order the fuel, and without the funds being there, that's kind of a gray area in the terms of with the State Auditor. So, this hopefully, would eliminate all those types of situations.

Mike said and the airport hadn't been denied the request to come in and have funds to order fuel have they.

Jim Michael said no.

Mike said no.

Tom said this would include all fuels, like the unleaded fuel that they sell out there.

Jim Michael said yes.

Mike said does the, I presume the airport makes money off of fuel. That's where this is going to go, and I don't know county finances well enough to. But my thought would be that any money that the airport makes off fuel would go to offset some of the other.

Meeks said goes into the county general.

Mike said goes into the county general, which would offset the salaries and benefits that the county pays for airport personnel, and other airport expenses. So that would then reduce what's going into county general to cover those expenses.

Jim Michael said yes.

Meeks said you're not paying from county general to pay for fuel either.

Mike said well I'm just talking about the overage.

Tom said well we're making a profit. We've received the profit off it.

Jim Michael said yes.

Tom said so that's what we're trying to recoup or figure out how to offset that.

Jim said then the other thing with this being the FAA grant assurances program, one of the items that they have in their process is that, and I can read it verbatim, all revenues generated by the airport and any local tax on aviation fuel established after December 30th of 87, will be expanded by it for the capital of operating cost of the airport for the local airport system. So essentially, they, per the FAA, they want these type of fuel funds, reverting fuel funds. And that's in their grant approval processes. So, I don't know, at some point if.

Mike said that's the grants that, that's not the FAA grant that we get every year.

Jim said I'm not sure if it's the one we get every year.

Mike said are those for competitive grants or the ones that the, that's set up that the airport gets every year.

Jim said that I couldn't answer that.

Mike said because I know they get, what, get 160,000 a year.

Conan said typically yes.

Mike said and that's kind of just rolls every year.

Jim Michael said right.

Mike said and so we've not had that, so that hadn't affected that one, but it might affect for instance, if we went for a new terminal grant over and above the 160, that could affect that.

Jim said right. We have one right now for the expansion.

Mike said right. What are your thoughts. Obviously, this is a money matter and it's reserved for the county council, so it's their ordinance. But you are just wanting our blessing to go forward.

Jim said yeah.

Mike said it doesn't sound like you need our blessing.

Jim said okay.

Mike said I don't think do they Meeks.

Meeks said don't need it, but you guys control some funds so I told them to come and tell you guys what they're doing.

Tom said do you know how much, are we talking \$5,000.00 profit a year.

Meeks said I mean, it can be used for anything at the airport. I mean you guys are funding the airport. This is just makes sense to do it.

Conan Wallace said our budget for 2023, was \$180,000.00 for the aviation fuel fund, basically what we're talking about. Our total budget is almost \$325,000 so it's about 55% of our budget is basically, the aviation fuel.

Mike said do you have any idea what you make off of that.

Jim said I don't.

Tom said fifty cents a gallon wasn't it at least.

Jim said it varies on how much a gallon we charge.

Mike said probably varies on the type of fuel you're selling too.

Jim said yeah, based off what the other airports are doing, we try to do.

Tom said so you sell \$180,000 worth of aviation fuel and all fuel that's out there a year.

Jim said yeah, right.

Tom said well money, well that could be 10, 15,000, I mean, 10% would be 18,000 so.

Jim said right.

Tom said yeah, what do we, how do we recoup that, or how do we figure that into the equation.

Mike said that would be a discussion for council that they would have to determine how to do that. For us, it would be if they make \$15,000 a year, and they bank that for two or three years, they've got \$50,000.00 to replace fuel pumps or improve the airport. And it's, repair maintenance of any and all fuel stations, buildings and grounds as needed. And one could say that if they had a fuel fund out there and if they were going to seek a grant from someplace then that might be their match of the grant as opposed to coming to us and we match it out of EDIT funds. Right now, we match their grants out of EDIT funds. So that optimally, would be a wash in that respect so. I guess personally, I don't have a problem with it. I guess I'd be in favor or it so. And that's obviously, subject to the council saying we can't afford that.

Jim said well we just coming here on a, as a courtesy.

Mike said well we appreciate that. We don't see the airport very much because we don't, we don't pass out money so.

Jim said we were told by Meeks to be here.

Mike said that's my thought it. I don't know how you feel about it Gary or Tom.

Gary said I think it sounds like a good plan to me. We need to get something like that started. But as you said, as Mike said, it's not really our final decision, we're just making a suggestion, maybe even a recommendation to the council.

Jim said we're on their agenda for Wednesday too.

Mike said Tom your thoughts.

Tom said well this gives it more economy it's just yeah, my concern is that that money will go to maintain the airport and it will save us, it'll save us from giving you \$15,000.00 a year that you're keeping yourselves so. That's the hope of both boards that that'll work that way.

Mike said okay.

Jim said yeah that's I mean, if it's in there not going to use it for salary or anything like that. It would take another

Mike said so how's it going otherwise out there.

Jim said it's going well.

Conan Wallace said we attended the aviation conference in October, West Lafayette at Purdue.

Mike said they have that at Purdue too.

Conan Wallace said yeah.

Mike said they get all those good conferences up there.

Chris Holtzliter (Board President), Joyce Kirk, (VP), Amanda Slentz (WIC director), and Samantha Wilson (EAP director) – Community and Family Services lease

Mike said Community and Family Services. Morning ladies.

Joyce Kirk said morning.

Amanda Slentz said morning.

Mike said you are.

Amanda Slentz said I'm Amanda Slentz.

Mike said Amanda.

Amanda Slentz said yes I'm the WIC coordinator.

Mike said okay. And.

Joyce Kirk said Joyce Kirk. I am a board member. I'm actually vice president.

Amanda Slentz said we're here today because we are currently in the process of redoing our lease with you guys. And we would like to ask you to reconsider the rate that you've included on the new lease. Community and Family Services have been operating under apparently, the same lease for the last twenty years. Kind of thought we just had controlled rent myself. And so, our rate was significantly lower than the new amount that's proposed in the lease. We were paying about 31 cents a square foot for the month and the new one is about 83 cents a square foot for the month. So, we will have about a third of the space that we had when we included Head Start because they had a kitchen and a whole classroom, and their offices that's no longer our space too. But we are paying almost the same amount in rent with the new lease. So, we would like for you to consider a lower amount than the \$10.00 a square foot a year.

Mike said and how are you funded.

Amanda said grants. We're a non-profit, Community Family Services, and our funding comes from grants. Most of them are state grants, a few local ones.

Mike said can I ask what your total budget is.

Joyce Kirk said for just WIC.

Mike said no, for Community and Family Services.

Joyce Kirk said I did not come with that. We just came with the WIC information.

Mike said okay so then WIC makes up how much, what percentage of the total square footage.

Joyce said, most of it.

Amanda said in the new lease, WIC will have four offices. There will be a shared office with Energy Assistance and then Energy Assistance has the main head reception area in their office.

Mike said the lease says 302, 310, 312, 313, 314 and 315.

Amanda said mine are, I have 312, 313, 314 and 315. 310 is a shared space and then 302 is Energy Assistance.

Mike said and that is shared with.

Amanda said Energy Assistance.

Mike said Energy Assistance.

Amanda said yeah. They're the only other community family services program that's represented in the Winchester office.

Mike said okay.

Amanda said we cover six counties altogether.

Tom said you have, you have offices in six other counties.

Amanda said, five others but six total.

Tom said five others. Do you know what they pay for rent in all the other counties? Do you have any of that information.

Amanda said it depends on which county, because some of our spaces were owned by Community and Family Services, and when they're our sponsor and they own the building, they can't charge us rent for the grants. So, like in Huntington, we've been in a shared space. But they've actually just sold the building so we're moving, and well soon as I find a place. And so, I'll have rent now in my budget that wasn't there before. So, I have to really watch all my cost because it's a whole new cost. For Jay County, this past year, we've just switched from an agency owned building into a rent provided one. We're paying \$1,100 a month there. But we have more square footage because it's also where I typically sit, so it has an extra office in it. And our coordinator sits there, so it has an extra office in it. And our main storage is there too. In Blackford, we're in an agency owned building so we just help with the shared costs, like utilities and toilet paper and cleaning, and all that kind of stuff. Adams county, WIC is in our own, in their courthouse annex there, actually. And we pay, I want to say \$380 a month maybe there.

Tom said do you know what that, how that compares to this lease, square footage-wise.

Amanda said probably a little bit smaller. A little bit smaller. We have one less office up there.

Mike said so the square footage they're paying now is around \$3.00.

Amanda said I've got it \$3.72.

Mike said \$3.72. Well, as you've said, you've been there a long time and we've not changed it. We really, what we've done is gone through most of the leases as they've come due, and we've raised them to that \$10.00 a square foot, which we've been advised is really not the market rate for commercial spaces either. We're a little low in that respect, but I also can understand where from \$3.72 to \$10.00 could be a shock on the system.

Amanda said yeah. It's going to be about an extra \$6300 out of my budget for the year, just for that space.

Mike said so who's using, who's using 302.

Amanda said uh, the Energy Assistance Program.

Mike said okay so they have 1 1/2 offices then.

Amanda said yeah.

Tom said I assume they're grants also.

Amanda said they're also grants.

Tom said is that Federal grants.

Joyce said yes, Federal and a little bit of local, but mainly State and Federal.

Amanda said their program doesn't really operate all year long either. They're more October to May that they would actually be in the office space too.

Mike said the other thing in this agreement is the term. What would be your thoughts on how long this lease would be for.

Amanda said if it's a higher rent, I may have to look elsewhere, not that I'll necessarily be able to find some place that's lower, so it would need to be a shorter term. But, I'll stay there for a long time if you'll let me, if we can afford it.

Mike said well my thought would be that again, considering the \$3.72 to \$10.00 my thought would be if we signed a three-year lease and raised it some this year, raised it more next year and raised it more the third year.

Joyce said so you're looking at the end of three years being at \$10.

Mike said well that's just a scenario that I'm presenting.

Joyce said yeah, so how much would it be.

Mike said and at the end of three years, I won't be sitting here, so I guess I don't have to worry about that. But I don't know how Tom and Gary feel about it, but I do know WIC is a valuable program in the county.

Amanda said part of my problem is that my new grant just started October the 1st, but I wrote the budget in May. But I wrote it with \$173.00 a month as the rent, and not \$700 a month as the rent.

Mike said so your share, WIC's share of the rent is \$700.

Amanda said the new one will be around \$700, because I didn't know exactly what our square footage was.

Mike said the only thing that would make this conversation worse is if it were right before Christmas. Well we said we charge \$10.00 a square foot, and yet the Journey Home, which is a valuable asset to the county, we don't charge them \$10.00 a square foot I don't believe. I suppose the other way to look at it is if we entered this agreement, then next month you might come in and say WIC needs a grant from Randolph County, and could we get a grant out of EDIT funds.

Joyce said that's a very true possibility. We've been trying to figure out how to make this up considering the budget was already done.

Mike said that's a problem.

Joyce said yeah.

Mike said that is a problem.

Gary said well what kind of an increase can you stand this year then if we go like Mike suggested on a three-year prorated increased stepped up.

Amanda said I honestly can't give you an answer, because I'm also moving my Huntington, and I'm going from no rent to having to pay rent. And I'm not finding anything reasonable up there so far. None of it is actual office space. It's all retail space. They will have it built out and they want me to absorb the build out costs and to rent also. So, I honestly can't answer what my budget can sustain in increase of with this one.

Joyce said for this year.

Amanda said yeah for this year.

Joyce said yes there was a lot of changes this year that were not anticipated.

Amanda said like this one.

Joyce said yes. There was a lot of significant changes this year that were not anticipated.

Amanda said when we removed Head Start from part of the agency, then that meant that all the shared costs that Head Start also helped pay, now have to be reallocated to all the other programs. So, I've taken on some more costs of other things that since Head Start isn't there anymore.

Mike said could you pay \$5.75 a square foot.

Amanda said way better than ten. I could find a way to pay that yes.

Mike said well if we signed a three-year lease and you paid \$5.75 in 2023, \$7.75 in 2024, and \$10.00 in 2025.

Amanda said we could find a way hopefully.

Mike said I guess I didn't realize that the separation at that office created such financial stress on the other offices.

Joyce said yeah.

Amanda said because Head Start was significantly bigger than every other program that Community Family Services has.

Joyce said and it's not just this county. It hit every county that Head Start was sharing office space with. It was a big hit that was not anticipated.

Mike said do you agree with the 1,117 square footage in here.

Amanda said that's what the lease said. I don't know what the actual measurements are on each individual office.

Mike said but that's what we're basing the \$927 a month at \$10.00 a square foot on. That's \$10.00 a square foot per year divided, and, times 1,117 feet is \$11,170.00 divided by 12. That's how we arrived at that.

Joyce said so the rooms that were stated in the lease are correct. So, we didn't go in and measure each room. We just took it at your word.

Mike said our building manager has measured those, calculated those.

Joyce said so yeah. We're not disputing that.

Mike said so if we could agree to \$5.75, that means we're going to lose 425 in square footage cost, which would be a reduction of about \$5300.00 for 2023.

Amanda said but they were costs you didn't have before.

Mike said right. Yeah, I understand.

Tom said yeah, the costs are still there for maintenance, roofs, what, million-dollar hearing system, and so forth.

Amanda said and I'm under the understanding that Head Start has done their own separate lease with you for the space that they have.

Meeks said they have. Yeah. \$10.00 per square foot.

Amanda said yeah we have about a, we were about one third and they were about two thirds of the space that was in the original lease. So, you're still way ahead.

Mike said well I stated what I've stated, so I guess I'm waiting on Gary and Tom to see where they're coming out on this.

Tom said apparently, we need a property manager.

Mike said you don't have any other revenue source besides grants.

Joyce said no.

Amanda said we have some unrestricted funding with like a thrift shop in Blackford County.

Mike said do you do any fundraising.

Joyce said not WIC itself, but CFS is working on creating some fundraising to get unrestricted funds.

Mike said do you want to think on it a while or do you want to. Gary, Tom, what do you guys.

Gary said well I understand where they're coming from. I know exactly the issues they're having and have had because I was involved with that a few years back. And WIC is something that we, well Energy Assistance too, we probably going need Energy Assistance more this year than other years, last year from what I gathered from other organizations in the county that work in that area. So, I guess I can live with that for this year. I'm not sure you know; the way things are going to happen next year and the year after. I think we maybe should have at least a second year of projected request for square footage rent and see where we're at from there. I don't know. But I do know the need is here. And I do know that issues that they're having here like she said she made her budget in May when she sort of anticipated more money available. And that has disappeared. But we do need something because our bills, utility bills and maintenance bills, and all that are going up all the time. We did spend, as Tom mentioned, some money a few years ago to change the heating, and that was a money saver for us. But it was a huge outlay of capital too.

Mike said how many Randolph County residents do you serve at WIC.

Amanda said we serve around 400 a month is how many get benefits from WIC.

Mike said the other option, I suppose to a three-year lease would be a one-year lease at a reduced rate from the \$10.00 and then WIC could consider I don't know if you've thought about reduction space, or is that even feasible to do that up there. And I'm not suggesting you do that. That would just save you money I guess, is what I'm thinking.

Amanda said because of the way our staffing is, really about, we could maybe lose one office. It's an office that we use for breast feeding support, and the space where women can go and breast feed their babies if they would rather have privacy than sitting out in the waiting room and stuff.

Mike said that's a good thing.

Amanda said and she has some counselling in there and stuff, but that would be really the only office that I could consider not using.

Mike said well I'll make a motion that we modify the lease proposal to a three-year term, and the rent starting at \$5.75 a foot in 2023, it raises to \$7.75 in 2024, and it raises to \$10.00 a square foot in 2025. Motion on the floor. Do I have a second?

Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion granted.

Mike said so we've modified this and Meeks can you make that change. Thank you ladies. Thank you for coming in.

Jim Nunez and Fred Davis – Fountain Park Cemetery

Mike said Jim Nunez and Fred Davis. Fountain Park Cemetery.

Fred Davis said okay good morning by the way. And thank you for giving us some time to give you an overview of Fountain Park Cemetery and make a request. My name is Fred Davis. I'm vice president of the board at the cemetery, and this is Jim Nunez, he's president of the board out there. First thing I'd like to do, a lot of people don't realize who is in our cemetery, and how long it's been there, such things as that, and I'd like to give you a little presentation on that. We have been to the city about this, and the city does own our cemetery, but we're working trying to get some paving done out there. So, who is in our cemetery. Well General Stone and his wife Lydia who donated the ground to the cemeteries out there. We have Indiana governor, James P Goodrich out there. We have William Wesley Canada. He served as a US consul to Mexico, and during the uprising he was shot in the leg on a horse while he was down in Mexico. We have a congressman out there. His name is Thomas M. Browne. We had a lady out there named Andrea Childers and I bet you guys have never heard of her. She was a victim of the Green River killer out in Washington State. John W. Macy. He was in the black hats back during the civil war, one of the fiercest fighting brigades that there was. Old guy out there named Joe Huston, and he ran a circus. And when he started down in the southwest United States and Mexico and he went into Texas, they started calling him Sam Huston. And he ran a huge circus. At the end of his career, he had four train cars eighty-foot-long that he done on his circus. And he actually, his family owned the hotel where Overmyers now stands today. Mary Evva Mullen out there. That's something I won't go into. It's a long story, but she was dug up out east of the cemetery and moved out there, and it's quite a story. We have a congressional medal of honor winner out there. His name is Clinton Armstrong. He's in section 5 out there. We're quite proud of that, that he's in our cemetery. Daniel Hoffman is out there. He was a famous stone cutter. He cut a lot of stone for monuments out in Washington D.C.. I assume you know there's a Duane Wickersham out there who delivered pies in a 1934 Buick when he started out and today he's has a pretty successful business out here on the side of town. We have another person out there named Troy Clevenger. Troy Clevenger was killed by two bandits who robbed a back down at Richmond, came through Winchester and when he approached them, he was shot and killed. The last one is Dr. Deckard. Many of you know that he had some real serious health problems before he passed away. And he had the first heart plant here in Indiana, and he lived for another 26 years after he received it. We are trying to identify right now, all of our veterans who are out at the cemetery. I've been working on this for a couple of years. And right now, I've had about a 1000 veterans who are buried out there, and we have 13,000 residents out there. So, we've accomplished a lot of things in the last three to five years, and prices have remained the same out there. We've added a metal section markings made by Hydrojet here in Winchester. We redesigned our alumni tour book and had them printed by Hydrojet. We do this every year in the spring of the year. At the end of this presentation, I'd like to give you all a copy of what we've done and what we've been able to get done to this point. We've cemented the front and back entrances out there at a price of \$112,250.00. Our equipment costs over the last few years, have been \$124,000.00. We remodeled the home out there, and we put a roof on

the chapel. Our Memorial Day Services have grown by leaps and bounds each year. And we memorialize a veteran every year at our ceremony. Now we're at, this year, we had two bagpipers that played out there along with two buglers that were present for the ceremony. And it was really, really a great thing. The last two years, we've been IDing the vets in the park, and taking pictures of every monument out there of theirs, and put them in a book in the office. We worked with Ohio Valley Gas to get plastic pipes, making scrap pipes that they use, to put a marker at each veteran's monument to hold flags for various holidays, including Memorial Day and Veterans Day. The pipe makes it easy to ID the veterans' monument and keeps the flags upright. The Historical Society and museum have been a tremendous help to us on this. We're honored to have a congressional medal of honor recipient in section 5, Clinton Armstrong. We now understand that you represent the whole county, and there are many cemeteries in the county. But we, at Fountain Park Cemetery are asking, before you today, asking for some kind of financial help for our cemetery. Maybe you have an old or left-over fund somewhere that we could acquire. Maybe someone has asked you about donating or pledging to a worthwhile project somewhere here in Randolph County. Maybe you know of some state funds that we could be used to help with our project, or maybe you'll run across and in the future, remember us. We're going to give you a book today with everything we have accomplished so far. And please see if you can find any funds that you'd be able to guide us to. We thank you so much for allowing us this time before you, and we would appreciate any help that you might be able to give us. At this time, I'd like to give you the books we've had, I have made these books up for you. I've given to city council and I've wanted to give the lawyer here sitting at the table, his book, and I'll give all you people this. There's a book in here of our alumni tours that we took information on the cemetery, and some of the other things out there. And we'd like for you to read them, take a look at them. I'm sure you can't do anything today, and I understand money is short. But if you don't ask for something, you don't receive it. Any questions.

Mike said so you mentioned a paving project.

Fred Davis said we are trying to pave the complete cemetery. We have already done some paving out there this year. We went and asked every family that's got living family in our cemetery for funds. And we raised enough money to do about \$112,000. We have a lot to go. And we would like to get the whole cemetery paved. But we're thinking it's probably going to be around a quarter of a million dollars to get it all done. Our residents, many of them, do not, their families do not exist anymore. I mean people were buried out there starting in 1880 up until today, and a lot of families have gone. Families today are, they've just moved away and we don't have any help. But we've asked everybody. We went to city council. We asked the city council. We have not got a response yet, but hopefully we'll get something from them too.

Mike said okay.

Jim Nunez said so our groundskeeper, when we did the paving, so we strategically paved the cemetery to where we had the most problems, because we keep bringing gravel you know, over and over and over to cut down some of the spending. So, what he did is put paving in some of the critical areas. So, when you are driving out there, you'll go into some gravel and some paving. So, we want to connect all that together. But the key part of it, which this coming Thursday, we keep asking the foundation for money, and we'll be granted \$4,000.00 this coming

Thursday. And so, a little bit like that. So, this board, the cemetery board, we keep asking and we try to do as much as we can. But the thing that happens to us is that we have to pay for keeping it up the way it is now, the way you see it. And we have to be very careful with our money, but we have to keep it good. We have to keep it looking as the way it is. Right now, we get we have a lot of people that do a lot of walking in there. A lot of people come from other towns to just come and look through there. We have a school that comes out there and they feel safe to send their runners, their competitors out there to run in our cemetery. We have golf carts that come out and they feel safe. And then we have the loved ones that come out there and they feel safe, and they stay out there. We have people that come out there and they like the way our cemetery looks so they come and take pictures in certain areas, not so much the tombstones and stuff, but just the way that area looks. We also rent out our chapel. We've had weddings out there. We have meetings that we've tried to do a little bit of money. And as Fred, he's our historian, he takes it very seriously. So, we sell these books you know that, for \$5.00. A lot of history, a lot of key people are out there. So anytime we have a chance, we try to do this. So, these are the key things that we're so proud. And this board, we're trying to keep our head above water you know. But it takes a lot of hard work, and a lot of ideas. We get a lot of ideas from citizens and everything. So, we are just trying to do our best while, what we can do. And we want to make sure that we're on record. If we go down, we go down fighting.

Mike said okay. Well we'll take your request under consideration and I would say probably by the end of the year, we'll probably either give you some direction or offer you some cash or not offer you some cash. Appreciate you coming out.

Dave Lenkensdofer - Rainy Day Fund/Windfarm

Mike said Dave Lenkensdofer, Rainy Day Fund, Windfarm.

Dave Lenkensdofer said I'd like to introduce our new president CEO of Randolph County United, Daniel Baker. Brought him along today. I didn't know if you wanted to say anything Daniel today.

Daniel Baker said I'm not prepared to say anything.

Dave Lenkensdofer said I won't put you on the spot.

Daniel Baker said two hours into the job.

Mike said you've been here an hour and twenty minutes.

Daniel Baker said I know.

Mike said this is the toughest part of the job, coming to commissioners meetings just because they're long and not so interesting. Well welcome aboard.

Daniel Baker said thank you sir.

Dave Lenkensdofer said I came to you guys last month about rainy day funds and using some windfarm monies. You asked me to go back to the county council, which I did. We're thinking over the next five years we would like to see that rainy-day fund grow to 4 million dollars. That's 2.6, about 2.7 million then we'd like to take from over a five-year period to promote that. And why we're trying to do that is if we'd ever get into a catastrophe type situation, we're going to be really lacking at \$1.3 million. Because, the way I've got it figured right now, we have over \$500 million in total assets that this ten people responsible for here in Randolph County so I'm just trying to plan ahead.

Mike said is that, does the rainy fund grow every year.

Dave Lenkensdofer said it does not.

Mike said it does not.

Tom said how long has it been \$1.3 million. Do you know.

Dave Lenkensdofer said Laura it's been that way for a little bit hadn't it.

Meeks said I'd say three or four years.

Laura said well you haven't put any in there since I've been here. I've been here four so it would have been prior to that.

Meeks said it was probably better than 15 years. It's been more but the problem was when we had that really bad year, what was it, you were on the council, 12, 14 years ago when we had to fire everybody.

Dave Lenkensdofer said no I wasn't on it at that time.

Meeks said you weren't there. It was awful. But we're eating into the reserves. So, it's probably in 08. And was eating into the reserves and nobody knew about it. Well then you starting doing the financial plans.

Dave Lenkensdofer said right. I came on board, that's when they started doing financial planning.

Meeks said so it was more at that point. The reason you want it how the financial guys explained it to me is for just your operation. You don't have to go to the bank to loan money, to get a loan. Some counties do like I think maybe Delaware, I'm not sure.

Dave Lenkensdofer said I know Madison County, they're really putting in money like \$400,000 a month, I think. Where they are getting it, I don't know. But that's just our proposal and it's for your reference.

Mike said okay. We'll take that under consideration.

Dave Lenkensdofer said that sounds good.

Mike said okay. Well thank you. Thanks Dave.

Dave Lenkensdofer said thanks.

Daniel Baker said nice meeting you.

Mike said nice to meet you. Good luck.

Steve Barnes – New Lisbon – fiber for western portion of Randolph County

Mike said Steve Barnes, New Lisbon. Fiber for western portion of Randolph County.

Steve Barnes said this is John Green. I'm Steve Barnes. What we have is we have for, at the current time, we have a plan. We have actually built up from Mooreland through Blountsville and then over into Randolph County. We was awarded Ardagh Opportunity fund for the area from about 300 South down to 200 South. 200 South down to around 800 South, and then over to Indiana Trail Road. We have kind of a, it's a weird shape, but almost a square that we are going to be building fiber to the homes, into that whole area.

Mike said Indiana Trail north and south, which, back east or to the west.

Steve Barnes said to the west. Yeah everything to the west.

Mike said to the county line basically.

Steve Barnes said to the county line, that is correct. And so that's our territory that we're going to be building. We are required to have that built out within a six-year time period. We're going to do it a lot faster than that. But one of the, the first project that we had was to build to the feed into the area so that we have the fiber to build into that. And so right now, we have a project that will come basically from the Delaware County Road line over to on 700 South, over to 1200. And we just needed to.

John Green said where the lay down yard used to be.

Steve Barnes said yeah. We're going to build over to that point and put fiber in the ground to get to that point. And there was some consideration that we needed to have that approved to build. And there was a concern by Mr. Haffner about us having stuff right in the intersection, we were going to put a hand hold in the intersection of 1200 and 700 South. And he didn't feel like that was the proper location for that. And so, we did move it back 50 feet and so we just need to have that approved so that we can start that building process. We've actually built up to just a mile to the other side of the county line to go ahead and build on up into Randolph County on that 700 South. So, we're just needing that permission to have that built for this year.

Tom said this hand hold, it's not the middle of the road is it.

Steve Barnes said oh no it is just a matter of we you know, I understand Mr. Haffner's concern about you know, with large combines and trucks and everything else, and maybe some windfarm things being there in the corner. In that specific corner, there's not, at the current time, a telephone pole or a power pole at that corner. And so, we were able to move it back 50 feet away from the corner. And the last email that we got from Mike, he said that he was fine with that, with that movement.

Mike said when, I mean, and maybe I'm mistaken, but wouldn't we just have a utility agreement with NLBC that would be just like any other utility agreement.

Steve Barnes said we probably should have, because as we build and build and build, we're going to need that agreements for what we need to have to move forward for the future.

John Green said that would be ideal. I mean that's about a 45 square mile period we're building out in phases. Otherwise, we're going to be in here every month.

Mike said yeah we don't, typically, and go-ahead Mike.

Mike Haffner said yeah just wanted to clarify on my end. Basically, a lot of it was done on text, basically, I don't have the authority. I just said this is what we are concerns was intersections, that we'd need to move things back off the intersection.

Mike said I understand that. And I don't think they were saying, that's why they're here. They just want to get that finalized. But typically, that comes in with an agreement that we sign off on, and if Mike, and you heard it this morning, if Mike recommends it, we typically, think it's everything's done right. So, I don't, I mean, it sounds like a great project. It sounds like it's going to benefit the county. And if it doesn't interrupt traffic and doesn't create a hazard, Mikes going to recommend it typically, and we're going to approve it. So, if you want, I guess I kind of understand you're looking for just a one item to be approved.

Steve Barnes said for now. This one bill that we submitted, the prints.

Mike said okay Mike has those.

Steve Barnes said that's just this one print for this first project because we haven't gotten the rest of the project drawn. It won't be until after the first of the year probably before we have the prints for the remainder of that built area ready to go.

Mike said okay.

Steve Barnes said so it's just this one.

Mike said so if this is approved this morning and then maybe the next one will come in on a utility agreement that we would okay.

Steve Barnes said yes.

Mike said I don't have a problem with that. So, does someone want to move approval.

Gary made a motion to approve. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

John Green said just as a side bar, the county in the same area, same project, I have talked to Andy Fahl and we're trying to get something worked out. I know he's talked to Meeks.

Tom said yeah it's complicated yeah.

John Green said it's very complicated. This is the windfarm conduit so. I've got another conversation with him on Wednesday once we figure something out Tom, he will be able to get back with you on that.

Tom said well it's, yeah, hopefully it's moving forward, but it's a lot of herding cats, yeah.

John Green said yeah I agree.

Mike said okay. Thank you. If I could call on your technology committee's expertise, and Dave Lenkensdofer technology committee's expertise, we got an invoice from Tower King for 12 thousand, some odd dollars for their expense in the, I'm going to call it this time, the abandoned project in northwest Randolph County for the tower that was going to go to Purdue.

Steve Barnes said oh right.

Mike said and ended up basically, if we were going to have to pay the going rate for a tower location, we probably wouldn't have enough revenue off of it to make it a wash, even on a long-term basis.

Steve Barnes said correct.

Mike said so is the county, I would have been in favor of subsidizing for a short term but we can't commit to that for a long term. So, we pulled that project from Tower King, and they seem disappointed I guess, is the best way to describe that. But they sent us an invoice for \$12,000.00 due. Has the technology committee seen that and if they have, are they recommending that we pay that.

Steve Barnes said have you seen that.

Dave Lenkensdofer said I just got, yes I have. And I submitted it to the commissioners because I think at your commissioners meeting you agreed.

Mike said we will pay it if it's one that should be paid.

Dave Lenkensdofer said I didn't take it to the technology committee itself.

Mike said I think we owe it if it should be paid.

Dave Lenkensdofer said if we really didn't have any agreement.

Steve Barnes said right. And since they, I mean they did put a bunch of engineering and a bunch of work in trying to find the location for that to be.

Mike said it sounds like they're giving us a deal based upon what they, what they charge.

Steve Barnes said right. So, I would say that it would be a viable amount.

Mike said okay. Okay that's what I wanted to know.

Dave Lenkensdofer said okay.

Mike said while I had you here I didn't have to email or call you and got Dave in the room too so. Okay very good. That brings us to the end of our top part of our agenda. We have a council member here, Dave Lenkensdofer. Dave do you have anything else to add this morning.

Dave Lenkensdofer said no.

Mike said we've got a mayor in the back of the room. Mayor McCoy do you have anything for us.

Mayor McCoy said all is quiet.

Mike said very good.

Other Business:

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

Mike said that brings us to other business. Art, Randolph County sheriff.

Art Moystner said the only thing I have for you this morning is a quick update. They came in, J&K came in last week. We had all the mobile radios installed and working. I've only had mine a few days, but they seem to be working very well. So, I just wanted to update you guys to that particular project.

Mike said we've got a claim for that later on. I think we probably go ahead and pay that, or not, it's an additional appropriations.

Art Moystner said correct. They haven't sent an invoice yet. So, do you any of you guys have any questions for me.

Mike said no I don't. Do you have any questions for Art.

Art Moystner said thank you.

Mike said thank you.

Minutes of September 6, 2022

Mike said minutes of our September 6th meeting, 2022. Have any additions, corrections or deletions to those minutes. Hearing none, I'd entertain a motion to approve the minutes.

Gary made a motion to approve. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Payroll Claims \$ 322,348.31

Mike said payroll claim in the amount of \$322,348.31. I'd entertain a motion to approve the payroll claims.

Gary made a motion to approve the payroll claims as presented. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Payroll deductions Claims \$255,305.71 & \$255,379.33 & \$374809.73

Mike said three sets of payroll deductions, one for 255,305.71, another for 255, 379.33 and a third one for 374,809.73. I'd entertain a motion to approve the payroll deductions expense claims.

Tom made a motion to approve. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said and those bring us up to date then don't they.

Laura said yes.

Regular Claims \$675666.11

Mike said next are the Regular Claims in the amount of \$675,666.11.

Gary made a motion to approve. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

J&K Communications Retainage claim \$20,000.00

Mike said next claim is the J&K Communications claim which is the retainage claim that we had last meeting for \$20,000.00. That's was being held to resolve the matter at the highway garage. Do you know the status of that Gary?

Gary said I'll move that we pay half of that. They're supposed to get together on the 11th. J&K is going to be there with the highway department's people, and they're going to do the antenna adjustment and those kind of things. Chris Shaneyfelt has tried to, we've asked the different departments, the sheriff has signed off, the EMS has signed off, a couple of fire departments have that everything's okay with the system as far as they're concerned. We have a number of issues. We're trying to get everyone sign off and a file may put in the Auditor's office showing that that was done, so we don't have somebody come along in a few months or a year or so and say that they weren't okay to start with. Well pretty much everyone, as I mentioned, except for

the fire departments, have signed off and say they're good. And so, I've got a list if you're wanting to look at, Chris has got it from the ones who have filled out his request. And there are a number of issues, but what I think, and Chris knows better because he's been communicating with J&K and Ted more than I have but what I'd like to do is since we've got a number of issues, is get Ted here and all these people from the fire departments in the same room and him decide if it's something to do with our new system that we've got or whether it's something to do with their equipment, because I don't think we're going to be able to resolve it as I had hoped.

Mike said the last I heard, Ted was in the meeting, at the fire chiefs meeting, the last one I was at, I think it was, it sounded like a combination of both. It was the system could be tweaked and improved some, but some may not be able to be tweaked. Was that the way you understood it Chris?

Chris Shaneyfelt said yes, they're coming, I believe that they said they were going to be here tomorrow, because they are going to work on the, the problem that we have with the siren keeps going off. And then they were meeting with two or three of the fire chiefs. The biggest thing they're complaining about is the paging system. I've had a couple of them say that you know, it was better before they, you know, they tried working with it so. They're supposed to be working with those guys trying to figure out what's going on with it, and go from there. But a lot of it is just antiquated equipment that needs to be replaced. And I don't know if we'll ever get them all to sign off on it but I've got 13 responses back. Five of them are wanting things checked with the pager system.

Mike said okay. Thank you Chris. So, you want to pay them ten.

Gary said that's fine. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

L&M Regional Wastewater District Claim \$115,532.62

Mike said next claim is the L&M Regional Wastewater District Claim in the amount of \$115,532.62. This is to reimburse for Indiana Earth Works. I'd entertain a motion to approve this claim.

Tom made a motion to approve. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Randolph County United and Randolph County United Tourism claims

Mike said then we have two other claims that are not on the agenda, the November draw for Randolph United Economic Development, \$18,838.00, and the November draw for Randolph United Tourism. I'd entertain a motion to approve these two claims.

Gary made a motion to approve. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Superior Court Job Description

Mike said next item is the Superior Court job description for a court reporter trainee.

Laura said I know I emailed it to you, I'm not seeing it here.

Mike said you did email it to us.

Laura said so Judge Arnett has hired someone to take the place of Pam who's retiring at the end of the year. And so, he wants to start her training. He's going to council on Wednesday to ask for some additional funding. But this is just the trainee.

Mike said okay. Is it basically a job description for the trainee that's eventually going to be the court reporter?

Laura said yes.

Mike said and I presume it has all the duties of the court reporter in there.

Laura said it does. We just added the word trainee to the one that he uses for the court reporter.

Mike said I'd entertain a motion to approve this job description for a court reporter.

Gary made a motion to approve. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Cripe Section 179 Allocation form

Mike said Cripe Section 179 Allocation form. This is an opportunity to create some tax savings for one of our architects on the highway garage.

Tom said could they donate money to us.

Meeks said I think they can donate to the government.

Mike said what did you ask.

Tom if they could donate money to us.

Mike said oh. In order for them to seek this Section 179 B energy efficient commercial buildings reduction allocation form, we have to sign off on it to say that they did it according to what they're saying they did. You've seen a copy of this haven't you Tom.

Tom said yeah.

Mike said Gary.

Gary said yes.

Mike said is this something we want to do for them.

Tom said is anybody here to talk about it.

Mike said I don't think so. I think that's why they sent their allocation letter.

Laura said I think it came via email.

Mike said and it was titled as agenda item. They say they're entitled to it because of our maintenance facility, buildings a, b, c and d. And they need this letter received by 11/21, which is our next meeting date. The recommendation would be that we move forward with allocating that 179 B incentive to Paul I Cripe, Incorporated. There's no cost to us. And we're asked to offer this to them.

Tom said but we didn't end on a very good note with them. Unless we can benefit from it, I don't see any reason to do it, because I certainly wouldn't recommend their services to any other government agency.

Mike said what are your thoughts Gary. What are you thinking.

Gary said I'd have to agree with Tom. I was very disappointed in the services we received from them. And since it's apparently, no financial benefit to us.

Mike said no cost, no financial benefit. I suppose we could reply that we, do you want to table it until the 21st and see if somebody comes.

Tom said yeah and I'd say if you, if you're willing to share this with us, we'd reconsider.

Mike said so you want to request that they come.

Gary said that would be fine.

Mike said could you do that for us.

Laura said yes.

Mike said tell them we tabled it until the 21st.

Ordinance 2022-29

Mike said that brings us to Ordinance 2022-29. An ordinance of Randolph County prohibiting cellular telephones and other electronic devices from the third floor of the Randolph County courthouse. I think we passed this after a first reading two weeks ago. And, if you recall, it does have exceptions, authorized officers of the Court, Randolph County employees, appointed or elected officials on the third floor for county business, and any other individual who the judge authorizes to bring the device. And cameras may be allowed for ceremonial purposes, especially which include but not limited to educational functions, weddings, or final adoptions. It also says a person is not prohibited from bringing an electronic device to record any public meeting held on the third floor of the Randolph County courthouse. The first person that bring their electronic

device on the third floor of the courthouse to record the public meeting must turn off the electronic device after the meeting is concluded. So, it's ready for the second reading. And although I did read some of it, I would entertain a motion to approve ordinance 2022-29, an ordinance of Randolph County prohibiting cellular telephones and other electronic devices from third floor of the Randolph County courthouse in title only.

ORDINANCE 2022-29

AN ORDINANCE OF RANDOLPH COUNTY, INDIANA,
PROHIBITING CELLULAR TELEPHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES FROM THE THIRD
FLOOR OF THE RANDOLPH COUNTY COURTHOUSE

WHEREAS, the Judges of the Randolph Circuit Court and Superior Courts have determined that the carrying of cellular telephones and other electronic devices into the Randolph County Courtrooms presents security issues related to the proper functioning of the Courts;

WHEREAS, the Judges of the Randolph Circuit Court and Superior Courts have advised the Randolph County Commissioners of those security concerns, and indicated that those security concerns do not apply to everyone who enters the third floor of the Randolph County Courthouse;

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Commissioners are responsible for the Randolph County Courthouse and the items that may be brought into the Randolph County Courthouse by members of the public;

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Commissioners have determined that the carrying of cellular telephones and other electronic devices onto the third floor of the Randolph County Courtrooms presents security issues related to the proper functioning of County government;

WHEREAS, the video recording of County employees in the Randolph County Courthouse causes disruptions leading to ineffectiveness in those offices; and

WHEREAS, IC 36-1-3 et al grants the Randolph County Commissioners the powers it needs for the effective operation of county government offices.

NOW THEREFORE, the Randolph County Commissioners, in order to protect the health and safety of the employees of Randolph County and the members of the public and for the efficient operation of County Government hereby issues the following:

1. No person may bring onto the third floor of the Randolph County Courthouse an electronic device, including, but not limited to, a cellular telephone, camera, video camera, any device capable of audio and/or video recording, PDA's, iPods, pagers, and any device that has Internet capabilities, except for the following:
 - A. Authorized officers of the Court, including but not limited to, Judges, attorneys, probation officers, case managers, CASAs, and guardians ad litem.
 - B. Any Randolph County employee, or appointed or elected officials, who are on the third floor of the Randolph County Courthouse for county business.
 - C. Any other individual whom a Judge authorizes to bring in such a device.
 - D. Cameras may be allowed for ceremonial purposes, as specifically authorized by each Court, which includes but is not limited to, educational functions, weddings, and final adoptions.

2. The Sheriff of Randolph County and Court personnel are authorized to monitor and enforce compliance with this ordinance.

3. This ordinance does not prohibit anyone with a disability that necessitates the availability or use of an electronic device to possess one on the third floor of the Randolph County Courthouse.

4. A person is not prohibited from bringing an electronic device to record any public meeting held on the third floor of the Randolph County Courthouse. The person may only bring that electronic device onto the third floor of the Courthouse to record the public meeting and must turn off that electronic device after the public meeting has concluded. The person may only record the public meeting and may not record anywhere else on the third floor of the Randolph County Courthouse.

5. A person violates any provision of this Ordinance shall be fined not more than \$2,500.00 for each offense.

Gary made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2022-29. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said is this an ordinance that we want to suspend the rules or do we want to wait until our next meeting.

Tom said I'd probably wait myself.

Mike said I have a guy that wants to wait, so we'll wait until the next meeting.

Resolution 2022-14

Mike said brings us Resolution 2022-14. This is a resolution for surplus property. And this property is probation department property two desks, two computer desks, three chairs, one medium sized table. EMS has a Furno 28Z ambulance cot. The clerk has fifty filing cabinets, the recorder has a printer. I'd entertain a motion to approve a resolution to declare this property of Randolph County as unneeded, and to be considered surplus property for disposal.

RESOLUTION 2022-14

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY OF
RANDOLPH COUNTY, INDIANA,
AS UNNEEDED, AND
TO BE CONSIDERED SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR DISPOSAL

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners ("Board")
is empowered to declare unneeded property to be surplus property; and

WHEREAS, the Board may authorize the disposal of surplus property pursuant to
IC 5-22-22 *et seq.*;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board that:

1. Pursuant to IC 5-22-22-8, the items listed on Exhibit "A", attached hereto, shall be considered to be surplus and worthless property ("Property") for purposes of disposal.

2. The value of the property is less than the estimated costs of the sale and transportation of the property.

3. The Property may be sold at public or private sale, and the Board shall allow the Department for which the item is used and noted on the attached Exhibit "A" to sell or otherwise dispose of the Property.

4. Proceeds from the sale of the items set forth in Exhibit "A", shall be placed in the fund from which the item was purchased. If no fund can be identified for a particular item, the proceeds shall be placed in the General Fund.

5. If the Property fails to sell at public or private sale it may be demolished or scrapped, or, if hazardous, be disposed of for recycling.

6. The Property may be removed from the Randolph County Indiana fixed asset inventory.

Probation Department

2 - desks
2 - computer desks
3 - chairs
1 - med sized table

EMS

ferno 28z ambulance cot

Clerk

50 filing cabinets

Recorder

Printer

EXHIBIT "A"

Gary made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-14 as presented. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

2023 Commissioner Meeting schedule

Mike said now we've all received a copy of our commissioners meeting days for the year 2023. I guess there's no objections to those dates, and nothing, if anybody doesn't have anything to add, I'll just go on to the next agenda item. Do we need to approve those?

Laura said yeah we do.

Meeks said I think you need to approve those.

Tom said I abstain.

Mike said someone want to move approval.

Gary made a motion to approve. Mike seconded. Two aye votes. One abstain (Tom). Motion carried.

Treasurer's Reports May 31, 2022 & June 30, 2022

Mike said treasurer's reports from May 31st, 2022 and June 30th of 2022. These need to be approved. I'd entertain a motion to approve both treasurer reports.

Tom made a motion to approve. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

APC & BZA Attendance Reports

Mike said next item is APC & BZA attendance reports, which we received via email. Any questions, comments about the BZA and APC attendance reports.

Gary said on the BZA is that, are these accurate, says that one person missed four.

Tom said yeah I believe they are accurate.

Mike said would you approve them.

Gary said yes.

Tom said the, oh the BZA.

Gary said the BZA meeting attendance to me is important.

Tom said well Area Planning is pretty important too.

Gary said well I agree, but I'm talking about in reference to BZA when they come there, they have to do a lot of filing and notification and all that. I have attended a couple of them where there weren't enough members present to have a quorum. And so, the people representing the association were but they couldn't make a decision, then they had to go through this process again.

Tom said well I know in his case he was going through some issues. And I think he's going to do, he's planning on doing better in the future.

Mike said have we had this conversation before.

Tom said maybe so.

Mike said I think so.

Tom said they talked to him about it and.

Mike said no I mean in previous appointments years.

Tom said with him. I don't remember that, but, how long's he been on, two years.

Laura said I think just a year.

Mike said attendance is important for both boards because APC, if you want a zoning change you have only seven show up. You've got to have seven yes votes so. Anything else.

Additional Appropriations:

Community Correction

Payroll/Personnel	-\$4,500.00
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Mike said brings us to our additional appropriations. First one is a community corrections. This looks like a payback.

Laura said we did an appropriation for the bonuses that we paid out funding and they had enough, so they didn't need it. So, they're giving it back.

Mike said I'd entertain a motion to approve the return of the additional appropriation as to community corrections.

Tom made a motion to approve. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

ARPA

Mount Mobile Radio (19)	\$56,173.69
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Mike said from ARPA to pay for the aforementioned mobile radios for the sheriff cars, \$56,173.69. I'd entertain a motion to approve this additional appropriation.

Gary made a motion to approve. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Children's Advocates of Randolph County

Volunteer Recruitment	\$,5000.00
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Equipment	\$3,000.00
Training/Schooling	\$2,000.00
Mobile Phone	\$20.00
Travel/Mileage	\$5,000.00

Mike said Children’s Advocates of Randolph County, additional appropriations. So, this is volunteer recruitment and recognition, equipment, training, mobile phone, travel mileage. Looks like a total of \$15,020.00. I’d entertain a motion to approve this additional appropriation.

Tom made a motion to approve. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Airport

Fuel	\$20,000.00
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Mike said and the airport for fuel additional appropriations of \$20,000.00. I’d entertain a motion to approve this request for additional appropriation.

Gary made a motion to approve. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

LIT Special Purpose

Communications Project	\$36,952.98
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Mike said and finally, is the LIT special purpose, and this is for the communications project in the amount of \$36,952.98.

Gary made a motion to approve. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Laura Martin – Funding for EMS building roof, contract employee for the Health Department, EDIT funding for the Housing resource hub

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

Laura said I have a couple things. So, you approved at the last meeting the roof for the EMS building, that they gave you a quote.

Mike said right.

Laura said where do you want to pay for that from. We did not find that out.

Mike said well I think.

Laura said cum cap fund.

Mike said cum cap didn’t we. Did we want to take that out of there?

Gary said I would think so.

Mike said yeah, I thought it was done.

Laura said okay. I just needed to verify that. And then this was one you wanted Dr. Sowinski to sign before you signed it, so I just need your signature on that.

Mike said memorandum of, excuse me, one of those contracts.

Laura said yes.

Mike said okay.

Laura said and then, I didn't know on when, you indicated in the meeting that we were going to pay that first \$10,000.

Mike said that's due in January.

Laura said okay it's not due until January.

Mike said due in January. That's for the housing resource hub where we committed 10,000 out of EDIT.

Gary said correct.

Mike said so we really haven't signed that contract yet, although the city of Winchester signed it, and I haven't got Union City's signature.

Laura said I just didn't know if we.

Mike said it's all going to start in January, so we really should have an EDIT meeting between now and the end of the year to get that approved. And I think we could wait until December to do that if we want to wait until December to schedule an EDIT meeting.

Tom said that might catch up everything.

Mike said just put it on the agenda for the first meeting in December. And then we'll schedule it then. That'll give anybody else the opportunity to come in and request EDIT funds between now and then.

Meeks

Mike said okay. Meeks you have anything for us this morning.

Meeks said I do not. I did meet with Tom and Andy Fahl and we'll see where that leads us. I talked to him again Friday after we talked and he seemed to think he might be able to get everything done by Wednesday of this week. I don't know, so we'll see.

Mike said well that would be a good thing. Get her done. Okay. Tom do you have anything for us.

Tom said no.

Mike said no. Gary.

Gary said no.

Citizen Comments

Mike said no. I don't either. So, do we have anybody citizen comments here this morning. Well hearing none, before we adjourn, I'll just say if you haven't, go vote. Tomorrow is the day to vote and we're open downstairs if you are local until 12 o'clock I believe, aren't we?

Laura said yes.

Mike said and I hope your candidate wins, whoever that candidate might be.

Adjournment


Mike said I'd entertain a motion to adjourn.

Tom made a motion to adjourn. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Reviewed and signed this 19 day of December, 2022.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS







ATTEST: 

Laura J Martin, Auditor of Randolph County