

Randolph County Commissioners

October 17, 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 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

Judge Toney - Ordinance 2022-29

Mike said the first item on the agenda has been somewhat revised. Judge Toney is first on the agenda. Good morning Judge.

Judge Toney said good morning.

Mike said we're going to talk about Ordinance 2022-29, and ordinance of Randolph County Indiana prohibiting cellular telephones and other electronic devices on the third floor of the Randolph County Courthouse.

Judge Toney said a few weeks ago, the judges signed an order prohibiting recording devices from being in the courtrooms themselves. You're not supposed to photograph or record anything in a courtroom anyway, so it makes sense just to keep the phones out so there's no issue. It is my understanding the commissioners were willing to consider an ordinance keeping phones either out of the courthouse or just off the third floor. And I think that would be helpful also. The judges are required pursuant to Rule 2.17, the code of Judicial conduct, to prevent people from recording, broadcasting anything both in the courtroom and outside the courtroom during recesses while proceedings are going on. And for example, during murder trial, there was a recording made of witnesses in the hallway and that was placed on YouTube. And that's not appropriate. We can't always monitor that because obviously, the bailiff is busy during the murder trial, and I'm in the courtroom also. We heard that was going on and then sure enough, it was on YouTube at night. So, it's inappropriate really to have telephones up here. We can grant special permission for people to bring phones in the courtroom if they need to for some type of evidence that they have stored on there. But there's no reason I'm aware of that there should be any, any recording devices, telephones, etc., on the third floor at all, except that they may be needed for these public meetings. So, I'm in favor of the ordinance that I have read and understand that you are considering.

Mike said so this ordinance, Meeks, did you write the ordinance.

Meeks said I, yes, it was a Henry County ordinance that the judge gave to me and I think we probably, the only real revisions, subsidence revisions of Henry County, Henry County has a separate justice center. So, they can just limit everything from there, from the justice center.

The enforcement of it is going to be a little bit tricky, because when, if somebody is recording, you know, is the sheriff's deputy going to come over here and write him a ticket, is the bailiff going to ask him to leave. But I think those things can get worked out as they come about. Or do you tell them to turn it off and put it in your pocket, and then when you go into the courtroom, you know, I think the judge right now, you can't bring them in the courtroom. I think you, I think Mike takes them all. And you put them in a basket.

Mike said so IC361-3 gives us the authority to restrict electronic devices.

Meeks said I think, I 100% believe you have a, you can restrict the electronic devices in a courthouse. You probably cannot restrict the electronic devices outside the courthouse. So, if I'm on the grounds and I'm you know, protesting something, or I'm saying, doing some sort of a, I don't know, rally, you probably can't do anything outside the courthouse ground. But in the courthouse for sure, you can limit those things or any of the county buildings really.

Judge Toney said and that's been a rule in Delaware County for well over a decade. I don't know how long.

Meeks said I have to show my bar card. I'd forget, if I didn't have to show my bar card to go in there.

Mike said so paragraph four, is there some concern there that one might argue, and I know we're not going to allow cell phones in the courtroom, but a public trial, is that not confusing with regards to a public hearing.

Meeks said well public hearing, you can have them here.

Mike said I understand that, but a public trial, I guess. I understand that they can't go in a courtroom. And I understand that they can't really go outside this room because, unless there's a public hearing outside this room, which there's typically not, but I guess I just want to be certain paragraph four doesn't confuse the issue. I'll argue that a public trial is a public hearing and I'm wondering if there shouldn't be language in there that excludes a public trial from a public hearing in paragraph four, I guess is what I'm thinking.

Meeks said I think public hearings are very well defined, public hearings are very well defined in the IC code.

Mike said okay.

Meeks said and that says you have to have a, to do your budget, you have to have a public hearing.

Mike said okay.

Meeks said so trials would be, that's totally separate.

Mike said okay.

Judge Toney said and again, if it was just the issue of the courtroom, then the ordinance maybe wouldn't be necessary, but as I stated here, we need to prohibit, we're required as judges to prohibit the recording and broadcasting of those things out in the hallway also during recesses or while proceedings are going on. We know some of that is taking place.

Mike said okay. Well I would agree it should not be taking place in the hallway. So, do you have any questions or comments Gary.

Gary said no we discussed this last meeting. We wanted more information, and also for the judge and for Meeks to work together to finalize the ordinance. And after reading over it, I think it's applicable to what our needs are, because we're just limiting it to the third floor. There was discussion about having other parts of the courthouse in the ordinance, but that was kind of ruled out.

Meeks said I think if you're going to limit it to the first and second floor without some sort of security, somebody sitting there in the front, I just don't, we couldn't figure out how that would be enforceable or how you would even enforce that at all. You have two bailiffs up here that's allowed to enforce this if the sheriff's deputy can't come over here.

Mike said well we can go forward two ways. We can pass this ordinance in title only on the first reading, and then Tom will be back in at our first meeting in November, and we could have the second reading there. And if he has any questions or issues, we can talk to him and deal with those at that time. Or we could just hold this until the first meeting in November.

Gary said well I think we should have the first reading and that way, we're putting a notice to the public what we're doing. And then if there are issues, address that at the next meeting. If there's not any issues, then we'll have the second and third reading at our next meeting.

Mike said okay. Do you have anything else to add Judge.

Judge Toney said I do not.

Mike said Meeks.

Meeks said nothing.

Mike said well then I'd entertain a motion to pass Ordinance number 2022-29 by title only, an ordinance of Randolph County Indiana prohibiting cellular telephones and other electronic devices from the third floor of the Randolph County courthouse.

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 said I'll move we pass Ordinance 2022-29 for the first reading by title only.

Mike said I'll second that motion. And prior to the vote, sheriff, you've come forward. Do you have any questions?

Art Moystner said the only thing I have is a suggestion that might make it easier for the bailiffs in the courts with regards to the property, because I know the courts have restricted it from going in and absolutely correct in doing so. One of the things that we might consider too is the purchase of maybe some type of a locker system that would have individual slots with keys that would allow people to store their cell phone here on the third floor if they get up here and, it would prevent older people from having to go all the way back to their vehicles. It would prevent the court personnel from being responsible for that property that would be in a basket in the court area so that nothing happens, and just eliminate any allegations of anything, if we had those lockers up here also that people could store that in the courts. So that's a suggestion from me.

Gary said what kind of numbers would we be talking about.

Art Moystner said I'm not sure.

Jake Donham said actually, not to interrupt, but I've actually reviewed that and looked at that about two weeks ago when we started talking about the cell phone policy. And I seen where the bailiffs were gathering them up, and so actually looked up and anywhere from \$800 to \$2,000.00, depending on size, wall mounts, floor mounts, I mean they go every direction. But it's just a small locker system. Each one has its own key. And so that's, so people can put their phone in there and keep the key, I'm guessing and then after it's over, when they're done, they can come out and get their key. There'll probably be some way to put it out in the hallway I'm guessing. But they're readily available.

Mike said any thoughts on how many we'd need Judge.

Judge Toney said I remember one hearing last week where he probably had half a dozen phones, but I'm really hoping that over time, people understand and hear that you just can't bring phones in here. I mean, everybody knows in Delaware County, everybody knows in Henry County, and we've had the same concern. You know people if it's busy and they're parked two blocks away, nobody wants them to have to walk back in February to take their phones. But I think people will learn also.

Mike said well that's something to consider.

Art Moystner said it is.

Mike said good suggestion. Thanks Jake. Okay. Any other comments or questions. All in favor of passage of Ordinance number 2022-29 by title only signify by saying aye.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Jim Nunez, WCCPC – Thank you

Mike said Jim Nunez, WCCPC. Morning Jim.

Jim Nunez said morning. This is a thank you from the committee.

Mike said okay thank you.

Jim Nunez said we had another successful year and we'd like to thank the commissioners and all the departments like the Randolph County Corrections. I belong to a board and we had another successful year because of all you guys in all the departments. The people seemed like they were having a good time. We had good weather, fall weather. We had two spring like days and two fall days, typical Mardi Gras. And we just wanted to thank you for all your things that you did for us so we could have a good Winchester Mardi Gras, and just for FYI, next year's Mardi Gras, with your permission for next year, in 2023, it would be October the 4th through the 7th. I'll come here in January, the second meeting and I'll schedule it to ask permission again for the same four sides of the courthouse. But it was a lot of churches, lot of kid organizations, and other organizations themselves, they look forward to this to make their funding monies. And of course, next year will be a campaign year so it will be a little bit more fuller. But we had fun. We thank you so much.

Mike said well you're welcome. It's a good event for Randolph County, and it's a good organization, WCCPC. My only regret is that we don't have bean shooters or confetti. That was my favorite thing to do fifty years ago.

Jake Donham – EMS roof quotes

Mike said Jake Donham. EMS roof quotes.

Jake Donham said a couple of months ago we had to have some repairs done on the EMS building roof. It's got enough age on it to where the shingles are starting to fail. It's got two layers on it. So, I reached out and got four different quotes. I brought three of them in front of you today. And my recommendation would be the, Straight Line Roofing. It's complete tear off. They have a price in there, if they find any damage or rot to repair, that kind of an as-needed costs. But total completely new roof, trim and new ridge vent and everything are \$21,700.00, which was the cheapest quote. But actually, the estimate was written out a lot better than the rest of them I got and pretty detailed on everything they're doing. I feel really confident that that's probably the one we need to go with.

Gary said is this metal standing seam or metal shingle.

Jake Donham said standing seam, yes. I actually got a price to tear off and just put asphalt shingles back on and it came at \$13,800. But after talking with Duane, we thought it would be better just to go ahead and look at steel roof pricing and get more of a longer life roof, hopefully a lifetime roof versus a shingle roof, and just be done with it.

Gary said I agree yeah.

Mike said is this group, I don't know if, they just finished a large project out on my neighbors' house, and they was there about almost two weeks.

Jake Donham said that was a heavy detailed roof too.

Mike said they did a nice job of completing it and keeping the area clean and picked up.

Gary said was it standing seam or metal shingle.

Mike said standing seam.

Gary said I know they put on metal shingles.

Mike said it's the vacation by owner out there, that house out there, so it's a large house, over 5000 square feet. Mike said so you need the go ahead to get on their list today.

Jake Donham said it wouldn't have to be today. I told him it's going to make it through the winter just fine. They're pretty confident we don't have any leaks or any major problems unless we have, you know, a disaster. All the companies I called, they're booked out until spring anyways. So that's why I went ahead and tried to get the ball rolling and get it locked in. He said, he said they're looking at maybe March area. He said by chance, depending on what winter does. They may be able to sneak in a little sooner. He said with, you know, with metal roof, they can work throughout the winter. They don't have to worry about the heat for asphalt shingles. So, if there's no moisture precipitation, they'll fight the cold and just keep working.

Mike said what do you want to do Gary, do we want to go ahead and approve this this morning.

Gary said I think so. I think we need to move forward. I know these companies, I just dealt with one the other day and they're out until at least March. So, I think we need to get our name in the book.

Mike said is that a motion.

Gary made a motion to approve the quote from Straight Line Roofing. Mike seconded.

Mike said anything else Jake.

Jake Donham said the only other thing.

Mike said on this issue.

Jake Donham said no thank you.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said now go ahead.

Jake Donham said the only other thing, I'm guessing we'll probably go ahead and winterize Camp Yale again. I mean it's already still winterized from the previous owners. But I still think we need to probably go back on all the traps and refresh the RV antifreeze per trap throughout the facility just to be on the safe side so we don't have any push back on septic or anything like that. So, I'm going to be working on that this week, and it's my understanding we're renting a water softener and a water heater out there. Do we want to continue doing that?

Gary said no I didn't know we were still doing that.

Mike said I didn't know we were doing that. I'd say end those leases.

Jake Donham said okay. I'll get the numbers off the equipment out there and I think one of them is Randolph County Plumbing, and I forget the other one, but I'll reach out to those and see what it's going to take to end those.

Mike said that's what I'd do.

Jake Donham said okay.

Gary said so are they drained then.

Jake Donham said there is no water on to them I don't think.

Gary said so they were winterized.

Jake Donham said I assume. Yeah, yeah they definitely would be because the water's shut off on the other side. Yes. Well I take that back because they're both in the side that's heated, because they, all the water comes in the building on the one side, but yet the other building is kind of separate. So, it still has running water, but it's also still heated. The finished building itself, the bigger of the finished buildings has got the office and the main garage and that.

Mike said do we still have water in there.

Jake Donham said that one does.

Mike said is there a reason we do.

Jake Donham said it's the way it was left to us. I don't know any different.

Mike said can we shut that water off as well.

Jake Donham said well when I have Randolph County Plumbing come out for that softener, I'll ask him, because there's, there's a whole nest of water lines going, excuse me, throughout that facility between the two buildings on the shower and the restroom side building, versus the other. But I can have Randolph County Plumbing kind of look at that and give us some pointers. Because all the main, the furnace room that the water comes into, that's the main, main hub for the entire complex.

Gary said they could shut it back to that point possibly.

Jake Donham said yeah. Just like anything, you'll never get 100% of the water out.

Gary said no but you could blow most of it out.

Jake Donham said right.

Gary said and that's where the, that room is where the softener and the heater are at.

Jake Donham said yep.

Gary said okay.

Jake Donham said well yeah. The water heater is on the other, in the other building.

Gary said oh it is.

Jake Donham said it's interesting out there. But I'll definitely have them look into it.

Mike said well I would probably think we wouldn't need any water out there.

Jake Donham said okay.

Mike said okay. Anything else.

Jake Donham said not today.

Mike said okay. Very good.

Gary said earlier in the year, you talked about the roof on Community Corrections.

Jake Donham said yeah that one.

Gary said it had some issues and then you said you were going to look at them.

Jake Donham said yeah that, I think we're going to be okay going into next year with that building as well. Actually, I have a roofer, Simmons, Simmons Roofing Company coming in,

or they're going to reach out to me. I want them, I want them to come in and just give me an evaluation, just look at that roof for sure and then go to the old hospital as well. It's a roof maintenance company out of Muncie. I've used them before on some repairs and I'm just going to have them to put eyes on both of those facilities and see if there's anything we need to address, and kind of give me a timeline on where we're at with them. I was actually on Community Corrections just a little bit ago and there's a few seams starting to peel a little. I'm going to have them address all those. That project, I wasn't sure, with all the mechanicals up there as far as do we go ahead and do the mechanicals before the roof, or vice versa, and after talking with Phil at Salyer Taylor he said it's about as easy for them to go ahead and roof and them just put curb adapters in later if need be. So, we wouldn't have to do them at the same time. So, we're just going to keep an eye on it and see what the evaluation comes back from the Simmons Roofing and kind of go from there.

Gary said yeah because that roof's got some age on it since we've had any major work done on it.

Jake Donham said yeah, sure.

Gary said and if we can get it, you know, stay ahead of it, the hospital was done what, they did major work on it, what, seven years ago or, eight.

Jake Donham said the roof on it is probably from when they done a renovation, probably.

Gary said well but they did some major work out there on that roof.

Jake Donham said the only thing we done on the roof was we put the new.

Gary said was this when they put that heating and cooling system in.

Jake Donham said yeah we put the rooftop units on yeah.

Gary said and that's all they did.

Jake Donham said yeah, that's, we just, they just cut new curbs in and they had a roofing company come in and roof up to.

Gary said I know they did some work on some trim around the sides to prevent leaking.

Jake Donham said yeah, yep.

Gary said so it was just a major revamp.

Jake Donham said yeah there was nothing, it was just pretty much just basic maintenance on that at that time during the project. But I'd want, I want that roof maintenance company to come in and just kind of just do a once over the whole thing and see if there's anything that needs addressed or where we're at with it.

Gary said yeah we got to stay on top of that.

Jake Donham said yeah a 100%.

Mike said okay.

Joe Copeland – SJCA Task order 17

Mike said Joe Copeland. Mike you might as well come up with him. Perry you want to come up too, SJCA. We're going to talk about you, make sure you hear what we say. Bridge 284.

Joe Copeland said bridge 284. I have a task order agreement to assist in putting together a federal aid application for that bridge. Federal aid applications are, the opening for the call is November 1 start. So, if we're going to do this, then I can get started putting together all the numbers, there's a huge number, a huge amount of information they want on those applications. So, I can get started. Of course, this isn't the only one we're putting in but. With that application, we have to put in there to have the feds pay for the report for the bridge.

Mike said the historic report.

Joe Copeland said yep. We're going to ask the feds to pay for it, see if they'll do it.

Mike said and I think this letter from Dan Melaney says that SJCA recommended the bridge for rehabilitation. And since that time, we've determined it cannot be rehabilitated.

Joe Copeland said correct.

Mike said because of the structure.

Perry said and because of the historic nature of the structure it was rated as rehabilitation, because we do that on historic structures.

Mike said right. But it's too far gone to rehabilitate.

Perry said correct. And when we closed it, now we're recommending it for replacement and you had asked where it fell in the prioritization for the county.

Gary said what's the length of this bridge roughly Joe, do you know.

Joe Copeland said no it was eighty-some feet, yeah. Maybe closer to 90. Because I looked at it for railroad flat cars. And it's too long, can't use them.

Mike said the length, left center equal 100 feet is what the report said.

Joe Copeland said okay.

Mike said well what are you thinking Gary.

Gary said I think we need to move forward with it.

Mike said okay. Then ask SJCA to complete the application.

Gary said yes.

Mike said is that a motion.

Gary made a motion to move forward on the federal aid application for bridge 284. Mike seconded.

Mike said anything else on this issue.

Joe said no.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said anything else.

Joe said make you aware we had to close another bridge. I'm not in total agreement. I don't think it's unsafe at this point in time, but the state requires it. It's on 300 South, east of US 27. It's bridge 123. It's had some erosion on the, under the invent a little bit. And we've got a, I've got a contractor scheduled to go in and do it. I don't know his, what his schedule is, time frame of getting into it, but we had to close it.

Mike said what does that repair entail.

Joe said repairs, they'll have to remove the asphalt from the outside of the invent, dig down probably for the front face of the invent, and pour concrete down underneath to hold that together. And then if we get some riprap back up underneath the invent, there was some debris that was underneath the bridge, and there was a cattle gate, a livestock gate that they put, it's just cattle panels they've put up there and chained it to the bridge. So, it caught a lot of debris. There was a tree about that big around that was caught underneath it. And we believe and the engineers believe that this has caused the erosion on the west vent and so that's already been removed by the county highway. The panels have been removed. It's not needed anymore. There's no fence. So, all we have to do is repair the west side and we'll be good to go. And as soon as he can get there, I'm going to go up and have a talk with him today, the contractor.

Mike said okay.

Gary said what kind of time frame.

Joe said I'd like for him to get up here within a week, week and a half, get it done. Now if someone were to move the barricades, it's not going to break my heart.

Mike said so how does the state get involved. How does the state get involved?

Joe said alright when they go out and do the inspection, if they find what they call a critical finding, in other words, it's something that could be potentially dangerous to someone crossing the bridge, then they write it up as a critical finding. Most critical findings require to the problem to be repaired in thirty days. Now they have another type of critical finding that has to be done in three days. But this was a thirty day. But he's been out doing this, doing that, he's working up on those overlay jobs and we've got him running all over the place, finishing the one bridge on 500 East. So, he hadn't had time to get there. So, what this is, is if you don't get it repaired within thirty days, then you've got to close the bridge. So that's where we're at.

Mike said okay.

Joe said if it's three day, if it's not done in three days, we have to close the bridge. We've had one three day. The rest of them have been thirty days. We have quite a list.

Mike said so do they inspect all of our bridges.

Joe said who.

Mike said the state.

Joe Copeland said no. It's through the consultant. The consultant is required to write these up if they find them.

Mike said okay.

Joe said and we've had what, one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight.

Mike said so this is SJCA has found this to be.

Joe said yeah. They are required.

Mike said going beyond thirty days. Well you said the state. That had me confused.

Joe Copeland said they forward it to the state and then the state says okay, you got thirty days.

Mike said okay.

Joe said and then once it's repaired, we have to send photographs showing it's been repaired, and we even have to send photographs to them that they forward to the state when we close it to show that it's closed. They're getting kind of nasty about it.

Mike said okay.

Gary said so where are we on the others then that you said you had.

Joe said we have three left to do. We have that one and two others. Out of eight.

Gary said okay.

Joe said and the two others are minor. What it is, it's top bolts on the guard rail posts on the side of the bridge have, something's hit it and popped them out. So, they have to redo those top bolts and get them back and secured in place. Two of the bridges have that.

Mike said so that has nothing to do with the bridge structure itself.

Joe said no so we put cones along the side just to cover it, and that satisfied the state.

Mike said okay. Anything else.

Joe said that's it.

Mike said any questions of Joe.

Gary said no sounds good.

Mike Haffner – Utility agreements

Mike said, utility agreements.

Mike Haffner said I've got some stuff here. I've got, I'm not sure how many more I've got, but I've got six of them.

Laura said that's the only one I have from Frontier. Then these are the ones Mike sent.

Mike Haffner said the last numbers, 220135, 136, 137, 138, 139 and 140. All them was the vibratory and we recommended that for fiber optic we'd rather have it bored, so they've changed everything back to the boring. And I'm okay with all these six.

Mike said I'm not seeing a reference.

Mike Haffner said top left corner, in the dark.

Laura said you can't hardly read that.

Mike said it's blacked out. This one's blacked out so, 135, 136, 137, that's a guess, that's a guess, and that's a guess.

Mike Haffner said 138, 139 and 140. I'm okay with all of them.

Mike said okay. So, you have yours in front of you. 135 is along the west side of south boundary park.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike said 136, we know, 137, we know, 138, is that ug duct placement by directional bore at County Road 300 East, Lynn.

Mike Haffner said yep.

Mike said and the next one we don't know is 3518 East 800 South. And the next one is 140, it's 4056 East 800 South.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike said you are recommending, I know you have one here from Frontier.

Mike Haffner said I'm okay with that.

Mike said and you're recommending these other six.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike said you've heard the recommendation Gary. Do you have any questions or comments?

Gary said no. I move approval of the six utility agreements.

Mike said well there's six utility agreements, plus a Frontier.

Gary said oh that's right.

Mike said utility agreements so there's seven altogether.

Gary said the seven utility agreements as presented, recommended.

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

Mike said anything else for us this morning Mike.

Mike Haffner said I would just like to bring up something that we've looked at in the past, and I guess I need some guidance from the commissioners. Basically, Greenville Pike, from the state line clear into Winchester, that's, we've looked at OCRA grants in the past, we've looked at multiple other things. I just want you guys to keep in mind that we can't not do anything to that road, so we need to at least have a game plan on what we might want to do. I guess I would like to pursue, you know, have Joe help us because there's actually seven structures on that road that need widened. Bridges, but we've got seven box culvert type structures. I'm not sure how they faired out on the inspection report, but these are what was causing trouble certainly if you are going to widen the road. So, and the road surface is starting to deteriorate. We just haven't been able to go over there and keep up with the repairs, keeping in mind that we you know, are we going to try to do a federal aid project on that, are we going to possibly just resurface as is, and

work a few structures in with county money. Or, I guess, I'm not asking anything today, I'm just bringing it to the attention because it seems to me like that one should get more attention than bridge 284. As far as I'm concerned, 284 shouldn't even be on the list. You know, to me, that's a very low priority. A couple years ago we all agreed if that bridge had issues it would be permanently closed. Now if there's money and funding available to open up, I'm agreeing to that, but I wouldn't want any money that really, I think, priority would be if we're going to be trying to find any money, it should be going to Greenville Pike, not some of these other stuff. It's just my suggestion. Ultimately, you know, I just need some guidance. Are we, you know, we can't continue leaving Greenville Pike in the condition it is. We have to at least have a game plan. Do we chip and seal this, do we put it on a paving list? I know we've got enough Community Crossing for the next several years out on bridges. So, where's that leave us on Greenville Pike, you know. I don't want you guys to forget because we're getting bombarded with a lot of these bridge repairs, a lot of structures, and it's chewing up. We're are going to be empty probably next year. And we've used all of our reserves. So, after that point, how we going to attack Greenville Pike.

Mike said this is the first I've heard of Greenville Pike in several years.

Mike Haffner said yeah well it.

Mike said last I knew of Greenville Pike was when we considered it as a regional.

Mike Haffner said right.

Mike said project for eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission. And I think the estimate at that time was around \$6,000,000.00. Is that a fair statement?

Perry said maybe at that time. It's much higher now.

Mike said yeah, I understand that. That's why I said at that time. I'm not holding you to that number Perry. But it's a, and I guess I'm a little surprised there's only seven culverts out there. I thought there were more than seven between the Ohio line and where Winchester stop.

Mike Haffner said when we did the OCRA grant, there was a list of I believe, seven of the concrete structures.

Perry said yeah, the actual structure, pipes.

Mike Haffner said there might be other.

Mike said a lot of right-of-way purchase to widen that road.

Mike Haffner said correct.

Mike said so I appreciate you bringing up Greenville Pike. And it does connect us to Ohio. And everybody who goes to Greenville, Ohio on Greenville Pike, knows immediately when they

enter the state of Ohio and leave Indiana. So, it's probably a project that we should have on our radar.

Mike Haffner said yeah.

Mike said and at one time, Perry, you shared with me that there was funding beyond federal aid, typical federal funding, and you, I can't remember what you called it.

Perry said bill grants.

Mike said bill grants.

Perry said we just, they are federally competitive and you would be competing against, I mean they're for connectivity for a lot of safety ribbon, a lot of it is environmentally driven as far as que traffic, a lot of small, you ever run into something like that, you are competing against Atlanta, Georgia, New York City, you know, places that have you know, a lot of traffic situations. It's highly unlikely that you would win something like that, yeah.

Joe said I had a similar circumstance in Hancock when I was there. A road, the name of the road was 600 East, and it takes you to Morristown. And the problem was that they were building a new soy bean plant down there in Morristown. And a lot of trucks were going to go down that corridor. And the road was crooked and so culverts were very narrow. So, I went in and replaced all the culverts except one, widened it, bought right-a-way to put the culverts in, got them widened. And then we did a corridor study. We needed to do it before we got our federal aid. The meeting was, the hearing was horrible. Some of the residents didn't want it because they said well if you build it, they'll come. And we kept saying no they are going to come whether we build it or not. Well, they came, okay. But the commissioners built one section and that was it. They put a hold on it and didn't go any further because of the way the residents reacted. And those trucks are running that road today. But you need a corridor study if you are looking at federal aid. And I would recommend that the break point, you can't do it all at once, so I would recommend the break points on each project. You know, you may have four different projects come out, three, whatever, would be the drainage water sheds, break it by where we order drains, not necessarily the intersections.

Mike said okay.

Joe said and then you need to also look at any type of bicycle paths, walking trails, wherever trail of some kind be. While you're there, you might as well, and that would help with the application, multi mobile type construction. That would help raise the ability to get the funding.

Perry said right now on the federal aid, like Joe said, any road project that incorporates bicycle, pedestrian facilities, gains extra points in the matrix for selection for federally funding.

Mike said okay.

Mike Haffner said just something I didn't want to lose sight. I'm very supportive of all the other stuff we've got going on.

Mike said it's that bridge 284.

Mike Haffner said pardon.

Mike said you're not supportive of bridge 284.

Mike Haffner said no. I guess I'm not totally against it. I just don't understand why you know, after a couple of years, we said we would close and all of a sudden, you know, to me bridge 21 on 500 North, I know it's a you know, historic select, but that bothered a lot more people. And you know, I feel sorry for the residents and everything, but you know, I just didn't want it, if we can do it financially, work it in, I think that's great. But I think we we're losing out on possibly replacing all these seven structures and paving this for what we would have in replacing one bridge. And to me, if you're, you know, if you're talking a million dollars, I can replace all seven structures.

Mike said it would be 20% of a million three would it not. Our involvement would be about \$260,000.00 plus engineering I'm guessing.

Mike Haffner said if you go federal aid.

Mike said well that's what we decided to do this morning.

Mike Haffner said okay. And that's actually you know, that's reasonable and cheap. I just didn't want us losing sight.

Mike said well I guess the question is, is there a better bridge to use federal aid for. I mean, I don't think.

Mike Haffner said we got 114, we got 250.

Joe said we're working on them.

Mike Haffner said I guess I'm not disagreeing. It just, I think if there, I'd like to actually see priority you know. If this 284 is number one or two, I guess I wouldn't be disagreeing with that. And there's other, we've got another bridge over at Union City.

Perry said 212.

Joe Copeland said we're going to put it in.

Mike Haffner said yeah, so, I would hate, you know, hate 284 to cost us an opportunity of a higher traffic situation, if we're limited on funds. Funds is where I'm getting more involved because these critical findings, they wasn't budgeted.

Mike said right.

Mike Haffner said and I don't know how. When them bills come in, I'm going to have to work with council because I don't know if we've got the money without appropriating more money, and that takes me several months to do, several weeks of advertising. Then it's got to go through council. So, Joe and I have been working really close because it's getting me nervous because we've got too many projects that absolutely have to be done. And we're running out of money fast.

Gary said well going back to Greenville Pike, Joe's saying we need to put in those structures first before we do anything else basically.

Joe Copeland said you can.

Gary said and then go from there.

Joe Copeland said you can.

Perry said or it could be part of a federal aid.

Gary said well I think we need, like you said, we definitely need a plan so we can begin to put monies there as we get it and we'll come up with monies elsewhere or if it ever becomes available, grab them. But that's, when we were talking about that with Eastern Indiana, it is top priority on our list to do that with that funding. And for some reason, they chose, we thought we were in a great position since we were putting all these groups together in a region, and then the state said well we like going individual, forget about your region for some reason. Kind of a shot in the back I think, from what we've been told by the state people.

Mike Haffner said I'd like to find funding to at least do one or two a year so we can at least, keep up with it. And then we'll go ahead and put structures in wide enough if we ever want to. But I don't want to waste money because if we put a structure in and then we do a bicycle trail or something, they got to tear it out and the bridge won't be near wide enough.

Gary said no I think we.

Mike Haffner said so I don't want to waste money. That's why I needed a over-all game plan so if we do replace a structure, how do we go about doing that.

Gary said that's what I think. We need to get that plan together.

Mike Haffner said yeah. While I have everybody here, I just needed some guidance.

Gary said well we need to move on that.

Mike Haffner said this is one of the major roads in the county.

Gary said and it's not a very wide road for the traffic.

Mike Haffner said it's got some narrow structures on it that almost concerns me more than the surface right now.

Gary said but the whole thing concerns me. I don't drive it that much anymore, but it's not a good road considering the traffic.

Mike Haffner said like I said, I have not seen if they're on the list to get inspected or not. I guess we need to look there.

Joe Copeland said depends on size.

Mike Haffner said yeah.

Joe Copeland said as far as Greenville Pike, why don't we identify the culverts, number one. And number two, figure out what the potential cross section of the road will look like. Right now, if I were to replace a culvert, I don't know how long to make it.

Mike Haffner said yeah exactly.

Joe Copeland said so we need to identify what it would look like potentially in the future so we would know how long a structure we'll need.

Perry said I don't want to speak for Joe, but I think a lot of it boils down to how do you want to fund it, because I think, you know, if you're going to go federal, that's one set of standards. If you are going to do it local, and then you have a lot less restrictive. So I agree with Mike is that, you know, you can put a lot of money into that project. But where are you wanting to end up with it you know, what's the final result because if you look at what you want as a final result, then you can kind of work it backwards. Okay, this is the best funding we think will get us there for the least amount of, and in working with Joe, for the least amount of out-of-pocket for the county. So, what does that end look like, and then work it backwards.

Gary said but we need to keep the time factor involved in it too, because we don't want it to drag out over years and years and years.

Perry said yeah, a project of that size, I think you don't really have a choice if you're going to tear out structures.

Gary said no, it's going to be over a period of time. But then, we've got to, once we start, I think we need to keep our plan going.

Perry said oh, absolutely.

Gary said as close as we can.

Perry said I agree with Joe. If you were, if you were to put a plan in place, especially with federal aid, you would just phase it, you know, like you were going to do.

Mike said I guess that would something that could be done, as far as planning, we could have Ed line out the watersheds at the project.

Ed said it's already done.

Mike said okay. Already done, Ed says so, he's way ahead of us.

Perry said when we met with Ed before, we identified the number of parcels that would be affected out there for that strip of land. Off the top of my head, I, 144 seems to be the number that we looked at, was the affected parcels. We've don't a lot of the advanced work out there. I'm just you know, trying to see what it would take to put that road in a better position.

Gary said what is the total mileage.

Perry said 10.3.

Mike Haffner said I think it's 10.3 or so.

Perry said I think it is, yeah, 10.3, 144 affected parcels. One bridge would have to be widen. This is all from memory, and I haven't look at it in a while, but there was one bridge that had been replaced and widened that I don't know that it's going to need a lot of work done to it. But again, that would be part of a corridor study, which would be the step one, is you need to do a corridor study. And that would identify everything with you know, what needs to be done, parcels affected, construction costs estimates, what the profile of the road would look like, if any incorporated bicycle, pedestrian facility, drainage. You know, you've got real steep banks there that will have to be widened out you know, so they're less dangerous to the public. And you know, you really have to do a corridor study to see what all you've got out there. And then like Joe said, attack it. That's pretty good advice, attack it by drainage.

Gary said it looks like we need to get started on it.

Mike said so I guess the question still remains, is bridge 284 a priority for us on federal aid. I know you, and the letter said that we decided to go after federal aid. At our last meeting, the discussion was around do it ourselves, Community Crossing for federal aid.

Joe Copeland said we're, were, the plan is to put together, what have we got, four.

Perry said four including.

Joe Copeland said four, including 284 for federal aid project applications for bridges.

Mike said for the November 1st deadline.

Joe Copeland said well that's when it opens. So next month, we'll be doing all four. But they want those four prioritized. My plan, since 284 was last, to put it at the lowest priority on the applications, if that's acceptable.

Mike said well it's acceptable to me.

Mike Haffner said is a federal aid bridge project different than a federal aid road project, as far as priority.

Perry said I don't know. Joe do you prioritize bridges separate from roads. I guess I've never been asked that question.

Joe Copeland said application, you'll have to have another application.

Mike Haffner said if you've got a 4 priority on a bridge, but you've got a 1 priority on a road, how do they look at that. I'm saying the Greenville Pike should be a higher priority than 284.

Mike said some would say County Road 500 West would be a higher priority than Greenville Pike.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike said if we're talking about federal aid for roads, and I'm not sure we've done a federal aid project for roads have we.

Mike Haffner said I don't think we have.

Mike said I don't even know how you go about doing that.

Joe said it's quite extensive. It's a lot, in my opinion, it's a lot harder than a bridge.

Perry said yeah.

Joe said there's a lot more right-of-way involved.

Mike said I guess; would the potential be there for a Community Crossing project for a portion of Greenville Pike.

Perry said you only have a, you have a \$1,000,000.00 annual limit, and you've got a project out there that's, initially looks like millions in dollars to do that.

Mike said I'm a young man, so 8 to 9 million dollars, would, I mean it that make 8, 9 years, but it's going to be better than what it is now.

Joe said you would have to break it up into smaller pieces, annual, you'll have to pay all the engineering locally.

Perry said yeah right, inspection.

Joe said that's going, you'll have to pay the, it's not worth, I, by the time you pay for the engineering and the right-of-way, the right-of-way is going to be extensive.

Mike said oh yeah.

Joe said and I mean you've got to have appraisers. Today, appraisers will cost you a pretty penny.

Mike said 750 bucks. That was for a bulk.

Meeks said well that was super cheap.

Joe said we're talking over \$2,000 apiece. If it has a house and it's fairly close to the road.

Mike said okay.

Meeks said yeah I think ten years ago on Greenville Avenue, that was \$3000 for two appraisals, ten years ago.

Mike said well I would not disagree with putting 750 for the priority list, one through four. I don't know about you Gary.

Gary said that's fine. I don't disagree with that.

Mike said and I guess we just keep Greenville Pike on our radar. And I guess from a paving standpoint Mike, you're in charge of the highway department, you're going to be in charge of that paver, and you're going to be in charge of the asphalt, the paving materials.

Mike Haffner said right.

Mike said I would look to you to develop that paving plan and present it to us for a review. And if we don't like it, we'll tell you. If we like it, we'll tell you. I guess I don't know how else to go about that.

Mike Haffner said I guess on my side of the fence; my capability is only the width of the existing road surface.

Mike said well that may be what we determine we have to do. Except for a small portion of it, we might. We bite off what we can chew and we have other funds available that the commissioners and the council both control. Maybe we use some of those funds down the road.

Joe said if you're anticipating applying for federal aid funds say next year in November, you're going to need that corridor study completed, like it or not. And you have to pay for that with local funding. But that's your key to getting in the front door and getting some money.

Mike said right. That's a whole new ball game as far as I'm concerned, when we start seeking federal aid for paving projects. I wouldn't even know where to go for a corridor study.

Joe said engineering companies do them, SJCA I'm sure does them.

Perry said yeah we do.

Joe said they can be rather expensive.

Mike said I can imagine. Okay. Anything else gentlemen.

Joe said no that's it.

Mike said okay. Thank you. I don't see anyone from council here today. We have a Mayor, Mayor McCoy do you have anything for us this morning.

Bob said Fab got federal approval.

Mike said oh wonderful.

Bob said so we'll probably be making an announcement probably tonight at council, and then when we do a groundbreaking, probably get a little bit more of a, you know, maybe some pictures or whatever.

Mike said okay good.

Bob said and we received the bids on, we're calling it North Town II, the housing addition down on 27, so that's moving forward as well. Good things happening.

Mike said very good. Okay.

Other Business:

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

Mike said next item is Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff.

Art Moystner said I just have one quick update. The mobile radios, they contacted me this morning, I think we're going to try to get those installed on the 31st of October, that week.

Mike said okay.

Art Moystner said other than that, I don't have anything unless you guys have questions for me.

Mike said do you run with your son.

Art Moystner said I do not.

Mike said oh okay well.

Art Moystner said he is way too fast for me.

Mike said congratulations.

Art Moystner said thank you.

Minutes of August 1, 22 & August 15, 22

Mike said next item our minutes of our August 1st and August 15th meeting. We've received these via email. Do you have any additions, corrections or deletions Gary?

Gary said no.

Mike said I do not either. Would you move approval.

Gary made a motion to approve both sets of minutes. Mike seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Payroll Claims \$220,331.52

Mike said that brings us to our payroll claims in the amount of \$220,331.52.

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

Mike said do we not have a payroll expense claim.

Laura said she didn't give me one. I'll have to remind her. We will get it to you next time.

Regular Claims \$1,389,272.67

Mike said that brings us to our regular claims in the amount of \$1,389,272.67.

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

Mike said I did see a claim in here for our old website people.

Gary said I saw that.

Laura said no that should not be in there.

Gary said it was. I thought about that.

Laura said because Ted sent me an email and he normally would bill us but what we had already paid was through July. So, he wasn't going to charge us from July through September when we switched over.

Mike said okay.

Laura said that should go to the new people. We did get a bill for the new people.

Mike said it's in here.

Laura said I'll fix that.

Mike said it's in there. \$3,000.00, okay. Very good.

Laura said that should go to the new company because Ted said he was not charging us.

Mike said it's not that much is it.

Laura said it was right at \$3,000.

J & K Claim \$118,739.34

Mike said okay next item is J & K claim, it's the retainage on the Communication Projects in the amount of \$118,739.34.

Gary said I'll move we amend that and pay them all but \$20,000 of that until we get all these other issues corrected.

Mike said I'll second that motion. So the motion will be that we pay \$98,739.34 to J & K as partial retainage payment for the Communication Projects and retain \$20,000.00.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Randolph Central School Claim \$86,274.41

Mike said that brings us to an EDIT Claim for the Randolph Central School corporation. This is for the welding remodel at the school. And it's for \$86,274.41, which we approved several weeks ago. I'd entertain a motion to approve this claim.

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

Community & Family Service lease

Mike said that brings us to our Community and Family Service lease. I don't see anyone here representing community & family service. And our last conversation, they questioned why we increased their rent to \$10.00 a square foot.

Meeks said I asked her to be here and the other question was with the term.

Mike said yeah. Our typical term is one year, but if they wanted.

Meeks said it's been three. It was three with them before.

Mike said I'm okay with a three-year term. Are you okay with a three-year term Gary?

Gary said yes.

Meeks said I'll just let know three years or one year.

Mike said three years and \$10.00 a square foot. I thought you explained it pretty well. Maybe they're willing to accept that.

Meeks said I thought I did too so.

Mike said anything else on the Community & Family service lease.

EDIT plan amendment & set EDIT meeting

Mike said that brings us to our EDIT plan amendment & to set an EDIT meeting. Our amendment incorporates our last EDIT grant to the Lashes for the Davis building project, facade grant to John and Katie Lash in the amount of \$20,000.00. We need to approve this EDIT plan with this latest change. I believe that's the only one.

Meeks said I believe that's the only one.

Gary said yes we approved the EDIT.

Gary made a motion to approve the EDIT plan as amended. Mike seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Meeks said they said they didn't need the money until next year, so you probably don't have to set another plan yet.

Mike said we probably should wait.

Meeks said yeah.

Mike said in case there's any additions.

Gary said I agree.

ARPA plan amendment

Mike said we received a copy of our ARPA plan amendment which updated as of today. That's the radios for the sheriff.

Gary said right.

Mike said I should say sheriff's department. I'd entertain a motion to approve the ARPA plan amendment.

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

Treasurer's April 2022 report

Mike said received the treasurer's report for the month of April, month of April 30th, 2022. I'd entertain a motion to approve the Treasurer's report.

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

Gary said do we have a time frame when all those have to be completed. Is it the end of the year.

Mike said I would think so.

Laura said well most generally. I mean, I'm assuming these are reconciliations and these should be done monthly.

Gary said right.

Laura said I know when Jessica Price left, they kind of got behind on them. I think they are just struggling to get caught up.

2023 Holiday Schedule

Mike said next item is the 2023 holiday schedule. Are we going to proceed and approve this without Tom or do we want to wait until next week, two weeks and have Tom here?

Gary said I don't see that one of is going to make a difference.

Mike said nothing really new on here is there.

Laura said no.

Gary said no not that I saw.

Mike said do we need approval of that.

Gary made a motion to approve the 2023 Holiday schedule as presented. Mike seconded. 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 have several, and these are memorandum agreements for the Health department, and Sherri told me these have already all been approved in meetings but did not get signed. So, I don't know if you want to look through them or you just want to sign them. However, you want

to do it, or if you wait until next time. She just brought them in and said that they've been using these people, they've already all been approved.

Mike said I'm not sure if we approved them, why they weren't signed.
Laura said yeah I don't know either.

Mike said and I'm not sure why they're different. This one's not signed by Dr. Sowinski or any representative of the health department.

Laura said Kami works for them, but she's just a contract employee.

Mike said that's her contract. So, we have a contract for Stephanie Jackson Lyons, Jesse Hernandez, Marita Runkle, Cindy Fritts and Karen Leahey all of which Kenneth Sowinski has signed on behalf of the Health department and health officer. And before I sign them on behalf of the county, I think we should approve them, even if we've already approved them. I don't think it will hurt to do them again, because I don't recall whether we did or not. So, I'd move approval of these one, two, three, four, five memorandum agreements for the Health department.

Gary made a motion to approve the five agreements with the Health Department as presented.
Mike seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Laura said and this one Dr. Sowinski needs to sign.

Mike said I think so. Put it on this form.

Mike said Meeks do you have anything for us.

Meeks said I do not.

Mike said Gary do you have anything for us.

Gary said not today.

Mike said the only thing I have is we received, I think everybody received an email from our Veterans Service officer, and she was going to be out of the office, and I trust that our previous method of dealing with that having them contact another county Veterans Office in her absence would continue and work well in that situation for her absence. We dealt with that when Mike was there.

Gary said right. If they come into the office then and have the secretary, if she can't handle it then she can work with them to get additional help from other counties.

Mike said okay. I think she was just letting us know she wasn't going to be there.

Gary said right.

Mike said okay. That's all I have.

Citizen Comments


Mike said do we have any citizens here that would like to make a comment. I don't hear any. Gary I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

Adjournment

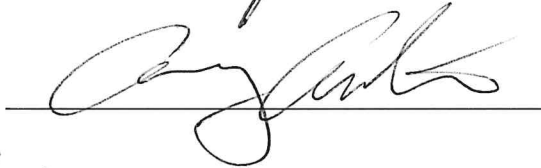
Gary made a motion to adjourn. Mike seconded. All aye votes. Meeting adjourned.


Reviewed and signed this 5 day of December, 2022.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS







ATTEST: 

Laura J Martin, Auditor of Randolph County