

## **Randolph County Commissioners**

May 1, 2023

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

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Michael Wickersham, President presided over the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

### **Jake Donham – Head Start request**

Mike said first item on the agenda is a Head Start request community family center, Jake Donham. So, they want to modify their leased facility down there.

Jake Donham said one of the things they were wanting to do is they wanted to do like a four-post sunscreen, like a canopy type over the playground area, or a portion of it for the kids. Not attached to the building. They said they would call in locates and so forth before they do anything. And then the other request they had was awhile back they had requested wanting to do some camera systems, and card readers to lock the doors down to their facility. And they finally sent a plan out that is, looks acceptable that won't affect the rest of the building as far as entry points and so forth. It would just be strictly to their area.

Mike said do you see any problem with any of these changes?

Jake Donham said no.

Mike said okay. Anybody have any questions for Jake?

Gary Friend said I do not.

Mike said Gary?

Gary Girton said no I don't.

Gary Friend said Ill make a motion that we approve the request.

Mike said I have a motion to approve the request of Head Start to make the addition of cameras and alarms as well as some blinds and then the sun shade. Do I have a second?

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

Jake Donham said and the only other thing I wanted to, I know it wasn't on the agenda for, but it's been kind of hectic the last couple of months and I accumulated quite a bit of comp time, resulting in not being able to use up my vacation time and so forth. My anniversary date is May mid, 17<sup>th</sup>, I believe, so I just wanted to see what the availability would be to not lose these days.

Mike said so how many comp hours do you have? Do you know?

Jake Donham said it's, as of this morning, it was 208 ½ hours, and then on vacation time, I still have 12 days.

Mike said so, you have to bring those down to what?

Jake Donham said handbook, 60.

Mike said 60.

Jake Donham said so that put it down 149 on the hours, or 149 and a half I guess.

Gary Friend said down 60 from where you are at?

Mike said down to 60.

Gary Friend said down to 60.

Jake Donham said yeah.

Mike said 60 is the max.

Jake Donham said yep.

Mike said you have to use them before vacation is up. So, do you have a proposal to make as far as how long you want this extended for?

Jake Donham said well we can extend them, but as soon as my anniversary date rolls over, I get all the, you know, I get my time back. So, it's just going to put another three weeks on it. I mean, we just keep adding to it. I don't know if I can just say I'm going to take off two weeks. I guess I can but it's rough, especially this time of year.

Mike said I guess what are you, what are you wanting to do here? I guess that's the question.

Jake Donham said I just don't want to lose my time. Whether pay it out or if we carried it over, but.

Mike said carrying it over then it just extends it.

Jake Donham said right.

Mike said that's my point.

Jake Donham said right. And carrying it over, I mean, I can't give you an idea of how, I mean, that's, we're looking at, that's 33 days roughly.

Mike said that's a difficult question is how long

Jake Donham said yeah.

Mike said I guess it sounds to me like the solution would be to pay it out, or blend it some way. But we could just recommend to the council that they would pay it out I believe is the way that would work, would it not?

Gary Friend said yes. Council is going to be hesitant to pay that out because, even though circumstances are extraordinarily different, in being under staffed, it's not the only position that would all of a sudden start for payout.

Jake Donham said right.

Gary Friend said I'm not totally against payout. I'd like to see another way we could do it. I don't know that there is another way. I don't know if you could go and take two days a week off for a straight month and knock this thing down, so the council don't have to entertain. I mean, there could be a line. But, I'm under no circumstances wanting you to lose any time. So, however, we may be in a position where we have to pay it out. I know if you get over 240, we'd have to pay you out.

Jake Donham said I mean I've been chipping away on the past couple of weeks, a little here and there, but trying to get my new employees trained and you know, not being fully staffed. It's been a struggle with the last couple months just trying to use up any of it.

Gary Friend said so, how much extension time would you need, we've got to give the council some time to decide how they are going to approach these types of situations.

Jake Donham said well them kind of hours, I'd say at least a year. I don't want to go any shorter and take a chance on losing any of it by any means. I really wouldn't be happy about that.

Gary Friend said well I think that's where I was in my mind. I don't want to speak for you on that.

Jake Donham said sure.

Gary Friend said well I think we ought to grant an extension and let the council hash this out too.

Mike said if we give him an extension then we can, we would have then time to determine how to pay it out if we're going to pay it out, if council wants to do that.



Gary Friend said right.

Gary Girton said right. That's what we need right now, I agree, is an extension.

Gary Friend said we're going to have extraordinary circumstances like you, and they have to be dealt with one by one.

Mike said so we would be extending the 12 days of this year's vacation to May 17, 2024.

Jake Donham said what about that comp time?

Gary Friend said not there yet, on the 240. It's automatic at 240 anyway.

Jake Donham said you said something about extending it, not paying out.

Gary Friend said you can't on comp time. Comp time is 240. You get paid on 241. Is that correct Meeks?

Meeks said yes.

Mike said just keeping your vacation benefit alive, so you don't lose the 12 days-vacation.

Meeks said right.

Mike said and you still have the 208 hours of comp time.

Jake Donham said okay so just roll everything over.

Mike said you're not going to lose anything. We can't take comp time away from you. The only thing we can do is let you leave and use it or pay you out. We're allowing you to do after May 17<sup>th</sup>, is using this year's accrued vacation after May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Jake Donham said right.

Mike said so you don't lose those days.

Jake Donham said sure, right.

Mike said and you new vacation starts May 17<sup>th</sup>, which will expire in May of 2024, unless the same situation occurs and you do the same thing again. Our hope is that between now and then, we might find a way to pay some of the comp time down, so you're not in the same situation. If it's a blended situation that you can use comp time and be paid out, and then you wouldn't have to roll over vacation next year.

Jake Donham said right.



Gary Friend said one of the things Jake, the council may entertain and look at is being short staffed, as the department is causing all this comp time, that it's impossible to get it down, and they can look at that and add staff if they choose to, so you have the ability to be covered while you're gone and get this comp time under control. When you get to 240 Jake, on hour 241, the following pay cycle will have that on there. That certainly is going to come up to commissioners and council where we've got to keep you off that 240, no matter what. Like Mike had mentioned, 60 is where we want you.

Jake Donham said right. Well that's where I want to be too.

Gary Friend said understood.

Jake Donham said you know, different circumstances, I'm being extremely short staffed. And like I said, I'm back to where I got the coverage now, but, you know for the past two months.

Gary Friend said if the council affords you another individual in this next year's budget coming up, can you manage your comp time down then without.

Jake Donham said I don't know if I really need another employee. I mean, it's just, I had so many, I mean it was down to one out of five people.

Mike said well and this will give basically, the goal is not to increase the comp hours. The goal would be to decrease those, but it also preserves your vacation, that you're potentially going to lose May 17<sup>th</sup> until May of 2024.

Gary Friend said I'll make a motion to that effect. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Jake Donham said so if they go that route, do I need to use my vacation up before my comp time or how would that work, because I'm just going to keep accumulating more comp time if I go over my.

Meeks said you've got to get your comp time down and then you get the vacation unless they pay you out.

Jake Donham said so I need to use my comp time up before my vacation?

Meeks said until you get to the 60.

Gary Friend said but your vacation has no risk now.

Meeks said but your vacation is extended for one year. So, keep working on the comp time. Talk to the council on Wednesday.

Jake Donham said or you just take off. We'll just see what they come up with.

Mike said okay thanks Jake.

**Beth Kreig – Grant Request**

Mike said Beth. Request for grant application for \$3,000.00.

Beth Kreig said it's the same that I've done every year for several years now with drug free Randolph County.

Mike said Randolph County.

Beth Kreig said I won't get \$3,000.00. I'll be lucky if I get a 1,000 this year based on what they're telling me on the finances. But we use that money to help with drug testing expense.

Mike said we don't match.

Beth Kreig said no, it's just pass-through.

Mike said someone wants to move approval of this?

Gary Friend said I will move approval. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Julie Wilson – Purdue Extension office update**

Mike said Julie Wilson, Purdue Extension Office update.

Julie Wilson said it's been a little bit since we've been here and kind of given you an update of what the Purdue Extension office is doing, so we just wanted to give you an update. You all received folders. There's lots of information in there, newsletters, our annual report, lots of program flyers. We just wanted you guys to have that. We'll also talk a little bit about some of the programs that we've been doing. Currently, we're doing a farm to fork program with Randolph Southern fifth grade. They received a grant to incorporate a farm to fork series, within the fifth-grade class. All of them have become 4-H members. And they're doing local farm field trip activities and keeping rural agriculture in the center of their curriculum. So, the first part, we went to the dairy, so they got a lesson on milk products and tasted it. They learned all about dairy cows and then we went to Union Go Dairy. You guys chime in wherever you want. So, they got to incorporate that into their food science lesson. And then they actually got to see a live dairy, and how it functioned. And you guys did the next portion.

Amy said so then we, since we had Frank Miller Lumber here, we did like some goods from the woods things with them and we went to Frank Miller Lumber. I learned so much. I had no idea how big that company was. And so, we were trying to encourage the kids, you know, there are lots of great jobs here in Randolph County, and to share that, timber, lumber, that is a huge market, and things like that. So, we went over there, had a great trip with that. And so, do you want to tell them what we did with the food?

Zoe said so kind of going down the natural resources path of that one since, I do a lot with food and nutrition, I did how to tap a tree and get maple syrup. So, we just watched videos about that and then the kids made pancakes, and we had maple syrup. So, just kind of looking at the food side, and the food science or the production agriculture that goes into it as well. And then on our last one which we're still, our topic we're doing right now is poultry. So, we're still on that and hatched eggs. So, each class has an incubator, and we got eggs donated by a local community member. So, each incubator has 24 in it. So, then the kids could potentially take those home after they hopefully hatch, so they could be 4-H projects or back yard chickens for their family. So, they were seeing the whole life cycle behind that. And then kind of going off of what I do with the food science part of it, we cooked, I just took chicken tenders in last Friday, and we just did the proper way to check the temperature, food safety, because a lot of kids, they just aren't cooking a lot you know. So, just really hands on cooking. So, I'll let you guys talk about that as well.

Amy said so I spent time with them with going over how the chick develops in the egg. And then I really hit really hard on, they have to apply to get the chickens to take home, so, I covered time with them on how to care for the chicks once they take them home, the commitment, and how they go from cute little chicks to kind of ugly teenagers, and that kind of stuff. So, I think seven applications came in for the chicks. So, they try to get them to understand that it's a huge commitment, but it's very rewarding. And you're not going to save money on back yard chickens, but it is a way to get you in touch with agriculture. So, the kids have been so excited and so receptive.

Julie said I dissected chicken eggs with them, which is the same thing I did with all of the third and fourth graders for ag days. But we dissected eggs, and we talked about what part is used for what for the development. And then, towards the end of May, we'll go in and they actually all will have completed a 4-H project in animal science poster. So, they'll research it, they'll have to create the poster and they will bring it to the fair. So, there's roughly 40 kids on that. A couple of the have moved out since we started, but all of them are now 4-Hers and they will complete a project. I think the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of May is designated for their 4-H project. So, that was pretty fun. We've had a lot of fun doing that. We're trying to find ways for other schools to incorporate the same farm to fork program. I'll let you talk a little bit about ag days.

Amy said okay. So, for ag days again, we partnered on a backyard chicken project so community members, 4-H members were invited to come in and learn about back yard chickens. So, the adults spent an hour with me, and the youth spent an hour with Julie and Zoe, and they learned age appropriate things about having backyard chickens, and then that evening, we sat some fertile eggs in the incubator. And they kept posting about, well they had posted, because I was in Trinidad, about the chickens and then they came, the chickens hatched during the ag days. And then the families came and picked up their chicks. And every family got four chicks. So, Zoe and I, Zoe did a pre-school and I did, most of them are fourth graders, but Randolph Southern does third grade, but I went into all the schools and we dissected the eggs. We talked about embryology and then when they came to ad days, they actually saw the baby chicks hatching and then they got kind of another lesson with Amy and I. Based off of the surveys, the teachers still really enjoy that part of ag day. Roughly, there was 501 based off of pre-school and the fourth and third grade classes that came, of youth in Randolph County that were taught about



chickens. Amy and I taught them about chickens. It was kind of during the egg, you know, egg prices were crazy high. Everybody was interested in it. That's kind of why we do our chicken thing. Okay, then we'll roll into RT2.

Mike said while you're on chickens, you're talking about backyard chickens other than fencing, how do you keep your chickens in your backyard?

Amy said well at our house, we've done this for multiple years, and it's been an evolving situation. We started out with a chicken tractor that the kids built with their dad, and kind of moved them around. But at night you've got to shut them in because of predators. We've had predators in the last ten years get in twice. I try to tell the kids, it's just a matter, predators are going to get in. But right now, in our barn, if you want to take a look some time, Mike has fortified it I think two or three times, now knock on wood, we haven't had any predators lately. And we've got 18 chickens in there. But their predators are probably the biggest problem that I see, and you just really have to fortify because you know, minks and all kinds of stuff can get in there.

Mike said I meant how do you keep them from crossing the road into a neighbor's private property?

Amy said ours just always got, well we keep feed and water in the location and they kind of go in there, and they just kind of go out and do the little chicken thing digging around tearing up mulch. And we live kind of back off the road a little bit. We just never had that problem.

Mike said you're telling me there's no way to do it is what you're telling me.

Amy said yeah, they're going to do what they want to do.

Mike said they're not mine. They are my neighbors across the road.

Amy said so during the COVID we did this, I did this RT2 program, read, taste, touch, where I would send information for kids three years old through second grade to have a story read, have a craft, and then a healthy snack. And then, basically, ag related books. And then now that COVID's over, we're having them come back to the fair, and we're going to have a celebration day. And then Zoe is jumping in on that, and I'll let her tell. So, I'm going to send materials home for six weeks as soon as school gets out. The kids are signing up now. And then our hope is that after they get out of second grade, then they're like oh, what can we do now, you can do 4-H. And so, we try to transition them from getting into agriculture, reading and then they can get into mini 4-H and then jump over into the 4-H program that we've got life-long extension people.

Zoe said so Amy let me join in with her on RT2, and so, now we're starting to go in person with this as well because we have 28 new people signing up, or families signed up for the mailing list. But we're going to go in person to summer reading programs at the local libraries, so we're going to go Winchester, Lynn, Farmland, and I think we added Parker City onto that too. They heard about it so, they were wanting to be in on the fun. So, we're going to start doing the in

person. So, read a book with them, have a healthy snack, and then do a craft as well. So, it ties in with my roll as the health in human sciences and then tying into agriculture with Amy. And then we just feed them into Julie's. It's a great program.

Julie said so, new 4-H things are going on. We have our junior leaders that have been meeting since August, so they meet year-round. There are roughly about 75 kids in the junior leader program right now. They actually do our make and take mini 4-H programs. So, our mini 4-H programs start in March, so March, April, May and June, those junior leaders actually will serve as leaders for the mini projects. They lead the mini day camps so they work on their communication skills, public speaking, responsibility, all those things that are important for teenagers to learn how to become young adults. So, we just had our make and take last week and we'll have another one in May, which is in the newsletter for your guys. I did receive a grant of \$1,500.00 for a sheep and goat series. It's a 5-part series. The goat and sheep projects are one of the fastest growing ones in Randolph County. It seems like goats and sheep are becoming popular, so, we're doing a workshop. The first one was like selection, what you are looking for. The next one is May 15<sup>th</sup> and it's going to be, I have my animal now, there was a lot of questions on what do you do, what do you worm with, so, I have a vet coming in to lead that series. And then we're going to do a grooming and fitting clinic and showmanship clinic in June. And then we have two local farmers that are going to donate sheep to be processed at Winchester Meats. So, it's kind of like a full process. They get to raise their animals, there are producers that go into the food chain. So, we will go to Winchester Meats. They will get to see the animal be butchered. And then at the fair, they will actually get to try the lamb. So, we're going to have grass fed lamb versus grain fed lamb to see the difference in the meat quality, and then we'll actually, a lot of kids have never tried lamb or goat. This year we're going to do lamb, and then next year we're going to get to try goat. So, that series, I had about 55 kids attend the first workshop. And I have kids already signed up for the one on May 15<sup>th</sup>. So that one, I've enjoyed. I'm a sheep kid, so, I raise sheep so that one's near and dear to my heart. We have 4-H camp coming up. We normally have about 20 to 30 kids go to camp with me. Randolph Southern and Monroe Central both have agreed that 4-H volunteers are going to drive our mini buses down so the kids don't have to worry about transportation. So, those signups are coming in. And then we also this year, have been focusing on 4-H volunteers in getting some new project volunteers involved, and I've received 12, or we've approved 12 new volunteers. So, wildlife, forestry, some new club leaders, a new dog leader, some of those projects that have had leaders retired. We're looking for some replacement ones to give kids more opportunities. And then also, the junior leaders are doing a 4-H shirt fundraiser. So, that's in there. We haven't had new 4-H shirts since 2015. So, their fundraiser, any profit that they make off of the shirts they're going to donate to the building campaign, which I was updated last week, we've got 1.7 million of the 2.2 that they're targeted for the capital campaign. So, that's an update for you guys where that stands. They've made some headway and they're moving forward. The target break ground date is after the fair of 2024, just due to the rentals that are already contracted for the fairgrounds in 2023 after the fair. So, that's where that stands. I don't have much until they call and tell me kind of where they're at. But we're making progress, which is awesome.

Gary Friend said do they know what they're going to do for expansion for update? Do they know yet? The kitchen, bathrooms, all that we talked about a year ago?



Julie said yes. So, they got enough for obviously, the Husted Hall project. They've got enough for one of the projects, but their goal I think with the READI Grant was they have to have all the funding for both projects if they want to receive the money from the READI Grant. So, they're trucking away to get all of the 2.2 to be able to break ground on both projects at the same time because the bathrooms will be renovated, and both bathrooms are going to be done ADA compliant. The dining room and kitchen will be redone. And then the show arena. The target plan of whatever they shared with you is still the target plan for renovation. That's all I got.

Gary Friend said I've got a question, at what age do you introduce children to the butchering process. That's up to the parents if they want to come.

Gary Friend said what's the normal age?

Julie said I don't know.

Gary said do you go through the kill phase and all when you take them?

Julie said if they so choose. They don't have to come. I mean, when I advertise it, I'm going to tell them like we're going to go to Winchester Meats and they won't kill, I've been told they are going to kill them, do all of that gory stuff ahead of time, and then they will get to see them like process and cut them, cure it and all of that. So, I'm not going to necessarily, let them see the kill side of it. A lot of families have never been to an actual butcher to see how it works.

Gary Friend said that was my point. They may not understand what they're walking into.

Julie said my husband has a meat science degree, so I'm going to try to walk them into it slowly. But during junior pork day, we're offering also a pig dissection and two of the kids that signed up are third graders. And so, one of the third graders was in the office the other day and she's dissected eggs with Julie, so she's thinking it's something like that. So, I had a talk with her and her mom and explained what we're going to be doing. And she decided she's going to wait awhile. So, we don't, we're trying to make sure that the child and the parent can make that decision, and explain to them that you know, what it's going to be like. Well who's next? I'm done for now.

Zoe said me. So, on the health and human science side of it, we've got youth mental health 101. That's just a program I'm offering about warning signs of suicide of youths, so adults, they can kind of look for those signs.

Mike said that came out in your last newsletter.

Zoe said yes. Yep, and I saw it on the elevator as we were coming up so I was excited to see that. So, just kind of offering that since our community has been impacted by suicide recently, just focusing on the importance of your mental health. Tomorrow we're actually having a Youth Mental Health first aid training offer and that's from the national mental health association. There are some educators in Purdue Extension that are offering that, so we have about 23 people signed up for that.



Julie said we were able to get it free.

Zoe said oh yeah, so the whole training itself, costs \$130.00 per person but I've worked with Reid Health and they're covering all the costs of that. So, it provides lunch, snacks, booklets, curriculum and to obviously, pay our trainers. That was ultimately free for any community member. That was a great partnership with them. I've got to go quick here. I've got parent cafes coming up, so that's a program I was trained on a couple months ago. So, those are just really open conversations for parent or caregivers to come attend. We have free dinner and we are rotating those around the county so, there's going to be one in Lynn, Winchester, Farmland and Union City. So, we're just kind of making sure we can reach every corner of Randolph County with those. So, I'm partnering with Reid Health once again, and Firefly Children's Bureau to offer those so the families will receive some incentives, and the free dinner, so, we're able to get that for free as well. And then lastly, kind of tying off Julie with the fair, we're starting to do some engage with extension. So, Julie's obviously very busy and it's all hands-on deck during the fair, but Julie came up with these opportunities to get extension out there even more so, we're going to do engage with extension. So, it's going to be like a one-hour session. And we're each going to have some. So, mine are going to be, I'm going to go on Mondays. It's going to be mindful Monday, so focusing on mental health. And then we're going to do a fiesta time with Zoe so I'm going to do a hands-on session of making salsa, talking about the nutritional value, and maybe even plug into Amy's community garden as well to get some of those ingredients. And then also during the fair, I host kind of a Second annual I guess, the baby contest. I partnered with the Children's Advocacy Center and I'm also going to partner with the pregnancy resource center and we're going to do a diaper distribution. So, they receive diapers, wipes, books, anything for the families, and that's all provided through Second Harvest Food Pantry for free. So, they can come and get that. So that's what I got going on with the Health and Human Sciences.

Amy said okay it's my turn. So, some things going on. This time of year, I start getting all kinds of horticulture questions. And the hardest question I get is what's wrong with my tree. So, I'm partnering with Steven Hayes at the Hayes Arboretum and I didn't write down the date, but it's in my newsletter. We're going to be going down to Hayes Arboretum in May on a Saturday. And we're going to have an hour session in the classroom and then an hour-walk with Stephen Hayes to go over some of these things about trees. So, I'm pretty excited about that, getting in with the actual you know, arboretum person. I'm really excited about that. As you can see, we passed out our 100 annual commemorative glass for the Farmer's Achievement Banquet. So, these ladies were kind enough to cover that during that event because I was with Purdue in Trinidad when that event happened. But it was a huge success. So, 100 years of doing that, it's pretty exciting. In June, I'm partnering with Keith Johnson at Purdue University and Doc Howell, and we are having the grazing school. It's a regional thing for people that have pastures and offer grazing on their property. So, I'm pretty excited to be hosting that. With my ag leadership group, we had to have a making a difference project for our community, and so I partnered with Keith Hobbs at Trinity Living Community, and we're in the process of installing a pollinator garden. So, that's going to be a three to five-year event just to get everything started, but we've started working on that over there. So, as you guys or people anywhere, as you start to divide your perennials and stuff like that, if you have extra that you'd like to donate to the

project, call the office, let me know, I'd be happy to take them. And a learning garden has gotten started. We have, I've never grown garlic, so our master gardener, Jim Smith is helping me with growing garlic, onions, we started a strawberry bed. And then we're hoping to grow the ingredients that Zoe needs for some of her groups. So, we've got the learning garden started. I'm excited Area 7 is all the surrounding counties, we're hosting, I'm hosting the ladies' night out in June. And they're going to learn how to make floral arrangements for themselves and different activities that night. The fair week, we're already started on that. For my engage with extension we're doing aviation with Amy. I just got a pneumatic air 2 drone. I haven't even put it up in the air yet because I went to Trinidad and I just haven't had time. So, I'm going to show people about that and then they can fly the little telos's and stuff like that. So, they're going to get some hands on with the drones and then we're still going to do the cricket fling. We kind of just, I just thought that would be fun. Last year it was so popular, we're going to do it again. And then we're going to do the camper challenge again with the camper foods, but we're going to have different nights and different themes every night. So, we go around and we're usually hungry and they feed us and the food is always really good. And then we're going to give prizes.

Julie said if you ever think of anything, the fair is schedule is in there, our recent newsletters, that just went out last week, just give us a call. We'll help you however we can. Any questions or comments?

Mike said I might suggest for your baby contest you, I'm not sure you're aware of Dolly Parton imagination library, sponsored by United Way. It's a free book for anybody between birth and five years old. That might be something you might offer them connection to.

Zoe said okay. That's a good idea. Thank you for that.

Mike said any questions?

Gary Girton said good job.

Mike said thank you.

### **Duane Petry – Ambulance**

Mike said Duane. Opportunity to buy an ambulance now and cancel our ambulance that we don't know when it's going to be here.

Duane Petry said yes. I have some more information on that this morning. These look, they're looking at August of 2025 for delivery.

Mike said that's the one we contracted for last year?

Duane Petry said yes.

Mike said we can buy one today from, do they still have this?

Duane Petry said yes. I called them this morning and they still have it.

Mike said Emergency Vehicles Plus.

Duane Petry said yes, for \$312,427.

Mike said and that includes the power load system.

Duane Petry said and a cot.

Mike said does that make it a complete ambulance for us?

Duane Petry said it doesn't do the graphics. And I got the graphics done on the one we just got for \$7,000 at Fountain City. He finished that up. It looks great.

Mike said so it's in service now?

Duane Petry said we're working on it. Got to fill it up with all the supplies. I got to get a lock on it, which it's going to get in service pretty quick.

Mike said well this company, based upon what you just told us, makes it pretty sad to try to find an ambulance if you really need one.

Duane Petry said right, right.

Mike said 3500 back log units.

Duane Petry said we were talking today, if we don't cancel the one that we've got ordered by August of 2025, we're probably going to be replacing another one.

Mike said so you would recommend we buy this one and we keep our one on order in anticipation of getting it in August of 2025?

Duane Petry said yes, I believe so. And then the load system and the cot that we had ordered, we already bought and paid for, went into the ambulance that we just got. So, we would still need to go with a load system and a cot on that one.

Gary Friend said on the 2025 one, or the one that you are talking about now?

Duane Petry said the 2025. This one now, they had, they've got the load system and the cot in on the price.

Gary Friend how did we fund? Did we use ARPA for the one that was going to be coming in 2025 was an ARPA expense?

Mike said we moved that to the one we just bought.



Laura said we added another line in ARPA for that.

Mike said yeah, we added a line so the 2025 is still appropriated from ARPA. So, this would be another one.

Gary Friend said yeah. Well I think we need to do it. I think we need to spend the ARPA funds down and get this. I think the backlog could have contributed to so much ARPA funding out in the governments. Everybody's coming for ambulances with this. So, I'm in favor of doing it, of taking this ambulance that's available right now and still keeping the other one on order.

Mike said doing it out of ARPA?

Gary Friend said doing it out of ARPA. I'll make a motion to that effect.

Mike said do you want to; the cost is \$312,427 after we trade in our 2007. And then there's, don't we have a claim for \$7752.00 for the graphics on the ambulance that we just took down there, would that be about the same?

Duane Petry said yes. But we didn't trade anything in on this one that we just got. So, he talked like he might be interested in taking two on trade because usually we could get like a couple thousand dollars on, when we trade them in and he's giving us \$6500. I thought we would just try either a sealed bid or going through the county auction and maybe getting a little more money, but if he's giving that kind of money, and he'll take both of them, then we may be able to come down on that price a little bit more.

Mike said so wait on the graphics then? Because if we say we're going to approve this purchase for \$312,427 and we get another \$6500 in trade in.

Duane Petry 6500, or maybe a little more, because this other one is a newer ambulance.

Mike said we wouldn't need any additional appropriation for graphics.

Duane Petry said yeah.

Mike said is that your motion?

Gary Friend said yes.

Mike said we have a motion to purchase this ambulance and load system for \$312,427.00 and pay for it out of ARPA.

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

Mike said anything else for us?

Duane Petry said not that I can think of. I don't have a figure in my head on the Medicaid additional funds that we get from Rooney and Company. We did get a check last month, and I think it was like \$13,000.00. I might send that in a report to you guys on that, but we did get more money from Rooney and Company.

Mike said okay. That was a little higher this year?

Duane Petry said yes.

Mike said okay.

Duane Petry said that's all I have.

Mike said thanks Duane.

**Mike Haffner – Highway seasonal laborer (6)**

Mike Haffner said basically, we're just here to try to get some manpower and some rewording highway part-time help, you know, through the summer and stuff.

Jessica said I think their wording is highway seasonal labor.

Mike Haffner said yeah.

Laura said it's an addition, right, not changing? It's an addition?

Jessica said correct.

Mike said so you want another position at the highway department? Seasonal?

Mike Haffner said we have labor positions, but it's the same labor position as any other position in the county.

Gary Friend said for part-time.

Mike Haffner said for part-time, yes. And we're just trying to possibly get that changed to just the wording of highway seasonal labor, and maybe bump the wage up to \$16.

Gary Friend said right, and in order to give it a classification for a different wage amount. I agree with that. It's a different situation in part-time labor, it's highway seasonal help. And the \$16.00 an hour if the council agrees, will that get people coming in to work? What work is that? Are you looking at June through August or what is the seasonal schedule?

Mike Haffner said in some cases, it could be last part of May to August area.

Gary Friend said so this target is for high school seniors basically?

Mike Haffner said high school or college.

Gary Friend said pre-college?

Mike Haffner said yeah.

Gary Friend said or college while they're in college?

Mike Haffner said yeah, that's what we've done in the past.

Mike said so Mothers' Day to Labor Day?

Mike Haffner said yeah.

Mike said do you want to put that in the description? As you know, we would be the I guess, creating the position.

Gary Friend said and the council would be funding?

Mike said and the council would be funding it at your request. I'm for getting more labor out there at the highway department.

Gary Friend said you looking at six? Are you on a budget for six? Do you have a budget amount in mind for the council Wednesday?

Mike Haffner said I'd want to, traditionally, we've hired two to four, but man if we can get you know, if we can get good ones that maybe want to stay on full time, yeah. I'd want to budget it for six, just in case.

Gary Friend said I agree. Do you have a sign that you could put out front at the highway that says hiring summer help?

Mike Haffner said I'm looking into having one made, yes.

Gary Friend said okay.

Jessica Olson said so those, the line that they would pay out of is just that laborer line? There's a laborer line in 1176 and 1173. I appreciate that is we're lucky enough to get six people, those two lines really can't sustain that, but we do have in both of those funds as well, we budgeted a bridge tech, two bridge tech positions.

Gary Friend said do you want to transfer those funds then?

Jessica Olson said that we, right, that we obviously didn't fill and those positions went into truck driver or to operator.



Gary Friend said yeah. Am I correct in thinking that these seasonal help, they are going to be 40 hours, including overtime? If you are out there with them, are you going to hold them at 40? Maybe we should cover that, that it's not a 35-hour week job, it's going to be 40, correct?

Mike Haffner said it's going to be 40, yeah.

Gary Friend said okay. Are you going to use them for storm events so you're going to get a 50 if you need it if we have heavy thunderstorm damage?

Mike Haffner said if you get behind the eight ball and we got enough people, and we have a few hours that we didn't get done, and people willing to stay over and help pave stuff or Fridays, you know, we have offered them overtime in the past, but very little.

Gary Friend said well sure, none if you can help it.

Mike Haffner said none if we can help it.

Gary Friend said you have enough money in 1173, and also enough money in the bridge tech line to transfer into a new seasonal help line, specific to the highway at \$16.00 an hour?

Mike Haffner said yes.

Gary Friend said and that includes the fringe that will go along with it or is it only taxes?

Mike Haffner said yes.

Gary Friend said I'll make a motion to approve.

Mike said I have a motion to add the line of highway seasonal laborer to the highway salary ordinance? Do I have a second?

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

Mike Haffner said I do have one utility from Charter Communications Spectrum. Basically, it's coming out of Union City and coming down 227 South, and then it's all going to be overhead attached to electric poles, and then when it reaches the resident, it'll be a bore from the electric pole to the residential house. There is going to be one leg that they didn't have power poles, so there's going to be approximately one mile that will be bored and there are going to be over intersections, so I'm recommending that.

Gary Friend said I spoke with Mike earlier and I'd spoke with you. Can you have somebody look into, are we the only county that doesn't have a permit fee? Is permit fees the norm?

Mike Haffner said all of our surrounding counties have permit fees.

Gary Friend said can you give the commissioners a report on who and what?

Mike Haffner said yes, I do.

Gary Friend said so that's something to consider down the road?

Mike Haffner said I'll bring that to you next meeting. The utilities are getting to be very time consuming and the quantity of utility permits they are asking for is just going up and up and up. Now I talked to some of these, and they would like to just propose an area that contains all the worker will be doing that particular year. Some counties make them give an individual permit in each mile segment. Maybe they can charge more for that. I don't know, but man, that's you know, a lot of permits that you can basically, say we can condense everything to one permit. The scope of the permit might be a larger area, but I'd just soon do one bigger permit ad have an understanding than six or seven small permits that just you know, but that's something I can talk to other counties and see how they address it. I do know some counties out source pretty much all of it. I've got a little heartburn there because then that kind of takes the highway and the commissioners out of it, and I'm not too much in favor or that. So, let me do some leg work.

Gary Friend said well what I was to see is that and the amount of time you spend on doing permit work versus what you spend on doing permit work two years ago.

Mike Haffner said what am I spending on permits Jay?

Gary Friend said and the reason is because all of this infrastructure money, there's a lot going on.

Mike Haffner said here lately, it's been every bit of 10 hours a week.

Gary Friend and if we have to put manpower on to get it done proper all the time, even if it's part-time, it would be nice if we had the permit fees to cover that load on Randolph County.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Gary Friend said especially if it's a normal thing and we're not doing it. That's what I want to know as a report on that.

Mike Haffner said it would be nice since we're getting so many of these new ones to have a standard application as well. It seems like everybody has their own.

Gary Friend said you mean each utility has their own?

Mike Haffner said Meeks needs to be involved and quite frankly, Meeks should give us our blessing to make sure we're covered in the wording and language. So, these are just the ones I've worked with in the past, and I'm okay with this particular one, but it's getting in depth and more than, we need to start thinking ahead.

Mike said is this, this is our agreement though isn't it?

Mike Haffner said yeah, that's, that's our standard.

Mike said our standard to an extent?

Mike Haffner said well we don't have an official standard. That's just one that we've used and I would probably recommend that becoming our more standard that is.

Mike said I would suspect you could require that if it would lighten your load.

Mike Haffner said yeah. I would just want to officially get Meeks to approve it as a standard to make sure the verbiage is right. That stuff came way before I was even here, and we've just been using it. I'm assuming it's okay, but you know, I'll shoot Meeks that and he can give us our blessing. And maybe next meeting we can just say hey, from now on, all utility permits will at least use the same form. That way we know liability, we're covered.

Gary Friend said okay. Mike I'll make a motion to approve that.

Mike said I've got a motion to approve the Charter Communication Spectrum county utility agreement for the installation of fiber and conduit coming out of Union City south on 227. Do I have a second?

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

Mike Haffner said I've got 300 West, that bridge.

Gary Friend said is that 32?

Mike Haffner said 32, that should be actually complete.

Gary Friend said is that road closed I've heard?

Mike Haffner said yes.

Gary Friend said I thought they were going to put a stop light on there.

Mike Haffner said no, that's the Windsor ones.

Gary Friend said okay thank you.

Mike Haffner said but then we agreed the last time. So, anyway, basically, they're pretty much done with that. They're just moving their equipment. They'd like to move directly over to bridge 186 on Stockyard Road just north of the track. I had a little bit of heartburn, not having a lot of notice on this. We've got an alternative bridge on 800 South between 1000 and 1100 West that they can go to. But I did find out from the school system that they are not running any buses over the Stockyard bridge. They had some railroad tracks; railroad company had a lot of crossings. But they're, what the bus route told me, they were pretty much wrapping that up and



done. So, I've talked to the Mayor just slightly, so I guess, it's kind of a coin toss which one we go to next. If we need a little bit more time on Stockyard, I can send them to 800 South.

Gary Friend said which one has the most traffic?

Mike Haffner said definitely Stockyard. It's going to have to be done sooner or later sometime.

Gary Friend said is that across White River? Is that the one lane bridge across White River right now or is that?

Mike Haffner said no that's on north of this bridge. I guess what I'm recommending, lets do the easier one, 231 on 800 South between 1000 and 1100 West, and get a little game plan on traffic and where we're going to, if we have it down for thirty, forty-five days, I'd feel a little bit more comfortable having a little bit of planning instead of just going out there today posting a road's closed sign.

Mike said is there an advantage to us to do Stockyard first?

Mike Haffner said no.

Mike said no advantage?

Mike Haffner said no advantage. It's on 300 West just a few, it's going to be a little closer drive, but yet once they load that equipment up, it's as broad as long.

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

Gary Friend said I'd take his recommendation too.

Mike said I'd take your recommendation. You okay with that Gary? Okay.

Mike Haffner said Joe Copeland is in Lafayette right now, today and tomorrow at asset management, the old bridge conference. He's asked me to ask about a possible interlocal agreement with Henry County. I guess their distributor went down and it's going to be a little while before they get it fixed, and that's pretty much shutting off their paving program because they use a tact code and need a distributor. He had Henry County attorneys write up an agreement which I talked to Gary about this. I didn't like the process, the way that happened, but I'm asked to bring this forward. Part of me, if I was in a jam and needed help, it would sure be nice to have something available. I did talk with Braden Shore, Henry County superintendent. They're not going to be driving this to Indianapolis to load up. All the products will be delivered at the shop. In this situation, they would use it for you know, just a couple hours a day to spray a little. They'll pave up to it, then they'll hop off, spray some more. It's not going to get a lot of use. I've talked to Asphalt Material concerning, okay, we use this product, they're using that product, is that going to have any problems, and he said no that the products will mix not causing any trouble as long as you clean it out ahead of time. This is an older chassis that's got some issues, but I just thought I would bring it to you because I'm a little feary on this one, but yet, I

still, if I was in a jam, and quite frankly, I've had a lot of paving questions, and I've went to them for advice and opinions, and if we get in a jam and they've got experienced people, I knew they would return the favor.

Gary Friend said I have two or three problems with it myself. When did their, when did their distributor break down?

Mike Haffner said they took their distributor up this last winter to get worked on but the plant had a, Jay was just there, they had a massive weather event that damaged a lot of their stuff, and some of their buildings, and they're just way behind. Their unit wasn't damaged or destroyed, but that put them way behind in fixing and repairing customers' distributors.

Gary Friend said how long do they intend to use it? What's the start, stop time? Open?

Mike Haffner said basically, it's open until I decide hey, I'm going to need this. And I told them I would give them a few days' notice, and hey I'm going to need it back om this day.

Gary Friend said and \$34.00 an hour when they say they've use it. Do you have a clock on it? There's no timer on it?

Mike Haffner said there's no time on it.

Gary Friend said I'm not saying they'd do anything wrong, but when I rented equipment, when I get it for eight hours, I don't care if I used it for two minutes, I pay the whole eight-hour shift on it.

Mike Haffner said yeah.

Gary Friend said and is \$34.00 an hour a fair wage for a piece of heavy equipment?

Mike Haffner said that's what Joe came up with, but I called Nate Jacobs, Asphalt Material, just to see if there's another company out there that rents equipment. And he said he's already been working with Henry County, and occasionally, South Eastern will rent it by the month. But he didn't have a dollar amount because it's so rarely, that's a piece of equipment that's not very, you know.

Mike said well it's one thing to dicker over how much we're going to rent it for, it's another thing to say we're leery of renting it. I'm not sure why we're leery of renting it to them.

Mike Haffner said I'm not leery of renting it.

Mike said you said that.

Mike Haffner said well I'm.

Mike said you said I'm a little leery of it.

Mike Haffner said if something breaks on this and they've agreed to pay for it, but there's a lot of electronics. Are they going to keep this unit clean? Are they going to change, they want to change?

Mike said that's all conditions of the lease agreement. We can require whatever we want at this point. And if we don't like \$34.00 an hour, we can require \$68.00 an hour.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike said we can push them right out of it and say, we can make it so negative for them that they don't want to rent it off of us.

Gary Girton said I don't think that's the point. To me, the point is that it's working together.

Mike Haffner said that's where I'm at.

Gary Girton said that's where I think this whole program should, the whole discussion should be in working together.

Mike said I understand that.

Gary Girton said we can work out the details, the rest of the details, it's a matter of saying yeah, we're willing to work with you because being that close, particularly with the connections we have with Joe and Joe's connections.

Mike Haffner said everything has been working smooth.

Gary Girton said the dollar figures that you're talking about can be worked out. That's not an issue. The issue is that we need to be working with them because we don't know when we're going to need something, and they can always say well, remember that day you said no and wouldn't let us lease that piece of equipment. And you're here standing here in front of me and wanting to lease something from us.

Mike Haffner said yeah.

Mike said so when do you think you'll need this?

Mike Haffner said quite frankly, I probably wouldn't need this until very late June to July. I'm going to be paving so I potentially, won't need this. The only exception if Joe would happen to do a bridge deck overlay that I would need to use it. But I'm sure we can work that out where hey, I'm going to need it this day but you can have it back. So, I'd feel, I know they would like to have it the week of the 15<sup>th</sup> of May, here in a couple of weeks. I think if they had it anywhere from two to four weeks that would help them out of their jam.



Mike said well I would think if we could say we'll rent it to you for thirty days, we could request more money if we want to request more money. If \$34.00 an hour is not fair, part of that is, if we need it tomorrow, we can call and get it tomorrow.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike said so that's probably why it's as low as it is. I don't know what Joe was thinking, but, I don't know if you have any other issues with regards to it or not. But I think 34 is probably, I don't know, I have no idea what it's worth. If we're paying additional labor \$16.00 an hour.

Mike Haffner said I'm just going by what Joe Copeland said that he recommended.

Gary Friend said I think it's a unique piece of equipment that's not readily available, and it has value, and if the last time it worked properly is in New Castle or Henry County, then we should have made enough off of it to be able to get it repaired properly. It's not just a truck.

Mike said have you seen this agreement?

Meeks said I haven't seen this agreement at all?

Mike said why don't you give him the agreement?

Meeks said you mentioned something to me, but I don't, I don't have a copy of it. I mean, I'm not going to review it here.

Mike said I understand that.

Meeks said you are going to have to take it under advisement.

Mike said I guess what we need to decide today is whether or not we want to enter into, if we want to. I'm in favor of sharing it with them.

Gary Girton said I am too. The other thing is, if they're going to be needing it on May, the week of the 15<sup>th</sup>, that means we need to decide something today, based on contingency of the lease that we are going to agree.

Mike said well we're going to meet the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mike Haffner said yeah.

Gary Girton said right, but if they want it that day, why.

Mike said make them wait until Tuesday I guess.

Gary Girton said okay. Alright.

Mike said we don't know where Joe came up with \$34.00. He may have a strong, a strong reason for that, and we can't find out from a company what they rent it for. And I don't know if you can find out if similar rents, how much it rents for an hour.

Mike Haffner said we can have Joe present it to the next meeting and hopefully have everything done.

Mike said but you want the ability to take it back when you want it.

Mike Haffner said I want the ability to take it back if I need it, within you know, a reasonable notice.

Gary Friend said I don't have a problem sharing it in working with Henry County. I just think the number is arbitrary and has no basis behind it. I think we have to get a base number.

Mike said I understand that. And I guess the alternative is you want it when you're back, if we just said you can have it until June 15<sup>th</sup>. That's basically 30 days. Would that work for you?

Mike Haffner said yeah. And then.

Mike said and then you don't have to say we'll give you two or three days-notice when we want it back.

Meeks said for \$34.32, he had to come up with that.

Mike said we'll find that out. So, do you want to look at a thirty-day share agreement?

Gary Girton said I think so. I'll make that in the form or a motion.

Meeks said I think I would do thirty day. They have to do exactly what it says here. We just call them, within the day they bring it back.

Mike said oh within a day, it says that?

Gary Girton said I haven't seen that, so I don't know.

Mike said that works for me.

Meeks said one business day.

Gary Friend said I just don't care for the \$34.00 an hour. But as far as the local agreement to work with them, I don't have a problem.

Mike said okay.

Gary Friend said what would be the fair amount, off the motion or the first motion just to work with them, which I would agree.

Mike said yeah, I think we're going to have to find out from Joe and Mike where that 34.32 came from and see if it's reflective of what the market value is. I guess that's. And the other issue would, I guess my thought would be is if we said let's start the 16<sup>th</sup> of May and finish the 15<sup>th</sup> of June. Then we could say it's this much. And we wouldn't have to worry if they're using it an hour a day or eight hours a day. They wouldn't have to worry about giving us how many hours they used it.

Mike Haffner said just a set amount for.

Mike said I suppose if we're going to enter the agreement, we could trust them to tell us that they're using it.

Mike Haffner said my problem with that is if I would need it back, then we'd have to take that off. Chances are, Joe and I can work around our schedule where I wouldn't have to.

Gary Friend said what would we do if Jay County was next up, we just go through the same process?

Mike said yes, anything else?

Mike Haffner said I don't have anything.

### **Austin Kirch and Grace Minkis, EDPR Riverstart Solar IV agreements, Riverstart III update**

Mike said EDPR, going to start Solar IV agreements. Morning Grace.

Grace Minkis said good morning. Today we're giving Riverstart IV updates, Riverstart III Construction updates. But first, I want to introduce our new team member, Hannah.

Hannah said hi, I'm Hannah

Mike said Hannah?

Hannah said I'm a project developer.

Grace said yep. So, she's joining our team for Riverstart III and Headwater III so you'll be seeing more of her in the coming months.

Austin Kirch said and I'm Austin Kirch. I've been here a few times now. Good to see you commissioners again. I'm just here to give a few brief updates on Riverstart IV. Our current, our news update is the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission gave us preliminary approval on the project approximately two weeks ago. That was after it was presented to them approximately in late February. And there were no objections to our proposal. Last week we completed our



phase one environmental studies on our project area for Riverstart IV. And we're in the process of contracting further wetland and wildlife studies for newly signed land. These contractors will be in the area later this summer and completing their studies in coordination with the land owners. We are still signing the last land agreements and our plan to begin construction later in the year. We hope to have a COD, which is the commercial operation date in 2024. But it is possible this could slip into 2025, depending on a number of factors, including supply chain, and interconnection issues. Last Friday we submitted drafts of the economic development agreement, decommissioning agreement and the road use agreement to Meeks for his review. We are hoping to receive feedback sometime later this week, and plan to have final copies prepared for execution at the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. We look forward to working with you all and getting this project to construction and onward to completion. And thank you for the time this morning. And thanks for having us.

Grace Minkis said any questions?

Mike said I have a question about I guess it's the road use agreement, and really for Riverstart III. And I don't know if you're familiar with County 300 West, which runs from 36 to 32. And it's, Riverstart, I guess it was be Riverstart I would be around that one.

Grace Minkis said uh huh.

Mike said if you drive that road from 36 to 32, it's about as smooth as it could be all the way, except for about 150 feet north of 600 South. And that area is a mess. And I'm not sure why it's a mess, other than that intersection during Riverstart I, I don't think construction went north of there, but I do, I have to think construction vehicles used that either for turn around or exiting or something. But it's torn up, and I don't know if you've driven it or not, but if, and the natural tendency, the smoother that road, the faster you're going to go, and you come up on that intersection and cross over 600 South, you hit speed bumps is what it is. And I didn't know if we could call on, as part of this next project, if we could do something about that area, work with our highway department to try to smooth that out. And I don't know whose other responsibility it would be that caused that damage, other than the construction of Riverstart I.

Grace Minkis said I have to look at the exhibits that we had for the RUA for Riverstart I and see what we had agreed on.

Mike said well I don't think we agreed on north of 600. I really don't, but I don't think it was in the traffic pattern. I think they came down 600 and went south.

Grace Minkis said sure.

Mike said and maybe even went a little east on, they went east on 600 over to Bloomingsport because they repaired that road as well. But it's just that cross section. When you get north of there, it's 150 feet and it's a mess. And it wasn't a mess before hand because that road is, I wish we had more roads like that in the county, or have had. It's been that way for a long time and it does get heavy traffic because the confined feeding cattle farm is on that road. But north of there and south of there, it's as smooth as can be.

Grace Minkis said we'll drive by there on our way out.

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

Gary Friend said no. I'd like to know what caused that failure right there so we can make sure it doesn't progress into another project.

Grace Minkis said yeah, great. Riverstart III construction updates. I'll be quick. In the month of April, we reached formal notice to proceed. So, all of our parcels are released and construction is going on in all of our property leased, which is a big milestone for construction. And we've continued to have the police presence off of State Highway One. And I think that that has been helping with the safety precaution for our crews as well as all of the folks that are trucking in whether it be for the landfill or for grain bins and whatnot. We're, when we look at construction, the majority of our grating has been completed and our pile driving is about 90%. So just coming south to US 36, that's where they're driving the majority of the piles now. And that's expected to be finished by the end of this month, pending rain of course. And panel delivery from a supply chain perspective has been delayed. Currently, we're still pushing for late summer delivery on that. It's pending with supply chain issues. So, that's, looking at the solar area side and looking at our substation, that accessor is done, so that's just off of State Highway One cutting east. That road has been finished. And the main power transformer, the water distillery is anywhere from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> is when we expect that major delivery. But apart from that substation, construction has been going smoothly and on schedule. So, that's the update for Riverstart III.

Mike said okay. Where's the panels coming from?

Grace Minkis said southeast Asia. That's where they are manufactured.

Gary Friend said what countries would that be?

Grace Minkis said they're procured from a variety of different countries. So, you know, part of for example, some are coming from one place and then the, they're all manufactured and assembled in different areas.

Gary Friend said where do they get their final assembly at before they become shippable?

Grace Minkis said I'm not sure, you know.

Gary Friend said I was just curious.

Mike said okay. Any questions?

Gary Friend said no.

Gary Girton said no. Sounds good. Appreciate it.



Meeks said it's the public hearing and it's on Wednesday at 9:00, the county council.

Gary Friend said for the abatement.

Meeks said for the abatement. And I think we have the numbers.

**James Strong, Brent & Carrie Brumfield- Camp Yale**

Mike said James Strong. Camp Slingshot.

James Strong said I've got some papers I'd like to give you. I'll tell you a little bit about us. My name is James. I got saved when I was thirty years old. When I was thirty years old, I learned that youth camp existed. I didn't even ever, never heard of it. In this area, there's dozens of churches. They work in this neighborhood just a block or two from this building. And they, like we, they send buses out to get kids. Every Sunday, they drive and they get these kids, and they pass up dozens of houses where kids live. I have dealt with kids in this community at 12 and 13 years old that have never been to church in their life. These kids have come to our youth camps in 2007. That's been our goal since 2007, is to go to the houses that are missed. Most youth camps are full of church kids. Two or three hundred kids, there are two and three hundred kids, they go to church every Sunday. They've got the money to pay and go. The kids that we're after are the kids that got missed, kids that can't afford to go. They don't have \$50, \$75.00 apiece. Divorced mom can't afford \$400.00 for the week to send her kids to camp. Since 2007, we have gone in this communities very passionate. It's very close to our hearts. It's who we are. We look for these kids that got missed, and we bring them for free, and we let them spend a week with us. And we love on them and we try our best to teach them. We don't teach them any doctrine. You know we don't, we don't do that, because we don't know where they're from or who their parents are or what their, you know. We try to teach them about Jesus. And they can work all the rest of it out. If we can get them introduced to him, we have a piece of property out here at Spartanburg. Since 2007 we have rented a piece of property here or there or there. It's very expensive to rent a campground. You would not, you've been surprised at how much it is. We've had several places we've been able to go and do this. But they've all been away from us, over in Ohio, over in New Castle. We now have a piece of property here in the community. And we're very grateful to have it. In the last year, this is the reason we're here. In the last year, I have met several people, a half a dozen at least. And I tell everybody who we are because obviously, it's part of us. So, I'm passionate about it, I love talking about it. At least a half a dozen of people that I met personally, and the same goes for several people in my church, they'll meet me, and they'll say you guys need Camp Yale. I don't know anything about Camp Yale. I know where it's at. I've never been there. All I know is a lot of people think we need it. I know it's setting empty right now. And I know we have a vision. We could utilize that piece of property. Now we have a piece of property as I said. We're in the process of building a youth camp on a farm. We're about to spend 70 or \$80,000.00 on a septic system that is already in the ground at Camp Yale. Camp Yale has other facilities that we need. I don't even know what's there, but I know we need whatever it is. My concern is this, I waited for a year in all honesty, because I kept thinking Camp Yale keeps coming up. Something's going to happen. But it never has. We're about to put in what I call a pooping system and we're going to be past the point of no return on our property. My concern is we'll get there, still trying to raise



\$3,000.00 in the next five years that we don't have right now. And I'm going to learn next spring that Camp Yale is in the process of rotting away without a purpose. It's going to be a liability to the county or to somebody. There may be other people with a vision for it. I, personally, believe our vision. I think we could utilize that property probably better than anybody else in the community. We want this to be something the whole community can use. We would like to get it to where it will pass every inspection and we can bring in and let other churches come in with like minded visions and use it, not at a great cost. We don't want to make money off of it. We would let them come and use it for what it cost us you know.

Brent Brumfield said yeah. It's been our vision to see kids know Jesus. We heard about the 4-H fair and the 4-H things and that's awesome, the work that they're doing with the kids. But I feel like there is as much spiritual need in our communities as there is need to physically teach them about agriculture. And, I'm the pastor of the church. It started on my farm. We cleaned up our farm and had kids in the barn and had kids in tents, 2007. For two years we did that, then we rented all these places that he's talking about. We've always wanted a permanent home. And we're willing to just develop property that we have, but like he said, every time we talk about it in the community, somebody is mentioning this to us. So, we don't know what your interest is in what we're doing, but we're going to ask, and just knock on the door and see where you're at with it.

Carrie Brumfield said and introduced ourselves because we've been in the community for a long time. We've been doing this for a long time. We're getting ready to do camp again. We have counsellors. We have no new counsellors this year because all of our former counsellors are coming back. So, we have a strong staff. We're not a paid staff, but we have a strong volunteer staff that have been with us really from the beginning. So, we're not new. We're going on our 16<sup>th</sup> year. We advertise via face book. We do like, fundraisers throughout the community so we'll pass out fliers, and invite people. We tell kids, hey, just bring your friends to come to camp. No strings attached, it's free, just come to camp. So, we also are, have several, we've had foster systems send several kids to camp. That's not uncommon at all. Even though their home life changes because they're in the foster system, they still find some way to come back to Camp Trinity every year. So, we have a lot of return kids that are coming. And then they bring their friends. So, we are really trying to be in the community. This isn't a church like, we aren't looking for the church youth group. We're looking for the kids that the mom just, I got a text message from one of the moms and she said I went to camp as a kid, but as a single mom, I couldn't possibly afford to send my kid to camp. And her daughter is coming on the third year to camp. We just really like to find the permanent place in our community where we can really feed into these kids and enjoy them. I'm mentoring many of them into adults. We still have relationships with the kids who come in 2007, who are not having children of their own. We actually, last year, we had some of the second-generation campers coming. So that's exciting to see them coming and so our vision is just to share Jesus with these kids to give them an opportunity to come and not have a, there isn't any kind of money stigma there. If they come, everything is free from the snack bar from the boutique where the girls get to go in and shop. That's one of their most favorite things is the girls get to go in and just shop for free. They just spend tokens. A lot of these kids don't get to do that in the places they come from. So, that's kind of our vision. I hope you can understand me. I'm dealing with a cold this morning, so I'll stay far away from you. But, that's where we are. We've been here awhile.

James Strong said I would like to add that, I wouldn't want some of the families to hear me say this, but some of the kids that we have as counsellors, that are workers in our camp right now, they're, some of them are running things. These kids at very young ages, in 2007, some of them come from rough, rough neighborhoods. And if you went and drive down the street and saw them playing and some of their, if you could get a snapshot of their life, you would think well they probably ain't going to amount to nothing. Now that's just the truth. Some of these kids have amazed us. Some of them have married into our families. Some of them are fine young, now there's some have, we've lost, but that's just, you know, it is what it is. But a good number of these kids, their lives have changed. My life changed when I got saved. I was a heathen when I was young. I didn't know a lot of things. I got saved at thirty. I didn't even know what youth camp was. And so, I'm, in a sense, I'm looking for myself. When I'm not here, when we're doing youth camp, I'm glad these kids have come. Some of them, I look at them and I think I looked like that when I was 8 or 9 or 12, you know. And if my neighbors down the road, if you would have asked them where will this guy be when he's 53 years old, they probably wouldn't have said doing what I'm doing, not that it's anything great. But, we have kids in our community, you have kids in your community that will be fine young adults, already are. Working, paying their taxes, doing what people are supposed to do. And honestly, I think our camp has done a big part of some of these kids lives. So, we're affecting the community.

Mike said so when is your camp this year?

Carrie Brumfield said July 10<sup>th</sup>, camp will be this year.

Mike said is that an annual camp is it?

Carrie Brumfield said we have camped every year.

Mike said every year at July 10<sup>th</sup> or roughly, middle of July?

Carrie Brumfield said roughly.

Mike said and how long does that camp last?

Carrie Brumfield said we last a week.

Mike said one week.

Carrie Brumfield said we bring them in on Monday and they go home on Friday. Generally, Monday and Tuesday are like get to know you days. Some of these kids, they come in and they are kind of rough. I'm not going to lie. And we have to plow some ground to get them to trust us and to realize that we really do want to be their friend, we're not there to I don't know. It takes a little while to get to know them while they're there. But usually, by the third day, we've really established a relationship with them. And we've got to know about their lives.

Mike said so, how many campers do you typically have?



Carrie Brumfield said some of it has depended on where we are. We've had as many as 142 campers at camp before. Recently, we've been renting the campground in Ohio. That has caused some difficulty in getting them there so we've had to limit the amount of kids we could take. We've been averaging about 60 whenever we go to Ohio because we had to buy a bus to take them, transportation-wise, because we do try to provide transportation for the kids.

Mike said what's your desired ration between adult counsellors and kids?

Carrie Brumfield said well this year we have 16 counsellors. State-wise you know, they like us to have between 8 to 10 kids per counsellor. We actually try to do double that because we like to have 2 counsellors per group. So that's kind of our ratio there. And that's just counsellor-wise. That's not including all the other adults that are on the grounds. There's quite a few.

Brent Brumfield said yeah, we have a lot of other staff because we do all the cooking and so forth ourselves. So, there's a lot of other staff that's not counsellors. That's just the counsellor per child ratio.

Carrie Brumfield said and that would just be the group leaders.

Mike said so how does a camper earn a token? I'm curious about that.

Carrie Brumfield said well sometimes it's just because we just are really giving. I'm not going to lie. Sometimes it's just, you know what, you just need a token. But other times, it might be because we've seen them picking up trash or we've seen them being kind to someone, or they took notes in service. Or you know, just various things.

Mike said okay. Just curious.

James Strong said I'd like to say our vision doesn't stop at a one-week camp. If we can get ourselves established in the community, we would like to utilize the other months of the year as much as we can. We'd like to do other programs with them, teach them about living, you know.

Mike said I guess that raises the question, you've invested in these, is it 17 acres down around Spartanburg. That's a pretty good-sized investment that you're thinking about. And that seems pretty substantial for a one week a year event.

Brent Brumfield said we don't know if we can fully utilize that ourselves. In other words, the goal is we know from experience, that going into these other campgrounds is very expensive. There are some that are asking 30 or \$40,000.00 a week for a campground. Not that we want to make that kind of money, but we want to make, if we can't fully utilize it ourselves, we want to make it available to people, especially people who are like minded that we are, other groups, we're not the only one who calls around looking for a campground. And so, our goal is to build something that will eventually be able to bring other people from maybe even other areas to come in and utilize what we build, whether it's on our property or whether it's.



Carrie Brumfield said and I would like to say to that you know, we're working on the campground and we're going to start doing Wednesdays with the young people that are in this community. When we've traveled to different areas, we've brought people in from all other. We have people that come from Ft. Wayne, Indianapolis, we've had people come from Chicago and Cincinnati. They come from all over, but we'd like our focus to be to where we can really mentor the kids once camp is over. So, the people who are around us who come to camp that we're able to bring them to youth group, we bring them out to the house on a regular basis and we let them swim. And we're going to do Wednesdays where they're helping clean up the property just to get ready for camp so they have something invested in it. The property will be used to help mentor to these kids throughout the time. We don't want to just forget that the kids came. You know, we'd like to establish relationships with them. So, I hope to see weekends where we can have some retreats and some day camps and some different things going on. But I will tell you, God kind of leads us by like steps. He doesn't tell us like this great big plan. We're kind of, we do the next thing and right now the next thing is actually sitting here before you, which I didn't see coming.

Mike said and you're, Open Arms House of Worship, that's your church?

Brent Brumfield said yes.

Mike said okay.

Brent Brumfield said and everything that we do is on line. If you guys are interested in anything that we're doing either as a church or as a camp, we have face book sites and we do face book live services so, you know, we're very public, very open about what we do.

Carrie Brumfield said one of our former camp kids actually now is our youth leader in our church. And on Wednesday we are running around 25 in our youth group, which many of those were our kids who come to camp. We hope that you know, we'll be able to just be more community focused instead of maybe so far out and be able to really

James Strong said at 18 years old these kids, they get, you know we can't let grownups come and be around the kids so we would like also to do something with young adults out there, retreats and stuff. You know, there's a lot of things going on in our heads as we discuss our plans for the future. And the whole church, you know a lot of churches, I've always said this since I got saved, the church has got 15 or 20% workers and the rest of the people are pew sitters. Our church is pretty full of workers. We're all workers. We've all got somewhere to be every day. And you know the more we, well it just is what it is, if you're looking around, there's plenty to do. And we're a working church. Our vision is to be a part of the community. And if we can get established here with our camp, our property, then we can do more of that in the community.

Mike said so right now the camp is closed. We've shut the water down and so we don't, we're not current on our inspections with the State Board of Health with regards to the water. And I will say historically, since we took it back from the YMCA, we had a lot of interest early on to sell it. And we chose not to. We chose just to hold onto it and it is costing us several dollars a month to mow it. We mow it and that's about all we do out there. And I guess if my memory is

correct, it was kind of built for something secular to what you're doing, spiritually. So, it was a camp for kids and they came and exercised and I don't know how much counselling was going on, but things of that nature. So, for me, I think it, there might be an opportunity here, for me, I would tend to see how that would pan out. I think for me, again, the first step would be for you guys to go look at it. It may not be what you want. It may not offer anything that would help you in your ministry. And see where that takes us I guess. I don't know if you have any thoughts on that Gary (Girton) or not?

Gary Girton said well I think you know, like you said, we do have it shut down. We did not, and I was the one also that was not interested in selling it, but wanted to see what the future brought. I think as Mike said, you need to go look at it and see, look at the whole property. I don't think any of you have been on the property, have you?

Brent Brumfield said Carrie and I went at Thanksgiving time, our Thanksgiving for our family was right across at the 4-H fairgrounds. We did drive back there and the gate was open so we did a little bit of walking, but just for 15 or 20 minutes.

Carrie Brumfield said we really didn't go through, didn't like, we don't know about the buildings or the trails or anything like that. We just kind of glanced.

Brent Brumfield said is there some way to, that it could be opened to us at some point?

Mike said I think we could arrange that, yeah.

Gary Girton said that could be arranged.

Brent Brumfield said when would it be possible for that to be arranged because we would, we would be as soon as possible on it so.

Mike said so why don't we arrange to make sure we have a way for you to get in, and then if you would contact the Auditors office, you could go out and see it.

Brent Brumfield said probably tomorrow then?

Mike said excuse me yes?

Ed Thornburg said if you guys arrange the keys, I'd volunteer to take them through.

Mike said oh, there we go.

Gary Friend said might I add that when you do make your walk through and look that you'd be prepared to come back and make a presentation offer to us, if it's a temporary lease, if it's a lease for this season only?

Brent Brumfield said okay.

Gary Friend said what the value of the lease would be to you to have as far as to us. We'd have something to go on to consider.

Brent Brumfield said I understand that.

Gary Friend said I'm all in favor too of one, not selling it and two, of getting it, maybe getting it back into use. Maybe you're just the people to do it, maybe not. But that's a start.

Brent Brumfield said. Alright, we will check with the Auditors office then tomorrow, is that what we should do?

Laura Martin said no, we're closed tomorrow.

Mike said it would have to be Wednesday.

Laura Martin said it would be Wednesday.

Brent Brumfield said Wednesday.

Mike said probably ought to do it, we've got council on Wednesday.

Laura Martin said Wednesday morning.

Mike said so maybe Wednesday afternoon?

Brent Brumfield said okay.

Meeks said or just call Ed.

Mike said just call Ed. I admire what you do and I hope it works out for us.

Brent Brumfield said thank you. We appreciate that.

Mike said Missy do you have anything to share from council or for council?

Missy said can't think of anything.

Mike said okay. Mayor McCoy?

Mayor McCoy said nothing right now. We did meet at Carl Street to go over some preliminaries on the bridge.

**Other Business:**

**Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff**

Art Moystner said I would have a quick question for you. Some of the officers had approached me and brought to my attention, it's been about 10 or 12 years since we had purchased weapons



at the Sheriff's department. It's something that I would be interested in looking at. And I guess I'm asking if that's something that we would consider for ARPA funding to use to update some of those, all of those actually? I can tell you if we're looking at pistols alone, we're probably talking in the neighborhood of 15 to \$20,000.00 to upgrade the entire department. If we're looking at rifles, I would share that probably about a 20 to \$25,000.00 expense. So, you're looking at less than 50,000.00 as a ball park figure. But before I have them do a lot of research, I wanted to make sure it's something that both the commissioners and council would be interested in doing with ARPA funds.

Mike said well in not knowing, I guess I'm going to ask why do they need upgraded?

Art Moystner said we upgrade about every ten years.

Mike said okay, matter of course?

Art Moystner yes and that's just to make sure that they have good functioning equipment, especially in those situations where they would need it at that specific time. If it's not something that you guys are interested in doing through ARPA funding, it's probably something I'm going to try to find funds elsewhere, as we all know those funds are tight right now with budgets.

Mike said what do we do with the old guns?

Art Moystner said we use them as a trade. That actually will help us considerably. The last time we did it, I think we were given a value of about 300, \$350.00 per pistol on the trade in. So, that's something I would be interested in doing, which, like I said, once, if it's something you are interested with the funds, then we can start looking into the exact figures and I can bring you more precise figures. I just wanted to make sure it would be something that you guys would even entertain with the ARPA funds.

Gary Friend said can I mention something. I think you should go through with that exercise whether it's an ARPA expense or a general fund budgetary expense, it's time to expense it.

Mike said I was going to say yeah if you need them, you need them.

Art Moystner said I don't necessarily disagree. I just wanted to see if that was an option. I know the last few meetings, there have been comments of ARPA funds and how we're going to use it. I know those ARPA funds are only available for so long.

Mike said do you have any thoughts Gary (Girton)?

Gary Girton said no, I agree. I think that we need to stay up to date, state current and not get behind. We've done that in the past. We've had issues. I think in the last few years, we've been trying to get up to date, a little bit ahead, and I think we need to stay there.

Art Moystner said I just know once we start down that road, it's pretty labor intensive for the officers that I assign to look at that, because they'll actually demo some of the different ones and

make a lot of contact, put a lot of numbers together. So, it's kind of labor intensive just to start the process.

Gary Friend said are you talking rifles at all or just the pistols?

Art Moystner said I would like to look at both. I believe both are at least 10 years old.

Gary Friend said is that part of your, \$20,000.00 thought?

Art Moystner said if you're doing both, you're looking in the neighborhood of 40 to \$50,000 because the hiccup with the pistols is once you start looking at the pistols, you're also looking at the potential of holsters, magazine carriers.

Mike said I understand the time required to do it, but if it's time to replace the guns for lack of a better term, at this time, if it's that ten-year period, then as Gary (Friend) said, the funding source probably shouldn't matter. We probably ought to get in the mode to doing that.

Art Moystner said then I'll start forward with that. I just wanted to make sure that that was something, I always try to come before I hit you guys with any type of a larger expense. I always like to ask.

Mike said I'm starting to expect it every week. Although you did have a nice jail report.

Gary Friend said I was going to mention that. Thank you, Art.

Mike said nice jail report.

Art Moystner said thank you.

Gary Friend said that was a really nice report. Was that how you took it?

Art Moystner said I did. I have a great staff. They do a wonderful job in maintaining the building. And I would share I think most of the inside housekeeping stuff, we've given up our cleaning person several years ago under the Hendrickson administration to try to save money. So, the staff does a lot of that themselves, and they do a really good job.

### **Minutes of April 3, 2023**

Mike said next item is our minutes of April 3, 2023 meeting, which we received a copy of via email. Any additions, corrections or deletions to those minutes?

Gary Friend said I see none.

Mike said I'd entertain a motion to approve.

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

**Payroll Claims \$279,967.45**

Mike said next items our payroll claims which are at our place in the amount of \$279,967.45. I'd entertain a motion to approve the payroll claims.

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

**Regular Claims \$1,425,090.15**

Mike said next item our regular claims which we received a copy of via email, and I trust everyone has had opportunity to review it. I'd entertain a motion to approve the regular claims as presented.

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

**Randolph County United Claim \$18,467.66**

**Randolph County United Tourism Claim \$2,365.66**

Mike said next item is the Randolph County United claim, their monthly draw of \$18,467.66, and the United Tourism Claim in the amount of \$2,365.66. I'd entertain a motion to approve both these claims.

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

**J&K Claim \$5,000.00**

Mike said next item is the J&K claim in the amount of \$5,000.00. Are they still working in the county?

Gary Girton said yes, they worked last week. They turned up the power on the south tower they told us, and trying to help with some of the VHF units in Modoc, Losantville and Lynn, and they are also, I believe at Parker, looking at some issues. So, they're still working.

Mike said okay. So, we'll table that, is that your desire?

Gary Girton said yes.

Mike said okay. Are you okay with that?

Gary Friend said I am.

**BIS Claim \$11,889.56**

Mike said next claim is the BIS claim which is 50% of our new audio and visual for this room. That's our deposit.

Laura Martin said scheduled to be here June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> to install that.



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

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

**City of Winchester Claim \$10,000.00**

Mike said next item if the City of Winchester claim which is another claim in the amount of \$10,000.00 for support of their splash pad. I'd entertain a motion to approve the claim of the city of Winchester.

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

**Ordinance 2023-11 Amending zoning map – Third and final reading**

Mike said next item is Ordinance number 2023-11 which is an ordinance to amend the zoning map of Randolph County. This ordinance is for it's third and final reading to rezone the 7-acre portion of real estate on Highway 27 from now zoned A-1 agriculture intensive, to be zoned C-3 commercial regional. I'd entertain a motion to adopt this ordinance on its third and final reading by title only.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-11**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF RANDOLPH COUNTY, INDIANA**

WHEREAS, Cheryl Prescott, 011-01051-00, North of 3570 N US 27, Winchester, Indiana, Randolph County, Indiana, having heretofore filed a petition with the Area Planning Commission requesting an amendment to the Zoning Map of Randolph County, Indiana;

WHEREAS, the Area Planning Commission of Randolph County, Indiana held on March 22, 2023, pursuant to notice, a public hearing on said petition, as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Randolph County, Indiana have received the Area Planning Commission's report of a Favorable Recommendation of said petition to amend said Zoning Map;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, that said Zoning Map (APC2023-5-Z) be, and the same is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. The following describes a 7 Acre portion of real estate (As shown on attached GIS Map described as Exhibit "B") located in Randolph County, Indiana, which is now zoned A-I (Agricultural, Intensive) shall hereafter be zoned C-3 (Commercial, Regional). Legal description is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "A".

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage by the RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Gary Friend made motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-11. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 2023-14 Amending zoning map – First Reading**

Mike said next item is another zoning ordinance. This is ordinance number 2023-14, which is an ordinance to amend the zoning map of Randolph County, and in particular, a several acre-tract located in the norther part of the county that is between two agricultural intensive zones and it happens to be zoned residential. And the change would take this from residential medium density to A-1 agricultural intensive. And this proposed ordinance has the support of the Area Plan Commission by a vote of 10 to 0. And I guess I was curious as to why a residential would be between the two-intensive agriculture.

Gary Friend said it's not really clear to anyone how that become such. It's definitely been agriculture. It's agriculture today and the zoning board was really quick to approve it and send it off to the commissioners.

Mike said this is Mark T and Marie Osterholt & Joseph Osterholt and am I correct that they own both property on each side of this property?

Gary Friend said yes and one of the members of the APC also adjoins up to it and they're agriculture as well.

Mike said okay it's surrounded by A-1.

Gary Friend said yeah, so, I asked the question how it got there. No one knows, they just someone needs to come in and get it fixed. So, yeah, it's actually, it's my belief that if, I'll make a motion that we approve this request on the first reading by title only

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-14**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF RANDOLPH COUNTY, INDIANA**

WHEREAS, Mark T & Marie T Osterholt & Joseph M Osterholt, Property Tax Key #004-00580-00, State Key #68-03-05-100-003.000-006, County Road 1000 North, West of 600 East on the south side of

the road, Union City, IN 47390, Randolph County, Indiana, having heretofore filed a petition with the Area Planning Commission requesting an amendment to the Zoning Map of Randolph County, Indiana;

WHEREAS, the Area Planning Commission of Randolph County, Indiana held on April 19, 2023, pursuant to notice, a public hearing on said petition, as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Randolph County, Indiana have received the Area Planning Commission's report of a Favorable Recommendation of said petition to amend said Zoning Map;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, that said Zoning Map (APC2023-14-Z) be, and the same is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. The following describes real estate located in Randolph County, Indiana, which is now zoned R-1 (Residential, Medium Density) shall hereafter be zoned A-I (Agricultural, Intensive). Legal description is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "A".

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage by the RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Mike said I have a motion to approve Ordinance number 2023-14, and ordinance to amend the zoning map of Randolph County, Indiana by title only on the first reading. Do I have a second?

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

Gary Friend said I like to make a motion on that to suspend the rules and have the second and third reading on the same day and adopt. This is not a controversial issue.

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

Gary Friend said I'll make a motion that we adopt this ordinance numbered 2023-14.

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

**BZA and APC attendance**

Mike said next item is our BZA and APC attendance. Anybody have any questions or comments about the information provided by Debra Johnting. Gary, do you have anything? Gary Girton?



Gary Girton said no. I looked at them. A couple of issues.

**Electronic Map Data agreement**

Mike said next item is electronic map data agreement. This is again for the City of Union City, which it would mean that since they're working for Union City, a town or city in Randolph County, we would waive the fee. The applicant is Paige Nash with the company Comcate and she wants to populate GIS data for Union City, Indiana Code Enforcement Team and their code enforcement tracking system.

Laura Martin said we did do that last year. This is kind of a renewal.

Mike said okay so this would be a renewal that's going to take effect in April of 2023. I'd entertain a motion to approve this application.

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

**Additional Appropriations:**

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| <b>EDIT</b>    | City of Winchester    | \$10,000.00 |
| <b>ARPA</b>    | Graphics on Ambulance | \$7,752.00  |
| <b>General</b> | Audio/Video upgrade   | \$23,779.11 |

Mike said that brings us to Additional appropriations. First one is an EDIT appropriation for the City of Winchester in the amount of \$10,000.00. The next one is an ARPA appropriation for graphics on the ambulance in the amount of \$7,752.00, and the third is an appropriation from General, audio/video upgrade for \$23,779.11. I'd entertain a motion to approve all three of these appropriations.

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

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

**Laura Martin – FEMA email regarding federal funding, Youth Salute**

Laura Martin said yes, I have a couple things. So, I got an email from FEMA and I talked to Chris Shaneyfelt to make sure that basically, they just want to know that we don't want to apply for anymore other funding to help close the gap between what we lost on COVID. Chris thinks we're good. I just wanted to verify that with you guys before I replied to this email. I think I sent you guys copies of that email.

Mike said we've had a hard time spending ARPA money, probably don't need any more at this time. I hate to say that.

Laura Martin said and then Sue Longnecker wants to know about putting the youth salute pictures in the courthouse lobby after the 4-H fair until the first part of August, so a couple of weeks.

Mike said I would move approval of that request.

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

Laura Martin said and I have a set of print out minutes.

**Meeks Cockerill – Antique Club lease, Conduit lease**

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

Meeks said two things. The Antique Club lease. I think I sent that. I think we've got the description correct. So, we attached a map to it so everybody would know why we've not signed it.

Mike said do they have it?

Meeks said I just sent it to you, but I did not send it to them yet. I wanted to make sure you guys are okay with it. I wouldn't sign it until they see it. The second thing is, I got a conduit lease late last week. And I didn't know if you guys have seen it.

Mike said I have.

Meeks said I thought I forwarded it back on to all of you. Check your emails. So, I think I may have sent it Sunday.

Mike said a couple of comments. It says that we're responsible for 50% of the maintenance.

Meeks said that was a big red flag on mine.

Mike said and then he can sub-let. He can't assign it, but he can sub-let.

Meeks said I saw that. It has required rights. I don't know what those are. I don't know what any of those would be.

Mike said I guess if it's an inch and a quarter conduit, he could put, I mean, we sold him the conduit from the hospital downtown. So that was his. If we're leasing it to them, I'm not sure why we couldn't run other fiber through there if we had opportunity to do that.

Meeks said exactly.

Mike said or, and they've taken care of it, I'm not sure I want to take care of it. He's got exclusive rights to it, especially if he's the one required to provide maintenance on it, we have to pay him 50% on it.

Meeks said I think he has to take, I mean if this is a 50-year lease, why are we taking any risk of loss? I mean, so there was, I don't know what to do, move forward, so, you guys tell me what you want. I just don't know what to do going forward. He needs to explain these things.

Mike said that would be the other thing we could do. Or we could just, you could send him a note and say your objections to it.

Meeks said maybe I ought to say hey here's what I see, we need to come and talk to the commissioners.

Mike said okay. Sounds good. Anything else?

Meeks said I do not have anything else.

Mike said Gary Friend do you have anything else?

Gary Friend said I do not. Thank you.

Mike said Gary Girton, do you have anything?

Gary Girton said I do not this morning.

Mike said okay. My only other was the conduit least.

**Citizen Comments (3 minutes)**

Mike said do we have any citizens here this morning that would like to share an opinion?


**Adjournment**

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

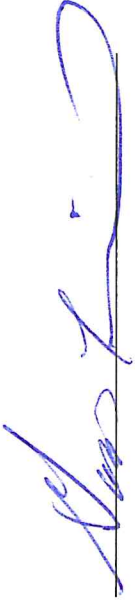
Gary Friend made motion to adjourn. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Meeting adjourned.

Reviewed and signed this 19 day of June, 2023.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS







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ATTEST: 

Laura J Martin, Auditor of Randolph County