

Randolph County Commissioners

May 18, 2020

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

Michael Wickersham, President presided over the meeting.

Jim Nunez – Car Show July 18th from 8 am to 3:00 pm

Mike said Jim is not here but as you recall in early March Jim requested use of the courthouse lawn and the pavilion for a Wicks Car Show in June. He said they have postponed that car show until July 18th and Jim would like to have the same authorization to use the courthouse lawn and the pavilion to do the awards and things of that nature and the cars will be parked in the street. He said this is just a modification to his request.

Tom made a motion to change the date of the Wicks Car Show to July 18th. Gary seconded. Two aye votes. Mike Wickersham abstained. Motion carried.

Dean Sanders– Journey Home Community Garden

Dean handed out diagrams of the community garden he is proposing. He said he would like to thank the Commissioners for supporting the efforts of the Journey Home. He said in just the last week or so they were approved a grant from the Randolph County Recycling district to start a community garden on the grounds of the Journey Home and obviously the grounds are owned by the county and so there for they wanted to come in and share their plans and get the Commissioners approval to construct that community garden on the property of the Journey Home right out in front of their area. He said if they are approved to do that they are planning to construct the garden as immediately as possible and plan to plant the first of June. He said on the diagrams he provided the half page gives you an idea of what each one of the raised beds of the garden is going to look like, they are basically six feet long and three feet wide and there will be a total of six of them made out of corrugated metal and wood. He said the second page is a top aerial view of the courtyard of the Journey Home and identifies where those six gardens are going to be located. He said they will be handicapped accessible. He said if you look at the bottom part of that page which is the street view, you can see where all six will be located. He said that they had been asked what they are going to do to keep the gardens going and they spoke with Amy Alka with the Perdue Extension office and Amy said she will provide the training that is needed by the veterans as well as the staff to maintain the gardens and keep them going. He said the nice thing is that they will also be providing some workshops, food preparation workshops and things like that. He said they are looking to partner with them to do this. He said they initially talked about the care and maintenance of the beds and he and the staff as well as the

veterans of the home will be maintaining those beds. He said this is a wonderful project and a way to keep their pantry stocked with vegetables for their veterans.

Mike said it looks like it was designed to almost be landscaping beds as well.

Dean said yes, it will also help with the landscaping.

Mike said that he voted to approve the grant. He said his concern was maintenance and raised garden beds can get out of control quickly. He said from the picture and the schematic it looks pretty nice so he wouldn't be apposed to these going in.

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

Mike Haffner – Waste Oil and startup costs

Mike Haffner said the waste oil that they have at the highway department now is basically a 500-gallon waste oil tank and a 500-gallon antifreeze tank and there is a filter dumpster. He said when they move to the new highway department he would like to discontinue that being open to the general public. He said that other counties are starting to see pretty hefty fines for contamination, people mixing stuff, putting oil in chemicals jugs, he said it is a pretty good expense to the county. He said in the busy seasons they are seeing up to \$300.00 per month just to have that pumped out and hauled away and their system they put in at the new highway department is just mainly for their own use.

Mike asked if he could provide the Commissioners with a spreadsheet of the monthly costs for this.

Mike Haffner said he could get that put together.

Mike said he would like to see the last 12-months. He said if we stop doing it at the highway department then Solid Waste is going to have to figure out a way to start doing it some place.

Mike Haffner said that Burtons have a place that they offer this.

Mike said this is probably a smart move to get it off the Highway Department and bring it together at Burtons or Pollution Solution. He said the new traffic pattern at the garage is not going to be conducive to this either.

Tom made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Highway Department. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike Haffner said regarding startup cost and putting cameras to the fuel island. He said he has a quote from McEwen's and this would actually be putting two smaller cameras so they can see each side of the fuel station. The quote is \$1,840.00.

Gary asked where they would be located at.

Mike Haffner said they would be mounted high enough to oversee both sides of the fuel island. He said there is conduit already out there that he can pull his wiring through. He said the system is big enough to add multiple more cameras. He said the only minor snag, where he wants to put his booster box there is no receptacle within a couple foot of the circuit breaker panel. He said he has a quote from Carrol Electric for \$248.00 and then you have to add Thor's 5% of \$12.40 which is a total of \$260.40.

Mike said so it would be \$2,100.00 to get the camera's installed.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike said he thinks he cameras are needed.

Gary said he definitely thinks they are, he was surprised they were not in the original plan.

Gary made a motion to approve the installation of the cameras. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike Haffner said the water softener that was originally quoted for \$9,000.00 so we decided to wait until the project was done. He said Wiley's came out and gave him a rough estimate of \$2,700.00 but he said they really need to test this water so they can recommend what is needed. He said they are coming today to take a water sample and then they will come back and give a recommendation on a system.

Tom asked Mike if that water has been run very much.

Mike Haffner said not a lot. He said we will let it run a while before taking a sample. He said they are doing some ground work on the tower so he is going to need some information on the tower, he said there is a big dirt pile, right now they have used all they are going to need and they are just piling it. He said if the tower people need dirt or needs something leveled off it would be cheaper to have that done now.

Chris Shaneyfelt said that he has a meeting tomorrow and they will discuss it.

Mike Haffner said the next thing that they have talked about are lifts for the shop. He said the low quote is \$55,755.94.

Mike asked who that is with.

Mike Haffner said that is through Oscar Lawrence. He said they get it direct.

Tom asked if that includes installation.

Mike Haffner said that it does. He said that Oscar Lawrence would recertify it every two years.

Mike said they have our air and oil also. He said who was the next lowest bidder and how much was that.

Mike Haffner said Napa was the next lowest and it was just a smidgen short of \$58,000.00.

Mike said there must not be a lot of markup on these.

Mike Haffner said there is not. He said the other quote was \$58,300.00. He said with Napa he had to get it on sale and that sale is no longer available.

Mike asked if it was the same equipment all around.

Mike Haffner said yes, it was the same item number to all.

Tom asked if this is still within budget.

Mike Haffner said that it was.

Tom made a motion to approve the price of \$55,755.94 from Oscar Lawrence for the portable lifts.

Gary asked what is our total funding left.

Laura said she had just sent a text to Angela to ask where are funding was at for this project.

Mike Haffner said this is his last major hit. He said he did go out to Burton's and put our name along some shelving and racking and some of the equipment for the wash rack. He said that should be a very minor expense that he can use out of his own budget if he needs to. He said the only other small item that they have got, he needs guidance from the commissioners on some furniture. He said they are planning on mostly doing used equipment but he needs guidance on what the Commissioners are wanting. He said he needed filing cabinets, so he has already ordered them that have locks and stuff he needed for a little over \$8,000.00. He said in Jessica's office it has been make shift furniture, he said he does have a quote if they want to go new in her office \$1,426.60. He said that would get her a new wrap around desk and another filing cabinet.

Mike said it might be a benefit for somebody to take a look at what we have and take a look at what you are considering and bring those together and determine what would be best for the department and for the county as a whole. He said furniture is something that we can replace down the road if we need to. He said you don't want to move a lot of stuff that is not worth moving. He said you bought those conference chairs out there and those were pretty nice conference chairs and so there is probably a lot of that out there now that can be used. He said you might as well finish this project Tom.

Tom said he is willing to help.

Mike Haffner said he just needed some guidance.

Gary said that he thinks Mike Wickersham has made a good point and we should address that way.

Laura said she just received a text back from Angela and we have about \$700,00.00 left in the bond funding for this project and that does not include the two claims submitted today.

Mike Haffner said he has about \$7,000.00 in his office supply if he needs to pay for it out of his budget. He said that Tom had ask him about a Frontier Claim that the County received.

Mike said we turned that over to insurance.

Mike Haffner said here is what is going on. Back in 2019 we did some landscaping work because a resident was still having issues because we put new culvert pipes in couple years prior. He said he can remember a phone line running across the top of the ground and they were not even doing any work in that area so therefore they did not damage it when they did that but did we damage it originally when they put the pipes in and they had to temporarily put it on top of the ground and now they did a more permanent fix to bury it. He said he cannot answer that.

Mike said the last thing that he has is in the Ridgeville area Jay County was awarded a community crossings project for Como Road and it basically takes it several miles to the county line and Ridgeville received a community crossing on Camden road which is Como road to take it outside of city limits leaving a balance of about 8/10 of a mile. He said he has got quotes to finish that leg up while the paving equipment is there. He said Milestone has the quote for Jay County and DC Construction has got the quote for both Farmland and the Ridgeville leg.

Tom said Farmland is not part of that project.

Mike Haffner said yes that is a totally different project but on just the Camden road Milestone's quote is \$154,791.20 and DC Construction came in at \$210,917.00. He said when he figures his paving safely it is about \$120,000.00 per mile. He said this is not even a mile it is only 8/10 so he talked to Milestone and asked what is going on, why is the paving tremendously up when emulsion price is way down. He said they both said the same thing that their labor has went through the roof and they are having to pay over \$30.00 per hour for a truck driver and six figure salaries to their paver operators to keep them. He said he is going to get Dirt Works to give him a quote and probably have Brooks give him a quote.

Mike asked what all does the quote involve, what all are they doing to the road.

Mike Haffner said this road is really rough and bouncy so it will be two 1 ½ inch lifts, he said they will come in with one lift, level the road out and then come in with a second lift of finer material, top it off and then put stone edges on. He said it will be the exact thing that we just did to Union City Pike and 900.

Tom said when this is done it will connect Ridgeville up to 67 West of Portland.

Mike Haffner said it actually goes past 67 and almost goes out to 26. He said if we don't do anything the we have an 8/10 of a mile that is really terrible. He said he strongly recommends doing it, he is just not happy with the quotes. He said in Farmland they have the same type of situation on Angle Road out of town, he said there will be roughly about one mile there to take that road out to 900. He said it is not quite as bad so they are doing a single lift there and the out on 200 N which is Jackson Street to take that out to 700 W to take it past all the housing developments. He said Milestone was \$166,900.00 for both Angle and 200 N and DC Construction was \$223,925.00. He said this is not really connected to any other pavement but it is more on our wish list. He would love to do it while the equipment is there but the Ridgeville one would be the top priority to at least do that.

Mike asked if it would be roughly 8/10 of a mile too.

Mike Haffner said it would be 1 ½ miles, but it is a single overlay.

Mike said if you chose to do those projects, he said you could go back to DC and say look we will pay this much to do that and this is what we can get Milestone to do it for. He asked Mike if he had anything else to share since you have your bridge inspector here.

Mike Haffner said he will be taking him out, bridge 308 just off Short Street, you go underneath the viaduct in town out to the school. That bridge the city called him this weekend and said they had to put some cones out because there is a hole in the bridge, so he is going immediately after this meeting to see what that is about. They said it is pretty bad. He said while Perry is here he is going to try and get him to run out there with him.

Tom said while Mike is here, Danny Stamper from Thor Construction contacted him and he would like to discontinue paying utilities and the insurance at the new garage, so we need to transfer the Utilities to the Highway Garage and pick up the liability insurance.

Mike asked if we have accepted the building.

Tom said no.

Meeks said we need to get with Jentry to get it on our insurance.

Laura said she has and that he is suppose to be getting with Mike Haffner to go look at the Highway Facility.

Mike Haffner is going out there today, the little paint chips, the doors, the minor stuff, to look and okay them. He said we will need a Commissioner's authorization to paved parking lot and the concrete. He said he is comfortable signing off on the little stuff, but would like for Tom to sign off and he said they are supposed to be contacting Tom on the concrete.

Tom asked what do we want to tell them about the cracks in the concrete. Do we want to tell them to fix them?

Gary asked what is there excuse for them being there.

Tom said they told him that this is the specs that the architect told them to build it to.

Gary said what does that have to do with the cracks.

Tom said if you don't saw it, you are going to have cracks. He said what are we accepting and what is the norm for concrete.

Gary said you should not get a crack that quick, in that depth of concrete, with that type of rebar. If they put it in right. It's the way it was poured and finished is the problem.

Mike Haffner said he was disappointed that if they felt it was pore architect situation they should have contacted the owners and said this is going to crack and what do you want to do about it. He said they felled to do that.

Gary said those are hair line cracks in the surface.

Mike said the one runs out to the entry and you can see how deep it goes. He said that is the one that bothers him.

Gary said they need to fix all of it. He said it looks like they are just passing the buck.

Tom said it may be a good time to talk about the fuel island they cracked the corner of the concrete on it while moving dirt. He said there is 3 ½ foot corner of the fuel island.

Mike asked who done that.

Tom said I would assume it was the people moving dirt.

Mike Haffner said that Mr. Cook and he had a long conversation and he understands and he is taking full blame for that and is actually going to take that whole cube out and replace it.

Tom asked how big of area is he going to replace.

Mike Haffner said probably about a 12 x 8 or 10 x 9 area. So, he is not just going back and fixing that little corner, he is doing it right.

Tom said maybe we should get his opinion on the salt barn floor and what he would think of that concrete work.

Mike said that would probably be a good idea.

Mike Haffner said he could reach out to him and see if he would make a recommendation.

Mike said a solution would be to repour it all. He said he doesn't think you could fix it.

He said if you just took the first 12 to 15 feet in and saw cut it and repoured the south end that would protect the entry, you can't cote it with anything because you would just scrape it off with equipment when you pick up aggregate in there.

Gary said he would get another professional's opinion also. He said this could be a significant amount of money to someone and it doesn't need to be us.

Tom said he may try to talk to Manor Brothers or somebody.

Gary seconded Tom's motion to buy the lifts for \$55,755.94 from Oscar Lawrence. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Covid-19 Opening of the Courthouse

Mike said we should probably talk about the opening of the courthouse and early voting and stage 3 beginning May 24 Indiana is going to the Governors stage 3 which doesn't change a whole lot for county governments other than the fact that we can have social gatherings of 100 or more so long as we maintain social distancing. He said for State, County and Local governments the state is still limiting access to public and additional employees back to office buildings, but we can determine our own policies and the state is not opening their buildings to the public until stage 4 which is June 14. He said one of the dilemma's we have is that we have early absentee voting starting two days after stage 3, Tuesday May 26th and that should continue and Melinda Peed is in agreement with that and he has talked to Melinda and we are looking at moving early absentee in person voting to the North Lobby which will give us greater space and be more easily accessible and give opportunity for social distancing and with that the courthouse would be open to the public for voting and he thinks we should just go ahead and open the courthouse to the public for all county business with some restrictions. He said he talked to Dr. Sowinski by e-mail about us doing that on the 24th as opposed to waiting until the state opens their buildings and Dr. Sowinski's recommendation is that May 26th be the open date, his comment which he is going to share this morning. "Covid is not going away and will increase whether we open government offices or not." So, his idea is we should develop a plan that would keep our county Courthouse and the other buildings and that would be the Community Corrections facility, RCFFO, we should keep the county employees safe, so he is recommending a two tiered system he said he will share with the office holders that are here that it is something all office holders should consider that appointments get served at their appointment time and walk ins sign in with a phone number and wait in their car, we call them with as first come first serve with appointments taking priority. He also indicates that all persons should bring a mask and Randolph County Employees wear a mask for all public encounters, you should consider requiring a mask to be served and the Health Department will support the county with a few masks for citizens who cannot obtain one before their appointment. He said that he differs with the doctor in that respect, he does not think we should be in the position of providing masks to people. He said the public is well aware of the CDC recommendations and they know where the Health Department is and if they need a mask they can go get a mask. The Doctor recommends the use of hand hygiene for both citizens and county employees with each encounter and then he says for voting he would ensure generous opportunities for hand hygiene and mark waiting spacing lines to prevent inadequate social distancing. He said that rules kind of remain the same other than we are going to take the signs off the door that says the courthouse is not open to the

public. He would hope that office holders would take the signs off their doors saying they are closed but the yet the office holders have the opportunity to restrict the number of people that come in on a daily basis and come in at a time. But the public has the right to come in, check in with an office and be told how to be served from that point on. He said in addition to that our last zoom meeting he left the impression with everybody in the meeting that Dr. Sowinski and he were in agreement that a 20% limit on store capacity would be a good thing in the county and they changed their minds after that because the 20% for retail stores and 50% seating capacity for restaurants confused even some of the brightest people in our county and he felt like it was going to create confusion throughout the county so he and Dr. Sowinski agreed to basically follow the governors recommendation at that time. So that is the policy that we are operating under now, we are following the governor's recommendation and then he would be recommending along with Dr. Sowinski that we open the courthouse to the public and establish rules that will protect employees and the public. He said we have masks on order for the employees that have requested them and they should be in before next Tuesday, we have counter protectors on order for those offices that have requested them and we hope they are in by next Tuesday, if they are not he still thinks it would be a little bit more difficult to create that social distance separation but he thinks an officeholder can do that by just keeping the separation even though you don't have the counter protectors. He said this is his recommendation and he will open this up for discussion or comments.

Gary said that is a reasonable recommendation and he will make a motion to accept that recommendation. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

Art said he has a couple of updates. He said the engineer was in last Tuesday for the door control system and started the engineering process. He said the septic pumps came in for the basement and were installed on Friday so that is back to working as it should.

Transfer of Funds from Commissioner's Bldg. Maint to Bldg. Maint Jail \$20,000.00

Art said he would like to say that he has no plans for this money, but he thought it would be a good idea to have some appropriated, with the septic project finished with labor there is going to be about \$5,000.00 left in that account and if we have an emergency he would like to have a little more than that if they have to move quickly.

Mike said this is to transfer \$20,000.00 from the Commissioner's building maintenance fund to the Jail's building maintenance fund.

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

Regular Claims \$232585.26

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

Payroll Claims \$ 217,829.29

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

Barnes & Thornburg Claim \$1662.50

Gary asked if this is all we owe them.

Meeks said for now. This was for the additional work on the amendment to the road use agreement.

Gary made a motion to approve the Barnes & Thornburg claim. Tom seconded.

Mike said there is a note here that we need to know what fund to pay this out of.

Laura said she talked to Meeks.

Mike said is there an attorney line in the Commissioner's budget.

Laura said yes.

Mike said he thought the windfarm was suppose to take care of all of our legal fees.

Meeks said this would be after the agreement was signed, so it would be in addition.

Tom said we are not getting paid for this part.

Meeks said not for this one, he said we got professional fees and those were already paid.

Gary said we should take it out of attorney fees in the Commissioner's budget.

Mike said so the motion is to pay Barnes and Thornburg \$1,662.50 from the Commissioner's attorney line. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Thor Claim \$186,783.88

Mike said the Thor claim in the amount of \$186,783.88 has been certified by the contractor and by the architect.

Tom made a motion to approve this claim as presented.

Gary said that we said the last time after taking the retainage out we still owed them \$200,000.00 after we pay this. He said he thought that is what we said the last time.

Mike said he did not recall that, but he is not sure we didn't say that.

Tom asked if that included the \$90,000.00 for the generator.

Gary said he is just going off of the figures that they gave us.

Mike said he would like to go back and look at that other claim.

Gary said it may have been his miscalculation.

Mike said he should have the claim.

Gary said he would second the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Pyramid Consulting Claim \$17,000.00

J & K Communications Claim \$1,044,423.00

Mike said the next items are the Pyramid Consulting claim in the amount of \$17,000.00 and the J&K Communications Claim in the amount of \$1,044,423.00. He said should we sign the contract before we approve the claims.

Meeks said yes.

Mike said we will table this claim until we get to the J&K Contract.

Oscar W Larson Co Claim \$35,125.00

Mike said this is for the oil and lubrications system.

Tom made a motion to approve this claim as presented. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

RCED May Claim \$24,833.33

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

Cripe claim 8/2/19 \$1276.55

Cripe claim 9/3/20 \$932.20

Cripe claim 12/31/20 \$222.98

Mike said the next three are the Cripe claims which we are still in negotiations on these.

Meeks said he has sent the e-mail out and as of today have not heard back.

Mike said he would recommend that the Commissioners table this until we determine our status with Cripe.

Minutes of March 2, 2020

Mike asked if anyone seen any additions, corrections or deletions to these minutes.

Tom made a motion to approve these minutes as presented. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Request to use Commissioners room for Ertel check ups

Laura said she had received an e-mail from Duane Petry asking if Ertel could use the Commissioners room for check ups so that they could set up three stations six feet apart on June

9, 10 and 11th. She said she thinks that they are still going to have the bus, but they want to do the blood work in the Commissioners room and then send them out for their appointments.

Gary made a motion to approve using the Commissioner's room for the Ertel Checkups. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Comcast Access to Property (Chris Shaneyfelt)

Chris said that the paper you have before you, Indigital manages part of their 911 system and the circuits are do for an upgrade, Comcast is the provider for that and they need access to the property to change circuits out. He said they sent that agreement and Meeks has reviewed it. He said any damages done they will replace or take care of, so they just need permission to access the properties.

Mike said this request looks pretty straight forward.

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

J&K Communications System Agreement

Mike said this is the communications system agreement between J&K Communications and Randolph County. He said this is basically the agreement to buy all of the equipment from J&K and they bid for that several months ago and our consultant, Pyramid Consulting has gone through and has approved this. He said it is an agreement plus purchase order is what he would call it. He said our attorney has reviewed it and based upon that review and the recommendation of our Consultant Pyramid we are being asked to sign this agreement and purchase from J&K \$1,044,423.00 worth of emergency services communications connectivity and all the incidentals that go with this project. He said this is basically 1/3 of the project.

Tom asked if the arbitration clause had been removed from this contract.

Meeks said go to section 11 and there is an initial decision maker who is Burnsworth, he believes and his judgement is final, but if we don't like it then you would go to court.

Gary said that is what we hired him for.

Meeks said it says that the initial decision maker reviewed the claims and within 10 days of the receipt of the claim take one of the following actions, request additional supporting data, reject the claim in whole or in part, approve the claims, suggest a compromise or advise the parties that the initial decision maker is unable to resolve the claim.

Mike said the only time he has the final say is if he cannot render the initial decision approving or rejecting the claim. He said other wise it is governed by the laws of the state of Indiana. He said if we don't approve this contract and don't pay J&K then we don't buy any equipment today. He said we decided several months ago that this is something that we needed in the county by recommendation from Chris's committee.

Gary made a motion to approve the contract that has been reviewed by our attorney and by Pyramid Consulting who we hired to do this project. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Pyramid Consulting Claim \$17,000.00

J & K Communications Claim \$1,044,423.00

Mike said this brings us back to the claim for first Pyramid Consulting which is 80% complete for \$17,000.00.

Tom made a motion to approve the claim for Pyramid Consulting. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said then claim for J&K Communications in the amount of 1,044,423.00 which is broken down and this is 1/3 of or total project and ½ of the equipment we are purchasing from J&K.

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

Request to apply for Indiana Criminal Justice Institute Covid-19 grant

Mike said this is a request from the Auditor to apply for an Indiana Criminal Justice Institute Covid-19 grant.

Laura said that we can get up to \$55,000.00 but this is reimbursement so we have to spend that to get that. She said Angela has spoke with the lady who is heading this grant and she asked Angela to get with our homeland security administrator to help with this. She said this is not something that we have to turn in immediately but it has to be money spend and it has to be for judicial, law enforcement.

Chris asked if this is part of the Cares Act.

Laura said yes.

Mike asked if it was part of the \$800,000.00 we are eligible for.

Laura said no, this is separate from that. She said anything we turn it for this, we cannot turn into the other.

Chris said we cannot mix and match some of those funds so we are going to have to be careful of that.

Laura said they will not reimburse comp time, even if we pay it out they will not reimburse it. She said at this point we are just asking permission to apply. She said we do have to share this with cities and towns.

Chris asked is this through the criminal justice institute.

Laura said she thinks so.

Tom made a motion to approve the Auditor's office to pursue this grant. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Meeks said that he had received a call from Rick Hall yesterday regarding the cares act. Rick said there are a lot of problems with these and his law firm will go over the application if we would like for a fixed fee of \$5,000.00.

Mike said the information that he received said that Randolph County was entitled to \$803,000.00 between March 1 and December of 2020. He asked if that meant we don't apply for it until 2021.

Meeks said he did not know but we could ask Rick. He said if you are interested in having Rick help with this he could copy one of the Commissioner's with the e-mail he received.

Mike said the other ones have been first come first serve, so the sooner you get in the better off you are but this one says you can claim expensed until December 31, 2020.

Laura said the \$800,000.00 amount is based on population.

Brisco Claim \$465.00

Mike said this claim has been added to our agenda and is for the masks that we have ordered for the Randolph County employees.

Mike asked where are we paying this from.

Laura said the Commissioner's budget.

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

Veterans office schedule change

Mike said two weeks ago we discussed no need for the veteran's office to be open from 12:00 pm to 1:00pm each day, he said the Commissioner's agreed to this, so the handbook was modified to reflect that the regular work day for the veteran's office is 8:00 am to 12:00 pm and then 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. He said they should have a one-hour unpaid lunch hour each work day.

Gary made a motion to approve this change to the handbook. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Randolph County EDIT Plan amendment

Mike said this EDIT plan amendment is to take two things out of it. He said we removed the \$200,000.00 that was in there for Tarter Equipment in Union City for the building of an office building which they never built and we are removing Unchained Praises from the EDIT plan because they gave their money back.

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

Mike said when we modify an EDIT plan then we need to have an EDIT Board meeting and we need to schedule that sometime in late June.

Meeks said since we are not actually paying out money so if you want to wait until someone else has an EDIT plan change or we need to pay out money that would be okay.

Mike said he likes that idea. He asked Gary and Tom if they were okay with that.

Gary said yes.

Tom said yes.

Meeks

Meeks asked Laura if she had changed the acreage on the farm lease for Union Go Dairy.

Laura said she had not.

Tom made a motion to approve the change to the acreage on the farm lease for Union Go Dairy. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Tom Chalfant

Tom said he would like to give an update on the windfarm. He said there is a lot of road damage. He said they were out repairing roads that needed repaired on Saturday. He said he does not know if it is official but they have delayed the project because the wind components are not going to be here until November. He said construction will probably not be finished until next year so they will probably do some temporary repair to the roads for winter and then finish up next year. He said he spoke to the new project manager this morning about the new buried conduit for our fiber, he said the price is still close to what we have talked about and he thinks it can be owned by the county.

Mike said if we own it then he thinks it is an investment well made.

Tom said I have been told that it is okay with them, but he has not seen the language yet.

Mike asked if he knew what the expense will be.

Tom said its \$50,000.00 for our share of the conduit and then about \$15,000.00 for the junction boxes at each.

Mike said \$65,000.00 for 13 miles of conduit.

Tom said 69 almost 70,000 feet.

Mike said that is roughly 13 or 14 miles. He said that is an investment well made that we can take out of EDIT if the time came that we need to spend money out of EDIT. He said I think ownership or at least control is important.

Tom said we will control it.

Mike Wickersham

Mike said the probation department contacted him and he is not sure what opening the courthouse next Tuesday will do opening the Community Corrections but Beth is a little concerned that they do not have the proper equipment to have zoom meetings. He said she does, she uses her phone but her other employees do not want to and she indicated that she needs or would like to have zoom meetings as we are going forward and did not know if we had any money to buy her extra equipment. He said she has five in her department, he doesn't know how many of those need zoom meeting equipment. He said he does not want to keep her from doing her job and doing it properly, if she doesn't have access to zoom equipment or doesn't have access to space to be able to meet in person.

Meeks asked what the zoom meetings were for, because according to what he has read we cannot have zoom meetings for local government beginning next week. He said it was extended to May 24th and he doesn't know if they will extend it again. He said if she is talking about committee meetings, any standing committee of a governmental body has to be open to the public.

Mike said he is not sure if that is what she is talking about. He said that she said zoom meetings would allow us to have check in with clients, she said that they all have committees and boards we serve on and it would be easier to participate in these meetings, as a juvenile probation officer she has treatment meetings and monthly requirements to see kids in place. She said that is why I chose to go ahead and use my personal phone, however that uses my data. She said that he also just found out that other probation officers were using their own personal phones during the shutdown, check in with clients can cause to have many people in the office and they are trying to figure out how to control that but it is a struggle, she sees this being the norm for a while. He said he does not know how to answer that question. He said he would talk to her further about that.

Tom said that this sounds like a council question to him.

Mike said he supposed one could make it part of a grant, we have bought zoom capability and he presumes that is reimbursable for us.

Chris said as long as we can justify its for Covid it should fall in under the grant for the criminal justice institute.

Mike asked Meeks if he is saying in stage 3, the state of Indiana is not meeting by zoom anymore.

Meeks said he thinks they extended it to May 24th as of the last thing he read. He said that was two weeks ago and he does not know if they did anything last week.

Mike said it says beginning May 24 through June 13 limited access provided for the public. He said that doesn't necessarily have to do with meetings.

Citizen Comments

None

Adjournment

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

Reviewed and signed this 6 day of July, 2020.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS







ATTEST: 

Laura J Martin, Auditor of Randolph County