

Randolph County Commissioners

July 19, 2021

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

Michael Wickersham, President presided over the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Ceann Bales, RCU – Tower King questions, RCU update

Ceann said I sent you the minutes from the technology committee, that was just a way to show you what the discussion was on those Tower King questions and their recommendations are to you. So, the three questions I received a couple weeks ago from Tower King, the first was they were looking at trying, Tower King is wanting a point of contact and I know Meeks had brought up what kind of decision, what power is that person going to have and they were totally understanding and respectful that their contact person would not make any financial decision, that a full Commissioner's meeting, the committee went back and forth where it should be Commissioner Girton who already sits on that committee but then their concern was that if he really can't call the other Commissioner's to get their advice or opinion on something and so the committee felt that they would just use me as the point of contact and then I would not be making decision, I would be reaching out to people to get input and what not to make that advice. That is what the committee felt and that is their recommendation on that. I know Commissioner Girton was at that meeting that we had with them last week. Tower King representatives were a part of that meeting.

Mike said I am still of the opinion that is probably should be Gary. I think if he has a question he's not comfortable with I think he could reach out to Meeks or Laura or we can bring it to a meeting, I think Gary should stick with it.

Ceann said that was first discussed because he is the point of contact for the broadband ready for the State of Indiana and he's on the committee, so that was first discussed but the concern was brought up was the fact that would be free to call the other Commissioner's and the decision was no but yes, he could call Meeks.

Mike said if it is a decision that needs the full Commissioner's to make I would trust him to make that decision on my behalf anyway, those minor decisions. Tom is not here today, so we really can't change that decision anyway if I'm voting to keep it the same and Gary wants to you then we are going to have to wait on Tom to make that decision.

Gary said I don't have an objection either way.

Mike said good, we'll leave it with Gary, Gary will be our contact.

Ceann said that was actually the first choice but then it was talked about maybe we shouldn't do that. So that's wonderful. The next question is will internet service providers be charged a monthly rent to use the towers and then just for the audience to hear, the committee recommended the following ISP's will be limited to Watch and New Lisbon with the first business submitting an agreement receiving a top position on the tower. If Watch and or New Lisbon do not submit an agreement additional ISP's will be secured. The installation of equipment and the first-year rent will be free after one year the rent would be \$100.00 per month. Rental agreement would be renewable on an annual basis. The concern was, the question of why just two is that having more than two gets a little murky especially in low service areas.

Mike said I presume that's Tower King's recommendation to just have two.

Ceann said and it was Steve Barnes, there is a conflict of interest there but he knows, he knows the industry and said that, that would be the recommendation from an industry stand point and we put it in there because Watch and New Lisbon might not be interested but we felt that they were the two major forces here in Randolph County and so they should be given that first option and if they turn that down then Tower King would seek others.

Mike said one of the items that I think we are reviewing today is the joint minutes of June 14th between Council and Commissioners. In reviewing those minutes Tower King recommended a lease of \$2,000.00 per month.

Ceann said the discussion was that they don't think your going to get trying to incentivize people to come on this, especially in the Purdue Davis farm area. That's so sparse of an area that we have to incentivize them coming on. This is the recommendation from the committee, Tower King did not make a recommendation. This was the committee's recommendation back to Tower King.

Mike said this brings my question full circle, if it serves fewer customers out there, why would we want to put one out there? Maybe Tower King is not going to choose that area.

Ceann said we don't know that, they said that they don't know if the Purdue Davis farm will be the site. I know Commissioner Girton said that the Purdue people had contacted him again saying are you still interested, he told them yes tentively but Tower King reemphasized just so you understand, that might not be where the propagations tell us to go. They have received the propagation from Watch and they ask New Lisbon for their propagation maps at our meeting last week and so they have not decided where that should go.

Mike said again from the reading of those minutes, they also indicated that they were going to investigate maybe building a tower themselves. Have they not made that decision either?

Ceann said no, they are totally keeping things open until they see those maps and are able to compare them to see where things are.

Mike said I don't have a problem with New Lisbon Communications or Watch being the two that we go on there if they are interested but I'm not sure we are ready to decide on what we are going to charge them if we were going to charge them anything. I don't see setting that in stone because we don't know where they are going to put the tower. Ultimately if Tower King wants to put one up, I think it would be to our benefit to let them do that. Then we can invest in another tower or support some other way. Tower King is continuing the march, they are working.

Ceann said yes, they are working.

Mike said I saw in the minutes there was a \$30,000.00.

Ceann said they wanted to let us know that they were going to start making claims because they are moving forward as quickly as they can.

Mike said those minutes authorized payment to Tower King for that service, so we are good there.

Ceann said you are okay with me letting Tower King know that we are alright with securing just the two but we are going to hold out on the rent until we secure a site?

Mike said they are a presence here, they've shown an interest here, I don't have a problem giving them the opportunity to be our selected providers. I don't see AT&T or anybody else lining up to come in and be a provider in the county.

Gary said they haven't been here initially to do much and I think that's what the committee was looking at that these two have been here already trying to establish some connections here in the county and that they would be the first two.

Mike said another one would be Nine Star but that's kind of a jump to the northern part of our county but if they put one down south, south west I suppose Nine Star might be closer than Watch. Just from a market stand point.

Ceann said is there anything else that you can think of that we might be missing.

Mike said I don't have anything.

Ceann said the final thing, I held this from the last meeting was my coming every three months for an update just to keep you informed of what's happening with the work with Indiana Community Institutes and Ball State University, these are the notes from session one and session two of our sessions. We've had about three-hour meetings, two mornings at the fair grounds May 20th and June 10th, we've had over 70 people attend each of those sessions. We had 95 people engaged. So, again were trying to get action steps and a process and a plan to move forward based on those five-focus area's that the residents of Randolph County identified. These are notes. Basically, what you always do, the analysis, but then the also go in the second meeting down into the weeds of identifying specific things that they would do to address each

and then they ranked those, each group basically what's happening in these meetings is that people are going to get one of the five focus areas and working on that area of interest. Some people have moved to different ones, some are staying with the same one. I wanted to give that information to you and answer any questions. We are trying diligently to make sure that we are trying to engage as many people in Randolph County as possible in this process. We had a booth at the fair trying to get the word out not only about Randolph County United but also about the ICI process. We are also getting ready to partner with the Community Foundation to mail out a flyer front and back to every resident in Randolph County asking for their input and telling them about the next meeting which is August 19th and that is going to be in the evening. The last two have been in the morning so we are trying to make sure that we're catching those individuals who do not have a flexible work schedule to come in the evening and then our last session will be September 8th. We are waiting to set the time until we determine which are most well attended. The next session is August 19th and that will be on the flyer that goes to all the residents inviting them to attend that meeting or contact me if they have any input.

Mike said is there a scale to these numbers?

Ceann said no.

Mike said for instance trails, local trails, least essential 4. Does that mean that is not a very essential item that we're after.

Ceann said no, that is just how many people noted that.

Mike said one said it was most essential.

Ceann said right.

Mike said so the other whoever was there didn't even address that.

Ceann said we have little dots, it was a dot process.

Mike said I notice it doesn't come up in the report of the top three things to start working on.

Ceann said right, but that doesn't mean that, that won't continue.

Mike said is that something that you foresee your office developing the trail advisory group like Jay County has.

Ceann said yes, that brings me into the READI grant, in the READI grant the trails is one thing I am going to make sure it gets applied for. Missy had sent me a long time ago a trail concept from a long time ago and we are working to make sure that is part of the READI grant. One of the applications for the READI grant is a trail to get that in there. Then again seeing that as a splinter group from the Ball State initiative that we would have a trail task force, committee because that is definitely a quality of life issue. Amenities that people of all ages could use and we know there's a map out there that can connect Union City and up through Winchester down

through Lynn to Losantville, Cardinal Greenway and the Executive Director of Cardinal Greenway, Angie Pool has attended our meetings. She is very interested about this plan that we have a way that we could connect somehow to the Cardinal Greenway. She is quite interested and Lisa Jennings and I are going to work on having a private meeting with Angie to talk about it more. We might have to be creative, this is just Ceann's opinion, we might have to think outside the box. Is there a way we can hop on and hop off? Kind of like you did, you had to hop on a trail and hop off as you rode. Not that you want to do that but there might be a mile that we have to say were going to have a really nice sign that says this is a bike trail, be careful. They have to hop on a country road and then they get back on the trail somehow. We might have to do that but I would hate to stop a really great plan because 1 mile, two mile, three miles here and there that land owners aren't willing to relinquish.

Mike said the city owns a lot of right of way near Beason Club House, the County owns a lot of right of way along Old 27. There's a property owner in between that's not interested in a trail at this point in time. But the READI grant, that's a nice segway into that. The trail, when we went through this before with the City of Winchester, we received a \$250,000.00 DNR grant and it was going to do about ½ mile of trail and with that grant we had a private donation of \$10,000.00, the county put up \$20,000.00 and I think the city put up \$20,000.00. That was a 5 to one match or 4 to 1 match whatever that math is. The READI grant is the reverse of that. Do you think that is doable to get private contributions for the READI grant to fund that considering that it is not even considered an essential thing for our local group to consider.

Ceann said the thing about the READI grant the IEDC said the reason I'm encouraging that is because their saying that they really want us to sift out these projects, go ahead and include them and then when IEDC looks at those projects they might say you know what this might not be applicable for IEDC but we know there's another agency out here and were going to shift this project over to them. Just because it might not be a READI it could be into a DNR or a trail grant. They really encourage us not to stifle our thinking and creativity of our regions in our counties. That's why I would like to see that included and just knowing that was a big initiative. Any other questions on the READI grant? I can tell you that the application has gone live, I think you all received a copy of that, I included you on that email. I went live last Tuesday; the deadline is July 30th. I sent it out to key stakeholders that I have known of. Our regional consultant is pushing out a press release to everyone. I am specifically reaching out to some individuals that I know have projects such as the 4-H grounds Greg Beumer is working on that, specifically for the READI. I also reached out to Bill Corbin and Chad Spence and their group for the Vision Corner project. Knowing that those projects, I'm trying to reach some of those key people who I know have projects already going on. The last thing is I have now made it to all the town boards or city councils. I've started my second rotation. I go to Winchester tonight, I was at Ridgeville the second time last week. I can tell you it's been fun, they have been very receptive to and they have all welcomed me back to come quarterly to meet with them. One of the main things I'm hearing among communities is that they are wanting some type of tornado siren system. Lynn specifically and Ridgeville were the first two. When I mention it Parker City said as well, so I reached out to Brad Fisher, the town Marshall in Lynn and said I'm not the expert on this, technology has changed, what are we needing and so he is looking into that for me. I think this is something that we need to be aware of. You kind of go back and forth, I also

reached out first to Chris Shaneyfelt about it. I talked to Parker City at their meeting about that, they said yes, they are interested but technology, we now can get alerts on our phones.

Greg Beumer – L & M Water district loan

Greg said I am here with Brian Hill who is the president of the L&M, Losantville, Modoc water district. We submitted a letter signed by Brian requesting your consideration for a loan or a loan combination grant for \$296,500.00. The L&M Water District will soon be embarking on an improvement project. The utility is over 40 years old and this would be the first major renovation that have been done in that time since it was first built. The \$296,500.00, the reason we are coming to you for this request is because of the unusual circumstance that were in with the abundance of rescue plan money, infrastructure money and so on that is available through the state or through the Federal Government. You might say if there is all this money out there, why are you coming to us but in this case the L&M Water District is applying for a SWIFT grant, which is a state water infrastructure fund. They have \$100,000,000.00 that they are awarding strictly to rural communities. In particular rural communities that have either low to moderate income rates or high utility rates and in the Losantville, Modoc water district they have both of those. In order for their engineering firm to be ready to go when the announcement is made for the SWIFT grant on August 6th, that's not very far away. They would like some assurance that the utility has the funding to pay for the final design work to get us to bidding. Normally those fees would be paid with what's called a bond anticipation note. But with the uncertainty of the funding and there's time involved in getting a bond anticipation note. For the SWIFT money as well as OCRA money that we've applied for the community has to be ready to go to construction within six months and because of the glut of projects that are moving forward and hopefully are going to be funded by SWIFT, engineering firms are saying we need to get started as soon as possible. So, we are coming to you as sort of a quick and readily hopefully available source of loan money that will be paid back when the permanent financing, the bond financing is established which will probably be next spring. Once we bid the project, we know the final cost and we know how much money we will be borrowing. I am sure Brian would agree, we would not be disappointed if the Commissioner's wanted to at some point in the future convert some of that loan into grant. Whether you use your American Recovery Plan money, wherever that might be and certainly this project is one of the top priorities of American Recovery Plan funds. With that I will be quiet and Brian do you have anything to add?

Brian said we have worked very hard, L&M Water, in the last seven years. We have improved so many things with our own money and now is the chance for us to replace a lot of things that need replaced. Like Greg said the system is 40 years old but slowly we are getting things up to par. We really would appreciate any help from the county to assist us to move forward with this project. We are looking at Modoc and Losantville growing and were in the process of doing an annexation in Losantville also. It is not complete yet, but we are in the process and were looking forward to the future in Losantville.

Greg said I might add that Brian wears many hats down in that southwest part of the county. He's not only the president of the water district, but he's also the president of the Losantville Town Council.

Mike asked who owns L&M Water District?

Brian said that is a grey area, the questions been ask and I've asked. It takes care of itself but we do follow IDEM procedures. So, are we a government facility, are we private. We're not government, but were not private, we fall in that grey area right between.

Mike said public utility?

Greg said that is correct.

Mike said so it is an entity of itself.

Greg said the one difference that makes L&M a little different from many water utilities like this is that when they were established they had the opportunity to opt out of supervision by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and so their rate structures and so on do not need to be approved by the IURC.

Mike asked so the board determines the rate structure?

Greg said has full control over that.

Mike asked \$36.20 per month for water is the average?

Greg said that is the current bill for 4000 gallons which is considered average by entities like OCRA.

Mike asked after this project will that be anticipated going up?

Greg said it very likely will be and then that's why we want to, on August 6th we'll know how much money we have coming from SWIFT, on August 12th we'll know whether or not the community or district got the OCRA grant. Then the rate consultant can take the final estimate of construction, the final amount of grant dollars, the final amount of loan money needed and he'll be able to give us a number as far as what that rate increase will be.

Mike said it looks like our commitment, if we committed the \$296,500.00 would be about 15% of the total project.

Greg said I hadn't run the numbers on that.

Mike said if you add the engineering to the project estimate it goes up to \$1.8 million.

Greg said the \$1.5 I think did include the engineering. There is non-construction cost included.

Mike said if it is \$1.5 million, then it's about 20%. So, the more we grant in the end the less that raise.

Greg said it could have a huge impact on the rates because of the small number of users.

Mike asked that is how many?

Greg said total users for L&M is just over 200.

Mike asked do you anticipate any additions?

Brian said yes. One business, at least two of the businesses that I know of, the gas station and the pizza barn are for city water do to he's got to get his water checked every month. We check our water on a weekly basis, so that would save him a lot of money.

Mike asked when those new ones come on everyone else's will go down?

Greg said I don't know that the rates will go down for everybody else, but the amount of the increase might be less. I think we are all resigned to the fact that when you do a project this big with such a small user base unless we happen to get 100% grant money which would be very unlikely there will be some amount of rate increase. The question is what is that going to be and then it's up to the L&M Water District board whether they think that's something that the local community residents can bare or do they send us back out there and say try to find more grant money.

Mike said Greg is correct, this does qualify for the American Rescue Funds and that's kind of a narrow scope on what qualifies for American Rescue Funds. I would be in a position today to say for sure I would loan you the money and wait and see about forgiving that loan at a later time.

Gary said I agree.

Laura said I believe that using that money requires Council also. Angela am I right?

Angela said yes, and they can't be getting federal grants.

Mike said you can't use it for federal grant match. This is not federal grant match money.

Greg said we specifically did not include any engineering costs as local match for any of these grants.

Mike asked Meeks is Laura correct, we have to have Council approval on this?

Laura said you guys can designate it but it needs an appropriation from Council.

Mike said an appropriation like EDIT?

Meeks said yes.

Mike said it really depends, if Council has to approve this decision then they have to wait until August to do it and that is cutting it pretty close.

Angela said I would think Council would have to way in on the ARP money.

Greg said we are more than happy to meet with Council as well, we didn't know which source of funds you might take this from.

Mike said the timing would still be available.

Greg said the timing would still be good, that is August 3rd when Council meets.

Gary made a motion to approve loaning \$296,500.00 form American Rescue Funds to L&M Water District. Mike seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike asked what is the status of your sewage project?

Greg said at this point there is USDA funding that's been applied for. Again, small user base so we are trying to maximize grant funds on that as well. The full scope of the project and the final cost have not been identified. We are kind of in that limbo land right now where were trying to determine final estimates and of course with today's bidding environments just like the water project costs have been changing, estimates have been going up. We are trying to decide if now is the best time to move forward with this but if you get the funding and we all agree there is more money out there right now then there has been in the last 25 years.

Brian said I believe Modoc is in the process of moving forward with their facility at this time. If they get their project going, hopefully when they get theirs done, we will start ours and get it moving. The estimated time is 2023 will be the finish date.

Greg said we are really looking at two projects.

Brian said we want to help Modoc out, when they got the sewage system, they had to get a loan and they have been paying dearly for it. I am not here to bail them out, we are going to be a customer. It is still going to be their sole possession, we will be a customer to them. Again, with the annexation, if we get that approved through the county and everything, I have already got a town board member that has the same ideas I was thinking. We could put something north of town. Maybe a distribution facility. Watch us grow.

Mike said a subdivision.

Brian said yes, bring some tax dollars in and get some jobs going too.

Mike said you are the closest Randolph County community to Indianapolis. If you want to look at it in that respect.

Brian said I can't remember the judge's name, a Supreme Court judge out of Indianapolis and he made a comment about two towns, one was north west of here and the other one was Losantville. He said with 35 an d36 watch that town because there is something going to happen there before you know it. I thought that is kind of strange, why is he bringing up Losantville. Now I am starting to understand the whole focus of why we are such a hot little community that can do more. We got county boarder, county boarder, county boarder, we got three counties bordering us very closely, we are pocketed but we are able to move.

Mike Haffner – Utility Agreements

Mike asked Mike Haffner do you recommend approval of these utility agreements?

Mike Haffner said yes, I have two.

Mike said we received these via email. Do you have any question Gary?

Gary made a motion to approve both of the utility requests as recommended by Mike Haffner. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike asked how is your new secretary working out?

Mike Haffner said she is working out pretty well. Just a lot to learn.

Mike said she is only working 35 hours?

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike said she is in violation of the handbook.

Meeks said we didn't amend the handbook.

Mike said I thought we amended it at the last meeting for a job description allowing her to work 40 hours.

Meeks said you allowed for it to go up to 40 hours. You don't put that in the handbook, that is in the job description.

Mike said we amended the job description so here 35 hours is in violation of her job description. Do you still think she needs 40 hours?

Mike Haffner said yes, I do.

Mike asked Gary do you think she needs 40 hours?

Gary said I have no idea.

Mike said you have heard the recommendation of Mike. I guess we have a conflict here and I am not sure how to resolve it. We either change our decision and change the job description back to 35 hours or we convince Council to amend the salary ordinance to reflect her getting 40 hours.

Gary said has Council discussed this?

Mike said they did, I think Tom was there, you were there obviously. I have talked to a couple of Council members and their response, the ones I talked to just want to leave it the same. My rationale for it was is the complexity of the Highway Department has increased to the point that I think those extra five hours would benefit the department. We don't have an assistant supervisor out there so I think it would benefit Mike to give him more time. The money is there in the Highway Department because we were not paying for an assistant so it's not a matter of not having the funds. It is just philosophical that we don't change. One reason to change in my mind is everybody else out there gets 40 hours, she is the only one that doesn't. I am inclined not to change the job description and make another effort to convince Council that why don't we fund it. I don't know how Tom feels and I'm not sure what you feel but if I feel that way we can't change it today anyway. We can change it next meeting before the Council meeting and then it would be the way it stands or we can not change it and present our case again at Council to see if we can convince them to fund it.

Gary said they voted against it?

Laura said 2 to 5.

Gary said if the funding is basically there, it is not affecting the budget.

Mike said I think the salary ordinance spells it out.

Meeks said I haven't talked to Paula about what the salary ordinance says.

Mike said the decision we were making, the salary ordinance had to be amended by the Council for it to be funded. If it is okay with you Gary we maybe address it again at our next meeting.

Gary said I think that is our only choice right now.

Mike asked do you have anything else Mike?

Mike Haffner - Ordinance 2021-08

Mike Haffner said yes, on the speed limits signs. I had my sign man take a look at the map and he got with his state people and their recommending 44 signs total because you have to post not only do you have to lower the speed limit, you have to increase it back after, so they came up with 44 signs by their recommendations. Temporarily, we wouldn't have to go by that and the smaller signs is going to be roughly, if it is the 44 would be approximately \$1400.00. A more permanent sign would be more into the \$1800.00 and that is just the signs without posts. The posts would be roughly about \$50.00 apiece. We are already three months behind getting our delivery of posts and the signs they said would be 3 to 4 weeks delivery on the actual signs.

Chris Beasley said we were actually able to source the signs ourselves. We already placed an order for a portion of the signs, it sounds like we need to get some more to cover.

Mike Haffner said they are saying if it was more permanent they would require 44 but they also said if it was temporary it would be up to the Commissioner's. If it is temporary they didn't have a problem with less. They were more concerned with your posting this 40 mph, what happens in two miles, is it still 40. We don't really post our county roads any speed limit, so there's a question in their mind when do you go back to normal speed.

Mike said the ordinance is drawn up to last a year. I would consider that, I can't consider it permanent, but it is well beyond temporary. I would think the more signs the better.

Meeks said I don't think you can go against what the state recommends.

Mike said I presume the signs you ordered are state regulated signs, meet the standard of what we would do?

Chris said I assume so, I haven't checked into that.

Meeks said they aren't going to sell them to you.

Chris said they came from that sign shop there in Muncie and they make state regulated signs.

Mike Haffner said you might ask them what the reflectivity of that sign is. I'm not sure of the number but I can get that to you. To make it legal, reflectivity has to be rated a certain to be legal.

Chris said we actually got all the signs we ordered in today. I guess there's two things we need to do. We will need to get more signs to accommodate the speed increase then also Meeks we need to update this table here. I apologize, there is a few more lines we need to add still within the project area. The speeds are all between 30 and 45 mph, we just need to change a few things around. My question is, if we are able to send you an updated table today, could we still pass this in this meeting.

Meeks said no because Tom isn't here, we can't pass this in this meeting. We can pass the first reading but then you will have the second and third at your next one if all three Commissioners are here.

Mike said can we add roads to this prepared and pass it on the first reading.

Meeks said yes.

Mike said what roads?

Chris said no roads will be added, there will just be more, some changes.

Meeks said what I would do is pass this ordinance as it stands right now and then at the next meeting you can pass an amended ordinance.

Mike said then that would act as a second reading?

Meeks said yes, that would be your second reading.

Mike said and the third if we chose to do so.

Meeks said there was also an issue that Mike Haffner had with 30 mph.

Mike said with 30 mph on county road 400 West between 6 and 700 South?

Mike Haffner said I don't have an issue, I thought it might have been a misprint. In the meeting we were strictly talking 40 mph on everything. I just wanted to clarify because I heard everything was 40. I don't have an issue, that's up to you guys.

Chris said I think what we discussed is if we were going to go with permanent signage we would just do 40 throughout and with temporary signage we'd go down to 30.

Mike said what is the speed between 700 South and 36 on county road 400 West? You have basically a mile between 700 South to 36 that's not designated here. County road 400 W from 600 to 700 is 30 and then from highway 36 to 850 is 40.

Chris said I want to say that is the area where there is no county road.

Art asked Mike are you looking at 400 West?

Mike said yes.

Art said 400 W stops at 700 S and does not connect.

Mike said we have an ordinance in front of us:

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-08

**An Ordinance for the County Commissioners of Randolph County Indiana
Amending Chapter 71, Schedule I, Speed Limits**

BE IT ORDAINED that the Randolph County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 71, Schedule I, Speed Limits is hereby amended by adding the following to subsection I:

<i>Street/Road</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Speed Limit</i>	<i>Penalty</i>	<i>Ord. No.</i>	<i>Date Passed</i>
C.R. 600 S	From S Indian Trail Road to C.R. 200 W	40 mph	Class C Infraction		
C.R. 650 S	From C.R. 400 W to 450 W	40 mph	Class C Infraction		

C.R. 700 S	From C.R. 500 W to C.R. 200 W	40 mph	Class C Infraction		
C.R. 850 S	From C.R. 500 W to C.R. 300 W	40 mph	Class C Infraction		
C.R. 500 W	From 675 S to C.R. 850 S	45 mph	Class C Infraction		
C.R. 400 W	From C.R. 600 S to C.R. 700 S	30 mph	Class C Infraction		
C.R. 400 W	From US HWY 36 to C.R. 850 S	40 mph	Class C Infraction		
C.R. 300 W	From C.R. 600 S to US HWY 36	45 mph	Class C Infraction		
C.R. 300 W	From US HWY 36 to C.R. 850 S	40 mph	Class C Infraction		
C.R. 200 W	From C.R. 600 S to C.R. 700 S	40 mph	Class C Infraction		
C.R. 200 W	From C.R. 700 S to US HWY 36	45 mph	Class C Infraction		

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the above speed limits shall commence upon the passage and due publication of this Ordinance. On August 1, 2022 the speed limits that existed prior to this Ordinance for the above Streets and Roads shall go back into effect.

Mike said we have both reviewed this ordinance, we've discussed it today. Does anybody have any additional questions or comments?

Gary made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-08 by title only the first reading. Mike seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said that motion carries and we will have our second reading at the August 2nd meeting. There was some discussion at our last meeting about going ahead and posting the signs.

Meeks said I would not.

Chris Shaneyfelt – Data Sharing agreement, Grand application, Radio quote, Tower update

Chris said Delaware County Government 911 center is upgrading their CAD system and they service the north west portion of the county so they were wanting access to our GIS layers to be able to add it into their CAD system. We have their GIS layers so I don't see any reason why we shouldn't be giving them ours.

Mike asked have you reviewed this agreement Meeks?

Meeks said yes. It's pretty standard.

Gary made a motion to approve the data sharing agreement with Delaware County. Mike seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said the next item is the Homeland Security Emergency Management grant application.

Chris said that is the salary grant that would be for this year.

Mike said this is a matching grant?

Chris said yes, the fringes that we pay. There will be another one that I will have to send over because of the ARP, they are giving us additional grant dollars to do projects, I just haven't got that one going yet.

Gary made a motion to approve the grant application as requested. Mike seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said radio quotes.

Chris said that would be a Sheriff and I project. Those were the numbers that were presented by J & K after the original discussion last month. That is the cost of the radio's that we have identified. What this boils down to however the Commissioner's and Council determine to fund it if you choose to do so.

Mike said the one for \$11,250.08 that is EMS, I can't make out the writing on that.

Chris said each one would have the agency that is involved, those are mobiles, so that is the two in truck radio's for EMS.

Mike said Health Department, we didn't talk about them.

Chris said the Health Department, they've had 800 megahertz radios that were given to the by grants in 2007 and they are no longer usable, they don't even have them anymore. Indiana Department of Health has not provided them with one. To be functioning part of that we have added them into that because they've had them before.

Mike asked do they need them?

Chris said yes, they should have them.

Mike asked has the Board of Health determined that?

Chris said that I don't know. They have had them before, like I said when they had grants because they're required to do monthly district six communication checks. Then there is public health designated zones on the radio systems at the state level for them in case of public disasters.

Mike said total is a little more than \$125,000.00 the way I added it up.

Chris said it is \$60.00 more than what I originally said in the Council meeting. When we went to the Council meeting we determined the numbers we needed and did the math and I was \$60.00 off. I'm not for sure why.

Mike said you probably don't know this, I'm not sure other than just polling each department, you would know your department, is there any money in your equipment line that would help support the radios that you need?

Chris said I am not allowed to purchase radios with 911 funds, so the only funds I would have would be EMA and no, I don't have it.

Mike said the Sheriff is here, I will ask him. Art is there any money in your capital purchase line to help fund some of these radios.

Art said there could be depending on how we want to look at it. One of the things I was looking at was the Cum cap line for computer, video equipment and training, I know there is also one that is a Commissioner's line that I don't think we've touched this year for the exact same thing that is \$30,000.00. I don't know if it is something we could use either one of those lines for.

Mike said I'm sure we could. We could use it for the Health Department and EMS just as well as the Sheriff's Department.

Art said I would be cautious of taking the one down to zero at this time of the year, if we would have a problem with any of the computers in the cars or we could come back and ask you for money if that was the case.

Mike asked Laura if that is something your office could poll these departments to see if they can spend money on radios out of their capital line and if they have any capital line to spend money on radios.

Laura said I could send an email to each one of them.

Chris said I don't have a capital line.

Mike said send it to EMS, Coroner and Health Department.

Art said I will also comment that we are also looking at body cameras. There are grants out there, I haven't found anything that gets us anywhere close yet. We might have to match into that also a little bit. I think both projects are very important.

Mike said no doubt. I am just not certain of where the money is going to come from.

Art said I agree.

Mike said the first thing we do is find out if there's money in the budgets to use. We have the numbers so we address it, how long is the quote good for.

Chris said 30 days I believe.

Mike said I presume none of this is in any of the bonding for the Communications project. Any thoughts Gary?

Gary said you say there is no money left in the bond?

Angela said no.

Mike said these probably aren't hands free radios that would qualify for the American Rescue funds.

Laura said no, I sent it to Barnes and Thornburg.

Chris said they've got blue tooth technology that could be.

Mike said we have already asked the question, I don't think we specifically asked.

Angela said we would have to pay for them from lost revenue and we will find out that on Wednesday.

Mike said we will table that until our first meeting in August and see if we can find money. South tower update, I seen this morning where there was a hold on that antenna work.

Chris said yes, they stopped the antenna work until MPX can go up there and make the corrections and then we have to look at the other two towers because there is no reason to think that they didn't do the same at the other two towers as well.

Mike said that is what?

Chris said did you see the pictures that came with the email.

Mike said the last email.

Chris said yes, I sent two emails. One was an update from the J&K people where they paused it until at least August 2nd. The first email was an email chain that had four photos but the photos at least three of them showed where the bolt were torqued basically through the x braising. There are some concerns there. The tower people identified some areas where when they put them together they scratched the coatings on the tower which will lead to rust and they didn't spray paint it like they were supposed to. They had some concerns on how the bolts were put in the tower because the heads of the bolts are supposed to be on the inside and the nuts are on the outside so if they come loose and fall they fall down to the ground instead of getting caught up on cross members. Then I was sent a text on July 16th which would have been Friday from Todd Durnil that says here's an update on the tower inspection, antenna installation, we inspected the first 200 feet of the tower this morning before the storm hit. Tower works wants everything

fixed before they come back and Lindsey who is the coordinator from J & K rescheduled them to come back August 2nd. That gives us enough time to finish inspections and make corrections. Jeff who I believe works for MPX felt that most of the things they pointed out, they being the antenna climbers from J & K were cosmetic whether than structural. Even the bolts that were pulling through in the middle of the X braces were not weight baring, they just keep the two pieces of steel from clapping against one another. I guess my point is that really doesn't matter, it should be done right and torqued right.

Mike said they are saying the bolts don't need to be there?

Chris said they are just saying that it is not a structural piece.

Mike said so they don't need to be there. Is that why they had the wedge in each one of them?

Chris said I don't know, I can't answer those questions.

Mike said what about the bent support piece?

Chris said that shouldn't be bent either.

Mike said is that a bend to fit or is that bent support piece.

Chris said I just went down there to look and see what they were doing that day and I came into this. The tower crew that was there that was doing the installation of the antenna's basically said they believed it happened when they were laying them on the ground to put them together and then they set there until they got put up and probably from the weight but they should not be like that.

Gary said who was doing the inspecting?

Chris said it should have been the owner of MPX who was making sure it was all done right. Then Todd went down there and did that afterwards as far as dealing with them on Thursday when I was down there.

Mike said shouldn't Pyramid?

Chris said Todd is supposed to be our on-scene person.

Mike said I wouldn't think we would want MPX to inspect it.

Gary said I wouldn't either, I wouldn't want the same person that's erecting it.

Chris said that I don't know.

Mike said do we know if all three towers have the same problem or is it just the south tower that has the problem.

Chris said I would say at this point I would assume that all three are probably built the same way.

Mike said sloppy.

Gary said the issue is who do we trust now.

Mike said I would suppose that would come to light if we say Pyramid needs to inspect them and then whoever they hire comes back says they're okay, it's just cosmetic, don't worry about it. Then I think in my opinion we find somebody else.

Gary said these tower climbers are not armatures. If they say this is an issue I would take their word over the other people.

Chris said when I was down there and talking to Todd showed up, that was pretty much the conversation this isn't their first rodeo, putting towers together, they go all over the United States and do this and it's not right and it needs to be fixed. That's why they halted the construction.

Mike said both contractors are recommended by Pyramid, so I guess it depends on which side Pyramid comes down on. Do they believe J & K or do they believe MPX? I would hope they would believe J & K.

Gary said J&K is hiring the antenna people and I would take the guys erecting word over any of them. Because I would say they're the ones that know.

Chris said the ones doing the antenna installation is actually another tower company. I won't swear to that and that has nothing to do with it, they are just saying it is not right. I think at this point I am more apt to believe J&K and making sure that it is done right.

Mike said I would hope that Pyramid would believe them.

Gary said who are we going to say is the one that we are going to take their word for, that they been corrected and they are structurally sound?

Mike said I think we give Pyramid the opportunity to weigh in on this and if they say it's cosmetic and you should accept them then I think we go back to J&K position and if we have to hire a third party to do it, we do it.

Meeks said tell them to put that in writing.

Mike said even if they put it in writing, we need to have a third-party engineer look at it. If Pyramid comes back and says it's not right then MPX needs to fix it and the arguments between Pyramid and MPX to fix it.

Chris said what the technician or lead guy from J&K on site told me, this kind of stuff has happened before and Pyramid does get it taken care of. He told me not to stress out about it.

Mike said I think we give Pyramid the chance to represent us the way they should.

Gary said I don't disagree with that but my question is, my concern is at what point do we say we accept that.

Mike said I don't have an opinion yet from Pyramid. As far as I know.

Chris said just what I read you that I received by text. I have not gotten anything else from Pyramid. Everything I've got has been from J&K.

Mike said if Todd is our representative, Todd needs to go on the record to say it's either cosmetic, it either needs repaired or it doesn't need repaired. If he comes back and says it doesn't then we get it in writing as to why it doesn't and then we have the choice to hire an independent third party or even go back to J&K's installers and say why does this need fixed. At this point in time I don't know what else we can do except as far as we know it needs fixed. We could put the onus on them to say fix it and then they could come back and say it doesn't.

Chris said there are a couple of those pictures where the bolts are being pulled through.

Mike said I don't know how you would fix that.

Chris said short of putting new braces up there, I don't know how they fix it either.

Mike said are there any other questions?

Gary said not at this time. I am greatly concerned about these.

Other Business:

Bob McCoy, Winchester Mayor

Bob said the annexation process for Willow Ridge III will go through tonight at the City Council meeting.

Paula Albin, Auditor Payroll Deputy – Highway Secretarial position

Meeks said the question is with the Highway secretary, does there need to be a transfer of funds or does there need to be a salary ordinance amendment?

Paula said there would need to be a change in the job description and a change in the salary ordinance.

Meeks said does the salary ordinance denote how many hours they work?

Paula said it does not, it says how much is going to be paid.

Meeks said it is a total amount paid per bi weekly?

Paula said yes.

Mike said we voted to change the job description at our last meeting, Council voted not to change the salary ordinance.

Paula said okay.

Mike said I may not have the final hand book, but the hand book says office employees 8 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday with one-hour unpaid lunch. So, if we amended the job description we have to amend the hand book as well do we not?

Laura said doesn't the Highway have their own handbook.

Mike said that's what this is. Garage employees 7 am to 5 pm Monday through Thursday with two 15-minute breaks and no lunch period provided. Office employees 8 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday with one-hour unpaid lunch.

Paula said I would have to look to see if the handbook was ever revised in that.

Mike asked is the secretary working 4-days too?

Paula said the secretary is working 4-days for a total of 35 hours with no lunch.

Mike said, it is 35 hours the way it is but this has them working Friday's so evidently, it's been amended. I don't have that amendment.

Meeks said it might not have gotten amended.

Mike said we amended the job description to the secretary working 7 am to 5 pm, 4-days a week with a paid lunch.

Paula said I did not type that up yet.

Mike said I am glad you didn't because Council didn't vote to change the ordinance, so we have conflict here.

Meeks said the ordinance has a total amount bi-weekly, so they would need to amend it.

Laura said do you want her to type that up for next meeting?

Mike said I haven't looked at it yet.

Paula said I will get a new job description with a change of hours, check the handbook.

Mike said we will see if we want to maintain that new job description in conflict with what Council decided regarding the salary ordinance and see where it takes us.

Gary said that is fine, I think that is what we should do.

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

Art said I sent you guys an email last week, it had something to do with the pay matrix. Did you receive that?

Mike said yes.

Art said I presented that to the Council, the Council told me that I would need the blessing of the Commissioner's to move forward with that, so I am thinking you guys need to do an ordinance because that would be considered a benefit. What I am here today to discuss with you guys is, I think it is something we need to start talking about. We've lost two of our merit deputies in July. I have hired two, one of them is brand new. I think it is probably going to be three to four months before he is released solo on the road and we will lose him for an additional four months when he goes to the academy. We did have one to come back that was with us before, he's academy trained so that's a blessing. I can tell you we've lost 6 or 8 jail officers thus far this year. I know everyone is having a problem hiring right now. I'm more concerned with retention at this point. I think we are at a point in time and it's always been important that we keep the experience. Especially in emergency services, you want to keep that experience here at home. You don't want them going someplace else. One of the things I had shared with the Council and I will share with you guys is the cost to replace personnel for us, the first working day and officer sits down in a car we've invested some where between \$2500.00 and \$5000.00 in his equipment. Depending on whether he was a reserve prior. At the end of the first year upon graduation from the academy we have some where between \$15,000 and \$18000 maybe \$20,000.00 total in that officer at the end of his first year.

Mike said is that because of the academy expense?

Art said yes, because we lose him for four months, were continuing to pay that salary with no benefit coming back. So, we've invested that amount of money in him only to have him go some place else that pays better. If we send him to any type of specialized training which we do because we try to keep instructors in house so we don't have to pay instructors come in because that's very expensive. By the 5th anniversary we have about \$20,000 to \$25,000.00 invested. In the same time frame with the corrections officer at their 5th year anniversary we have about \$5000.00 invested in him. In training that's conducted, equipment that they've received or certification that they have. One of the things that we've always done is, with 18 years with the department a correctional officer, they get paid the same as someone we've hired tomorrow. I would like to see and one of the trends that I've seen with other departments is a matrix system that starts moving them up as we get that experience. What I've submitted to you is an example of one of those. I don't know if that is the perfect option, I don't know if it is the right option. I know I also submitted, not that I'm proposing the same amount of monies, I submitted the matrix the state police use and in looking at some of the others, some of those come in to play within the first three years they start moving them up and the increments are at three, six, nine, twelve, some of them do a yearly increase in a matrix. But, it is something I think we need to start looking at to try and to try to retain. I don't think a lot of people realize that when Sheriff

Hendrickson had taken over, from the time he started his first year as Sheriff to his eighth year as Sheriff we turned over 14 of the 17 officers in our department. So, we have an experience gap in our department of about 10 years between the 11-year mark and the 20-year mark. That is something that I would like to try to prevent from happening in the future in law enforcement. I know Chris Shaneyfelt in the dispatch center right now, he has an open position that he hasn't been able to fill. I think a lot of that has to do with the ones that left that position had to do with pay. I know EMS is in the same boat, I think were facing something in emergency services in this county that we need to try to get in front of and start retaining the personnel and keep them here at home. Especially the ones we've invested a lot of time and training and money into. I guess one of the things that I am asking the Commissioner's is, if the Council is on board with this is this something that the Commissioner's are interested in because apparently, I need both bodies in order to move forward with this?

Mike said until you shared this with me and I think I got the other department one from you as well, which is longevity, nothing compared to what you've suggested.

Art said either, whether it's a longevity system, some departments call it longevity some call it a matrix system.

Mike said a \$2500.00 pay increase after 5-years sounds like a lot but it's not, .25 an hour, I guess why wouldn't we just moved to argue and promote more merit increases every year because your going to reward that good officer every year not wait 5-years, not wait 10-years, not wait 20-years and I know that, that's subject to Council approval every year but it's also balanced with ability to pay. I presume the County doesn't have a fund out there for longevity pay that they draw down every year based upon the matrix. I understand the idea of a benefit, we offer longevity benefit in the sense of vacation which is about the only longevity benefit that you get, the longer you're here the more vacation you get and that does have some benefit to it to the employee. Whether that vacation schedule could be increased to enhance that, that might have an effect that, this to me would and part of my thinking I don't like to put myself in Council's shoes to often because, I just don't like to do that, my thought would be Sheriff, you've got how many deputies do you have?

Art said there are 17 full time officers' including myself.

Mike asked how many jailer's?

Art said 20.

Mike said my thought on that as a Council person is, we'll keep the pay the same because your going to get a longevity increase next year or in two years.

Art said that was a concern and one of the reasons that I did it in a five-year increment, where you don't see it every year so that it's not considered an automatic pay increase.

Mike said it is one of those unknown, out of control funding sources or a liability that the county is going to have and they don't know where their going to get the money from.

Art said to some extent. I think one of the charts that I'd sent you, charted out what the next five years would look like, which would continue into the, by using it on a five-year system every five years you would be able to chart that into the future based off of that of what each increase would be from year to year. Given the makeup of employees now. If that was a turn over, that would always turn over to the benefit of the county because that employee would start receiving less at that point in time. My concern is that we will turn this department over again, I know there was a recent article in the Star Press that Delaware County's Sheriff is looking at the same thing. I talked to the Sheriff in Wayne County and they are starting to look at the same thing. They are having the same problem we are, officers are leaving to agencies that are paying more and we turn into a training grounds and every time we start anew were going to spend \$20,000.00 for that officer to leave in about 5-years. We are having the same thing with correction officers, they're leaving to go to surrounding jurisdictions or to get better paying jobs. I don't know if it is something we pull off this year but I think we need to have a conversation.

Mike said obviously the state police do it and Delaware County's looking at it. Are other counties offering longevity pay? I know that their pay is higher than ours. Obviously, many of their populations are higher than ours.

Art said I can share with you the article from Delaware County. Blackford County starts at \$44,000.00 a twenty-year veteran makes \$53,000.00.

Mike said is that because of longevity?

Art said they have a matrix system that it moves up. I would also tell you one of the things Delaware County talked about and we are in the same situation here. With a promotion from Deputy to Sargent that pay difference per year is only \$750.00.

Mike said the unknown in all those counties is what do they get every year.

Art said that is why they came up with that matrix system.

Mike said I mean annual increase every year that Council looks at to say okay were going to amend the salary ordinance to give everybody another quarter this year. Another quarter would be 1/5 of the \$2500.00 after five years. The default would be I'm not going to give you that quarter because your going to get that quarter in five years. You reverse effect that, I'm not going wait five years for my quarter.

Art said that is correct. I just know I would like to have that conversation so that we could start doing something so that the ten-year veteran or the six-year veteran isn't making the same as the person we hired yesterday.

Mike said you don't think that could be done through a merit increase every year?

Art said we could if that's something that we wanted to come up with some type of a system that we could do that and it's a yearly thing, we could do that.

Mike said I understand what your saying but that some type of a system basically locks the hands of the Council to be required to do that and I'm not sure they have the ability to draw on funds to be able to do that every year.

Art said I don't necessarily disagree with that.

Mike said I think we are agreeing to disagree and agree to agree on things. Why not invite a couple Council members and we invite a Commissioner and you and we sit down and discuss this further in a committee structure?

Art said I would love to have that conversation.

Mike asked are you okay with that Gary?

Gary said I think that is a necessity, I don't think it's an option.

Mike said I feel your pain, we all feel the pain.

Art said I just think we need to do something, I would hate to have another situation like we had in Lynn a year and a half ago and have a group of guys down there that's got three years on the road. That's scary.

Mike said you never know when it's going to happen.

Art said I think that is a good idea.

Mike said do you want to find those two Council people.

Art said I can.

Mike asked Gary do you want me to serve on this committee?

Gary said yes.

Chris said you said a committee with you and a couple of Council and the Sheriff and I think that the Sheriff has said this many time and I understand his view point but he's just looking out for his people, he's not looking out for the rest of us. I think if your looking at this you need to get more people involved than just four-people.

Art said I think we need to look at emergency services as a whole in this county.

Gary said I agree.

Mike said we just spent \$3.5 million on emergency services in this county. I think we are.

Art said I don't disagree.

Gary said it certainly is an issue. Duane brought up the issue last meeting, they've lost another paramedic. They have been losing them over the last 4 or 5-years to other areas. Their having to hire new ones coming in, they just had a new one come in that just finished his education to become a paramedic. Duane was saying he was having to work 24 shifts in order to meet their demands. All these things need to be put on the table and discussed so we can see what the issue is and then decide how were going to go forward.

Mike said one of the things that I've heard and I'm not on the insurance policy but the health benefit, I've often heard that it's a pretty good benefit and, in some respects, makes up for lack of pay. I don't experience that, so I don't know that for a fact but when we look at other departments across the state we don't know what their health benefit is. I will say in my experience with the younger generation, health benefit doesn't matter it's what's in my pocket. I don't know if that's the affordable care act or if it's just I can take the risk. If the Sheriff is okay with you being there Chris and maybe we could have a Courthouse personnel representative there.

Chris said I just think you need representatives from the groups there, if your going to get into this, I think your get into this debate of courthouse versus emergency services and all these issues need to be brought out onto the table because emergency services is not courthouse employees. There is a big difference in the way we work, the number of hours we work and the pay. I just think that to truly handle or get an idea and a grasp on the situation we need to have representatives there that are more than just four people or five people. Otherwise we are just going to continue down this road and nothing is going to happen in my opinion.

Mike said Art I will let you develop the committee.

Art said I will contact a couple of the Council members.

Mike said Laura just told me that Judge Arnett is representing the Courthouse people.

Art said yes and one of the things that Judge Arnett and I have talked about is I don't disagree with the courthouse aspect and longevity for everyone, I think as Chris said, I think your looking at some different figures. I don't know what the normal is for the courthouse so they can present those figures.

Mike said the letter I have is \$200.00 raise for every three years of service.

Art said that could be.

Laura said that is from the Judge.

Mike said based on 2000 hours that's ten cents an hour. That's not very much money. Again, I think you would be faced with a situation where if the automatically get that, why am I giving the something this year.

Art said with regards to grants for any of the stuff we've talked about in the past, I'm not finding anything that looks very promising and the state still hasn't given us information on the one that is supposed to be available to us.

Mike said has the Sheriff's Association given you any direction on ARP funds being used for any of that stuff.

Art said they are not yet.

Mike said you might ask them.

Art said we keep reaching out. I did have an opportunity to speak to Congressman Pence just last week and explained to him some of the concerns locally with those funds and how restrictive they are currently and some ideas that we had. Maybe he'll reach out or maybe they'll do something to change some of that at the federal level.

Regular Claims \$1,582,547.24

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

Payroll Claims \$ 232,505.48

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

MPX \$27,000.00

MPX \$9,628.15

Mike said we have an MPX claim for \$27,000.00 and an MPX claim for \$9,628.15. I would assume we are going to continue to table those.

Gary said yes, I thought we were going to get information on the \$27,000.00 today from Pyramid.

Mike said based upon the looks of those towers I don't think we should pay them anything.

Gary said technically the \$27,000.00 is not on the towers, it's on broadband. Everything we technically are holding is the \$9,628.15 retention and that's not very much if we've got an issue with the towers.

Mike said that's what we got.

Rex Collins Electric \$34,391.60

Gary made a motion to approve the Rex Collins Electric bid as presented. Mike seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Randolph County United \$18,467.67

Randolph County United Tourism \$2,365.67

Gary made a motion to approve both Randolph County United and Randolph County United Tourism claims as presented. Mike seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Reassessment Appeal Refunds \$4488.33

Mike said Reassessment appeal refund in the amount of \$4,488.33, there are 14 of these and they are all for Mark A. Marcus and have been presented to us by the assessor. We need to approve these and do you want to sign them or do you want me to sign them.

Laura said you both need to sign, they are just like claims.

Gary made a motion to approve the reassessment appeal refunds as presented. Mike seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Minutes of June 14, 2021

Mike said this brings us to the June 14, 2021 joint session minutes and in that meeting we decided to use windfarm money for the Tower King expense.

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

Ordinance 2021-07 – Third and final reading

Mike said the next item is Ordinance 2021-07 the third and final reading in title only and that’s an ordinance amending Chapter 71 Schedule I speed limits. It is amending the ordinance for 1050 South between US 35 and Indiana State Road 1 with a speed limit of 40 mph and a penalty of a Class C Infraction and this is the third and final reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-07

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 71 Schedule I, Speed Limits

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Randolph County Commissioners that: the Randolph County Code of Ordinances Chapter 71, Schedule I, Speed Limits, is hereby amended by adding the following:

Street/Road	Location	Speed limit	Penalty	Ord No.	Date Passed
1050 South	Between US Highway 35 and Indiana State Road 1	40	Class C Infraction		

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and due publication.

Gary made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-07 by title only for its third and final reading. Mike seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Renewal of Contracts for Covid testing and Vaccine site employees

Laura said they are the same people, they just need renewed.

Mike asked Gary are you in favor of renewing these contracts, they are the same contract that we used before, they are just updated with new dates and signed by Dr. Sowinski and the term is from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

Gary made a motion to approve the renewal of these contracts. Mike seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's monthly report

Gary made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Mike seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Request to display Youth Solute portraits in lobby of Courthouse

Mike said the last thin on the agenda is the request to display Youth Solute portraits in the lobby of the courthouse. They would like to set these up on Thursday July 22nd which is this Thursday and they would remove them on August 4th. This is something we do every year.

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

Gary Girton – Lick Skillet

Gary said I checked on Lick Skillet again. They keep telling me it's in progress and they have torn the building down but they haven't removed it or done anything. They said they would have it done by the end of the month for sure.

Mike Wickersham – Veterans Service Officer

Mike said I have a report on the Veterans Service Officer. I had a conversation with Mike Kennedy and he does and is interested in coming back and serving part time. Although he was uncertain how many hours part time was because he needs to serve so many hours a week to maintain his Veteran Service Officer's accreditation. He thought it was somewhere in the 20's, he said 26 hours but he was going to check on that. He also indicated what he would work for would be the part time pay which I think now is \$14.00 an hour and that he would recommend that Cathy continue to be paid what she is being paid as a full time Veteran's Service Officer. That is what I am reporting, which really makes it a mute question because I don't have to discuss Cathy with Cathy what her pay would be. We just need to decide if we want to hire Mike Kennedy in there as a part time employee at \$14.00 an hour but we can't do that today because we don't know how many hours he wants to work. It is either 21 and is 28 full time?

Laura said they can work up to 28 for part time.

Mike said including 28.

Laura said yes.

Mike said I don't think he wants to work four days a week and I don't think we want him working more than 7 hours a day. I don't know how that's going to work out until he gets back with us. You haven't talked to him about how many hours could work have you Cathy?

Cathy said we briefly discussed some things and I didn't know if it would be best if he worked three days seven hours a day.

Mike said that is what I would think but that is only 21 hours and I'm not sure that's enough for him to keep his accreditation.

Cathy said I can check on that today.

Mike said we can't really decide anyway. Knowing that information we will just table that decision on Mike until our next meeting. We do have a new application for a Veterans Service Officer. That is all I have.

Mike said it looks like our IT helpdesk is here. Did you get my email this morning?

Adam said yes, I did and that is a phishing attempt. I sent that email back to Laura. I can send out a county wide just to say it's a phishing attempt. It is a type of hack.

Citizen Comments

None.

Adjournment

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

Reviewed and signed this 16 day of August, 2021.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS







ATTEST: 

Laura J Martin, Auditor of Randolph County