

Randolph County Commissioners

March 16, 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.

Diana Sutliff and Duane Petry – Open Ambulance Bids, Ertel Check up

Meeks will open the bids for the Ambulances.

The first bid is from W. A. Jones Trucking Equipment for \$91,329 with some add on of \$8,272 for a plow \$2,167 for no wheels.

Mike said is that for an ambulance.

Meeks says this is a dump truck. Is this for the ambulance?

Laura Martin said we don't know what's in them. We don't open them. All we know is we took bids and didn't know we were expecting anything else beside the ambulance.

Mike Haffner said we should have bids for a dump truck, but they are not due until April.

Mike asked Meeks what we should do with that one now.

Meeks said that he would put it back and reseal it.

The next bid is \$189,874.00 with a trade in of a 2004 Ford from RSVP Inc.

Meeks said these are usually taken under advisement to make sure they meet the specs.

Mike Wickersham said we will give them EMS to make sure they meet with their needs and desires and then we will go forward from there.

Mike asked if the Ertel Check Up is for the employees with covered benefits only.

Duane said yes.

Mike asked if this is to get the check-up free of charge. How many participate in this?

Duane said we had about 130 the last time.

Mike asked out of how many, 159 or 160.

Duane said he was not sure.

Mike said like 95% its way up there.

Duane said yes.

Mike said the questions is do we want to authorize them do this again.

Gary said I think so we just see the participation grow and grow and grow from the beginning. I think we have had some people not aware of the situations they had. We feel it's been very beneficial.

Duane agreed.

Gary thinks it's very important to carry on with this. Gary made this a motion. Tom Chalfant seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried

Discussion:

Mike has been approached and he thinks other members of county government have been approach. To potentially have an alternate course to our health care. It came in two forms.

1. We have been approached to join North Central Indiana School Cooperation's health care clinic. Which is across the street. They indicated they would be willing to accept our group as participates in the health care clinic. Which would give our employees not only a six-month check-up but an ongoing check or visit to a clinic free of charge for them at the time of the visit. I understand it, but I don't know all the details. There is also potential free medicine and obviously I think also assessments and testing done. When I say free of charge for the employee it would cost the County a subscription service that is paid to the North Central Indian School Cooperation Consortium. That we would have to come up with the pay. The idea being we would pay today and ultimately, we would save money down the road because we would have a healthier group. Employees would go to this clinic potentially and avoid going to the emergency room or the doctor's office and save money in that respect as well. I bring it up today as something that I didn't feel comfortable with going ahead and saying pursue this. I think it's in my opinion it's worth investigating to see what it would cost the county. Maybe as we go forward with the renewal or implement it right away. We might find that to be beneficial. I don't think it gets in the way of this. I think it adds to this. Eventually it might eliminate this and if we say we don't want this we might save some money from Ertel and Company. I don't know that. It would be an opportunity, to investigate. I think we should in my opinion. Considering the cost of our health care.
2. Like the North Central Indiana School Corporation Consortium which I understand it from the school superintendent it has been a blessing to the school corporations in the cost of their health care. They are a consortium and have been able to spread the risks and be a larger group and they can buy more insurance for less money. There is a push

amongst the same people that organized the school corporations to organize county governments under the same sort of consortium. Which we would join together with other county governments to enlarge our group and spread out risks and maybe not right away reduce our expenses. Eventually if history speaks to itself, the groups that have done this have saved money in health care in the long run. They indicated that in if we are interested to say we are interested. Then provide them with statistics on our group and what we pay, how we pay and what coverages we have. The indicated if this did come to existence that we could in the beginning customize our plans so we would change anything in our plan. Eventually we might see where we want to change things. Just another way to look at health care. I think it would be to our benefit to investigate and compare cost versus benefits.

Tom asked how many schools are involved in this.

Mike said it started at GRIC, Greater Randolph County which were 5 then Greater Randolph County joined East Central Indiana which was 8-9. Then East Central Indiana joined North Central School Corporation and to answer your question I don't know how many. There is quite a few and they are basically, the folks I talked to and even the superintendent indicated they got a pretty good cash reserve for insurance claims. So, it hasn't been a money maker but it has been a money saver for the school corporations that are participating. The county has never done it before and as I understand it the county has reluctance. The reluctance on the county is that this group, The Indiana Associations of Counties is not real interested in pursuing this, because of their relationship with other providers that we are not involved in. I think the Indiana Associations of Counties is involved with APEX. We are not involved with APEX. We are Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shields.

Tom asked if there are any other county governments involve.

Mike said there are 3-4 that are interested. They are not any of our neighboring counties. So, Delaware, Wayne, Henry or Jay are not involved. Others are interested. They are really in a gathering stage. We would have to get documents inline and get permission from Indiana Department of Insurance and they indicated if we said yes today the earliest this would be in place would be 12-18 months. That would be pushing it ahead. Obviously, I think there is probably a level of participation and say you do that. It doesn't make sense if you don't have enough counties to joining together to spread that risk. We are kind of in the gather information stage to find out who is interested and see if it would become something that would be worthwhile to pursue. On that note I would recommend that we consider that as well as an option to our health insurance. Not to say that anything is wrong with what Ertel & Company does for us. Anthem Blue Cross Blue shield does for us. It's just as we all know health care cost for the county are pretty high and growing every year is a bigger part of the compensation package. As council has indicated it has kept them from having to increase wages. If we can save money on one side we maybe can put more money in the employee's pocket on the other side. Again, I think both things are worth investigating and don't think it becomes too much of a pain for the auditor's office to share the numbers that they want us to share. So, I guess what I am asking for is I would like permission to go back, and really the information came from an attorney from Boss McKinney and Evans. Go back to them and say we are interested in see

what the health care clinic would cost us. We are interested in pursuing an opportunity as county health care consortium and see where that leads us.

Tom both agree.

Gary said he doesn't disagree.

Mike will give them that information. I will also share your name Duane along with Laura.

Duane said the last meeting we talked about the fuel excise tax refund. He said I talked to Jessica Cheesman at the highway Department. She has checked into it and she is working on that. So, we may get some money back on that.

Rick Anderson JMS-Energy Conservation

Rick said we put together Energy Conservation programs for counties, cities and airports. We have probably done 30-40 percent of the solar that has been done in the state of Indiana since its conception. Our big claim to fame about 7-8 years ago, we put together Indianapolis International Airport's solar field. It's the largest solar field of any airport in the world. Some place down by Dubai may have surpassed it. We put these programs together for folks all over the place. We are also working with the city a couple weeks ago. We are also working with Randolph Central Schools, Henry County and the City of Richmond. There is some legislation in the State of Indiana. I.C.-36-1-12.5 which allows you guys to go out, these are guaranteed energy programs. We put together programs for that basically says we are going to save you \$1.00, we save you \$.75 so we write you a check for \$.25. The way these things work is we are looking for energy conservation items in all your county facilities. That is anything that utilizes any utilities so it's HVAC, lighting, plumbing and there are solar opportunities as well. If we can get solar on a jail, the example I gave you was for Hamilton County Jail Sheriff's Complex. Your jail is not as big as Hamilton County's. These programs are not like a cookie cutter. Some folks want a smaller project some others want a larger project. It all encompasses all the needs that you guys have. The way this thing works I get utility information from the auditor. My utility release form, you don't have to come up with reams and reams of paper. We send this to the utility and they give us information back and we come and do a survey of your buildings to see how you are utilizing your utilities. To say hey guys you are doing great or here are some recommendations items that we come up with for you. At that point there is no financial comment from the county. I shouldn't say it's free but there is a little bit of time and effort on your part for getting us information. I can back you with some recommendations to you. I understand you have this county council as well. So, most times you guys like it and you sponsor me to county council and make a similar presentation to those guys. Those are the guys that are spending the money. We need to figure out if this is something we want to look at or thank you Rick so much for your time we are not interested. Then you could do the RFP and the RFQ thing which is your competitive way to find out how this program shakes out. So it's pretty simple, again there is no comment thing from you guys just to look and see how you are doing. Then we come back with recommendations.

Mike ask that your interest would be your recommendation to be put in new fixtures maybe.

Rick said potentially.

Mike went on to add more efficiency heating and air conditioning system potentially. You would be the contractor hopefully on that.

Rick said we do 50-75% of the work internally. But we also understand that you might have contractors that you like to use. Local folks if that is something you would wish to do we would have no trouble doing that.

Mike said our benefit would be the ongoing savings in utilities cost.

Rick said exactly. We are trying to get your operating cost versus your capital costs. So on your operating cost again. If we get you operating cost down to a \$1.00 and we can get you down to \$.75 then that would leave \$.25 to go out and make your enhancements to your systems. He said you have to really think of this as energy conservation and infrastructure improvements. It's like a 2-problem approach.

Mike asked what other counties have you assisted short of the solar projects.

Rick said working with Jay right now, Blackford, Adams, DeKalb and down south Orange County and Dubois County quite a few around the state.

Mike replied not Wayne or Delaware Counties.

Rick said the City of Richmond potentially but not those guys.

Tom ask who is the principal or owners of JMS.

Rick said they are owned by a large consortium. We just got spun off about 6 months-year ago so we went from a 40 million dollar to a 400-million-dollar company.

Tom asked if they were publicly traded.

Rick said no we are not. He said we are getting financial backing for these projects.

Mike said this one of those things that doesn't hurt to take a look. I guess the prior for me to authorize that. I would like to reach out to Jay County and Adams & Blackford and see what their experience has been and go from there. We just are finishing up a pretty major HVAC project for the courthouse.

Meeks said it is all brand new at the highway garage.

Mike said another issue is that our next largest other than the jail is all relatively new in the last 3-4 years.

Meeks said we did a similar project with the jail I think 10 years ago.

Mike said they did?

Meeks said I remember them changing out a lot of fixtures. I don't remember exactly what it was.

Rick said the solar is where we really differentiate. Again if you can make that work financially. What I am really talking to folk's about is trying to be as energy dependent as you can. These utility companies unfortunately in Indiana are still regulated. I use to work in Ohio and they have been deregulated for quite a while. It is much more competitive and better per the end user. Unfortunately, you are kind of stuck with your utility company. If you have read lately about the coal plants that they are trying to get rid of and everything else. Guess who is going to be paying for all that stuff. That would us. Rick stated what I can do is I will send some information as far as a couple other folks we are currently talking to. We will be talking to a bunch of folks just like you guys. If you are comfortable with that, again there is no comment on your part.

Mike said that is just me I don't know what you guys are thinking.

Tom said it doesn't hurt to have another pair of eyes looking at things.

Mike said do we want to go ahead today or do you want to wait a couple of weeks.

Tom said if you want to talk to Chuck Huffman or somebody that is fine with me.

Gary agreed.

Mike said we will table this until the first meeting in April.

Debi Wymer – Health Department Ordinance 2020-02 second reading

Mike ask if Debi any good news for us from the Health Department on the Coronavirus.

Deb said no good news but no bad news either.

Mike asked if our local County Health Department is Governor's recommendations.

Debi said yes.

Mike said today is our second reading of Ordinance Amendment to our Unified fee schedule for the Randolph County Health Department. Which is Ordinance 2020-02. We had our first reading our last meeting and it passed. We are ready for our 2nd reading. Before we take that action, I would ask if any one received any calls. Mike asked Debi if they had received any calls at the Health Department about these fees or concerns?

Deb said no.

Mike said with that being said I would entertain a motion act for the second reading by title only.

Gary made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-02 by title only reading.

Tom seconded.

Mike said we have a motion to pass on the second reading Ordinance 2020-02 by title only. The title being the Ordinance amending the Unified Fee Schedule for the Randolph County Health Department. It has been properly seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said the Ordinance is passed on the seconded reading and unless someone would like to suspend the rules and have the 3rd reading today then we will take this up again at our first meeting in April.

Taylor Systems – Phone system quote

Tom said they had called him and said they are not coming do to Covid-19 and everyone riding in the same car. Tabled.

Ceann Bales – Resolution

Ceann said our board has past the exact same resolution at our recent meeting. Looking at closing/terminating at convenience the EDA loan. That is because we do not do enough of those and are not meeting the qualifications. So, we need to do this. I have been in contact the last several months with their office in Chicago regarding this matter. There has to be a resolution, the Chicago office apologize. They thought it was just through our REDC. Once I sent her all the information she still couldn't close it out because she realized when we started this it was a joint commitment between the county and county commissioners and the REDC office. So, because of that we need you to pass a resolution so we can get this closed out. Once we discuss that then we also want to discuss what we would like to do with the remaining funds that are left in that.

Mike asked how much will be left in it.

Ceann said so there should be around \$70-73 thousand but \$50,000 of that is what we specifically want to talk to you about. That originally that was a gift from the county to help start that fund. Our board would like to request that the commissioners consider allowing us to start are own loan fund with the remaining others that we have. With that \$70 some thousand dollars to keep where we will be able to focus on small business development specifically in the downtown areas across Randolph County. We are very concern when ready the research and study about rural redevelopment. Downtown are extremely important to the vitality of rural America and because of that we would like to start that fund. The financial committee has met and this is there recommendation. The finance committee would have no interest in using the funds for forgivable loans. They want them all paid back. We would determine the interest rate to really help that business get started. We would have an outside group similar to group we have now with bankers and Bob Morris, CPA has agreed to continue to serve on that committee. The purpose of these are to really help those individuals who may not be able to get a loan from a bank. We do not want these programs to compete with our local banks. Actually, that is why you have bankers setting on it to make sure these loans could not actually go through the bank process. That is not our intent to compete with the banks. We would like for you to consider

allowing us to keep the \$50,000 gift was given. I can't tell you the year. I didn't research when the fund was started. Our board didn't feel like we could make that decision because it was a gift from the commissioners. Didn't know if you wanted us to return that \$50,000 to the commissioners or allow us to keep it in a new fund. This would allow economic development for our rural communities in downtowns.

Tom asked if the \$73,000 was cash.

Ceann said yes.

Tom asked how much of that will there be on top of that after the 3 loans outstanding.

Ceann said correct I didn't bring that. I know that the 3 loans that range \$5,000-\$15,000. So, I am going to go off the top of my head say between 30 to 40. It's in that ballpark.

Tom asked over how many years will that come back to us or the county or whoever? I can look it up and get it to you.

Mike said I may have that. It is probably in the board packet that went out Friday. Mike said if you are asking for \$50,000 back where the will the \$23,000 go.

Ceann stated it would stay in that fund. We are just asking to allow the \$50,000 to remain in the bank where it is versus us giving it back to the county. There is \$108,000 in that fund most of that has to go back to the EDA because that is the money they gave us. We have to return that to them. The remaining balance we're asking for it to remain in that fund so we can start a new program to help encourage new downtown businesses in our community through a special revolving loan fund solely for downtown revitalization. The \$50,000 is already there. The extra \$23,000 is already in the bank. We are just asking for consideration not to return that original gift of \$50,000 from the county.

Mike asked it's your position that you have control of the \$23,000.

Ceann said correct.

Mike said it looks like the REDC snapshot for February 2020 shows 2 EDARRF Loans and they were in the initial amount of \$85,000 total. The balance now is \$20,257.51 of those two. It doesn't show the term although one is down to \$4207 and the other is \$16,050.18. So, one is going to be paid out relatively soon.

Ceann said correct and they are actually being pretty aggressive in their payments.

Mike said is it your intention to take and I notice this resolution says you will continue to collect on these, so is it your intention to take the \$23,000 and the receipts from these loans and put them in this same revolving loan.

Ceann responded correct.

Mike asked do you have an organizing document for the revolving loan funds that says we are going to do this and this.

Ceann said the finance committee decided they did not want to embark on that. We have some samples already but did not want that until we hear what decisions you are going to make.

Mike said I am not opposed to a revolving loan fund. I think I have stated this before and you were hired. I would like to know what the terms are before I give that money.

Ceann said yes and if you allow us to pursue this we will bring back those documents to ask for you to approve those before everything is finalized. We just wanted to see if you would consider doing that and then we can move forward and get you the documents ready and prepared. They have already looked at a couple samples.

Mike said to answer your question for me I would say yes, I would consider it. Which before any of that could happen we need to pass this resolution which basically tells EDA, the United States of America Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration that we agree with our REDC and we want to terminate this RRLF Fund which we have been talking about for several months to do. It doesn't make sense for us to keep it based on the hoops we have to jump through for the EDA. We all received a copy of this and our attorney prepared it. So, I am ok with it.

Tom said he is ok with closing out the existing fund.

Mike asked for a motion to pass Resolution 2020-05 terminating the revolving loan fund with the EDA. Tom so moved. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike asked how do we feel about the REDC starting a local revolving loan fund that would assist the downtown areas of the 9 communities. I not sure where they are going to draw the line. That is where I typically draw the line. That is not to say the other smaller towns aren't important but those are the ones that have organized governments that I know of.

Ceann said they haven't made that decision. That will be a part of the document. Is everyone ok with considering that?

Tom said I might consider it. I have some qualms about how does this work and not compete with banks and giving money that has to be turned down by 2-3 banks. I don't know how it works. I would like to know the history of how this fund has worked for the last 25 years.

Mike said I do know the EDA document, I use to serve on that committee, the requirement was you had to have a rejection from 2 banks before you could be considered for a loan from this EDA revolving loan fund. I also believe there are some restrictions on what it could be loaned for. I off of the top of my head know what that was. I think, and again it is what the EDC comes out with. I think your right and Ceann stated that they don't want to be a competitor to the banks. It should be for somewhat of a last hope, but good loan. That may be an oxy-moran but banks are in the business of taking risks and we all know that banks are pretty particular on the

risks they take. I think we need as a discernment from the EDC I think Randolph County Economic Development Corporation and their committee I think they need consider greater risk because the potential for offering that the potential of improving a downtown like Modoc, Losantville or Winchester or Union City could out way the greater risks.

Tom said I just have a hard time using the taxpayer's money for risk capital when there are angel groups. There is all kind of people if somebody has a good idea they are going to make it succeed. Their family their friends somebody out there want to find good investments. If it's somebody who has a good investment to make then it's going to happen so, I will listen to the details but I am pretty leery of taxpayers being involved.

Mike's said that decision was made back in the early 80's when they created this revolving loan funds. He said I suppose we could cut it off and spend it elsewhere. But that has yet to be seen. He asked if Tom is willing to listen to the details.

Tom said he would.

Ceann gave an update on the new Randolph County Area Chamber of Commerce. We have had two meetings. Because of all this Coronavirus I want to put on my other hat. Just advise you and update you on how the Y is handling this because of child care. Specifically, I think that is important for you to know as commissioners how we are handling the child care issue. I want you to know that we are remaining open. We are in direct contact with YBSA with the FFSA to handle the child care. I have also had the staff at the Y contact other YMCA in the state how they are handling it. We are all taking our directive directly from the FFSA. We were being directed to as we hoped we would be to remain open. We already before the guide lines came down we had already put in special situations. All our children are being temperature tested in our lobby areas. Parents are not allowed back into the child care wings. Then if they do not test with a temperature then the children are allowed to remain in the facility. When check-out again the parents are not allowed in the wing. We bring them to the lobby. The FFSA this morning is advising this. We are glad we already had that instituted. At this point there is no cases in the child care programs. So until that is determined we are allowed to remain open. They are encouraging us to remain open. To help parents that are trying to work and trying to remain a calm. The Y is also remaining open to people. We have extra cleaning measures in place. We are trying to be the calm amongst the terminal we are facing. We do not have groups that are larger than the mandate either. So that is how we are handling it. At this point we are not having our school age child care, special spring break camp. Again, that was advisable not to have school age. We also don't have the space for them without mixing them. So we are not do that. We are not offering special camps. We would have done it if it was a different situation to help out parents. We are being advised not to do that because of the school age children being release from school to keep them separated. So, we are not doing that. Right now, there are actually no known cases of small children on getting the virus. I understand from my readings that smaller children are not that susceptible to this. There are not any deaths under the age of 9 because of this virus. We are trying to do what we can to help parents who are having to go to work.

REDC wanted to see if I could come and update you. I am meeting with Winchester City Council every quarter to give them an update. I wanted to see what you would be comfortable

with. I would love to come and I know your agendas are packed and full. I don't want to over supply you with information. I do want to keep you informed. What would you like for me to do, to report to you on the happenings on our office? Would you like monthly or quarterly every other month.

Mike said at minimum quarterly and then I wouldn't want to discourage you to come any other time either. One of the things and I'm remiss. I don't recall receiving the 2020 budget for the Economic Development. I don't know if it has been presented to us as a board or not. I missed a couple meetings so maybe it was when I wasn't here. I don't recall receiving it.

Ceann said I do know that our board approved it in November. It's not something we pick apart and can pick apart so it is nice to know what it looks like. Again, quarterly is fine with me. We all know where you are and your number. If you want to come more often you are welcome to do that.

Ceann said I am trying to come to these meetings to keep informed, so if I am here and you have any questions.

Kirsten Heitkamp, Centerstone Report

Kirsten said I am the program manager at Centerstone and Shawna Mikel is the director.

Shawna said thank you for letting us share. You should have received a copy of the report. We just wanted to kind of review a little bit and if you have questions as you can see by have been able to serve 615 clients in 2019 and of those 112 received both addiction treatment and mental health services. The next one talks about the payer sources. Twenty percent of our clientele come without a payer source with the majority of them being kids and adults 25-64 of age. We serve all ages. Some of our outreach activities that we participate in throughout the year. Multiple so just reviewing those. I don't want to go through all of them unless you have questions. We are pretty involved in the community and involvement in meetings. Talks about addiction services. In specific substance abuse the top five. Marijuana being the first, alcohol, meth, heroin. So, it outlines our priorities in them serving the addiction population. More specifically how services are provided at our local office here in the home and the community we are heavenly involved with the schools as well. The types of treatment involve life skills, case management. We do a lot of evidence-based treatment family therapy, psychiatric service, CPT therapy. More diagnosis specific on our youth in adult population as well. Just wanted to keep you in the loop on those top 5 diagnosis that we are seeing here specifically in the county. Just wanted to update you on the work in 2019.

Mike asked I am looking at your addiction services, top 5 substance and then the youth diagnosis and adult diagnosis. How does Randolph County compare to the state of Indiana? Do you have those numbers?

Shawna said she doesn't have those numbers in front of her. I can get them for you.

Mike said I am just curious.

Shawna said we do look at that. I think we are seeing across the board a lot of use of marijuana. We see that meth is surpassing heroin a little bit more.

Mike said that marijuana is growing in its legality.

Shawna said yes absolutely.

Mike said another question that stands out on the title page the person on the board from the county open position. Is that our responsibility?

Shawna stated I don't have enough experience with that. I did notice that also. I don't know but I will check with our executive leadership on the movement on that. They are reporting to our board here soon. We have two open positions this county and another county. I will get some information and see.

Mike asked if that was a regional board.

Shawna replied it is a state board, pretty sure.

Mike said to my knowledge we have never appointed anyone.

Bill Richmond, Journey Home – Use of Courthouse lawn June 20th

Bill said the Journey Home begin planning and organizing a poker run that they were going to combine with their food truck rally that they had last year. After talking to the motorcycle organizer guy, he wasn't so interested in the food truck rally. We won't need permission to use it at this time. We might make the food truck rally a separate event at a later date. I will come back and talk to you about that at a later date. So thank you for your consideration.

Mindy Peed and Jake Donham, Storage

Jake said this is kind of a tri-fold discussion on the storage. It kind of started in the basement with the two restrooms that we have. During the HVAC project it was decided to eliminate those as restrooms and just create storage areas. We never really used them as restrooms to begin with and we always need storage. Fred Hoffman, IT he's got computer stuff scattered here at the jail in the basement. It has always been that way. He has never really had a designated spot to keep everything in one location. He seen the availability of the one restroom in the basement he is pretty sure he can get everything housed in one area. For security issues and for the simple fact that having everything at one site. Actually, have a work space of his own to work on the computers and so forth. The jail is always adding to their storage and he just kind of got stuff hodge podged down there and he would like to get everything brought out and free up space for the jail to utilize as well. Just computer parts, misc. and new equipment and so forth. The stuff in the rotunda area we kind of just created a spot. It's kind of temporary and kind of not. He has a lot of new computer equipment pretty much wide open. So, it would be nice for him to have the availability to have his own room. With that being said those restrooms also house 61 filing cabinets that are completely full and talking with Mindy Peed trying to figure out what to do with those cabinets, what we can or can't do with them. It's my understanding we have to retain those documents. We can't get rid of them that is per the State. So, with not having anywhere to

go we was looking at options. The basement at the old hospital we have some room down there, obviously where GREIC was. So, Mindy, Fred and myself went out there to get a game plan to see if we could or couldn't. Then as that was developing Mindy brought to my attention on the second floor. Wanting to open more space downstairs in that room for the possibility of 2 voting machines during voting both in the same location in that area. So she could operate the election in one are instead of having kind of chopped up in the voter area. She said it would be a better flow for people in and out.

Mindy said more room between people since we are trying to eliminated hand to hand contact.

Jake said the portion of that move would be relocating some books and filing cabinets. Some are empty already which we are going to try and get out of the building also some books in the clerk's office will be coming over to the storage. Some of the books will actually be stored out at the old hospital as wells. Some that are not frequent as often but we have to keep. So, it would be a lot of shelf moving, and book moving and possibly a lot of books getting rid of after last week she found out. That would also hopefully create room for these filing cabinets to get them out of here. Get them downstairs or wherever she decides they should go.

Mindy stated they could defiantly be moved out of here.

Jake said that would get the cabinets in the hallway for the law books to come here from the Oliver's years ago through bar associations. I know that Linda Stemmer had purchased a cabinet, it's downstairs in the basement. We never really had a designated area for that. We decide up here but we don't really have the place available until we get the cabinets out.

Mike ask if he was thinking in here.

Jake said that is what the commissioners where thinking. Because the glass in that cabinet is old glass and we would like to keep it accessible but not 100% public everyday accessible.

Mike said the final thought the auditors state board of accounts they use that 2nd floor. I think your memo made some comment that they might be able to go to the basement.

Jake said I assume they could set up a table for them to do their work wherever. I realize they have to have accessibility to the internet but Fred made them an outlet hot on the second floor.

Mike asked if he could do that down there.

Jake said yes. He said it would be even easier down there than putting a wire, you would have to open ceiling space.

Mike asked what do you need from us.

Mindy said that's it.

Jake permission to utilize the room at the old hospital to store files, permission to change up the layout of rooms.

Mindy said the 2nd floor storage area.

Tom asked if the water issues were taking care of in the old hospital basement.

Jake said it has as of now. I haven't had any issues since we remedied that. The walls are still open and want to seal those cracks this spring for the heavy floods etc. It is 100% dried up on that one end.

Mindy said with the additional space we would also be able to prepare the shelving's to not have books or documents not right on the floor.

Tom said you have to always have that much storage space. We are not going to go to putting these on discs all the records on some kind of other software that could minimize.

Mindy said that the most important thing right now is to do our case files which we are working on. We have been able to eliminate almost 12 file cabinets in just a few months. We are hoping to get the case files done first then we are going to start looking back at those books, but a large number of books have already been scanned and they weren't destroyed but we had the state here last week and the state said as long as they have been scanned you can get rid of them. A lot of the books that we house right now are ready to be destroyed.

Tom said so eventually you will be getting less and less storage.

Mindy said yes. Mindy said if we can get our judges on for paperless.

Tom said so now the storage for Fred in the bathroom would be wise to cap that plumbing because water and computers don't work to good.

Jake said it already is.

Mike asked if the fixtures are removed.

Jake said yes.

Mike asked what we did with those.

Jake said they probably went to the dumpster. He said he kept all the useable parts, kept one toilet for emergency purposes. They asked what to do with them. I told them I didn't have room to store 6 full size toilets and urinals and so forth.

Mike said that freed up a lot of space.

Jake said absolutely. The chase wall is still in there. It is kind of an odd layout. It is useable storage. The other restroom if it works. The auditor's office is always been overflowed in this building as far as storage. So, it would give them a designated area for all their storage and get them more organized. Another portion maybe designated it as our shred room. Right now we have 3-4 rooms that we just tuck boxes for shred day. So, when shred day comes it a mad dash trying to make sure you get them all and find them all because they are scattered. During shred day 9 times out of 10 I have 5-6 other facilities call because they see the truck. So, if we get one room designated we can let everybody know where it's at and keep everything in one area and keep a good count on it.

Tom asked if Fred storage has any batteries involved in any of his equipment.

Jake said he some battery back-ups and so forth. On a lot of those either they work or they don't. So, if they don't work he gets rid of them and gets new ones. I don't know if he necessary get them on hand.

Tom said I wouldn't want a lot of batteries laying around down there.

Jake said usually once a year Fred and I use my truck and we load computers, printers and whatever and take them to Pollution Solutions they give us a dumpster to use and we just put everything in there to recycle. So there may be some he stores occasionally. If we need to we can dispose of those at Pollutions Solutions the same day. Most of the time he just orders them and use them here in a couple days.

Mike made a motion to give permission as proposed for re-organization as presented today. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Jake said he talked to the gentleman through the state and the 61 filing cabinets downstairs can be scanned and gotten rid of but the problem there is they are all old tri-fold from the late 1800's and early 1900's. They are so dirty and fragile he said it would have to take special care and cleaning and getting those documents so you could even scan them in. He said that is even more time consuming than the newer documents.

Meeks said I think when Laura Martin was clerk she got a quote. Was it a million bucks or was that Claudia Thornburg that told us that.

Laura said we did get a quote at one point but I couldn't tell you what it was.

Meeks said an outside company came in and did it because the equipment would gum up because it was so old. You would scan it and you would have to clean the equipment every 2-3 times.

Jake Donahm - HVAC-Update

Jake said the startup gentleman was in late last week he has a few things to get tied up on the second-floor unit. It should be operational. Still waiting on parts for the basement unit to get it re-fired. Just some loose ends to get that tied up, so loose ends with Thor on finalizing on a small ceiling area and some chase work. We are down to paying for misc. items at this time.

Tom asked if when it gets done is there going to be any cleaning done or how much cleaning will be done for the whole area.

Jake said Salyer Taylor was in Friday that was one of my concerns. They had 4 guys in here and pretty much said you just point us in the direction you think needs cleaned and we will get it cleaned up. They got a lot of the problematic areas cleaned up so we are in pretty decent shape there. There might be some touch up paint or some smudges yet we need to get. When all the construction is done and over with and we can do our final punch list there may be a few smaller items but for the most part they got most of them addressed Friday.

Mike asked do you think it might be appropriate to hire a professional cleaning service to come in and go throughout the building to really deep clean it after the construction is all done. You guys do a good job day in and day out but it's been a lot of tearing up.

Mike said it might be worthwhile to just talk to somebody and see what, maybe they could come in. Again, it would require somebody to be here to supervise them. Maybe they could come in on a Saturday and do the whole thing while we are closed then everyone come in on Monday and it be fresh and clean.

Jake said if we did something like that I would probably schedule it on one of our county holidays shut downs. I always do my fire inspections and safety inspections with Koorsen on Good Friday which I think is April 10. So I am trying to get that scheduled again with them. That would probably be a good date to coordinate if we did do that.

Mike said I think if were perusing to see what it would cost us, I think probably is warranted.

Jake said ok and asked how would be fund something like that.

Mike said get the numbers then we will figure out how to fund it then.

Jake said the other thing I got last week I got hit with coronavirus questions out the wazoo. I don't have any answers or direction on what I can and can't tell people other than common sense wash your hands.

Mike said I think we need to jump down. We probably ought to put some signage up to that affect.

Jake said Centerstone they developed something in the corporate office and contacted me about hanging it up on our entrance doors at the old hospital. I didn't feel comfortable giving them permission. There are so many other entities in that building. I don't want someone else to get upset because there still in business not concerning that or whatever. My answer to them was to check with the county health department and see what they thought. I know Wendy at the county health department had some signage to possible hang up as well. She asked me about it as well. I said it was up to the health department board and them before me.

Mike would defer to the health department if they have got forms to put up I guess I would request to them to offer us to put those forms in every office of the courthouse. When necessary on the entrance doors. I don't think we are in a position to, I read where Delaware County is taking the temperature of everybody coming in and coming out of the court house. I don't think we are in that position to do that. If we could ask people to only come if it's necessary to come. There are also people that need to be here for court or those people coming to the clerk's office to pay fee or pay your taxes. There is a lot of things that can be done on line, payments can be made outside for some offices. So, we could just encourage people to do that. Which is generally speaking what the CDC and ISBH is saying is stay home and don't go out unnecessarily and don't gather in groups, what I last heard was 250 somebody said they are recommending 50 now. Ohio has 100. I don't know the difference between the Ohio State line and the Indiana State line to say they can only gather at 100 and we gather at 250. For my business the Governor is not telling me to close my restaurant. If he says that then you do that. I think, Debi correct me if I am wrong, our meeting with Dr. Sowinski last week he was deferring to what the State Board of Health was saying and the Governor and follow those guidelines. One of those guidelines is I think we should have signage out. If you can get us signage for the courthouse that would be great Debi. In each office you will have signage and then pretty much take care of our own I think. Wash your hands and use hand sanitizer, if you are going to cough, cough into your arm and socially distancing out there. The attorney said we can't limit the number of people in here, but we can cancel meetings. Right now, I don't see any reason to cancel any meetings and I don't see any reason to close the courthouse. He said from an employer standpoint if you have somebody who says they are sick then you need to encourage them to stay home. You don't want them coming in here if they are sick and each officeholder should respect that. He said he does not know how others in the county are handling it but Wicks is staying open, they are adjusting their attendance policy to consider not spreading the risk. He said he went to White River Fire Department open house yesterday, he said there was some concern about having that and they decided to have it. He said he would defer to the Randolph County Board of Health and follow their lead on this. He asked Jake what his inventory on hand sanitizer is like.

Jake said the first thing he did this morning was to go through all the county buildings to see where we are at regarding supplies. He said he is pretty comfortable with it but he also talked to McCollum Services and they are out of hand sanitizer with an order in this hopefully this week, but they said that is a huge if. He said we had an issue with hand sanitizer disappearing in this building last week, so we had to eliminate one of the stations.

Mike said what about soap.

Jake said we are good on soap, antibacterial soap as well.

Mike said if you wash your hands for 20 seconds and observe those personal hygiene things.

Jentry Flesher – Broker of record letter for the airport

Jentry said this is for the Airport van that we tabled until it was up for renewal.

Tom made a motion to sign the Broker of record letter for the Airport van. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Jentry asked if the Commissioner's would date beside their names.

Other Business:

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff - Award Bid for Jail Security System

Art said that he had sent an e-mail last week that showed some detail for the project at the jail. He said he hopes that will cover what they were looking for describing the work that will be done and what new systems that are going to be put into place.

Mike asked if that became part of the bid.

Art said it did become part of our bid.

Mike asked Meeks if he was okay with it.

Meeks said that he had not seen it, but if Art was okay with it then absolutely.

Mike said with that being said because we are meeting with council on Thursday and discuss how to fund this. He would prefer to wait and award this bid after we know how we are going to fund it.

Art said we can do that. He said he actually had it dated for the 19th.

Mike said he appreciates the additional information which brings it together and we will put this on the Agenda for Thursday.

Art said he has another thing that he would like to make the Commissioners aware of. He said last week they had an issue with one of the locks and he found out getting parts for those are going to be a trick. He said their maintenance guy figured it and has it fixed currently. We have a lock ordered but he wanted to make you aware, it's a large one that goes to the dispatch center, to replace that locking mechanism is \$2800.00. He said there are only two in the building that size, the others are smaller, but at some point, we will end up doing this with some of the doors as we work through. He said we would like to do this as they fell we will replace those.

Tom said is this not part of this update.

Art said that it was not of this bid.

Mike asked as they fell is there a risk of compromise.

Art said there is not, we have some doors that are used less frequently that he can pull locks from if need be to keep something working. It is just that we cannot get some of the parts for those locks anymore. He said this one just happens to be a larger lock than most and there is only two this size in the entire building one is an exterior door and one is on the dispatch center so he

cannot pull from another location to fix this but his maintenance person was able to get it back working and it is on order.

Regular Claims \$519,315.43

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

Payroll Claims \$223,679.79

Gary made a motion to approve the payroll claims as presented. Tom 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 this brings us to our three Cripe claims that we have been tabling for several weeks and this is probably as good a time as any to raise the issue that we dealt with at our last meeting regarding the generator restocking charge of \$37,000.00. He said it sounds like Cripe has made some headway with Generac in getting that restocking fee cut in half to \$18,000.00 and has offered to pay \$6,000.00 of that \$18,000.00 and proposed that our contractor pay \$6,000.00 and the County pay \$6,000.00. He said he thinks that Cripe is looking for a response and he is not sure if they have gotten a response from Thor.

Tom said Thor is waiting on us. He said they will probably go along with whatever we decide.

Mike said I am going to defer to Tom.

Tom said he asked the architect if he has any information on the request we made quite a few months ago regarding a 25% rebate and he said he would check on that. He said Frank and Fred are the two others that would make that decision and until we have some guidance there I don't know how interested we are in sharing this cost. He said he is pretty doubtful that this will happen but he would like for them to tell us yea or nay.

Mike said is the restocking fee going to hold up the purchase of the additional generator.

Tom said they are not going to order it until this is decided and that was a contingency, they will cut the fee down if we order from them. He said he doesn't know how necessary that generator is right away but it will be delayed until this is settled.

Mike said about the time we say that we may need it right away. He said he understands the 25% reduction in the fee and he thinks they are accepting some of the responsibility for the generator. He said he would be inclined to separate them both and resolve the generator issue so we can complete this building and then worry about a rebate of their fee later. He said as far as he is concerned we can continue to hold these claims until that portion of it is resolved.

Tom said if we blink now we are not going to get anything on the 25%, he can almost guarantee, we probably aren't going to anyway. He said it would be good if we could sit down with them,

he has not been able to set down with Fred the president. He said he would be willing to wait until he at least responds and says they are not going to consider any kind of rebate. He said at best we just won't pay them anymore money, we are probably not going to get money back from them.

Mike said the question for the 25% rebate have you are reasons in a demand letter.

Tom said he had not.

Mike said is that something that we want Meeks to do for us, so that we can organize our concerns as to why we think we are entitled to this 25% rebate and then they would have something to operate on more than e-mails that have accumulated over the last 12 months or meetings and phone calls. We are demanding quite a bit, I think it would probably be time that we make a formal demand, it may not need to come from our attorney but it should come from the Commissioners at least so that they have something to judge and/or offer defense or no defense to.

Tom said he could work on something like that and can compile that and to see what their response is.

Mike asked Meeks if he could do that.

Meeks said if it does come from him, he would assume that their attorney would get involved.

Mike said he didn't think it has to come from Meeks but it would be a good thing to do and Tom's may not need any change, that it would be a good organizational position and with that being said we should table their claims and Franks offer of compromise to the first meeting in April or we can take it up Thursday if we have a response by then.

Barnes & Thornburg Claim \$37,300.00

Mike said we received a copy of this claim via e-mail and this is for fees and expenses with respect to our Special Purpose Income Tax Revenue Bonds.

Tom made a motion to pay the claim to Barnes and Thornburg in the amount of \$37,300.00. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion Carried.

Baker Tilly Claim \$37,688.72

Mike said the Baker Tilly Claim in the amount of \$37,688.72 includes expensed \$1288.72 for printing and distribution of the preliminary and final official statements and for mileage and costs incurred.

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

Muniplatform (2020 Bond) Claim \$495.00

Mike said this claim is for marketing and distribution of our \$3,000,000.00 Special Purpose Income Tax Revenue Bonds series 2020.

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

Mike said all three of those claims are for our Communications project bonds.

Thor Construction Claim \$157,282.39

Mike said this claim has been signed by the contractor and approved by the Architect.

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

Pyramid Claim \$23,350.00

Mike said one other claim that was not on the agenda is the Pyramid claim in the amount of \$23,350.00 which included surveyor fees of \$6,350.00 which pyramid was to be reimbursed for and our contract does indicate that surveyor fees are an expense for which they are going to be reimbursed for however on our e-mail from Chris and Terry we would just pay Pyramids portion of this and hold the reimbursement until later.

Chris said Terry indicated to pay the \$17,000.00, his fees and then because of the questions he is going to include all of the invoices and information so that it will better answer questions on the fees and the dates.

Mike said there was some question on what the surveyor fee was exactly for.

Chris said to build those towers the FAA or FCC requires the properties to be surveyed. But he said to pay the \$17,000 and he will include the surveyor information on the next invoice.

Gary made a motion to approve paying the \$17,000.00 of Pyramid fees. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike asked Chris where we stand on towers.

Chris said they had a meeting last Monday and a phone conference with Pyramid discussing the tower sites. He said the Northern site is secure, the southern site is about 95% secure, its Country View Family Farms has agreed to sell us land, then there is has been discussions between Ceann's office and Country View and Meeks is in the loop to do what needs to be done to secure that property. He said then they have a meeting with Terry on Monday regarding the concerns about tower height and they are looking at some properties to the west that we can go into that 350 feet, the concern is that they don't have a whole lot of good information from the FAA on what the flight paths are or the things that are restricting them to the height. He said they have sent a letter to the FCC and they have responded and relayed some information to Terry that is kind of technical and he has the surveyor working on it as far as that goes. So right now, they are waiting on information form the FCC and Terry to decide whether to move to the west or the east and try and get those tower heights up.

Mike said we have determined that the best location for that central tower is somewhere south of Winchester.

Chris said it was originally the County Highway Barn and then when we started moving them around because the Randolph Southern site changed the way it did, we had to move the one tower to the west, we wanted to move the tower back to the County highway because there are some coverage issues down in the southeast when we move. Chris said there were some issues with the historical portions of it. He said the biggest reason is that the county owns the land so we don't have to do an MOU, but there is the coverage issue, the one we moved from the Lynn area to the west, now we have a little bit of coverage issue in Lynn. He said the height of the tower would have taken care of that.

Gary said 200 feet was marginal. He said his comment to Terry in the meeting was that we are spending this money to put up a good system and if we are talking about putting them on county owned property to save twenty or thirty thousand dollars and we are spending multimillion dollars to put up the system, to him that doesn't make any sense, when we are trying to cut 150 feet off that tower in order to get it on that county property and get it out of the flight pattern. He said once we determine where the flight pattern is then we can move that tower to where we can go to the 350 feet and still be able to propagate the signal. He said we are trying to come up with a location based on the flight pattern and based on the propagation of the signal.

Mike said he would assume the old highway garage is not an appropriate location.

Gary said it is except it is too close to the road.

Chris said the properties that are in that general area that he sent pictures out for was the Randolph County Farms property that old grain mill has been on and then there is a family that owns a portion of that land as well. He said next to that is Burton's property and he doesn't know if they are doing anything with that.

Gary said right now we are waiting on a definite confirmation on the flight pattern.

Mike said I know you are working with the Health Department on the Coronavirus.

Chris said yes, right now we don't have any active cases, but as soon as we do we will need to enact parts of the emergency management plan. He said we also have an annex that deals with catastrophic recovery and stuff like that. He said he will forward those to the Commissioners today.

Minutes of 12/16/19, 12/27/19, 1/6/20 & 1/20/20

Mike said we have received copies of these minutes via e-mail for review. He said unless there are any additions, corrections or deletions to the minutes as presented he would entertain a motion to approve these minutes.

Gary said he did not see any, so he will make a motion to approve these minutes as presented. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's monthly report

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

Permission to use Courthouse lawn – Wicks Car show 5/23/20

Mike said that he indicated at the last meeting that he did not know what they were going to use the Bi-centennial Plaza for. He said that he spoke briefly to Jim and Jim indicated that it was all on his form but he did indicate to the Auditor's office that they are going to use the Bi-centennial plaza to set up tables to present car show awards. He has signed a Bi-centennial plaza agreement and based upon his statement that he is going to use it for awards, he would ask if there are any concerns or objections and if not, he would entertain a motion to approve his request.

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

Spyglass Update

Laura said she has not spoke to Frontier, so if you want to table this that's fine.

Mike said he thinks it is appropriate to table this and maybe even to the extent that we get some more phone quotes in here and see how all that effects our phone system.

Second Amendment to Agreement regarding Roads and Drains

Meeks said he sent the e-mail out to everyone, they are willing to add that language back in that they had deleted and asked that the Commissioner's would be okay with that. He said he was but he did not know if the Commissioners were. He said he would like to tell them that we would entertain it and send an e-mail today and maybe get something back by Thursday.

Mike said so this agreement doesn't have that indemnity in it.

Meeks said not yet.

Mike said he thinks that we need it.

Meeks said that if the Commissioner's will entertain it then he will send them back that you are willing to entertain it.

Mike asked Tom if he was okay with that.

Tom said yes.

Mike said then we will do that.

Redevelopment Commission Appointment **Building Corporation Appointment**

Mike asked Ceann if she would have the opportunity to offer these appointments to anybody on her board at your next meeting. The only requirement is they must be a US citizen and live in the county.

Ceann said she would ask.

Tom Chalfant, Historical Bridges, Veterans Office

Tom said he has a utility agreement for Parker City. He asked if the Commissioners would like to give Mike Haffner the authority to handle some of these utility agreements on his own.

Meeks said that Mike Haffner cannot really bind the County.

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

Tom said he and JD Prescott served on Greg Pence's District Congressional Ag Advisory Committee and their first meeting we discussed historic bridges at the federal level and after some discussion the offered that if we would offer 2, 3 or 4 bridges that we would like to see removed, they would maybe work on that. He said Perry Knox has selected bridges so there are three bridges on that list that he would like for the Commissioner's to sign and he will submit that to Greg Pence's office. He said he would give a copy to the legislative director and to Mike Braun tomorrow if he comes to Mrs. Wicks.

Missy Williams said that Mike Braun has cancelled for tomorrow.

Mike said this letter will be sufficient.

Tom said they just ask for some back-ground information.

Tom made a motion to remove bridge 21, 29 and 49 from historic designation and notify Greg Pence's office to that affect. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Tom said also as I was looking over comp time. I don't think it is really necessary that the veteran's office remain open at noon. He would like to move that the Commissioner's direct the veteran's office to close from 12:00 to 1:00 for lunch. He said so many times one is out driving veteran's to appointments and the other is covering so he thinks it would make sense that they would not be required for them to keep that office open from noon to 1:00 pm.

Mike said comp time is an issue that many office's deal with and this is just one. I do think that is a way to handle it, the other thing that we have not addressed since our last audit is that we need to establish a procedure for our department heads that the Commissioner's are responsible for and the veterans office is one of them, that they justify their comp time and he is not saying that this has to happen prior to them taking comp time, but they need to report it as soon as it is done, so that if they do have an issue with it they can question it and correct it in the future. He asked Meeks if he could give them some direction on what form this matter should take and who they would do this with.

Meeks asked Laura if we still had a comp time form.

Laura said she thought Paula would still have a form, she said that they have them in right stuff that we use, but we used to have a paper form that had to be pre-approved by your department head.

Mike said for the office holder and for the other departments this is fine, but he thinks we are missing the gap for the offices that the Commissioners are responsible for.

Meeks said he would get what Paula has and get something put together.

Mike said then he would think that it would depend on who the liaison would be and between meetings they would be the ones that would take issue with it or question or approve that. He said when we first started wrestling with comp time everyone of our departments sent him a weekly comp time report on Friday via e-mail. He said when we established the policy this stopped. He said that SBOA has said that we need to do something to that effect. He said everybody does who is a supervisor. He said the Airport Board is doing it now.

Meeks said he would get Paula's forms and see what he can do.

Mike said he tends to agree with Tom, he is not sure although he has not talked to the veteran's office as to why they are open at noon and what justification that is to be open at noon, but he does not know why they would need to be.

Gary said originally when the hand book was written that was an issue that was brought to them by different citizens of the county was availability of offices and so at that time they just made it a policy that they would be open.

Tom made a motion to have the veteran's office close from noon to 1:00pm for lunch. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion Carried.

Laura Martin

Needs signature on permanent minutes and a farm lease.

Meeks Cockerill

Meeks said the EDIT plan had Randolph County Promise for \$25,000.00 per year for 1018, 2019 and 2020 but it is supposed to be through 2022.

Mike said they had approved it in our Commissioner's meeting for a 5-year grant.

Meeks asked if the Commissioner's would like him to amend the EDIT plan for 2021 and 2022 to include Randolph County Promise.

Mike said we should do that and the problem came up when we sent our grant letter to Community Foundation and Lisa said we have used your gift of 5-years to support our request

for other funding and if she signs this letter that says 3-years then she is in conflict of that. He said in the interest of what they have really did we should amend the EDIT plan for what we really did.

Meeks said he also had on his list the solar ordinance, he said he has been getting calls on that.

Gary said we will have another discussion regarding that on the third Wednesday evening for the whole board.

Mike said we have not received a recommendation.

Gary said they had just received some more information back from EDP.

Meeks said he would refer them back to the board.

Mike asked if anyone from area planning seen the one that Tom had from St. Joseph county.

Tom said he thinks that Paul sent it to him.

Meeks said he would forward it to him today.

Tom said on 700 S two roads are going to be made into curves right now there is a ninety degree, like a 40 foot and a 70 foot turn on 1000 W and 1200 W. He said there are temporary easements for the truck to accommodate the construction of the windfarm and he suggested making it a permanent easement so if we did we would need to get the land owners permission and purchase the right a way.

Meeks said if that is what you want to do, he would like to get it lined up to get the appraisal work done on that. He said he doesn't know if we will have to have survey work done or not, he said he would imagine that we might.

Mike said so we would be buying land off of one property owner then?

Meeks said we would just keep the other one and abandon it.

Tom said it is a small enough area that you're not going to have much, its just going to be a triangle in no man's land. He said it would be hard for them to farm it or move the road over a few feet.

Meeks said you will need a legal description to abandon it also. He said I'm not sure you would want to abandon it.

Tom said one is a 40-foot jog and the other is 70 foot.

Meeks said it would certainly help the citizens around there.

Mike said it would create a safer situation. He said he thinks it would be worth investigating.

Tom said he has talked with Jason Chamberlain. He said we would have to buy property off of Jim Howell. He said he thinks they would be agreeable but they would want to know what kind of money we are talking.

Meeks said we can only pay fair market value and he would need authorization to get two appraisals and if we need one a surveyor.

Tom made a motion to allow Meeks to get two appraisals and a surveyor if needed once he has gotten an agreement that the landowner will let them pursue this on both intersections. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary Girton

Gary would like to report on some of the council meetings. He said he has been to Union City and they are starting a project where they are taking a house, they have one they are working on at the present time. They are going to completely redo it and then sell it and then take that money and buy another one and do the same thing. He said people in the community are going to work and help do this. He said they are looking at purchasing the building catty corner from the city building and turn it into an art facility and something else. He said they received a 600 plus thousand dollars grant for their sewage repair they are working on.

Gary said Modoc is in the process of getting a pumper truck for their fire department.

He said Lynn is doing some paving and they did receive their two police cars on Friday.

Art said they have gotten one car, the other is a pickup truck and he doesn't know whether it has come in or not.

Gary said Losantville is working on a potential sewage system for their town and they are also in the process of annexing some land to the west and to the north to develop.

Gary said he thought all of the Commissioners received an e-mail from Josh Sheppard and he e-mailed him back and told him to get back with him. Josh is interested in working on two new statues on the plaza and the doughboy. He said when he gets back with him he will pass that information on.

Mike said the last guy we talked to wanted to remove all of those to do them.

Mike Wickersham

Mike said he can report on the City Council of Winchester and he is going to ask the Mayor to report on anything that he wants to. He said he did go to their meeting and the biggest issue that effects the county is that the city is investing in the animal shelter. He said that our contract may be coming up and as far as he knows going good for us.

Winchester Mayor Bob McCoy

Bob as you know Freedom Life Church has always been all about outreach. He said last night they had a meeting actually called Winchester Randolph County outreach task force and what was discussed was feeling the needs of people that are possible going to be struggling, we have school shut down, the superintendent was there for a short time and he will let him make his announcement about food and things but he thinks they are looking at the food program like they do in the summer for kids. He said this group is looking at providing meals like a drive thru on Wednesday and Friday and Saturday as well. He said this will all come together later today but they are looking to get in touch with or he asked Gary Girton can they get supplies from the food pantry to possibly prepare meals.

Gary said they have been talking to Second Harvest about this. He said there are regulations, but they are modifying and giving them some wavers, but he doesn't know what those are yet.

Bob said he was talking to Farmland Friends as well.

Mike asked if he had a supply list.

Bob said not at this time, but if there are things they can make meals out of, they will figure it out. He said he thinks Wednesday is going to be spaghetti and Saturday is going to be chicken and noodles.

Mike asked if the Superintendent indicate, he said he saw on face book that Monroe Central and Union City was doing something but he did not see anything from Randolph Central so he presumed they would notify the families of what they are doing, or are they doing anything.

Bob said his understanding that they are going to start doing that program. He said he is unsure about spring break until he gets with the powers that be to see how that would all be handled. He was talking about three locations for doing that. He said the problem with that is that the kid has to actually go to that location and then there are going to be people that are not being served so they are going to try and help them with doing this. He said also there was some talk as far as coordinating with the City, they are looking at different ways to communicate it to people like call into the city building and they will have a prompt to dial this extension for help.

Bob said as far as the City Building is concerned they do have drive through where they do the sewage bills and all that. He said effective Monday if not before they will start running business through that drive through and lock that second set of doors going into the city building, the court is going to do a continuance for 60 days on court cases. They can take tickets through that drive through as well and then everything is done through dispatch as far as police. He said they will leave that first set open if there would be an emergency, but there will be very little staff, we are taking precautions.

Citizen Comments

Mike Haffner said he was incorrect earlier that truck bid was advertised to be opened at this meeting and then awarded at the following meeting.

Ceann Bales said that she wanted to note that at their board meeting tomorrow night, Terry is coming the half hour before to a technology meeting and will also be making a presentation at their board meeting.

Mike said that would be Terry Burnsworth and he is going to talk about broadband communication towers.

Ceann said that is correct, he is going to do a special update to the technology committee.

Mike said he would presume the location of those will not be established until the location of the others are established.

Ceann said he is coming from 6:00 to 6:30 to meet with the technology committee and then he will be presenting to our board at 6:30 pm.

Ed Thornburg said he was asked to relay that the upcoming legislative update has been cancelled.

Adjournment


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

Reviewed and signed this 1 day of June, 2020.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS







ATTEST: 

Laura J Martin, Auditor of Randolph County