## Randolph County Commissioners

January 17, 2022

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

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Michael Wickersham, President presided over the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

## **Debbie Preston – Board of Finance Meeting**

See attached Board of Finance meeting minutes attached.

Debbie Preston said I would like everyone to know this is my last one, I will be retiring at the end of this year.

## Joe Copeland - Task order #14 for Bridge 175

Joe said what this is there is some additional work, there are some drainage issues south of the structure and two approaches. Tom is familiar with it. We need to take care of those two approaches to those driveways and there's a pipe that needs to be installed from a side ditch that's coming down to the bridge. There was no original survey done on this particular project, so they have to come up and do a survey and then they will have to design it and put it on the plans for the contractor to bid. It was \$4,500.00 higher, I got them down a little bit.

Tom asked will the landowner have to sign off on anything?

Joe said they probably will. I told them that we would take care of that instead of him having them pay.

Tom said he's agreeable. I don't think it will be an issue for him to give us access.

Joe said we will have to cut that one driveway to put that pipe in.

Mike asked do we have the money in the highway budget?

Joe said it will be out of cum bridge.

Mike said it sounds like something needs to be done if we're going to take care of this bridge.

Gary made a motion to approve SJCA task order #14 as it applies to bridge #175. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Joe said I do have a question about another project if I could. The culvert that's closed on 1000 South east of St. Rd 1. There's an existing aluminum box culvert sitting at the highway, right now we plan on using that to replace that structure with, the structure that's there has totally failed. The question is the structure that's currently in our possession is 31 foot 6 inches in length but it has wings that come out at a 30-degree skew. With the wings it's slightly past the fence row and the power pole on one side. I'd day less than 5 feet on each side to make that happen and we'd redo the fence on the one side of it, it's cattle. Would that be a possibility with the idea of getting some of the property owners to sign off to allow that structure to exceed the right a way limits for that ditch?

Tom said that would be the simplest solution. Do you know the who the owners are?

Joe said I don't know.

Mike Haffner said I've got to look into that.

Tom said I'd think they would be agreeable to that.

Mike asked the light poles not in the way?

Joe said no, its far enough away it shouldn't be a problem.

Mike asked do we have any other use for this pipe?

Joe said it was originally scheduled for 173.

Mike Haffner said 173 which was the bridge on 400 South, west of 1 and we didn't install it because of the windmill area but I've asked Joe, first of all we've got it and this is right next to Camp Modoc, it's pretty important that we get this road opened as soon as possible so we can use that pipe and he says it will more than work in that channel and then I want him to revisit 173 to verify, should that be a bridge or can we put pipe in. Now that we've got him it's probably good that he revisits 173 and make sure we get the right structure, a second opinion so to speak.

Tom said this one on 1000 will it turn into a bridge, I think you told me it's like 20 feet.

Joe said the aluminum box that we're putting in, the widest span is 19'10" so no.

Mike said it sounds like a pretty good plan to me. If that's the highway department's plan then I'd say let's go ahead and do it. Your going to seek the right a way?

Joe said yes, with Tom's help.

Mike said I don't know why they would object to much as long as we put it back the way it was.

## Mike Haffner - INDOT reimbursement, Highway handbook change

Mike Haffner said we had an unofficial detour when they closed 36, there was enough damage to 700 South and 350 East that Joe and I ask for \$16,960.00 and that would cover total patch work to help contain that edge where it had been cracked. They've agreed to it, so that is what that contract is. Basically, saying there was enough damage that they would reimburse the county. On the second to the last page he sent that contract to the Highway Superintendent and to Tom Chalfant because I told him Mr. Chalfant is my liaison to the highway. I am just asking permission from the Commissioner's can I sign this and with Tom's signature since that's the way they've addressed it to the Highway Superintendent and to Commissioner Tom Chalfant. Basically, once the work is completed then we'll submit that yes it did take that much material and that many hours and then they'll reimburse us.

Mike asked have you seen this Meeks?

Mike Haffner said I did not get it to Meeks yet.

Mike asked are you okay with-it Tom?

Tom said yes.

Mike said if Meeks reviews it and gives it an okay, then I'm okay with it. If you think that's what it's going to cost to repair it.

Meeks said this is a standard contract so I would probably just vote to allow Tom's signature.

Gary made a motion to allow Tom Chalfant to sign the contract for reimbursement from the state for damage on 700 South and 350 East. Mike seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike Haffner said I've got one other thing, it's actually a policy change that I'm going to recommend. On page 16 item 3.6 there's a line saying that you can start coming back to the shop 60 minutes prior and even though I've asked employees, there's no need in that, certainly we've moved to the new facility, we've got different parking we've got different fuel systems, so I'm making a recommendation that we slash the word start and they can't return to the shop, slash the 60 minutes and change that to 15 minutes.

Mike said you're talking about 3.8, time on the job. The second sentence there, employee shall not start, you want to remove that.

Mike Haffner said I want to remove the start and say hey there's no need to report back to the shop an hour prior to the shift ending.

Mike said so, employees shall not return to the shop.

Mike Haffner said that means they can still go out and fuel and get all their stuff done, but I don't need them hanging around the inside of the building before its time to get their affairs in order. They need a few minutes to be able to fill out their time sheets.

Tom said that would say they shall not return to the shop until 60 minutes prior to clock, you want that 15 minutes?

Mike Haffner said yes, I want that 15 minutes. Mr. Copeland, I was asking him, in other counties he's worked with, 10 minutes or so is more than sufficient. I think 15 is enough time to get their gear off and get their time cards filled out and stuff like that.

Mike said I don't see it going beyond 3.8 so it's just going to affect you and your people, I guess if that is something that's something you want to implement then I don't have a problem with that.

Mike Haffner said it just gives me the tool to manage it.

Tom made a motion to modify the Highway Department handbook on page 16 paragraph 3.8 time on the job to remove the word start from the second sentence, shorten returning to return and change 60 minutes to 15 minutes. So, it will read "Employees shall not return to the shop until 15 minutes prior to the clock out time". Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Tom said I might mention while you're here, we sent a letter, we got a notice of closure of a Highway 32 bridge there around 450 East and Cardinal Ethanol sent a letter because of harvest traffic. Anyway, Jacob Phillips got back with me and he's the first person I got an answer from, from INDOT. He said that job would be bid this summer and the intent is for that to be fixed next year, it will probably be closed from March until September. So, Highway 32 will be completely closed at about 400 to 450 East on that bridge there to about 500 East.

Mike Haffner said they have not got with me on an official detour on that yet.

Joe said I hope that bridge on 500 East is in place prior to that. It shouldn't be a problem.

Mike asked is there anything else for Joe or Mike?

#### Duane Petry- EMS ambulance in Farmland

Mike said at the last meeting we talked about putting a truck in the Volunteer Fire Department over there and you guys were going to go to the Town Council meeting and tell us what happened.

Duane said they said that they could take their grass truck, drain it and put it in one of their other buildings and put us in the fire department until the end of March or the first of April and then that would be when it would be warming up, they'd want to put their truck back in and we would be out. They had some concern about their gas bill doubling from the previous month and they wanted to know if we would take care of the increase in their utilities with us being in there. They said the old car wash might be a possibility for us or the Williams Printing building or they've got an empty lot east of the Village Pantry that's got water and sewage on it already. One of them mentioned to get the process moving faster \$500.00 a month for these couple months that we're going to be in there and they wanted the clerk to get a spreadsheet on the

utility cost to see what was going on with the utilities before the set up a price. They're attorney was going to get with Meeks and then they wanted us to come back to their meeting on February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm and try to come up with something.

Mike said if we wait until February 1<sup>st</sup> we will be moving out pretty close to when we will be moving in. Did you follow up on any of these other, Williams Printing?

Duane said I tried calling him this morning and didn't get an answer, I'm going to try again. They said the guy that owns the car wash was way out of line in the amount he wanted for the car wash.

Mike said that wouldn't give us a heated space, that would just be a parking place.

Duane said yes, it would have to be a bigger opening to get the ambulance in and then close up the other two bays and run sewer and water. It would have to be remodeled.

Tom said you mentioned in your email that you talked to Winchester about covering midnights so that you could leave that employee over there.

Duane said I haven't talked to him yet. If he's there today I was going to stop in.

Tom said if we were to put some kind of investment there, we would probably want to make a permanent home for that.

Mike said if we were going to make that investment, would Farmland be the best place to make that investment? To cover the area that we need to cover.

Duane said yes, I think so. Parker, someone had said that Parker would put us up there and we could cover that part of the county and I talked to the Fire Chief and he said we don't have any room right now but I talked to the architect that did the building and we could add another bay on and we could put you in there but he said that was going to be \$100,000.00. The time to get down to the Modoc, Losantville area according to google maps was still adding on 5 minutes from if we were in Farmland. I think Farmland is still our best bet and then Laura asked why we weren't looking in Modoc since we were covering, that's the main reason we were looking into that. It's like we still got Parker Health Care and Farmland is still a majority of our runs compared to the 80, 90 runs per year down in Union Township so I still think somewhere around Farmland where we can get to St. Rd. 1, it's a straight shot down is still our best bet.

Mike said Williams Printing has a heated garage for our ambulance?

Duane said I think there would have to be a garage door put in, they've got a loading dock that's sunk in for semi's, so they do have a garage door there but, that would have to be filled in or something, so there would probably have to have a garage door put in.

Tom asked do you know their long-term plans, is that business for sale?

Duane said I didn't see a for sale sign in front of it right now, so I don't know.

Laura said she is going to sell it. I think she talked to Andy.

Tom said so what type of arrangements would you make with the new owners, that's sort of an unknown.

Gary said I didn't get to go to the meeting, I was online on zoom but there wasn't anything for us to make a decision on. Personally, I think we should go there for a couple of months, pay them that money and get over there right away. In the mean time try to resolve if that's going to work and we want to go permanent in the Farmland area, if so then address another issue in a couple weeks.

Tom asked do you think it would be advantageous to go to Parker and negotiate with Farmland on a permanent sight, would that give them more incentive, if Parker is willing to house us now for nothing?

Duane said they don't have the room for us, they would have to put \$100,000.00 into their building.

Tom said if we were to choose, the south side of Farmland would be the best spot probably to put it rather than down town?

Duane said I'm kind of thinking anywhere we can find, I'm not to picky about where it is, because we can get through anywhere. My concern is just finding some place.

Mike said I think we offer them \$500.00 a month for February and March that would probably be a pretty good income source for them for those two months. I can't imagine the gas bill being that high. At a minimum it gives us two months.

Gary made a motion to approach them with that offer.

Mike asked Meeks can you come up with a memorandum of understanding?

Meeks said I can but they will need to sign it.

Mike said yes, but at least we'll have it for them to sign.

Tom seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

## **Bob McCoy, Winchester Mayor**

Bob said Tuesday February 1<sup>st</sup> we are going to do a Covid clinic at the city building, probably in the Judges Chambers from 10:30am to Noon. Tammy Pruitt is going to come in with her assistant and provide Covid booster's, first time, second time, whatever. There won't be any testing just vaccinations and boosters.

#### Other Business:

## Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

Art said I just wanted to make sure that you had all received the email from Chris Shaneyfelt on the updated quotes. I would share that they had included a quote and I'm going to make some phone calls to find out, they are suggesting that we go ahead and replace our mobile radio's. I don't know that that's necessary and I want to talk to some people to find out but they said it would restrict us to stay in phase I instead of going to phase II which I don't understand, that's a VHF radio not a 700/800-megahertz radio, so I'm not sure why that would restrict our phase on that side. I'm going to find out.

Mike said is that the second quotes of \$4500.00?

Art said I can't remember but their a little off because it's only 8 mobile units and we would need probably 15.

Mike said there was three different quotes all together, there was one for the radio which went up around \$9,000.00 I'm thinking and then there was a second quote for around \$4,500.00 and then there was a third quote for around \$2,800.00.

Art said if you only received three, I received ten. I am going to dig through some of it because I think they've added a part for ear pieces for the radios, which is between four and \$5,000.00 and I don't know that that is a necessary item that we need to have. I will look into that a little more but I didn't get those quotes until Friday so I need to dig in and ask some more questions.

Mike said I got mine this morning.

Art said the only other thing I would ask and I don't know that I need permission from you to do this or not but I would like to reach out to our who ever provides our web page, I would like to get that information and find out what it take to possibly put an application button on that, that would take them to a fill in format and what it would cost to do that and I would like to bring that quote back. We've been taking applications for a full-time road position for about three or four weeks now and I'm not getting very many. We are doing it on INDEED also and I'm getting several from there but there's not a lot of information for me to be able to do a back-ground check just off of that. We been emailing applications back to them and I would like to try to streamline that process to do it off of our web page.

Laura said that would be nice for all of us.

Art said maybe you and I can get together and contact them to see what we can do to get that process started or what it would take. With everything going electronic that would sure streamline some things.

#### Minutes of October 18, 2021 Joint meeting

Mike said the next item is the minutes of our October 18, 2021 joint meeting with Council. We received a copy of these via email. Are there any questions, any additions, deletions or corrections?

Gary made a motion to approve the minutes of October 18, 2021 as presented. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

#### **Regular Claims \$781,070.01**

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

## **Payroll Claims \$224,614.88**

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

## Kleinpeter Consulting \$1,300.00

## Randolph County YMCA \$67,750.00

Mike said these are both grant reimbursement claims.

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

#### MPX Claim \$27,000.00

MPX Claim \$9,628.15

Pyramid Claim \$4,000.00

Pyramid Claim \$233.28

Pyramid Claim \$2,280.00

Pyramid Claim \$8,000.00

Mike said these claims are to MPX and to Pyramid for the Communications project are we ready to act on those at all?

Gary said no, I'm not.

Mike said we will continue to table those claims.

## MPX Change Order 03C-02

Mike said the MPX Change Order 03C-02, we will keep that in place as well.

Gary said yes.

#### Cobalt Civil claim \$23,207.32

Cobalt Civil claim \$3,060.00

Cobalt Civil claim \$3,905.25

Mike said the Cobalt Civil claims are for fencing and retainage on the fencing as well as retainage on civil work that Cobalt Civil did on all three sites.

Gary asked have we not paid anything on fencing?

Mike said I think we paid some.

Angela said in the beginning we did. We paid \$4,300.00 back in March.

Mike said the total contract for fence and materials was \$30,600.00 and this is \$23,000.00 plus \$3,000.00 is \$26,000.00 so this is all of it. I would entertain a motion to pay the Cobalt Civil retainage and fencing claims.

Tom asked is everything good with the fencing Gary?

Gary said the fencing is, we've still got some issues with the stone that Cobalt put in. I would say we go ahead and pay the fencing and leave the retainage until we try to resolve some of that. Pyramid is supposed to be doing that but I don't know that they've done it.

Mike said okay. This is the claim for the fencing in the amount of \$23,207.32. I would entertain a motion to approve that claim.

Gary made a motion to approve the claim for Cobalt Civil in the amount of \$23,207.32.

Mike said now we have a retainage claim in the amount of \$3,905.25, which is for civil work. Do you want to hold that retainage as well as the fencing retainage?

Gary said I think we can pay the fencing retainage.

Do you want to make a motion to that affect?

Gary made a motion to approve paying the Cobalt Civil claim in the amount of \$3,060.00 for fencing retainage. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said then we will hold the retainage for the civil work.

Gary said yes.

## **Building Commissioner truck repair**

Mike said the next item on the agenda is the Building Commissioner's truck repair. He has emailed us and shared with us he has damage to the truck and he got two quotes. We found out that we have \$1000.00 deductible on our insurance on that vehicle. I think he's looking at the one quote replacing the fender and blending the paint because if he doesn't blend the paint then he will always see the fender being off color. It's over the \$1000.00 deductible.

Tom said it's \$1200.00.

Mike said I think he has money in his budget for vehicle maintenance and repair that he could pay that difference if we pay the deductible.

Tom said I saw the truck, it's really not bad and I was thinking if we trade it in the next year or so, I would be tempted to wait until we're ready to trade before we repair it in case we do other damage to it. It's not going to hurt the truck. I would prefer to just wait until we're ready to trade it and then fix it to trade. If we have any other accidents we will have another deductible.

Mike said I'm not sure the deductible works like that.

Tom said right, two events, probably not.

Mike said the cost is the second quote is from Keens in Union City, it's \$1229.29 and that's for a new fender, painting and blending. The other one is \$803.00 and that's to take the fender off, repair it, paint and blend. The other is \$1,028 was a new fender, paint and no blending. I would disagree, I would be inclined to go ahead and repair it.

Tom said if you did, I think you could beat out the old dent and paint that. It's not a very old fender and I would think they could repair the one that's there.

Mike said that was Keens for \$803.08. That's \$430.00 cheaper.

Gary asked do both of those show up on the truck as repaired?

Tom said I don't know.

Mike said Carfax, I would imagine it would.

Gary said that's not the issue, it's going to be as good as it would otherwise, it's just it shows up for some reason they really tag that hard when you go to trade it in. It's not going to have any effect of the value of the truck.

Mike said I think we should fix it and it matters not to me which way we fix it. If we trust Keen to be able to bring that out and fix it so it looks like new then we'd save \$450.00 if we had him do that.

Tom said that's what I'd prefer. I'll make that motion. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

## Coroner's vehicle - surplus property

Mike said this is the coroner's vehicle to determine it to be surplus property and to give it to Union City Indiana for their use.

Tom asked do you know if there was any effort to check with other county people to see if there was a need for.

Mike said I'm sure there wasn't. Darren indicated that he was going to, he did indicate the value was around \$3,500.00 for this vehicle.

Tom said I didn't know if we had a use for this any other place in the county or not.

Mike said I didn't check with anybody and no one came forward and said they had a use for it.

Tom said there have been a few people asking me for vehicles, employees that thought they needed a vehicle.

Mike said solid waste is looking for one.

Laura said it is my understanding just from Darren that it is not in the best of shape.

Tom asked is it drivable now?

Laura said yes, it's drivable.

Mike said we can table this and put the word out to see if any department wants a vehicle. We can wait and see.

Tom said I missed the last discussion so I don't know much about it.

Mike said he just indicated that it had around a \$3,000.00 value and Union City had an interest in it and wanted to know if we'd be willing to give it to Union City as opposed to trying to sell it. We didn't ask him to find out if anyone else needed it or wanted it.

Gary said we could go ahead and address the resolution and then we can do whatever we wanted with it?

Mike said the resolution say's we're going to donate it to Union City. If we pass the resolution then that's what we got to do. So, I'd say if that's not what we want to do then we should table it and send out a memo to all departments. I'm willing to do that. I don't think Darren has any immediate need to get rid of it.

Gary made a motion to table the disposal of the Coroner's surplus vehicle. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike asked Laura can you send out a memo to all departments to see if they are interested in this vehicle?

Laura said yes.

Sheriff's bond approval Coroner's bond approval

Mike said we have a couple of bond approval's here.

Tom made a motion to approve both the Sheriff's bond and the Coroner's bond. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

## Farmer's market request

Mike said we received an email from Jane Rodgers requesting the Farmers Market from Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> through Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup> in the morning and is interested in using the west side of the courthouse lawn as well as putting a port a pot alongside the courthouse. The port a pot would be locked during the week, only opened during the market. Evidently, they did this last summer. Jane is requesting that Laura be her voice. Do you have anything to share.

Laura said no, she sent me that email and ask if I would present it to you.

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

## Commissioner's Cert sale minimum bid

Laura said in the past we have done \$200.00. SRI is recommending that we not go below that but if you want change it or leave it at \$200.00 they just need to know.

Tom asked they are not recommending raising it? Do they think we might get more bids if we lowered it?

Laura said they recommended not lowering it.

Mike said I wouldn't know why we wouldn't want to stay at \$200.00. As we talk about this, Randolph United went through the Cultivating Community and they developed their five spoke wheel emphasis and one of them is the housing market. I'm a member of that housing committee and one of the thoughts the housing committee has come up with, which is not something that is going to happen right away. There's a concern that these tax sales, some of these properties are selling at a pretty low value and Bob you can chime in if you want. And the buyer really has no interest other than just getting hold of the property and lets it completely run down and it becomes a potential nuisance in the county and the housing committee thought if the Commissioner's, obviously the city properties, Union City and Winchester we wouldn't be involved in but the Commissioner's might be involved in some county properties that are in the out lying edges of the communities or even in Modoc and Losantville and become the bidder on those so the Commissioners could control those with future private entities as part of the housing committee that could then attempt to rehabilitate it.

Tom asked how would we have control inside Modoc and Losantville?

Meeks said you don't.

Mike said but we might buy them for them.

Meeks said you don't have to buy them, you can transfer it to them.

Mike said the issue becomes, how do we know which ones are worth doing that for. I'm not sure where that step comes. We would hope the committee would go out and use their expertise and say.

Meeks said you can't go on the property.

Mike said you could drive by though to get location. You could drive by to see if it was something we would want to control.

Bob McCoy said it could be worded in such a way that if it does go to certificate sale then the city or the county has first rights to the property, no matter what.

Meeks said you have to go through the first tax sale, the second one is usually when the city got them. So, when we would do it would be the second round.

Mike said that is when we would transfer the property to the city.

Bob said \$200/\$250.00 like Mike said they're picking them up and they're doing nothing with them. Then the fight becomes, we have sited this property for a year and a half and then this guy picks it up for \$200.00 and then his argument is, I didn't know anything about this and then basically it goes through the whole process.

Meeks said your talking blight, not really rehabilitation of properties. You could site them in the building code and get into some of those.

Mike said you have to enforce it, that cost money. I guess it might be better to avoid all that and spend the money and rehabilitate them.

Meeks said to get into the property to see if you would want to rehabilitate them you would need to site them under the building code and get in there to see if that's something you want to do.

Mike said I just raise it as an opportunity and I'm not sure how we go about doing it but it's something the housing committee is discussing. Again, it is not a top priority but may become in the future.

Gary said I think it is an issue, I think the cities have the issues. When I go to the town and city meetings the issue is siting these people to bring them up. If there is some way we could do something like this, I think it would be beneficial to the whole county. Legally I don't know how to go about it.

Meeks said it's going to cost money.

Gary said I understand it's going to cost money but I'm not saying that we shouldn't be spending money for that to keep the place looking better.

Bob said I think there was money that came through the foundation recently that maybe ought to be used for that purpose if I remember right. Actually, through the Winchester Foundation, weren't they granted like \$30,000.00 recently.

Mike said not to my knowledge.

Bob said I think there may be a way to work through Randolph County United and the foundation to possibly apply some of that money they got for that purpose.

Mike said what the housing committee's priority is, is to develop an incentive program for home owners to remove their own blight and offer them some sort of matching program or funding to help them if they need help to overcome the expense of a new roof or whatever it might need. That is more of a short-term goal. I think they're going to look at several sources for funding for that and the county is going to be one of those sources.

Gary said I think that is something we definitely need to do because we are fighting that issue, everyone is whether it's Winchester, Union City, Modoc, Losantville, everybody is fighting that issue. It's just not getting any better unless we do something about it it's going to continue to get worse. We could come of with a plan. When does the tax sale come up?

Laura said we do the certificate sale is in April and the tax sale is in September.

Mike said I raise that, that there might be properties in the certificate sale that we would say we're not gong to sale, we're going to keep to give to the town or city. We do this for Winchester and Union City now, we might just broaden it to properties outside of those areas. What do we want to do about the minimum bid for the certificate sale?

Gary made a motion to leave the certificate sale minimum at \$200.00. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

# <u>Laura Martin- New microphone quote for Commissioner/Council room in RCFFO</u> building

Laura said Adam is looking at running some new microphones in the old Commissioner/Council room at the RCFFO building. The cost to run these is \$894.82. I just got this, this morning. I think because they do the Area Planning/BZA meetings there and they record them, I think they are having some issues with the new Microsoft 10 working with the microphones that they already have. Adam is looking at a fix for that at that cost.

Mike asked would that fall under the repair and maintenance of that building?

Angela said we have a repair line, we also have the CCD, they're both in CCD. It's your line.

Gary made a motion to install the new microphones and pay for them out of Commissioner's CCD. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Tom said I have talked to some office holders and I think all the computers are programed for like 10 minutes if there is no activity, they shut down and you have to relog in and some office holders like that high security but I think in other places it's not appropriate and it's a nuisance. I think we should talk about having each office manager set the time that they want their computers to go to sleep.

Laura said the reason we did that is for the cyber security.

Mike said it's just entering your password isn't it?

Laura said yes. It's set at 15 minutes. It can be a nuisance to me sometimes too but it was done for the county's cyber security. It's just a security feature.

#### Tom Chalfant – Computer security

Tom said if somebody is not having public access, how does that help cyber security?

Laura said if I get up and walk away from my computer and Angela comes in my office it isn't shut down, she could send an email out in my name and it would look like I sent it. I'm just saying the reason we did this was because of the cyber security issues and the cyber insurance.

Mike said I'm used to it myself, it's not a difficult thing to put your password back in there and start all over. Are we into the dual authenticity?

Laura said they haven't got that set up yet.

Mike said I don't know if anybody has used google authenticator, that's a little different than getting a text message giving you a four-digit number. Google authenticator you've got to have an app and you've got so long you got to get it back in there and then your pressured to put those number in and if you miss any of them you've got to put another number in.

Laura said I sent you an email regarding the cyber insurance, we got a response back from Five Star and part of that is putting some of these security features in place.

Mike said that was required for insurance. If we wanted to buy insurance then we had to have that.

Laura said right.

Mike said that was part of our discussion about doing all the things we needed so we wouldn't need insurance but then we needed to do it for insurance.

Tom said the 15 minutes was our local decision?

Laura said I don't know who made the decision as far as what the time limit is.

Mike asked Tom do you have anything else?

## Gary Girton - Broadband tower update, Communication tower's update

Gary said we did get a reply from Grant Phillips of Tower King on the Purdue site, their working on the land agreement and so they are moving forward. I don't think we ever got anything worked out with Burnworth on he was going to set up a virtual meeting with Meeks.

Meeks said I got an email from somebody else asking when that is.

Gary said so we can address the issue and get something done but right now we are just in limbo.

Meeks said I will follow up.

Gary said according to the way I understood the email, we have to go to the Governor now in order to get him to state that this is necessary and what the Attorney General denied, he can override that or whatever he has to do. I just wish we could get something done because we've got the equipment there it's all tested and ready to go. We have issues with some of the other things but that's not affecting the operation. Ed have you been able to work on the drainage?

Ed said yes. I've come up with a couple different directions we can take the water. I'm meeting with the people that own the land on two sides of that site tomorrow afternoon. I been trying to get in contact with the school to see their storm maps for their site to see if it would overload their system to take this water into their system. It's a work in progress. Not feeling really excited about my progress so far.

Tom said hopefully for eight or ten thousand dollars we could fix it?

Ed said I'm not going to commit to that at this time. I thought we were going to get there but that's looking a little doubtful at the moment.

#### Mike Wickersham

Mike said Gary before you came in it was determined that both Tom and I are not going to be available for the February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting which is our next board meeting. With us not being available we have basically three choices, not have a meeting, I don't know if anyone recalls but the second meeting in February last year, we didn't have a meeting. I remember that because I flew home for that meeting and I was the only one here, you couldn't get out of your driveway and you couldn't get out of your driveway. I thought that was interesting. Anyway, we cannot have a meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup>. We could meet a week earlier on Friday January 28<sup>th</sup>, I'm not sure what that does for claims and the Auditor's office. Or we could meet virtually, I believe, meaning we could have a zoom meeting. We would need to make sure we have zoom capability. I think Chris Shaneyfelt probably has zoom capability for us if we could meet by zoom on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

Meeks said if both of you are gone, I don't think we can because at least 50% of the members of the governing body must be physically present at a meeting.

Mike said that eliminates one, so now we're down to meeting on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> or not meeting at all. I would be in favor of meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> if it doesn't. I would think it would cause less harm or disruption to the Auditor's office.

Gary made a motion to cancel the meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup> and meet on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am and request that the proper notices be put out and have Drainage board the same day. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said while we are talking about meetings I want to make sure everyone is invited, all the elected officials in the room to the Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission CEDS meeting on Monday January 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am.

Gary asked is that a zoom meeting?

Mike said yes, it's a zoom meeting and you should have received a zoom invite. CEDS is the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy that we've received some funds for from the state and federal government developing our region. Which our region again is Randolph, Wayne, Henry, Fayette, Rush and Union Counties. They were sending invites to all the elected officials in the county so that would be the cities, towns and county levels.

Bob asked is that the same group as the READI grant as far as the people in it?

Mike said no. READI grant goes west, Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission goes south.

## **Citizen Comments**

None.

#### Adjournment

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

Reviewed and signed this 18 day of Apr, 2022.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: James James Laura J Martin, Auditor of Randolph County

## **BOARD OF FINANCE OF RANDOLPH COUNTY**

January 17, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

The Randolph County Commissioners met in regular session in the Commissioner's Room at The Randolph County Court House on January 17, 2022

Commissioners, Michael Wickersham, Thomas Chalfant, and Gary Girton, Treasurer Debbie L Preston, Auditor Laura J Martin, Attorney Meeks Cockerill were present

In accordance with IC 5-13-7-6 the annual meeting of the Board of Finance of Randolph County met on January 17, 2022. Members present were: Commissioner's Michael Wickersham, Thomas Chalfant and Gary Girton, and Treasurer Debbie L Preston.

Commissioner President Michael Wickersham called the meeting of the Board of Finance of Randolph County to order at 9:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Chalfant and seconded by Mr. Girton that Mr. Michael Wickersham serve as chairman of the Board of Finance and Debbie L Preston, County Treasurer serve as secretary of the Board of Finance. Motion carried. Mr. Wickersham made a motion for a Vice Chairman to be appointed, Mr. Girton seconded that motion. Mr. Girton made a motion that Mr. Chalfant serve as Vice Chairman of the Board of Finance, Mr. Wickersham seconded that motion, the motion carried.

Debbie L Preston, Randolph County Treasurer, presented a report summarizing the county's Investments made during the year of 2021 as follows:

#### Exhibit "A" attached

The Investment policy was presented and reviewed with no changes. Mr. Girton made a motion to accept the investment policy and Mr. Chalfant seconded. Motion to adopt investment policy was approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Wickersham and seconded by Mr. Chalfant that Laura J Martin, County Auditor and Debbie L Preston, County Treasurer serve as representatives to handle the funds for Randolph County for the period of January 17, 2022 thru the remainder of the year of 2022, motion carried.

The following banks were reviewed as approved depositories for the year 2022:

First Merchants Bank, NA

Old National Bank

## Report of Investments for the year 2021

## **Certificates of Deposit:**

Number/Fund Issued By Maturity Date Amount Invested

## Money Market Deposit Accounts and Savings Accounts:

Number	Bank	Balance as of 12/31/2021
XXXXXX39 TMOD	Trust Indiana	\$20,500,000.00
XXXX-7843 Money Market	First Merchants Bank	\$2,000,000.00

Total Balance as of 12-31-2021 \$22,500,000.00

#### The Farmers State Bank

#### Trust Indiana

Mr. Wickersham made the motion to accept the approved depositories and Mr. Girton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Finance, a motion was made by Mr. Wickersham, and seconded by Mr. Girton that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Read and approved this Z81 day of January, 2022

Board of Finance

Michael Wickersham, Commissioner

Thomas Chalfant, Commissioner

Gary Girton, Commissioner

Debbie L Preston, Randolph County Treasurer

Attest:

Laura J Martin, Randolph County Auditor