

Randolph County Commissioners

October 4, 2021

The Randolph County Commissioners met at their regular meeting at 9:00AM in the Commissioners and Council Room in the Courthouse with the following members present: Board President Michael Wickersham, 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.

Pledge of Allegiance

Jason Welch – Public Hearing on Vacating an alley

Mike Wickersham called this public hearing to order.

Jason Welch said I am here today on behalf Tim and Anette Wilson, they live at 6941 South Mill Street in Spartanburg and would like to request the vacation of a platted alley which runs adjacent to their property because their property and the property of the Spartanburg Christian Church. (Jason presented a map) This map will give you a little more perspective on where it is. Basically, right now the alley is just a strip of grass and Mr. Wilson actually mows and maintains it already. The reason this came up is because he would like to put a carport on his property and he has to have that setback to be able to meet the setback requirements. So, that is why he is here to ask for this to be done. For the statutory requirements, this alley has never been maintained or approved by the County as a public way, it will not make access to other lands difficult or inconvenient, it will not hinder the public's access to church, school or other public building or place and the vacation of the alley will not hinder the growth of orderly development of the neighborhood. We would like to ask the County to vacate this platted alley so they can use this to install a carport.

Tom asked is the church aware of this?

Jason said yes, they have signed the consent, I believe that is in the packet. They have consented to putting the whole alley on the Wilson property.

Mike said from this map it looks like their the only adjacent property on it?

Jason said yes.

Mike asked does anybody have any other questions of Jason? Does any one here from the public have a comment or want to say anything regarding this petition to vacate an alley in Spartanburg? Let the record reflect that there are no citizens here in objection or in support. Do you have anything else to add Jason?

Jason said no.

Mike said I will call this public hearing closed. I will call the Meeting of the Randolph County Commissioner's to order. We have an ordinance in front of us Ordinance 2021-15.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2021-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF RANDOLPH, STATE OF INDIANA, FOR THE VACATION OF A PLATTED ALLEY LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF SPARTANBURG, INDIANA, AND PROVIDING FOR THE RESERVATION OF UTILITY RIGHTS AND PROVIDING FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF THE VACATED ALLEY TO THE ADJOINING AND CONTIGUOUS LANDOWNER

WHEREAS, Timothy D. Wilson and Annette L. Wilson have presented their Petition for the vacation of a portion of a platted alley in the Town of Spartanburg, Indiana, and the Board of County Commissioners have been duly advised the in the premises, the Board of County Commissioners now finds as follows:

- 1) The Petitioners seek the vacation of a 16.5-foot platted alley in Spartanburg, Indiana described more particularly as follows:

A 16.5 feet wide platted alley which runs East and West and is contiguous to, and between, Lot 40 and Lot 41 in the original plat of the Town of Spartanburg, Randolph County, Indiana.

- 2) The real estate described in Petitioners' Petition is contiguous to Lot 40 and Lot 41 in the original plat of the Town of Spartanburg, Indiana, and is platted as a 16.5 feet wide alley.
- 3) Timothy Wilson and Annette Wilson are the owners of the portion of Lot 40 which is contiguous to the above described alley.
- 4) Spartanburg Christian Church is the owner of Lot 41 in the original plat of the Town of Spartanburg which is contiguous to the above described alley.
- 5) The described alley has never been improved or maintained by Randolph County as public way.
- 6) The vacation of the described platted alley will not hinder the growth or orderly development of the neighborhood in which the alley is located.
- 7) The vacation of said alley will not make access to any other lands difficult or inconvenient.
- 8) The vacation of said alley will not hinder the public's access to a church, school or other public building or place.
- 9) The Spartanburg Christian Church waived its right to notice of the petition and hearing, by certified mail, as required by I.C. 36-7-3-12(c)(2).
- 10) That Spartanburg Christian Church, owner of Lot 41, has indicated its consent to the Petition by the execution of a document entitled "Waiver of Notice by Certified Mail and Consent to the Petition, by Terry Comer, authorized agent of the Spartanburg Christian Church.
- 11) That notice of the hearing on Petitioner's Petition for Vacation of a portion of a platted alley in the Town of Spartanburg has been provided in accordance with I.C. 36-7-3-12(c).

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF RANDOLPH COUNTY, INDIANA:

Section 1. The following described portion of the 16.5-foot platted alley in the Town of Spartanburg, Indiana be, and the same is, hereby vacated as a public right-of-way, to wit:

A 16.5 feet wide platted alley which runs East and West and is contiguous to, and between, Lot 40 and Lot 41 in the original plat of the Town of Spartanburg, Randolph County, Indiana.

Section 2. The County of Randolph, State of Indiana, retains the right to maintain, operate, repair or replace, by itself or by a licensee or holder of a franchise from the County, any poles, wires, pipes, conduits, sewer mains, water mains, or any other facility or equipment for the maintenance or operation of any utility now located in the portion of said alley vacated by this Ordinance.

Section 3. It is hereby declared by the Board of Commissioner of Randolph County, Indiana, that this proceeding and vacation is now final and conclusive upon all persons, and that the above described real estate be, and the same is, hereby vacated and abandoned as a public right-of-way.

Section 4. The following described vacated portion of the platted alley is vacated and abandoned to the adjoining and contiguous property owners the portion of Lot 40 which is contiguous to said alley, Timothy D. Wilson and Annette L. Wilson:

A 16.5 feet wide platted alley which runs East and West and is contiguous to, and between, Lot 40 and Lot 41 in the original plat of the Town of Spartanburg, Randolph County, Indiana.

Section 5. The Auditor of Randolph County, Indiana, is hereby ordered and directed to furnish a copy of this Ordinance to the Recorder of Randolph County, for recording and to furnish a copy of this Ordinance to the Auditor of Randolph County, Indiana, all as required by I.C. 36-7-3-13.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

Tom made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-15 in title only. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary made a motion to suspend the rules and have the second and third reading by title only and adopt today. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Tom made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-15. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said the alley is vacated.

Rhonda Detweiler – Use of Courthouse lobby

Rhonda said we are once again asking if we can use the lobby downstairs for our legal secretary party on Saturday December 4th from 7:30 am to 11:30 am.

Mike said you have used it before. Have you arranged that with Jake?

Rhonda said we all have a key to get in.

Mike asked do you clean up after yourself?

Rhonda said yes, we use our own tables and I think we get chairs from downstairs in the basement. Whatever we use we take back.

Gary made a motion to approve the request to use the courthouse lobby for the legal secretary's party. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Sherri Thompson, Health Department – Part time Clinic nurse funding

Sherri said the reason I am here today is in January, you are probably all aware that the County Health Nurse was out for emergency surgery. I had only been working about three weeks at the time, so we had that combined with the mass vaccine clinics and all the Covid testing, things like that going on. Our part time nurse, Diana Thomas, she pitched in and did extra hours to work to help us out to keep the clinic going and things like that at the Health Department. Diana is paid out of a grant, so in order for us to have enough money to go through December, were asking if we can use carry over money to cover the rest of her salary. I have talked to the state, I've submitted things to the state and they did approve it and now I'm here to talk to you. I do have all that information if anyone would like to see it.

Mike said I am not sure what you mean by carryover money.

Sherri said it is money that wasn't used.

Laura said it is grant money that is extra.

Mike said we have control of that?

Angela said we do, we just have to abide by the salary ordinance. That is why Sherri had to come today. Because that person is paid for 21 hours a week.

Mike said we would amend it and then asked Council to amend the salary ordinance to allow that to happen. She filled in when we needed her to fill in so I think we shouldn't not pay her for the rest of the year, since she worked earlier in the year.

Gary made a motion to approve the request from the Health Department to use carryover grant money to pay the part time Health Nurse. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

George Caster- CAMA System Contract

Mike said this is a prescribed contract for computer software services and equipment with Xsoft Inc. You have reviewed it I trust.

George said we have reviewed that and sent it to Meeks to review and he said it looks pretty straight forward. This software takes the place of the three software's that we have now plus all the inhouse stuff we've had to build ourselves that weren't included in these packages. It's a little higher but it does serve the purpose and it's taking us to the next level.

Tom made a motion to approve the contract with Xsoft. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mindy Peed & Stephanie Ward – Redistricting

Mindy said this is Stephanie Ward, she is my deputy in charge of elections and voter registration. She is taking the lead on this project, so I will let her discuss.

Stephanie said I am sure your all aware there was a census last year and, in the year, following a census all Indiana Congressional and legislative boundaries must be redrawn to account for shift in population. Currently the whole county is in the same district, the proposal that's being voted on right now at the state house has us split into two different districts and some of our voting precincts are also split. Which is not allowed by law, which means we are going to have to reprecinct. Whiteriver I, Whiteriver II, Wayne and Winchester IV are the most likely precincts to be affected, you can see those on the map. We also have to change the County Council districts and Commissioner districts, were not sure yet, we just received the census data and our GIS person is working with the mapping software company to merge that data with the maps. Once we have that information, we can do the calculations and see if those districts will have to be changed. If they do we will try to align them with the precinct boundaries so that there aren't more changed done than necessary. Normally this would have all been done months ago but the data was late because of Covid, the proposal did not make it to the state house before they convened for the summer. They are just now moving that vote through the senate and then the Governor has to sign off on it. Non the less the state wants our proposal by October 15th, I guess were going to get it done in the next 11 days and send it to the state and then if they approve it, we will bring the order the Commissioners to sign to make the changes. We just wanted you all to be aware that we are working on it, we've hit some hurdles, I'm new, the GIS person here in the county is new and the software company as of Friday was telling us they weren't even sure if they could merge the population data with the maps. We are hoping to get an answer on that today.

Mike asked you are required to have it to the state by the 15th, when will the state get it back to you, have they told you that?

Stephanie said they are telling us that, the entire process has to be wrapped up by November 4th I believe, so quickly. If we miss the deadline, we go to the back of the line, as far as getting our proposal approved. So, we are going to try not to do that. We're not the only County struggling, most of the Counties are in the same boat.

Mindy said there were 19 that had a Congressional change.

Mike said you would be looking to come back November 1st if the time line is true. Is there anything we can offer you today?

Mindy said no.

Jake Donham – Employee Job Duties

Jake said the past year and a half has been throwing curve balls at everybody, including my staff and our duties. In the past we have been running at the old hospital full time day shift and then two-part timers. At the Courthouse of course, I cover days and the other buildings and then at night I have two full time. The courthouse foot traffic is probably 50% if not less than what it has been in the past do to going virtual and phones and mail in's, so the foot traffic is not there.

My girls are more than able to do this building plus and then on the other end the old hospital, it is pretty much back in full swing now, in most areas, so I feel like that building needs more attention. What I would like to do is take a full time from here out there on second shift and one of my part timer's from there to here and divide them up. That would have even coverage. I have talked to all my girls and they all felt that was probably the best plan too.

Mike said it sounds like a good plan to me.

Jake said we will see how it goes, I'm also down, my first shifter, she left us a couple weeks ago. I'm on the hunt to find a replacement there. That's my plan, I just talked to Angela about it and of course it will be job description changes.

Gary asked is this an immediate change?

Jake said I need to do it soon, I didn't know what the process was, if it needs to wait until the first of next month to get all the paperwork together.

Angela said they will have to approve the job descriptions.

Jake said I will work with the Auditor's office and get the job description set up.

Mike said we could probably have those done by next meeting.

Angela said yes.

Mike said we will just wait and approve the job descriptions, I would say go forward. What you do in the meantime, you're in charge of the facilities.

Jake said I will just make it work.

Mike said did I see you trimming bushes?

Jake said yes, I tried to outsource it but everybody's busy or too expensive, so I took one for the team and done it myself. I normally had my first shifter to the building help me in the past, but I wanted to get this one done before Mardi Gras so I went ahead and done the old hospital and the EMS building too last weeks. I came in Saturday, you see some extra comp time hours if you look at the sheets, I came in Saturday, I wanted to get my filters changed, because they do at the old hospital and here. I will probably start doing that after hours or Saturday's. I got the majority of the old hospital done Saturday.

Gary said on the new doors, did they get installed?

Jake said yes, they came in a month or so ago and they got installed. The only other thing I got, Headstart is here on the fence area, I can wait and stay.

Kelsey Peden, Headstart – Fence

Mike said let's ask Headstart to come forward. Kelsey Peden.

Jake said in a nutshell the fence around there, I'm not sure if it's ours or theirs, it's been there forever. It's wood fence, it's really in pretty bad shape on the point where some of the boards are weak enough that if a kid leaned on it hard enough. The main problem now is they are having feral cat issue in that area of town and we have pea gravel in there for the kids to play on and the cats like to use that as a litter box. I've had reported several times that they've had children fall in, not so nice stuff and you can only imagine.

Kelsey said parents are not very happy.

Jake said teachers are not very happy.

Kelsey said they like to build sand castles with the rocks and they can't really do it because their hands are getting in the poop because the cats bury it.

Mike said will the fence keep them out?

Jake said the fence is so bad now, it's got bad places in it.

Kelsey said the holes are in the bottom. We've watched the cats come in through the bottom.

Mike said I just wonder if they would come in over the top, I suppose it would be a little more difficult.

Jake said they're working with animal control right now, they have live traps set. My understanding is they are having a pretty big problem in Winchester with feral cats right now. I would lean toward a vinyl fence versus, obviously a cat would be able to climb that as well if they are climbing, but I think she's right, they are going under it where the fence is separated and got a big enough gap.

Kelsey said I have children that if they just touch it are getting splinters. I don't know how old the fence is. I've had a child that runs and goes to stop them self on the fence and it just goes to the ground.

Mike said we don't know who's fence it is and it's our building.

Meeks said it's your fence.

Jake said Kelsey has a quote from one company just to kind of know where she was at and I give her another phone number of a local fence builder.

Kelsey said they are coming today. This is from Gabbart, labor and materials to install approximately 185 feet of six-foot white vinyl privacy fence, bid to include 1 to 4-foot walk gate, bid to include removal of existing fence, total project figures \$12,814.00. For wood all treated lumber six-foot-tall, one to four-foot walk gate, \$9839.00. Richard Wynn from Circle W Fencing is coming today.

Mike said if we choose to put a fence in, we will have to have two quotes.

Kelsey said the other one is coming today, he said he would be there in the afternoon.

Jake said the main question was not knowing who's fence, who's responsibility.

Mike said it sounds like the fence needs replaced and it sounds like the fence is ours, so the question remains whether we want to replace the fence for the tenant or whether we ask the tenant to replace the fence or whether we share in that new fence.

Kelsey said it is a safety hazard.

Mike said I would agree, it needs to be replaced. The question is do we want to pay for it.

Gary said I think we should. We don't ask other people that are renting from us to pay for a door or whatever. I think we should go ahead and pay for it. I will make that motion.

Tom asked is a chain link fence out of the question, is that much cheaper, do you know?

Jake said I think it is a privacy issue mainly, they want to not be seen with the kids along Greenville Avenue would be my guess.

Mike said it would have to be a pretty tall chain link to keep the cats out. The other question becomes, do you have a time line from Gabbart on when they can put that fence in.

Kelsey said I do not, I was looking up grants, trying to find a grant to help cover the cost.

Mike said we are almost ready to cover that cost, but I think you'll want to find out from both installers when they can have it done. As Jake just said, people are busy and it sounds like this is something that needs to be done sooner than later.

Tom seconded Gary's motion. I don't think a wood fence would be sufficient.

Mike said is your motion to wait until we get the other quote to determine which one we want or to just give Jake authorization to choose the installer.

Gary said just give Jake the authorization to choose. Is there anything can be done to patch or do whatever to restrict some of the movement.

Jake said I am going to look at it today and see if there is some way to block some of the holes off.

Mike asked is there a better ground cover than pea gravel?

Kelsey said we've done mulch and that did not work at all.

Mike said I was thinking about recycled rubber tires that they use on some play grounds.

Jake said I think that was explored but the price of it was astronomical versus the pea gravel.

Mike said all in favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Chris Shaneyfelt – 911 Personnel job description change

Mike said there are four personnel job description changes. If I recall these are based upon state requirements.

Chris said back in 2020 the legislative body from the state of Indiana changed telecommunicators from clerical federal description to public safety personnel which affords them public safety benefits and things like that. The policy operations board for 911 center made the recommendation that we change the job descriptions so that it clearly states that they are professional and not clerical and it's in line with the state's law as far as that goes.

Mike said from a local standpoint, it didn't seem like they changed much.

Chris said nothing changed other than putting them in line with the state jobs as far as making them a public safety.

Mike said the county job description?

Chris said the only thing I changed on those descriptions at all is taking them from a clerical position to a public safety.

Tom asked does that change your budget at all?

Chris said no.

Mike said this affects who?

Chris said myself, Patty, and the part time, full time people.

Mike said I don't have any further questions of Chris.

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

Chris said it has also been recommended by the board that we move the comp hours for the personnel from the 60-hours like is classified for the courthouse employees to the public safety amount where they are 120-hours. So that it is more in line with their constant working overtime and such.

Mike said so, it does change?

Chris said I suppose you could say it does, the only thing it's changing is the number of hours they are allowed to accumulate.

Mike asked do they reach that 60-hours a lot?

Chris said yes, they reach that 60 easy. We have some that's been in the 100's before.

Mike said how many employees is that affecting?

Chris said just the full-time ones, were looking at 12.

Tom said that could impact the budget if they leave and they've got 120 hours of comp time to pay out.

Mike said now if they get over 60 they have to use them or lose vacation.

Chris said we do our best to keep them as low as we can but when we get people that quit and we can't fill part time positions, we don't have much choice, we've been running excessive of 60 almost all the time I've been here.

Mike said I think Chris makes a good point they are emergency personnel, so they should be treated with respect of emergency personnel. That would take a modification of the hand book, wouldn't it, Meeks?

Meeks said yes.

Mike said we will take that under advisement and see if we can, can we modify the handbook ourselves? We will have Meeks modify the handbook to reflect that and act on it at the next meeting.

Mike Haffner – Bridge 32, Disposal of a Hot Box, Vacation carryover and Hwy secretary hours

Mike Haffner said on bridge 32 the proposal fees from SJCA at \$251,920.00 and we need the Commissioner's to sign that in blue ink, so I can get that back.

Mike asked is this the federal aid project?

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike asked is anyone here from SJCA?

Mike Haffner said yes, Perry is here. The proposal came in under what was estimated.

Mike said this engineering fee seems a lot higher than bridge 304.

Perry said federal aid projects are more expensive, more restrictive, a lot more things have to be addressed. It's a six-year project, so the engineering firm has to stay with the project for six years. It is under the projected amount. We're asking for reimbursement, there is no reason to believe that we won't be but we always have to formally ask. The county will get reimbursed 80% of those fees.

Mike asked does anyone have any questions of Mike or Perry? We need to approve the proposal.

Gary made a motion to approve the proposal as presented to us by SJCA for bridge number 32.

Mike said the proposed amount is \$251,920.00.

Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Angela asked do you want to let Council decide where the funds are to come from?

Mike said I don't think we're paying that yet, so we can decide how we pay it when we get that invoice.

Perry said this will go to INDOT for final approval, they will approve those fees and make sure they are in line with federal aid program.

Mike said when they're approved will we know whether or not we will get the contribution back?

Perry said that is correct.

Mike said we will either be paying \$250,000.00 or we'll be paying 20% of that which is about \$50,000.00.

Perry said when the state approves the fees, you'll get another document called the an FMIS document and that shows all the fees and what the reimbursement is and that will be your final notice to proceed.

Mike Haffner said we just started talking about this, we have a couple trucks that we're looking at getting rid of. I will just inform you, we have a 2000 International single axel with a plug-in electric box, this is the one we said would be a lot more efficient when we bought our trailer hot box that we can run with non CDL people and just in my opinion a lot more maneuverable, it heats the material up so much better so we no longer need this. We can sell it together or we can take the hot box out of the truck. At this time, I'm not presenting a plan because I have not decided, everything has happened over the last few days. Maybe in two weeks I'll officially come when I know for sure what we're going to do. Farmland has borrowed this piece of equipment multiple times over the last several years and if we were going to get rid of it, they would be very interested in it.

Mike asked did they borrow the whole thing?

Mike Haffner said they borrowed the truck and the box. They even got a spot that takes a heavy 220 plug and they already over the years are rigged up for that. As far as the Highway Department, it will be up the Commissioner's what they do, the other trucks we can sell in an auction environment like we have and you guys can either run this through an auction or I'm not sure what the capability is if you were to donate this to another community in the county. I would have to get with Meeks to see if we can even do this.

Mike asked what's it worth?

Mike Haffner said the truck alone, I think would go in the \$2000.00, \$2500.00 area, the hot box, truthfully, I was going to scrap out. If their interested in it we most certainly can leave it with the truck. The city of Knightstown has expressed paying, if you are going to get rid of it, we might be interested in it as well.

Tom said Melvin has shared with me that he has used it, he has worked with Parker to use this. I think he is willing to let other towns use it.

Melvin Nott from Farmland said I borrow something from the County, I try to get with Jimmy Wymer form Parker and we get everything on that side of the county done in one day so I don't borrow it today and then Jimmy calls Mike tomorrow and says he needs it, we try and get it done in one day that way they are not out something that we borrowed. I'm not in the position, I have to have the truck because I'm not in the position where I can just buy the box because I don't have a truck to put the box in. So, mine is a combination and free is always nice don't get me wrong, but if there is a monetary that has to be made then that's a decision my board has to make, I can't do that. We have a meeting tonight and I'm going to express that to them. Don't get me wrong the Community Crossing grant has been great because we've paved a lot of roads and are not hot patching, but if you've ever tried to fill a pot hole in the middle of the winter time with cold mix, it's not fun. With that truck, I can plug it in today and tomorrow morning I can go and I could fill every pot hole in Farmland in half a day and it sticks, where a cold mix, I don't care what you do, I don't care what a salesman tells you, it is not going to stay. It's coming back out and your going to be doing it again. It's perfect for me, it's perfect for our situation.

Mike said I think if we have County entities that need it, I think we ought to keep it in the county.

Mike Haffner said I agree.

Mike asked your going to get with Meeks and come up with a plan?

Mike Haffner said I don't know what we are allowed.

Meeks said it has to be surplus, it doesn't have to be worthless.

Mike said we just need a resolution to say its surplus property and then we just give it away.

Meeks aid it can be worth something and you can give it to another municipality. And you don't need it?

Mike Haffner said I don't need it.

Mike said so it is surplus.

Gary made a motion to take that approach and designate it surplus and donate it to Farmland and Parker to use in that area, keep that part of the county cared for since were not using it. We need to utilize it somewhere in the county if it's useful.

Melvin said I will let anybody use it. If Ridgeville needs it they are more than welcome to come get it.

Gary said that's a good approach.

Melvin said because I am not going to use it every day and if someone calls me, I will say yes, I will go down and plug it in. If you plug that in and put it on low, tomorrow it's like hot mix and it's so much easier to put it into a hole than fighting cold mix.

Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike Haffner said do I just need to get the Auditor the VIN number and everything?

Meeks said yes.

Mike Haffner said Five Star, our IT, we have a quote and I guess at this point I am not recommending anything at this particular meeting, yes, we do need help but they proposed \$500.00 a month and I am not budgeted for anything close to that. I've got to get my hands wrapped around why, I was thinking it would come in at \$1500.00 per year not \$500.00 a month. Maybe we just need to get back together and get an understanding of the scope of what we need and if the major expense of that is to try to be hooked up to the same system as the courthouse maybe we don't have to do that, we can our information in another way.

Mike said I think it would be a benefit for the highway department to become part of this system, but that's different than to have the company take care of you at \$500.00 a month. Once that's done, that's done. Now when you have issues out there, then the company is going to resolve those issues. That could be done in time and material, when that happens, based upon what Adam said at our last meeting, that is going to pretty much take fiber out there for that to happen.

Mike Haffner said there is no fiber out there.

Mike said I know that, we've discussed connecting the central tower to fiber, which that was a project we discussed at the last meeting, which would open up as I understand it and Adam is not here to help us though this but, it was my impression to get on our system here you would about need to have fiber. Then, what I would suggest is, if and when that's done then the Highway Department be treated the same as the Sheriff's Department, be treated the same as the other departments and you're just part of the courthouse umbrella for the services of Five Star.

Mike Haffner said then the Highway just reimburse the county for the fee, for time and materials.

Mike said if that all happens then you would service you like the other departments and we would negotiate what that would cost. Right now, we are paying them x number of dollars a month to represent all but the highway department, pretty close to it and we would pay them more to bring you in but that's not going to happen until we have some sort of better internet connection with you I presume. If you need help now, I don't know what kind of help you need now.

Mike Haffner said a lot of my concern is backing up the computers, if we would have lightning hit or supposedly we are surge protected but if we would lose our main computer, there is a lot of information that I would rather have that stuff backed up. Let me talk to them and see what we can do short term.

Tom asked do you put that on a hard drive every day, your information and store it?

Mike Haffner said all our daily's and everything.

Mike said do you put that on a disk?

Mike Haffner said right now we've got an external hard drive but it's pretty old I guess I don't put a lot of trust in it and it doesn't get backed up every day. Just when ever we think about doing it and that's not the best way to deal with it.

Mike said if you are concerned with backing it up, you probably should back it up every day.

Mike Haffner said I need to see what we need to do there to be able to accomplish that. The only other thing that I have is I've still got a lot of vacation time; my grace period is October 17th. It looks like I'm going to be a couple days short of being able to take that, I've been trying to use as much as I can but I didn't know, do I just lose that or can I possibly carry over a couple days?

Mike said which would you prefer?

Mike Haffner said I would rather carry over a couple if I could. With no assistant and then the switching of our office administrator, it's been tough to take time.

Mike asked do you know how many days you're going to lose.

Mike Haffner said I've got basically 69 hours but I figure if you would let me carry over two days, I plan on taking Wednesday, Thursday this week and a couple days next week.

Mike said so you can get it down to two days?

Mike Haffner said I can get it down to two days, 20 hours.

Mike said I think considering your personnel circumstances, I wouldn't have a problem with that.

Gary said I agree.

Mike made a motion to carry over 20 hours vacation time for Mike Haffner. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike Haffner said I appreciate that.

Mike said we appreciate you Mike, I know there's been a lot of changes.

Mike Haffner said a lot of changes but I think were on the right path.

Mike asked do you have anything else?

Mike Haffner said no.

Mike said I am going to raise an issue and that is Erin and her lack of 40 hours and it's accumulating comp time for her and council meets again tomorrow. Unfortunately, I am not going to be able to go although it's not my month. I think if we want Erin to get 40 hours, we need to make a plea with Mike to convince Council that it makes sense for her to have 40 hours because she's the only Highway Department employee that does not and obviously she's needed for 40 hours because she's building comp time every week and so eventually it's going to come back and the County is going to be responsible for that comp time either in more vacation benefit because I'm not going to sit here and tell here she is going to lose vacation if she gets over 60 hours of comp time. I don't know what you guys are thinking but I would vote to roll her vacation over and eventually she's going to be paid out for it. It's going to cost the county ultimately one way or the other and I think it makes perfect sense that she be able to and I was remiss at last meeting because I didn't say anything about it at the last council meeting I attended in September. Not that it would have mattered but at least we would have been able to say our piece and I know that even sometimes good things if you revisit them more and more they finally are convinced and agree with your opinion and in this case it's really a good thing that we are trying to do for the county and hopefully we can convince them.

Tom said I will become the thorn in the flesh for the Council tomorrow.

Mike said we've had three months of opportunity, I wasn't the only one that didn't make the correct presentation.

Mike Haffner said I did talk to Joe Copeland and I know you're going to be talking about it later, but he said he definitely would not be doing secretarial type work that there was too much field work for him to do, so he would actually be adding more duties, if this happens, he is going to need so many hours dedicated to support his purpose so maybe that is the approach to take.

Mike asked are you planning to be at Council tomorrow?

Mike Haffner said yes, I can.

Mike said I think I would be there if Tom's going to make the plea. I have full faith that Tom will convince Council tomorrow. Do we want to go ahead and talk about the Highway Engineer agreement?

Highway Engineer Agreement

Meeks said at this point, I just need a vote from you guys, you have the agreement, it's not finalized. I just like a vote so when I talk to Martin this afternoon I can tell him you voted three to zero to move forward. Maybe appoint Tom to iron out the last of the details, one of you three to iron out the last of the details. The only real detail left is on page 4 or 5, it is the one that says insert salary here. It's on item 13 at the bottom, it's got the vehicle insurance and plates, cell phone, software, other items.

Mike read the county highway engineer shall be furnished a vehicle by Randolph County, the following expenses related the vehicle shall be split equally and subject to the above reimbursement procedure between Randolph County and Henry County.

Meeks said then you see a note.

Mike said to be obtained from Henry County Auditor.

Meeks said yes, so I think we need to get some information, he needs to get some information from his Auditor. If you go to exhibit A on the very bottom they need to detail the list of the benefit package, which they need to get form their Auditor because we don't have that information. That's the only two items left on this thing. Basically, filling in the blanks.

Mike said as I understand it all of these expenses will be split 50/50.

Meeks said 50/50 and there is in there, that I got added, he is going to split his time equally between the counties.

Mike said I saw that, and then the benefits package, were still waiting on that as well.

Meeks said yes and that is to be split 50/50. I know with the vehicle there is a federal reimbursement rate it's like sixty cents a mile or something like that. I know part of that is for gas and the rest of it's for everything else. So, I need to find that, where that's said in the IRS website how they break that down.

Mike said obviously the vehicle expenses will be the counties responsibility, I presume driving between here and Henry County that will be a county expense that Randolph and Henry will share. There is a \$3.00 assessment in here for personal use.

Meeks said that is his personal use. They would have to put that on his W2.

Tom said do we share that?

Meeks said it's not our expense.

Mike said it's his expense.

Tom aske where's that \$3 come from?

Meeks said it just goes on his W2 as a fringe benefit.

Mike said he would be responsible to track that.

Meeks said he just get's a \$3 per day fringe benefit.

Mike said so, it's automatically added.

Meeks said that's what we do.

Mike said I think it's a good thing. You think it's a good thing, don't you?

Tom said yes.

Gary said I think we just need to move forward.

Mike said Henry County has approved this?

Meeks said they approved it 2/1. That's what Martin Shields told me. I'm suppose to talk to him this afternoon after our meeting.

Gary made a motion to move forward with the interlocal agreement between Randolph and Henry County for joint employment of their Highway Engineer subject to final revisions. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Meeks said I have been talking to Tom a lot about this, should I just keep talking to Tom.

Mike said I am okay with Tom representing us, do you have time?

Tom said yes.

Brandan Wright, FiveStar – Sophos and Phishing Campaign quote

Brandan said I came last month to discuss the phishing attack that happened here and proposed a couple of our solutions that we have. The quote that you have in front of you is for our phishing campaign and for Sophos which is our end point and server protection, antivirus protection.

You'll see that there are two different line items there, phishing campaign which basically does a simulated phishing and then it will also come with a workshop, you'll see that is a total of \$6,000.00 and then our Sophos end point protection which will have 125 devices protected and 14 servers protected, comes out to \$7,038.28. The grand total at the bottom is \$13,038.28.

Another note also, the Sophos end point will replace your semantic, so whatever your paying now for semantic, you won't pay that anymore and you'll basically be paying Sophos instead.

Mike asked the first line on Sophos is for one year and that's every year thereafter?

Brandan said yes, you will have a renewal.

Mike said is this Sophos like a firewall?

Brandan said it's an antivirus protection.

Aaron said that's installed on all the staff work stations, all the servers. Basically, you have semantic now, its just a different company. I don't know what their pricing looks like but its usually, their pretty close. I would say close to being a wash.

Mike asked is this better than semantic?

Aaron said we believe so, yes.

Mike said you are saying we don't need it because we have semantic.

Aaron said semantic is going to expire in November or December, so that renewal is going to be due here at the end of the year.

Mike asked do you have any idea how old the semantic is?

Aaron said it's relatively up to date, a lot of the newer products stay up to date.

Mike said I don't know when we bought it.

Aaron said it's been before our time, but it's been here for quite a while.

Mike said is there any chance of finding out when we bought it? My point is if we bought it two or three years ago and now were buying another one that basically replaces it that you guys think is better. I understand that, we haven't got our full benefit out of it. If it's ten years old, then we've got our full benefit out of it, it might make sense to invest \$7,000.00 on a new system. I really think before we go forward with this and Adam is not here today. I would like Adam,

you've got a lot of technology proposals in front of us and he's got a bunch of them, I gather this Sophos is tower related.

Aaron said yep, we will install it on the servers, that's that second line item of \$1500.00, that's the server piece and then the work station is the first line item there. It actually gets installed on every machine.

Mike said if we buy the second list, even though the first \$6,000.00 is probably just as important, were a little more protected.

Aaron said yes, the first two items try to help teach your users better cyber hygiene as we like to call it and then the antivirus is kind of the fail safe for if they do click on something or do something.

Mike said I had a question come up two weeks ago, a question in my mind. I got an email on my county government email from a contact and it was an odd email, asked me for my cell phone number, so I deleted it. My question is, is that a phishing, is that an attack at me or have they attacked my contact?

Aaron it's both, chances are if it looks like it's from someone you know, they've probably been part of some sort of incident and then they reach out, they try to prey on your relationships and knowing other people, so a lot of people see somebody they know and instantly all their guards go down.

Mike said they weren't very smart they said they wanted my cell phone number and I knew this person had my cell phone number.

Aaron said with the phishing campaign techniques, those are the types of things were trying to, it's almost like muscle memory for an athlete, it's like keep training, keep training, keep training and you're a little bit better protected each time.

Mike said I would recommend we take this under advisement and find out the cost of the existing system. Adam should be back at our next meeting and he'll have lots of quotes for us. Is that okay Tom.

Aaron said like I said your good until December on the antivirus, so it's not like you need to do it next week.

Jentry Flesher – Insurance renewal

Jentry said good news. I don't know if everybody had a chance to review. The premium is going down a little bit, not many changes and didn't take it to market this year. I learned a lot last year and understand that the relationship with Bliss McKnight is really good. I did want to point out the fact, you guys probably know, Dave retired, our marketing representative. Joe Cox is representing us now and they're currently trying to fill another position in the state of Indiana. They always tell me if you know anybody send them our way that would be good and experienced. Our blanketed building did go up a little bit, I added the communication towers,

put \$3 million dollars on those and added those to our schedule of structures. Property took some rate but as you can see at the bottom there, it went from \$67,000.00 up to \$79,000.00. I think they have taken some losses across the country. Really rates in general, we're entering what's called a hard market with the Covid era and inflation in general. We're seeing our book tick up a little bit in premiums. Public agency, multiclass ability now, this was advantages to us since Chub went up, liability went down several thousand, it went from \$117 to roughly \$105. It kind o made up for the property increase.

Mike said with the property increase, you added the communication towers.

Jentry said that \$3 million shouldn't have contributed to all of it.

Mike said not all of it. Some of it did.

Jentry said I crossed referenced our auto schedule with Danita and we are up to date on that, no changes in the coverage. It went up as well, it went up from \$88,500 to \$96,500. On the workman's compensation, we took advantage of a couple things, it looks like our audit kind of brought some payroll down, which helps on the overall rate and then we had an extremely good year from a loss stand point, so if you go down to the experience modification, we went from a 1.03 down to a 0.83, which is a really good thing. Anytime you're under one on those, your doing well. You can see the premium advantage from that, going from \$111,000.00 down to roughly \$89,000.00. Overall, we went on the whole package we went from \$385,705.00 down to \$369,574.00.

Mike said a 5% decrease, is what I figured. Are there any questions of Jentry? Job well done.

Jentry said thank you. That being said there's a catch. Our cyber insurance comes due in November and the current carrier is getting out of municipalities. This is a tough market, it's getting nailed right now because of all the malicious malware attacks and ransomware. Actually, I heard a statistic the other day that since Covid began, malicious malware attacks are up 55%. On my ride here this morning, I heard Johnson Memorial Hospital there in Franklin got hit this week. It is kind of the harsh reality. The catch is what ever I bring to the table, there is going to be a cost associated with it. Your options are very limited, if you don't have multifactor authentication protection with all the users in the system.

Mike said we are moving in that direction.

Jentry asked are they getting a quote on multifactor authentication?

Mike said Adam is pursuing that for us.

Jentry said I will touch base more with him. Essentially what I am hearing is that I can't even get an indication unless that's in the plans.

Mike said I know we've talked about it, and I know we've asked him.

Jentry said I will check with him and maybe he will have more indication in two weeks.

Mike said the sooner we get on that the better. We don't have any cyber included in this package, do we?

Jentry said no, not at all. Prior to my arrival, we didn't have any. It's not a fun premium to pay, it's still hard for me to wrap my head around it. I think it is more of a necessity now than ever. Probably the first meeting in November I'll be back to discuss that a little further.

Mike asked when's that expire.

Jentry said it expires the 7th of November.

Mike said if there are no other questions of Jentry, we need to approve the renewal as presented.

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

Chris Beasley, EDPR – Road Use Agreement for Headwaters II and Riverstart

Mike said as I understand it the paving is about done.

Chris said yes, so 90% of the roads have been wedged and leveled, 8 miles have been finish paved and 2 miles are probably going to be moved over to next year since there are still blades at the lay down yard, that are to be removed, so we don't want to restore those until after all that blade removal is complete. For the most part all that work is getting close to finish. I think Scott Fisher plans to wrap up in mid-October.

Mike asked Mike Haffner do you have any input on this?

Mike Haffner said we have had meeting and discussed this and are in agreement.

Mike said the scope of work, the clarifications, the assumptions are the same as we discussed at our last meeting, I believe. I think we're ready to sign the third amendment to the agreement regarding county roads and drains between Headwater Windfarm II LLC and Randolph County. Does anybody have any questions?

Tom made a motion to approve the third amendment to the agreement regarding county roads and drains between Headwater's windfarm II LLC and Randolph County Indiana. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Chris said on Riverstart solar, we are wrapping up construction of the facility here soon, looking at November 27th. We are actually producing energy at this point on a limited basis. So, now it is time to start looking at road restoration, the main issue that we are seeing is that the weather is getting colder, so we can't do a full restoration this year. We definitely want to do some work before winter hits, so were not interfering with road maintenance, plowing, salting, sanding. I've worked with Scott Fisher and met with Mike and Tom to discuss a restoration plan I'd like to put

forward, it's a two-stage plan with us doing some work this fall to get us through winter and then doing the rest in the spring. If you all don't mind, we can run through the plan and discuss it.

Mike said sure.

Chris said it's a pretty long document but I think we can cover it all on the first page. The roads labeled 1, 2, & 3, 850 South, 600 South and 500 West, those roads are in pretty rough shape and we are actually done using those segments, we can totally wrap up operations over there. So, the proposal there is to totally overlay those roads with a 3 ½ inch asphalt layer and call those restored. The county will be able to come out and look at the repairs, if you are all in agreement with them being back into preconstruction condition or greater then we'd stop using them. The roads labeled 3 & 4 in the northeast corner in light blue, that's 200 West and 600 South, those we still need to use but a lot of those sections are gravel right now, so what we would do to get those back to a more maintainable surface for the winter is we would put a 2 ½ inch asphalt layer over the top of that and then in the spring when we are all done and wrapped up we'll come in and bring another 1 ½ inch layer of asphalt on top to put the finish seal in. Then you got three sections of road in orange, 600 South, 300 West and 200 West, those roads held up really well through out construction, I think the biggest issue on those is cracking and so the plan is to just go through with two layers of chip seal to reseal those roads. The exception there is 300 West, I believe where Mike brought up that you'd want more of an asphalt type finish, so what we were thinking is we'd come through with a fog seal where they spray some kind of finish, I'm not sure.

Mike said that was one of the best roads in the county before you started.

Chris said yes, it held up well because of it. Chris asked Mike Haffner do you want to describe the seal that we would put on 300 West?

Mike Haffner said basically, I brought up that potentially that needs to be milled and ground and 1 ½ inch of new asphalt but, there's a lot of cracks in it but we possibly could chip and seal that and then fog seal it, it would be kind of like some of the state highways we see where they use a smaller aggregate and then you go back in and fog seal it and that helps contain the loose particles. Now, the fog seal will eventually leave, it's not a permanent deal but it is kind of a compromise. The next three years even on the Headwater's I all them paved roads are going to need eventually chip and sealed over them. Life expectancy of pavement is only seven to ten years at the very most. I think we can get by with chipping it and fog sealing it.

Mike said it sounds like there is a difference of opinion in the condition of the road right now. Am I correct on that?

Mike Haffner said there are definitely a lot of cracks.

Mike said it sounds to me like we are taking a step backwards if we chip and seal that road. Is that a fair assessment? We're talking 300 West is paved.

Mike Haffner said 300 West is definitely paved.

Mike said and if we chip and seal it, it's chip and seal, it's a different road.

Tom said they are not removing the asphalt underneath it.

Mike said I understand that, they didn't do that on Huntsville road either. So, that's from 800 to 600?

Chris said yes, from 850 South to 600 South. I think part of the point that Mike was making is that road would have to be chip sealed soon here anyhow.

Mike Haffner said below 36.

Mike said not North of 36.

Mike Haffner said well 300 West basically was in our radar eventually to chip and seal 300 West from 36 to the county line.

Mike said south of 36. Not north of 36. We just finished north of 36 with a community crossing.

Mike Haffner said it would be several years before I would have to do any work north.

Mike said my concern is you come off 32, which a lot of people do and head down 300 West across the Community Crossings pavement, across the new bridge and you get to 600 South and then you run into chip and seal road and believe me people are used to that road being wide and smooth and they are traveling at a high speed out there. Again, I am going to say chip and sealing it is a step backwards in my opinion. Then were talking about the same thing for 200 West between 850 and 700.

Chris said 200 West, I think that's between 700 and 36. So, 200 West and 600 South those will just be standard two-layer chip seal without the fog.

Mike said so, seven is different than six.

Chris said yes, the way to think about it is all but orange roads 6, 7, 8 they get two layers of chip seal but on 300 West we added the fog seal since your covering that with an asphalt road, kind of replicates that feel.

Tom said my opinion was that we, it would really be a waste of money to redo that, to grind it and redo it now. It has shown the life of that surface. To go back and grind it and repave it now is really a little redundant. It could still have many years of useful life but somehow, we'd like to be compensated for that life, the extra traffic that they did during construction.

Mike asked do you have to grind it to repave it?

Tom said part of it starts to get really high, you just get the road surface a lot higher than the ditch and then the side ditches are a little harder to mow and so forth. That's the problem with going on top of it.

Mike said I can't imagine an inch and a half being that big of a problem.

Tom said not the first time, no.

Mike said it's probably not been paved over since it's been paved, so this would be the first time. Stop shoulder and shoulder repair, that's the purple?

Chris said that's the purple. Those roads all held up very well. There're different sections that could use chip or asphalt in various degrees, here, there not everywhere. I do want to clarify the shoulder repair would really apply anywhere in the project area that it's needed. Then the culvert repair would apply to culverts number 12, that's 400 West, where the culvert was crushed right and were just going to cut through and replace it before we do any road repair. So, it's a nice finish.

Mike Haffner said just a small 12-inch pipe.

Mike asked that's the only one you tore up?

Chris said I believe so.

Mike said is that all we need to do?

Chris said we don't have a road use right now but we were hoping to get Scott Fisher an okay to start moving forward. So, I just wanted to float this plan in front of the Commissioner's, see your thoughts on it so we could start doing these restorations this fall.

Mike said the dark blue, the light blue has stage one, stage two, I'm taking that to mean fall and spring.

Chris said the dark blue is one stage repair meaning we are going to completely restore those roads this fall and then we'll stop using them for gravel trucks and any construction traffic over that of a typical 4 x 4. That is just a one stage repair. Then the lighter blue, we'll do 2 ½ inches of asphalt this fall then in the spring we'll come back with another 1 ½ inch.

Mike said so your planning to do the two-pass chip seal and the fog on 300 West this fall?

Chris said that will have to be in the spring.

Mike said so you're waiting until spring to do that?

Chris said yes, it's too cold out to do any chip seal.

Mike said I guess I am not in favor of that, I guess I want to preserve that decision. I'm not sure why it couldn't be crack sealed and paved over or just paved over 1 ½ inches. Again, I think two things we spent a lot of money on that road both when we did it and recently when we did the north half above 300. The windfarm caused us to do it. Headwater's I, you guys did a great job on that road from 300 North to about 200 South and then we put a new bridge in and then it was not very good from the bridge north to 32 so we spent the money to do the bridge north to 32 and that road from 32 to 36 was I'm going to say one of the best roads in the county. Now it's not and chip and sealing it is not going to make it any better. That's where my disappointment is. I don't claim to know a lot about highways but 1 ½ inch of pavement on top of that road now, I don't think is going to create a whole lot of side ditch problems.

Tom said not grind it but just put another inch and half.

Mike said just put it down. Unless that is not from the road standpoint a good thing to do. Again, I don't know roads that well.

Mike Haffner said potentially it might not be 1 ½ inch, we might need maybe an inch instead of 1 ½ inch.

Mike said I don't know how thick two-ply chip seal is.

Tom said it's close to an inch if you use 11's.

Mike Haffner said 11's would be about 3/8 of stone.

Mike said I just don't think I want chip seal on that.

Mike Haffner said an overlay of asphalt.

Mike said that is what I would prefer. I don't know where that takes us Chris.

Chris said I also don't know a whole lot about roads so I can definitely relate to you there. I felt like the general consensus with the meeting with Scott and the group was that the fog seal was kind of good for restoration, do your chip seal and that fog seal goes on top and that kind of brings you back up to what you'd expect out there, that said, I personally have never even seen a fog seal, I don't know what it is. I think what I will do is I'll go back, talk to Scott, talk with the group, try to figure out what we can do. In the meantime, though, I'm going to start drafting the road use amendment to put in place a restoration plan. Is that something that the Commissioner's would be okay with agreeing to this fall.

Mike said yes, my only concern would be number six on here. I am in agreement otherwise. I don't know how you feel Gary.

Gary said I don't have any problems with the others, I think we need to get as much done this fall as we can to get it so we can get through the winter.

Mike said again, you are not planning on doing anything on six this fall?

Chris said no, only 1, 2 & three.

Mike said will you being some on 4 too?

Chris said yes, 1, 2, 3 & 4 will all get some work this fall.

Mike said I think you have our consensus, is that enough.

Chris said that works. Then I just wanted to bring up, two points really quick. Just informational really. On the Headwater's II windfarm, were seeing some issues on tv interference, way more than we ever experienced in the past at a really rapid pace, we got a lot of tv complaints out there. We also, as these are coming in we lost our operations manager, he's retired, so we're doing a team change and so these issues have been delayed in being solved. We definitely recognize that, it's going to get fixed. I just wanted to let you know so your aware of what's going on out there and that we are cognizant of it and are going to take care of it.

Mike asked have you heard anything?

Tom said yes, I have heard quite a few complaints. I hope if they remedy that it will help us move along with our conduit easements.

Mike asked Gary have you heard anything? I haven't heard anything. The only one I received was Headwater's I and I think you guys done a good job taking care of that. I trust at this point your do a good job taking care of these.

Chris said on the solar, less of an issue right now since construction's mostly over but we definitely recognize that traffic control is I think our biggest miss in construction and things that could've done better, we could've had a lot more signage out there and done the speed limit change early on. In future phases, if we can build future phases, we will definitely keep more traffic control in mind and do a better job there.

Mike said it was a learning experience.

Tom asked how are things coming along with Modoc and this next phase. Are they coming up with some projects that hopefully the Council can buy into?

Chris said we've struggled to get time with them but I think we've got some meetings in the books for the next week or two. Greg Beumer is helping with that. Grace is moving along well with reaching out to the Community around the project, especially with neighborhoods and all that. I think overall it is going well, it's just a little slow.

Other Business:

Art Movstner, Randolph County Sheriff – Fire Alarm Panel

Art said I had emailed a copy of the two quotes for the fire alarm system replacement.

Mike said you did, they were close.

Art said I think they were within four or five hundred dollars of each other. We have had the same company for several years that comes in and services all that for us and they work closely with Fairchild and that was their recommendation because I would like to keep them, I know that's the higher of the two, like I said it's within \$400.00. I know we've been having issues within the system, getting false alarms and what not. They did an inspection the other day, we had an issue with one of the backup batteries that they've taken care of for us, I would like to see us move forward with this, the system we have currently is the original, it's 20, almost 30 years old now.

Tom said my concern is it seems like you got a lot of vendors you have to deal with, all the electronics and everything. I was assuming the fire system would be included in that system.

Art said in which part?

Tom said when we did all the doors, all the electronic for all the doors.

Art said they are two separate systems.

Tom said is there a problem identifying issues, you got electronics going bad. It's very complicated.

Art said it is and one of the things that when we update this system, by making it kind of an IP based system, there's some communication that we can provide between the door controls and the fire system to make the building a little safer and some things that they recommend we do with regard to if we have a fire alarm in the building and it's not acknowledged within a certain amount of time, it starts setting off escape routes. Since it's all IP based electronic we can kind of funnel inmates to where we want them to go, so that if there is an area in one part of the building we can send them to outdoor rec or we can send them someplace else in the building. I think by updating this it makes the building safer.

Mike said when you say escape route, it doesn't mean they go out on the street.

Art said no, just from the alarm area. No, it would not do a complete release until your well into the situation and there would already be some communication sent out to put law enforcement into place so that we can contain that, we actually have some plans set up in the jail in the event we would have to remove them from the building completely.

Mike asked do you have the money to pay for this?

Art said I do not.

Mike asked Angela do you have any thoughts on where this money could come from.

Angela asked what was the dollar amount please?

Mike said \$30,207.14, I believe.

Art said the amount is \$28,905.00, there is a tax on the Fairchild of \$1302.00 that will come off as soon as we create an account, so that they can put the tax-exempt status on us.

Mike said \$28,905.00 even.

Art said yes.

Angela said this is strictly for the jail?

Art said yes.

Angela said you could use misdemeanor.

Mike said Council could choose to do that.

Angela said you asked where we could pay this from.

Mike said is there any other money we could use? What is the balance in Cum cap?

Angela said \$8,000.00. There is still some money available in the Commissioner's line in cum cap. We have that every year basically for emergencies.

Mike said I would say that we approve this and let Council decide where to pay for it. How much is in that misdemeanor fund?

Angela said about \$96,000.00.

Gary said it is something that needs to be done and I agree with Mike, I will make a motion to approve the project moving forward and let Council fund it.

Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Art said the other thing that is going to be replaced and I just want you guys know and I may end up taking this out of commissary, I'm not sure yet. They told us when they done an inspection in the kitchen, the system that we have apparently was set up, it's over the stove, apparently was set up when it was originally put in, apparently animal fat was the predominant, what they used.

Mike said it's better for you.

Art said they talked about since it's a lot of vegetable oil base now for cooking, they are recommending we switch that system out for a cost of \$1,120.00.

Mike said they have different systems for vegetable oil and animal fat?

Art said they do.

Mike said who is recommending that?

Art said it is the EFP which is an expert fire protection that does that. It is something they sent to Jail Commander Moore. I am going to have someone else come in and look at it before we move forward.

Mike asked do you have that cleaned?

Art said yes, they service it every year, I believe.

Mike said that group does or somebody else?

Art said this group. We thought about having the other company that we use come in and look at that also to give a second opinion.

Mike said I've not heard of that but if they say it needs to be done.

Art said that is one of the recommendations they have.

Mike said how old is that, I presume it's like Ansel system?

Art said this system is original.

Mike said and they clean it?

Art said they do clean it and service it. I would also tell you that just to share, right now the jail is operating on a bit of a restriction with a few of the inmates inside have tested positive. The staff is doing well in maintaining that, managing that and we've kept it low so far. We avoided it for about 18 months and it finally caught up to us.

Regular Claims \$584,408.34

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

Payroll Claims \$217,775.08

Gary made a motion to approve the payroll claim 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

Tom made a motion to continue to table these claims. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Rex Collins Electric claim \$11,122.00

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

EDPR Claim \$2,000,000.00

Mike said we signed the amended road use agreement for Headwater's II so we have their claim for the \$2,000,000.00 that they deposited with us before the road use agreement signed. Now that we signed the road use agreement I'd entertain a motion to approve this claim.

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

Mike said should we wait to release the money until we get a signed copy of the agreement back from them.

Tom said yes.

Barnes & Thornburg Claim \$2500.00

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

Reese Tower Service claim \$8250.00

Mike said the Reese Tower Service claim in the amount of \$8,250.00 is for the inspection of our central, north and south towers, which we do have reports on and I think we are probably going to talk about a little later.

Mike asked where are we paying this from?

Angela said from the Communication tower's bond unless you instruct me differently.

Mike said I think that is appropriate.

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

Randolph County United \$20,000.00

Mike said the next item is the Randolph County United claim in the amount of \$20,000.00. This is the transfer for the payment of salaries for Randolph County Tourism.

Gary made a motion to approve this claim as presented. Mike seconded. Two aye votes. 1 nay vote. Motion carried.

Tom said I talked to some of the people on the Tourism committee and there was some concern that they were not consulted with all of the changes that happened.

Mike said this has nothing to do with the changes.

Tom said I am concerned that this is going to lead to more controversy, that is why I am opposed to it.

Mike said the claim is signed by Cheryl Prescott and Jim Nunez, both on the Tourism Commission. As I understand it, this is from last years budget while Scottie was full time at Randolph United, Tourism was going to chip in \$20,000.00 for her salary and that is what this claim represents.

Kleinpeter Consulting \$4950.00

Mike said we have a Kleinpeter Consulting claim in the amount of \$4,950.00 and this is for the first invoice of the OCRA phase three Covid grant.

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

Randolph County YMCA \$33,500.00

Mike said we have a Randolph County YMCA claim in the amount of \$33,500.00 which is the Covid 3 YMCA PPE and payroll, this is grant money as well.

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

SysAid Technologies Claim \$3,154.00

Mike said the SysAid Technology claim in the amount of \$3,154.00 and this is for?

Laura said this is one of the program's you approved IT purchasing.

Mike said for cloud data base storage.

Tom asked is this a one year?

Mike said yes, it's an annual expense. Which we approved as another back up opportunity.

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

Mike said I am wondering if Mike Haffner couldn't use this as a backup as well once he's on our system. I wouldn't thing we would have to pay more for this.

MPX Change Order number 03C-02

Mike said MPX change order number 03C-02.

Laura said you tabled this last time.

Mike said this adds the \$25,000 and brings it down to \$153,000.00. Why did we table it, I don't recall?

Angela said the amount of the original broadband was \$105,000.00 and if it's truly a change order then I would think that \$105,000 in its entirety would be reflected there and it is not. So, one of two things have happened, you have overpaid for your concrete on the public safety side in the amount of \$27,000.00 and we did in fact pay \$27,000.00.

Mike said we added \$25,000.00 at one time.

Angela said that is a change order for Randolph Eastern, that was negotiated and they paid us.

Mike said wasn't the original contract for five towers.

Angela said it did not include Randolph Eastern.

Mike said they were not included originally?

Angela said no.

Mike said so that is the problem.

Angela said they were just able to use our vendor's because of pricing.

Mike said so the original contract sum should remain as \$205,103.00 plus \$76 which would be \$125 is what the contract on this change order.

Angela said we have been dealing with this \$27,000.00.

Mike said do we want to table that?

Gary said yes.

Tom said yes.

Intellispac Corsium Data Management Solution Agreement

Mike said we already did this.

Laura said the copy I had did not have all the pages and no signature, I received this on in it's place.

Mike ask Meeks have you reviewed this?

Meeks said yes.

Mike said this is for EMS, I would entertain a motion to approve the Intellispace Corsium Management Solution Agreement.

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

EDIT Plan

Mike said this brings us to our EDIT plan which we received a copy of. Are there any questions about the EDIT plan?

Tom asked when is that meeting.

Gary said it's a week from Wednesday.

Meeks said October 13th at 6:00 pm.

Mike said you have added Achieva Resources for \$5,000.00 for 2022?

Meeks said yes.

Mike asked Laura could you let him know that we have approved that?

Laura said yes.

Tom made a motion to approve the EDIT plan amendments which adds the broadband initiative and the Achieva Resources. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said our EDIT meeting is a week from Wednesday at 6:00 pm.

Comp time report

Mike said we received a copy of our comp time reports via email. Are there any questions or comments on comp time?

Farm lease – Phil Howell

Mike asked is this the same terms?

Meeks said a little different term because it's for three years, not one year. Everything else is the same.

Mike asked is this for the pasture just north of the old county home?

Tom said yes. I will make a motion to approve this lease as presented. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Additional Appropriations:

Solid Waste

Recycling \$24,000.00

Mike said I think your case was that you needed them both. Do you recall when you presented this to us?

Art said it was the last Council meeting that I presented to them, I presented to you prior to that.

Mike said the total for the body cam package was \$172,077.00 the mobile cameras is \$118,638.00, that would be \$291,408.00. That was from your email sent to me back in August. You didn't get any grant?

Art said I have not received anything, I put in for one grant, I have not received word on it, the state still has not sent us information on the grant that they used to fund their body camera's in July. The rest of us still haven't received any guidance.

Mike said if you get the grant you applied for, what will we do with that?

Art said I would apply it towards the cameras. My recommendation to the Council was that we plan and what I signed to do was over a five-year commitment for payments, so that when they invoice us initially it's that minimum invoice of about \$35,000.00 and if the grants come in next year, then we would be able to apply those toward this project, I hope and then fund it later with the American Rescue plan fund that would still be there.

Mike said so we earmark \$291,408.00 out of the American Rescue Funds to pay for these in the event we need to.

Tom made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$291,408.00 for the Sheriff's body camera and mobile cameras. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Laura Martin

Laura asked the Commissioner's to sign the title to the truck the Building Commissioner is trading in.

Mike said I need to share with the Commissioner's that Randy was a little upset with the dealer in this matter in that the purchase order that we signed and he signed, which the dealer said was the exact same truck as his. The truck did not come with running boards and according to the dealer is about \$500.00 option. The dealer said that we can add the running boards for \$500.00, Randy said he didn't feel like doing that and we kind of discussed it and he said he could find running boards for less money than \$500.00 installed. He's got the truck, the other side of it is, I think he made this deal back in the spring and he's driven the older truck since spring, so it has a lot more miles on it than it originally had.

Tom said we probably came out ahead.

Mike said we came out ahead, I was just sharing that.

Mike Wickersham – Communication towers inspection report

Mike said we have the three tower reports. Gary do you know if Pyramid got a copy of these tower reports?

Gary said I do not.

Mike said I think that is probably the first thing we should do is send them to Pyramid so they can see that basically each tower had an item that needed repaired. Some that needed possible improvements and then additionally items that need to be repaired and 19 issues for all three of the towers needed a consultation with the tower manufacturer and engineer of record to see if they are appropriately installed. That's in addition to the south tower not having appropriate ground cover or weed control and I don't even know if that was part of the contract, the ground cover on the north tower needed grade stone installed and geofabric to prevent weed control and then he's concerned that more needs to be done there just because of the water out there. Have you done anything out there on that Ed?

Ed Thornburg said I have been out there. I think they put a tower in a hole.

Mike said that's concerning.

Ed said it can be drained but not without spending some money.

Mike said so, the engineer of record really needs to get on that and tell us what to do. A simple fix which they failed to do is post signs at all three of the towers, required signs by the FAA and FCC and OSHA. I hope the FCC doesn't come out there if were looking for a special exception to get a license and we don't have signs out there, I'm not sure we'd get a license very easily. One of the interesting ones was, I think each one of them had those installed horizontal members left out there. Why that's left the inspection company didn't quite understand why it was left out there.

Gary said he raised it as an issue.

Mike said it just goes to show that I don't know a whole lot about this kind of construction. I think obviously something needs to be done out there at all three towers and I think for me, we share this with Pyramid and just ask them what they think we should do with it and see if they support us in this or if they hold up their hands and say why you asking us. That's what it boils down to at this point. They're our representative with MPX, with Johnson and with the manufacturer and I would think at least they would bring in the manufacturer to support or argue against our inspector.

Gary said the inspection is there, the issue is there, it's a matter of whether or not it's affecting its structure.

Mike said there are 19 of these, the manufacturer or the engineer needs to give us an opinion that id does or does not.

Tom said the installer hasn't changed his opinion, has he?

Mike said the equipment installer?

Tom said he said he's not climbing it until.

Gary said the installer, MPX said they corrected all the issues that the climbers objected to. I don't think we've heard anything from J&K. I emailed Gary Bates when I knew the inspection date from Reece and told them that they needed to contact J&K to get their climbers on schedule so we could get the rest of that stuff put up there before winter. I don't know because he communicates with Chris, not me.

Mike said they need to see this. These reports, they need to see these reports.

Gary said I talked to Bryan Reece, he called me Friday evening and said that structurally the rest of the equipment could be put on these towers and he thought that they should move forward in doing that. But, he said these issues need to be corrected in his opinion. He said over a weekend or at least by the middle of this week he was going to put together a priority list on all this on what should be done in what order and who should do it in his opinion. Then he said we could either relay it through me or we could set up phone conversation with the three of us and discuss it.

Mike said I think he can relay it through you but I think in the meantime, either you or I or Laura should send this to Terry Burnsworth.

Gary said I agree.

Laura said I didn't get a copy.

Gary said I realized last night that you didn't get a copy.

Mike said the one tower is built off center of the foundation.

Gary said they didn't grout underneath the feet either, I thought that was weird when they were that tall. They should always grout.

Mike said I think it sounds good that he is going to give us a priority list, it sounds good that we can go ahead and put our equipment on there because they're safe now but I don't know what they will be in the future. Then we get Pyramid involved. Anything else on this?

Gary said no we just need to keep moving forward because we're going to be in winter and those guys won't want to climb and fix that.

Mike said it would be even harder to do even if they wanted to do that.

Citizen Comments

None

Adjournment

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

Reviewed and signed this 15 day of November, 2021.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS







ATTEST:



Laura J Martin, Auditor of Randolph County