

Randolph County Commissioners

March 1, 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 Chief Deputy Auditor Angela Lowe, Sheriff Art Moystner and County Attorney Meeks Cockerill.

Michael Wickersham, President presided over the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearing – Covid-19 OCRA grant

Randolph County
OCRA, COVID-19 Phase 3 Grant Application
Public Hearing Minutes
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Randolph County held the rescheduled public hearing for its application to OCRA for COVID-19 Phase 3 daycare assistance at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Randolph County Courthouse. This meeting was rescheduled because of the heavy snow received on the evening of February 15th. The original hearing was scheduled for February 16th. The Randolph County Commissioners postponed their meeting of February 16th to March 1st. Notices of the public hearing change were posted in multiple locations in the courthouse and it was also posted on the Facebook page of Randolph County United. Photos of these postings are included with this application. A second public hearing notice was not published because the local newspaper only publishes on Tuesdays and Thursdays and requires receipt of the advertisement seven days before publication. Time did not permit a second legal advertisement.

Greg Beumer with Kleinpeter Consulting Group, began by explaining the purpose of the public hearing and gave the application due date and the tentative award announcement date. He explained that the county was facilitating an application to assist the three licensed daycare facilities in the county. He then turned the hearing over to Jennifer Faddis, Executive Director of the Randolph County YMCA for her comments.

Hello, I'm Jennifer Faddis, the Executive Director/CEO of the Randolph County YMCA. Licensed childcare is such an important service for our community, and we are honored to be able to provide this service. The YMCA has been providing childcare for our community since 2001. We are extremely proud that we were able to continue providing quality childcare services for our first responders, healthcare workers, and essential personnel during the early months of the pandemic. Our Childcare Centers remained open allowing those workers to continue their important work in the community with the confidence of knowing their children were being cared for in a safe environment. Making even a small profit in the childcare business is difficult in the best of years, and it was made even more challenging in the past 12 months. Without the generous assistance we received from the many

entities, such as the Randolph County Community Foundation, the State of Indiana, the United Way, Frank Miller Lumber, the Paycheck Protection Program, and others our Childcare programs would have suffered considerably due to a 50% drop in enrollment. The YMCA was committed to ensuring that not only we keep our doors open for the community, but also that we continue to pay our entire staff and support their financial needs. Our staff stepped up for our community and we were committed to being there for our staff.

Our income statements may show a profit for 2020, and so far in 2021, however, without the many grants that we received, those numbers would be much different. The majority of the grants we received in 2020 were provided specifically due to the crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic. By no means do we think those same funds will be available in 2021. The Temporary Assistance Grants provided by the State of Indiana to assist childcare facilities which are forced to close due to a COVID-19 related quarantine are getting much harder to receive. With that said though, we still continue to fight the battle of necessary closures when a staff member tests positive for the virus. Due to the necessity to maintain such lean staffing numbers, our staff are required to move amongst multiple childcare rooms, which means a positive COVID-19 case affects multiple rooms, children, and staff. While we do not charge the families during this quarantine period, it is necessary to continue paying our staff in order to keep them. If we were no longer able to pay our staff during these closures, many of our staff members would have no choice but to seek other employment.

We were extremely fortunate to receive the grants and contributions that we did in 2020. These grants allowed us to keep our doors open so far. Our hurdle now is ensuring we survive the rest of 2021 and get back to our normal operation model. We have been in the childcare business for 20 years, so I am confident in saying that we know how to run the business of childcare and with the OCRA grant, I'm confident we will be able to make the push through this final phase of the pandemic and the challenges it presented. This grant will allow us to purchase needed PPE supplies, provide scholarships to families going through difficult times, maintain our payroll to ensure we can retain our loyal staff, and allow us to recoup the losses we have suffered due to decreased enrollment.

Thank you very much for your consideration. We genuinely appreciate your time, effort, and diligence in supporting our childcare programs, and more importantly our entire community.

Danny Hines, Pastor, Winchester First Church of the Nazarene: I am here today on behalf of my wife Amber who is the Director of the KidzTown Academy Daycare. KidzTown Academy started over ten years ago in 2011 as a pre-school and then in 2016 we expanded to offer daycare services. This past year with COVID-19 we saw our number of children drop from 30+ down to about 15 and sometimes even lower than that. We take care of the children of nurse practitioners, county workers, sheriff deputies, teachers and others. Many of these are classified as essential workers. We were very concerned with the drop of attendance but a grant from the State of Indiana, PPP and a grant from the United Way really helped us to stay open. Had those funds not come forward we were anticipating closing and we would have closed for good. But, in the past 10 years we have been open we have figured out how to do this and we even expanded our services during COVID to offer infant care in July 2020 based on demand from our parents. In the next few weeks, we are looking to expand and offer a class for one-year-olds. We are going to expand and grow and this grant can be the push we need to stay and grow our business. We have a great staff, they stuck with us during some tough times and we stuck with them. I want to thank the Commissioners for thinking of us for this grant opportunity as we continue to try to meet the needs of working families in our county.

My name is Lori Lynch and I've been the Preschool Director at the Y for the past two years. It is my job to provide emotional, social and academic skills at the Y daycare so our children can be successful in public school. The Y has been able to offer preschool to our families at minimal extra cost, due

to funding the Y receives through grants, fundraising and donations. The children in our daycare family have multiple needs. Many have special needs, such as ADD, autism, behavior and emotional delays and physical disabilities. We are able to provide a safe and nurturing environment, while their parents are at work. We also have a central location for some of our children to receive their outside therapies, such as PT & OT. It's a benefit for these families with special needs kids, as well as their typical peers, to have a local daycare that can offer them quality care. We really need these daycares and I hope we get this grant. Thank you.

My name is Deann Dixon, I am the previous Childcare Director for the YMCA. I am a foster parent now and I want to speak on behalf of all the parents who take their children to the YMCA. You don't know how important the safety issue is. The Y has the secure door system, the cameras, the windows so we can view the kids and many other safety controls. The children that I deal with now come from trauma situations and as a parent to those children I think it is extremely important to know that I can drop them off and continue to keep my full-time job and not worry about their care. We need the Y daycare centers and KidzTown to be there for us.

I am Ceann Bales, Executive Director of Randolph County United, an economic development, Chamber of Commerce and tourism partnership. We are so blessed to have the KidzTown Academy and the two childcare facilities of the YMCA. They are both top-notch organizations. This makes our job in economic development easier when we have people who come to our communities to look to live here. We can say we have multiple strong daycare centers. People can't work if they don't have a place to take their children. It is critical to get this funding to keep and expand these licensed daycare facilities for Randolph County parents.

My name is Lanett Clark, and I am the director of the YMCA Beynon Family Childcare Center in Winchester. The work we do here at the childcare is essential for our community. We accept children from all backgrounds and work one on one with families to support their needs. For the children, our facility is more than just a "babysitter", we bring education and security to children. We work on meeting age-appropriate milestones and providing activities to foster their development. We learn and play together! For parents, our facility provides safe and consistent care which they can always count on. We help families in our community maintain work because they do not have to worry about having a safe place for their children. We also serve as a support network for low-income and single-parent families who do not have anyone else to rely on. We are more than just childcare; we play a large part in supporting our community and helping to raise strong successful kids for the future. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to go after these funds.

Mr. Beumer thanked everyone for their participation and asked if there were any final comments or questions. Being none, Randolph County Commissioner President, Mike Wickersham concluded the public hearing.

Respectfully submitted.

Greg Beumer

Greg Beumer
Grant Administrator
Kleinpeter Consulting Group

Greg Beumer – OCRA Grant Subrecipient agreements for YMCA and Kidztown

Mike Wickersham called the Commissioners meeting to order and we do have a subrecipient agreement to act on this morning for the YMCA.

Greg said I have two, they are both identical.

Mike said you heard the testimony of the two recipients. Does someone want to move approval of the subrecipient agreement dated March 1st for the Young Men's Christian Association.

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

Mike said does someone want to move approval of the subrecipient agreement with OCRA for Kidztown Academy.

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

Mary Ann Lenkensdofer and Greg Sickels – Airport Additional Appropriation & Claim

Greg Sickels said I am the president of the Randolph County Airport Board of Commissioners and we are requesting appropriation for \$30,000.00. We received a Cares Act grant for \$30,000.00 and that is where that appropriation number is coming from. We have a striping project that is coming up and we would like to use that money to do that project.

Mary Ann asked Greg do you want to tell them the amount of the bid.

Greg said we got five bids, the one we chose is for \$24,857.00.

Tom asked when is the last time you striped, how long will this last?

Greg said the striping was done when the runway project was done, so that has been 10-years.

Mary Ann said I should add that our year end which with Covid we didn't know how bad our income loss would be but we were only down \$10,582.00 from 2019. That is really not to bad considering everything pretty much shut down at times last year.

Mike said what percentage was that do you know?

Greg said about 8%.

Gary made a motion to approve this request for additional appropriation. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said we also have a claim to approve.

Mary Ann said I don't know why she put that on there other than I think you had questioned the claim.

Angela said we didn't have any additional appropriation and the assumption was that would just be paid out of general when we received the \$30,000.00. In actuality you had to get the project approved because the funding from the fuel reimbursement had to go back into general, so therefore if you start a project you need approval to start that project.

Mike said this is a claim for services from Butler Fairman for administration of the Cares Act, they received the grant for you and then the capital improvement plan and then the airport pavement marking assistance for \$3,065.52.

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

Todd Durnil, Pyramid – Cobalt Civil Contracts, MPX Contract

Todd said we have questions about the Cobalt Civil contracts and the MPX contracts. Those contracts included your three primary public safety radio towers which we've got foundations in the ground, towers are on site and being put together in large pieces. The erector set has been half way put together and we are waiting for electricians who we just awarded that contract at one of your last meetings. That is coming along, we are meeting with AEP today at noon on power to the south site, the work on the highway garage electric, we were able to with your suggestion save some money with some value engineering, they've got a brand new generator sitting there at the highway department and they were able to use that generator instead of having two huge generators sitting on one site, so we are running off with a sub meter on that so we'll know how much power is going to the tower. They run that through the garage and getting ready to get some thaw, enough thaw, they will trench that back around to the tower site behind the garage. Wednesday, we meet with them to talk about the north site power.

Tom said is there a generator at the school or are you going to have to use your own generator at the north site?

Todd said as a part of that electrical package we will supply a generator back there, mainly because I think it is going to come from two different services. We are actually tapping onto the highway departments power is the way we are getting around it there.

Tom said at the Deerfield school, how are you going to get power there?

Todd said it will come off the wire, there are power lines that run back towards, there is a waste water treatment plant back there behind the school, so we will come directly off that line.

Mike said we probably don't need the contract, we are so far along on the project.

Todd said we need the contract to pay the bills. I think that was part of the hang up with the school corporation. We also over Christmas break got foundation and tower in place for the school and there is an MOU which was floating around between you and the school and we are hoping that got executed.

Chris said I don't know about executed but what happened was, Meeks made some suggestions on the documents and I revised the document and then I sent it to the Auditor's office. I think we were looking at signing it back at the last meeting but then the storm hit and we didn't have that meeting.

Todd said if you could would you dig that up so that we can pay those contractors for the tower that we put in for the school corporation. The other big issue with these multiple contracts was the broadband towers, questioning do we still want to go through with those four extra broadband towers, can we change heights of broadband towers. What are we on the hook for if we sign these contracts? You are on the hook because we went ahead and did deposits for the towers, you are on the hook for the steel portion of the MPX contract.

Mike said all the towers?

Todd said all seven towers.

Mike said I don't think we have signed a contract for anything.

Todd said correct. So, the MPX steel contract covers all seven towers, those have been produced, they are being held at the supplier, the manufacturer. If you choose not to proceed with the broadband project, we have another county that needs four 180-foot towers and your price is actually better than the price that they got in public bidding.

Mike said how much difference?

Todd said I think it was about \$4,000.00 difference. We would be glad to facilitate an MOU between you and actually there are two other counties that are looking for 180-foot towers. Whatever you decide to do with that the obligation on these other contracts, say the Cobalt contract, Cobalt has not done any work related to broadband towers, we will just do a negative change order to strip the broadband tower value out of their contract at the end.

Gary said the only thing Cobalt did on that was the schools.

Todd said correct. That will come through as a change order, you should have a change order document that comes through with the claims specifically for the schools. I need you guys to approve that change order, but the bills will go to the school. Then you will get one from MPX as well, I am not sure where it is.

Chris said they should have that.

Todd said in addition to that then the next item is the Fuller flooring contract.

Chris said they should have that as well.

Todd said then I have a Rex Collins Electric contract as I said we awarded that at the last meeting, that has been signed by the contractor and it should arrive today for signatures.

Mike said it does, when you say we should have the school's change order, I am looking at four change order documents here, they are for contract site work, contract tower material, contract tower labor, contract concrete.

Todd said yes.

Mike said I can't determine by the looks of those whether those are school or what they are for.

Todd said right here. Change order 01, change order 02 for broadband tower at Randolph Eastern.

Tom said does that memorandum of understanding bind the school to pay us for their project?

Todd said they are just going to pay the contractor straight. The invoice is between the contractor, the contractor is using your contract kind as a state QPA contract. They are going to increase the value of your contract to cover that amount, the bill will go straight to the school and the school is ready to pay it. They just need the mechanism to make it legal.

Meeks said the January 25th email I sent to you Chris, did we make those changes?

Chris said I made the changes and I sent them out, it would have been with an email that said I am not lawyer, I don't profess to be a lawyer.

Meeks said it was a numbering problem, right?

Chris said yes, it was a numbering problem and I think it may have been one word. I reformatted it and made it look pretty.

Mike said it was not attached to the one I received.

Chris said I can go down stairs and get that.

Meeks said if you could print it and bring it up here today, we can get it signed.

Mike said before we get into the Fuller Engineering contract, that is for the floor.

Chris said yes.

Mike said do we have a document on that?

Chris said the floor is 100% done as of Saturday.

Tom said the furniture is in, its completed?

Chris said the room is not 100% done, the floor is 100% done, we have repainted the room, 66% of the furniture is done, the contractor for the furniture is suppose to be here today and tomorrow and then that will be finished.

Todd said they will be here tomorrow; the electrician is putting in grounding under the floor today to each of the computer cabinets. So, the grounding will be done today, furniture tomorrow and then the room should be complete other than putting back the paper.

Mike said we've got two contracts to sign with Cobalt, one is for fencing.

Todd said correct.

Mike said which includes fencing for both the communication towers and the broadband towers.

Todd said correct.

Mike said we also have one for site work for both sets of towers.

Todd said correct.

Mike said basically what we are looking at is, if we choose not to do the broadband sites, then we just change that out.

Todd said correct.

Mike said that raised our initial concern is that we were going to be bound to do the broadband sites with Cobalt if we signed these contracts. We need to approve these contracts and sign them. Then we have the same situation with MPX Solutions, we have labor and tower material and concrete. Again, this was discussed we have already bought the steel, we've not paid for it but we have already bought it.

Gary said the concrete work is done except for the generator pads.

Mike said these include the broadband sites, that can be backed out should we choose not to do four or if we just choose to do one or something of that nature. So, we need to approve those three contracts and then we have four change order documents that Todd just explained are for the Union City project that adds to our contracts but then Union City is going to pay that so, our total bill will be back to what it was. We can go through these one by one, or we can approve them as one lump sum and have them executed today and then that would move us to the ability to pay the claims that we have coming due.

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

Mike said then we have the MPX contracts for tower material, labor and concrete work.

Gary said MPX didn't have concrete did it?

Todd said yes, MPX is who supplied the foundations.

Gary said they did the actual poor? I thought Cobalt did that.

Todd said no.

Tom said when the project is done there won't be any problem with water at the north site in the future, it will be addressed, there won't be flooding on that tower?

Todd said we are going to go visit that today. We are not sure if the extra stone that we brought in there created water problem, in order to get the crane in, but we will restore the site to alleviate any water backing up. We are also going to pour the foundation for the shelter on piers and raise the it up well above grade so if there is a regular issue there that is something beyond what we can correct with the driveway stone.

Chris said there was also a change on the fiber glass shelter too.

Todd said the fiber glass units didn't have a floor in them, these new shelters that we are manufacturing our selves is a metal container so it has a floor to it.

Mike said if we are going to enter into these contracts, I need a motion to approve the MPX Solution contracts for steel, labor and concrete.

Gary made a motion to approve the MPX contracts as explained. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said then we have the four change orders for the broadband tower at the Randolph Eastern School Corporations. We need to execute those as well so we can get that process going to enter the MOU.

Todd said those are time and material for site work, time and material for concrete, time and material for the steel. Material and labor which all fall within, which equals what our broadband tower will cost.

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

Chris Shaneyfelt – Fuller Engineering Contract, Letter of Authorization

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

Chris said the letter of authorization is with Strategic Services, the Indiana 911 board is in the process of covering what's called legacy costs for the 911 centers across Indiana and they need a letter of authorization to talk to our phone vendors because they will not release information without that letter. They are trying to gather what our costs our so the state can begin assuming the cost of the 911 services.

Todd said is Barry you consultant or is he a consultant to the state?

Chris said he is the state consultant.

Todd said he is also the former 911 director to the state.

Mike said you are recommending you give them this authorization?

Chris said yes.

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

Chris said I sent an email to Mike and to Gary Friend on Council asking for funding for a waste dumpster for the demo of the 911 center. Of course, the last meeting didn't happen so we weren't able to do that. We had a dumpster brought in and it cost \$434.00.

Mike said how are we going to pay for that? Cum Cap?

Meeks said I don't know why you couldn't.

Tom made a motion to approve the dumpster at a cost of \$434.00 to be paid out of Cum Cap. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Chris said the last thing I have is when we tore the room apart we had four different colors of paint on the walls blue, white, yellow and brown. In trying to get it to look half way decent I went out and bought paint and supplies on my own and I was hoping I could get reimbursed out of Cum Cap or something along that line. The total amount is \$304.66.

Gary made a motion to approve reimbursing Chris for the paint and supplies in the amount of \$304.66 out of Cum Cap. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said I had a conversation with Terry Burnsworth about raising the height of the 180-foot towers and he said we could add 20 feet to them. We can't add 40?

Todd said no, the reason for that is the FCC requirements, there are a whole lot more bureaucracy if you go over 200 feet. Those towers are constructed in 20-foot sections so 180-foot tower keeps you under that so that you are not delaying.

Mike said I understand that but structurally can we add 40 more feet?

Todd said they would have to build new towers.

Mike said the reason for that is?

Todd said to help support it, if you decide that you want to do that then it would take us a little bit longer to go through the FCC process.

Mike said for that to happen we would have to sell what we have and start over.

Todd said yes.

Mike said but we could go 200-feet without starting all over.

Todd said exactly.

JJ Hall – UTV Permits

JJ Hall said I would like to see if you guys would be willing to entertain the process of UTV permits in the county. As far as I know we are the only county around that does not have that. Union City has just passed the ordinance where you can have a permit for your UTV to be legal on the road. I wanted to see if you would entertain the idea of making Randolph County be able to have that.

Mike said Union City is allowing them.

JJ said I have a copy of their process if you would like to see it. Their application. A lot of farmers are using them anymore going from field to field, right now it is not legal for farmers to be able to do that in our county, well anybody.

Tom said they are not exempt.

JJ said I don't know.

Mike said the sheriff is shaking his head yes and the surveyor is shaking his head no.

JJ said what happened to me was about a month ago, it was bad weather and I was going to my neighbor's house to pull the kids on the sled, a conservation officer pulled me over and said that it was definitely illegal. I had never had any trouble with anybody, I've had mine since 2012, on the back roads but the conservation officer brought it to my attention that I was breaking the law. I wanted to see since Union City already has that and Jay County, Delaware County and Wayne I think already have this process.

Mike said does that include golf carts as well?

JJ said no, Union City has for golf carts a totally different process compared to the UTV's. UTV's in Union City, it is \$50.00 a year and has to be inspected, all the information is on there, if you lose the sticker its \$25.00 additional. It has to be licensed with the state of Indiana.

Tom said do you have to have a title.

JJ said you get a certificate through the state of Indiana and from that point they check it and then you can go get the permit.

Mike said I could see this being a problem, but then registration of these could also create a lot of work and effort on behalf of somebody. I am not sure who that would be at this point in time and then the question would be raised if you are going to do UTV's, why not golf carts, because they are in the county as well.

JJ said in the City of Winchester you can have golf carts, Union City you can golf carts.

Mike said the operator doesn't draw the line at the city limits. They go out and about. I think we might want to take this under advisement.

Gary said personally we need to do more investigating to see where we are at. Wayne County has something but I don't know to what extent.

Mike said I don't know how they go about the registration process.

JJ said the registration, like on there it says the state of Indiana.

Mike said right, but who locally would take this and does the Sheriff's department have time and the personnel to do that and ultimately how that is all going to balance out. I would like to know who does that in Jay County and talk to our Sheriff about it. I would say we take this under advisement and look at it again the first meeting in April.

Ed Thornburg – Section Corner Contract 2021

Mike said this contract is with Mote Associates?

Ed said yes, it is with Mote Associates, like we have been doing for the last several years. The contract is not to exceed \$23,000. That money comes out of the Surveyor's perpetuation fund collected from the Recorder's office.

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

Gary asked Ed did you have a chance to look at Deerfield?

Ed said yes, I did, I really think when the frost gets out of the ground where they compacted around that construction site, the water may go down, but its in a hole, there is no way around it. As far as a tile outlet, we would have to go to the sewer plant, I'm sure there is a surface water drain at that sewer plant, the other end of the property and you could probably bring a storm line from there up. The way its been draining, the way its been done, it is sitting in a hole, the ground underneath it is probably froze two foot deep. The problem may resolve itself, there is no question there is about 6 inches of water standing everywhere.

Gary said what concerns me is that if we are in a saturated area, I've not seen the test bores, but I know they did bore. We don't want the concrete for that tower sitting in saturated soil over 300 foot tall.

Ed said I don't think that will be an issue, I haven't seen the soil bore but I have dug in that area and one reason that water is standing there now is the clay layer is close to the top of the ground anyway and basically during winter construction if you strip the dirt, you start driving around on it, it can be frozen 3 inches deep in a corn field, you can be froze two feet deep in a construction site. That is part of the problem. Some of it will resolve itself.

Gary said I was back there before they did the actual excavating and there wasn't any water at all back there.

Ed said when they get this site restored, I would assume these guys know enough to make water flow away. I'm sure they do; the site is very well done.

Mike said you don't believe the water issue we are talking about is going to affect the integrity of the tower?

Ed said if it was left that way forever eventually it probably could. I don't think it will because the ground underneath it is going to be, it is good hard clay there. I really think this is a temporary problem because of construction.

Gary said I think it is something we probably should look at later in the spring. If we think we need to try and run a line over to their sewage outlet.

Ed said I am assuming there will be a storm line that would drain the area around that sewage plant, the school's water actually sheds to the north. I didn't see any evidence of any storm lines south of the parking lot.

Ceann Bales – RCU Broadband proposal

Ceann said I sent all of you the proposal, this is directly from our technology committee. Did I also send you the Pyramid email that we found?

Mike said I received it.

Ceann said I will start first with the technology committee's kind of working paper. This is developed by the chair of our committee Joe Batt with assistance from Steve Barnes and Jim Byrd with input from our entire committee and David Lekensdofer also sits on that committee. Basically, the first three points the committee after several months of conversation has confirmed that the best tower location for the west side of the county is the Davis-Purdue Farm, the optimal height is 220 feet versus the 180 feet that was originally projected and then also recommending to higher a tower management company to help us navigate this work. On the final page of the document it shows some working points of what the committee upon your approval would be willing to work with. Basically, saying that the county should use Tower King or a similar company to build the 220' tower at the Purdue Davis Farm then we would look at the Barton to Union City area and the tech committee should meet with Watch and NLBC independently to see if they would have an interest in a tower or two in that area and where they should be and how tall they should be. Then find out if, there is a new tower in Barton, and to see if that is actually available and if there is interest in a subsidized tower and if there is build it and if not

then don't. The next thing would be to engage the Tower King or a similar company to manage the build and to market the new towers and ongoing engineering and marketing both the REFC and the Union City tower and the three EMS towers. The committee would take the responsibility to meet with a competitor, we have only met with and interviewed Tower King. There are a couple of others that we would receive bids from and then we would revisit the bandwidth solutions in the northeast corner and a similar way in the east/south/west corner. The reason I think you can see in the working document, the reason they are proposing these changes is that the demand has changed over time, there are new towers in Modoc and the crossing of 227 and Greenville Pike. We do not recommend proceeding with Pyramid to do this because of our, as you can see in that document, we are still trying to get information back from them. I think that Greg Beumer talked to them a few weeks ago and hoped to have information a few weeks ago but I talked to him this morning and he just got it back late last week and I have not had a chance to look at it. It has not been forwarded to me at this time. In summary we are recommending as the gentleman from Pyramid discussed, we are recommending that you would release those four towers and sell those to another county to allow us to start fresh and look at a 220-foot tower versus a 180-foot tower. Tom, I know you said if we are going to do that why not go higher, David Lenkensdofer said that to me in passing and that is up to you guys but I think you can see that the reason we are looking at that, you can see the coverage in your document, the little green, when we saw that in the presentation from Steve Barnes, I know it made the committee think we are on the wrong track, we need to stop, take a breath, things have changed and so now this is their recommendation.

Mike said I am looking at the recommendation for additional towers and that is after the meeting with Watch or New Lisbon. If were interested in tower locations, why would we want subsidize them? Why would they not just build their own?

Ceann said wasn't that in there? If there is interest in a subsidized tower build it and if not then don't. So, yea if we don't want to subsidize it then that is a decision that we would have to make, if they don't feel that they have the investment then is it our need to invest in that. That can be a directive to our committee.

Mike said that raises the question of why build one at Purdue Davis? If it is needed up there, I don't know and maybe somebody does, do we know how tall the towers are in Barton or Modoc?

Ceann said no.

Mike said do you know Todd?

Todd said they Surveyor said it was supposed to be 180' tower.

Mike said that is what Union City is building. I am inclined to agree with you that if we can unload the four 180' towers, we probably should. The technology committee is indicating that those would do us no good.

Ceann said that is their recommendation, yes. In regards to who build the tower, I don't think that is something, I can't speak on behalf, I can tell you my opinion is, I don't think we are vested in who builds it, it just needs to be built. We have to get coverage in our county, so whether that is through the private or the county puts this stuff up, this is no longer an option for our community to be competitive, we have to figure out how to get these towers up and get our people connected. The worse spot that they have identified right now is the area up by the Purdue Davis Farm.

Mike said the idea would be that we would pay to have it built and then give location for free which would expand customer base for a provider. If we don't there is no incentive for the provider to even bring the service to that area.

Gary said it all depends on the number of customers that you could provide them with based on the height of the tower and other situations. That is why the committee made comment and reference to getting someone involved. We can't just build these towers and expect somebody to come and use them. That is kind of the plan that was presented originally.

Mike said I understand that but if there is enough customer base at Purdue Davis that I am going to make money off a tower then I could build it myself.

Gary said maybe, but it maybe so marginal that it's not going to be. That is what we've got to decide is whether it is at that point in order to meet the needs up there or if you build a tower 220' or 240' and it is going to get more people, that is going to entice somebody to come in and be interested in using the tower.

Mike said I am not disagreeing with the height of the tower, I am disagreeing whether is should be a county project or a private.

Gary said we need somebody to be able to determine that as far as whether it can be marketed.

Mike said the committee has already determined that it can be marketed at the Purdue Davis Farm. They are recommending that we build it.

Gary said unless they investigate that further, they still have another company to investigate, to make the determination. We still have the three main 300' towers that could possibly be marketed if we had somebody that is knowledgeable enough to market them. I haven't gotten an answer from Pyramid, I was on the line with them Friday for the meeting but I couldn't communicate with them to find out where on those 300' towers would there be space available for broadband.

Mike said I think we need to listen to our technology committee. I am not sure I am ready to accept their recommendations but I think it is valuable information and I think as I said before, if they're saying that 180' is not going to be of value to us then we shouldn't proceed building the 180' towers that we have and we should pursue selling them.

Gary said the information we received is that if we put up 180' tower, I forget where that was placed, they could possibly get 25 customers. Although I did come across a company that has puts up an antenna at the residence which is 40' high, which would increase the number of residences which could receive the signal and those towers are built so they pin and fold down, so they don't have to be sturdy enough to climb. This company is putting them up in Madison County for some of the wind turbines they've got up there are interfering with the signals. They are using these particular towers for that. That's a possibility of an add on to increase the number of people that would be eligible if you build a 240' tower, you build another 40' foot tower at the residence, how many more people is that going to pick up. That is something that is being considered by the tech.

Mike said I don't recall where I read it, but I think in some of the emails back and forth with the technology committee, the 180' came from almost a cell tower recommendation, that it would make better connectivity for your mobile device through a cell service as opposed to your home-based devices. I may have read too much into that but I think that either came from Joe or....

Gary said the other reason for the 180' towers, like Todd said you don't have to go through all the regulations. But in so doing it limits the number of residences that can be picked up. Right now, New Lisbon is working off of a lot of grain legs. You don't have too many grain legs around that are 220' tall. The other thing while we are talking about this. Pyramid has talked to us in the past that we really need to have broadband at the county highway for that central tower. There is fiber on the east side of the road there that would have to be brought across to that central tower.

Mike said do we want to do anything about the recommendation from the broadband technology committee?

Tom said I should probably reach out to EDPR and see where they are at, I know they talked about projects in Franklin and Green Township. We could put more conduit in the ground and hopefully expand that way which would change the map of what we are looking at.

Gary said the other thing too is the time factor. Right now, we have a lot of people that it is hard for the educational system and it's hard for small businesses that work out of their homes to communicate in parts of the county and I think that is a detriment to our county. That is the thing with the Ardagh sell, they sold the southwest to a company that has five years, they don't have to do anything and then at the end of five years if they don't do something, the federal government takes it back and they rebid it. If we want to sit around and wait for five or six years, I understand what Tom is saying, I know EDPR has talked about these others and I hope some of them materialize but we also need to do what we can to get broadband to as many residences as we can in the county. I know the conduit we put in the southwest part of the county is going to be utilized. I think the committee is working on this and I think they are moving forward in trying to get more information to present to the Commissioner's, so I think in my position, I think we need to let them move forward as they are and get back with us next month and see what additional information they have.

Ceann said does that mean you want us to interview another marketing committee?

Gary said I think you need to come up with somebody, you have to have somebody in control of marketing, we are not, at least I am not capable maybe you guys are. I am not in favor of doing like I said before, the original plan was to build them and they will come buy space on them, I don't think that is going to work. I think we need to find somebody, that is going to put these towers up, if they put them up or whoever puts them up, they can say we have them sold. If we need to put up money to build them, we have money set aside. That is my thinking.

Mike said you mentioned the schools and Randolph Eastern is putting up a 180' tower and I raised that issue with the technology committee and Terry Burnsworth that if we have 180' towers maybe we could help Randolph Southern, maybe we could help Union and Modoc, maybe we could help Monroe Central but that I didn't get any impression that would help any of those school Corporations. That goes back to 180' is not tall enough so I don't know why we would wait to tell Pyramid to sell them.

Gary said I don't disagree with that.

Mike said I don't think the technology committee needs to gain anymore information to tell us that those aren't of value.

Ceann said we just really need to know what you want us to do next. What can we do to next to help move this effort forward? With the information we are bringing you today, what would like our committee to start focusing on to bring you more information.

Gary said I think if they could find another company, interview one or two at least one I know of and then if they can get somebody else, find that company is competitive, I think they have connections in part of the county, at least their corporate office is over in Ohio. Let another company come in and make a presentation, if they are interested in marketing. Like we said we have three other towers that we already are building for safety, emergency services. I think we need them but I think we also need to sell spots on there if we can but we got to have somebody to market them. I think if they can find a company, let them come in after they find one they think is good to come and make a presentation to the Commissioner's and Council and decide what we are going to do from there.

Mike said I am okay with that. Do we want to direct Pyramid to sell our towers?

Tom said with us getting the profit yes.

Mike said I would be willing to sell them at our cost.

Tom said I say we could split it with Pyramid or the other County, \$500.00 a tower or \$1000.00 a tower.

Mike said I'm not sure Todd really knew what the savings was. He said \$4,000.00 I don't know if that is for all four or what that is.

Gary said we don't have possession of them yet. They are wanting to move them down here. We don't want possession of them if we are not going to put them up.

Tom made a motion to allow Pyramid to sell the 180' towers for as much as they can get out of them. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said I have the Memorandum of Understanding with Randolph Eastern to piggyback on the countywide broad brand site development, engineering contracts. Have you reviewed this Meeks?

Meeks said yes.

Mike said Meeks approves this and this basically means that Randolph Eastern will pay their portion of the change orders that we just went through this morning.

Gary made a motion to approve this memorandum of understanding with Randolph Eastern. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike Haffner – Pickup truck purchase

Mike Haffner said pickup truck purchases, I've got three quotes. Fuqua Chrysler in Dunkirk, for a one ton 350 single cab, long bed. We've priced stuff straight out and then trade. We got Studebaker GM, Richmond and basically the Ford dealership over in Greenville, Ohio. The straight-out price from Fuqua is \$28,817.00, the Studebaker is \$29,800.00 and the Ford is \$31,884.00. When you start getting trade in values Studebaker GMC is better money. Trade value, I can trade the Studebaker GMC \$21,300.00, the same trade under Fuqua is \$23,817.00 and Ford is \$26,884.00.

Mike said do you want to trade?

Mike Haffner said we've got three vehicles we really need to be trading.

Mike said so, you want to trade?

Mike Haffner said yes, we want to trade them. I didn't know where you were going, the GMC Chevy line have got, they are not accepting any orders but since this is a commercial fleet they searched around and they have some that are already built in the red color that we need. He thought he would be able to get at least one, probably two. Tom and I have done a lot of research on trade in and Enterprise is saying that the Chevy product line gets the best resale if you are looking year after year. I am not opposed to any of the other products. Ford is right now way higher than the other two. I am recommending that we basically try to trade all three of these pickups over into GM.

Mike said you can trade three of our trucks for three GMC trucks?

Mike Haffner said I can trade three of our existing GMC trucks for three new GMC pickups.

Mike said all three would cost you \$63,900.00?

Mike Haffner said each truck depends on what we trade in. Studebaker on the 2009 and that was the trade difference figuring upon the 2009, they were allowing \$8,850.00 trade on that one. That would be \$21,300.00. Then the other two, we got a 1996 pickup and a 2007 pickup, they are going to be right in that \$26,300.00 difference. Basically, the other two they are giving us \$3,500.00 trade. It would be \$73,900.00 to trade all three of them.

Tom said what was the \$21,300.00?

Mike Haffner said that was with the trade of the 2009.

Mike said the other two he is only getting \$3,500.00 for. Are you recommending these purchases?

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike said do you think we need to trade all three?

Mike Haffner said yes, that would come straight out of our MVH equipment line purchase.

Mike asked does anyone have any questions of Mike?

Gary said are these all two-wheel drives?

Mike Haffner said these are all four-wheel drive, one-ton, single cab.

Gary said the trade ins are four-wheel drive also?

Mike Haffner said they trade ins are four-wheel drive, $\frac{3}{4}$ ton. It cost roughly \$890.00 to \$1100.00 difference from a $\frac{3}{4}$ to a ton and you get a lot more, the ton comes automatically with the transmission cooler and heavier springs. The cold patch is what we want to pull and we are hoping to get another one next year, that is why I went ahead and spent a little extra to boost these up to a ton. Our thinking is to look into trading these a little more often so we get a lot higher trade in value and try to keep these rotated.

Tom made a motion to approve the recommendation to trade three pickup trucks for three new pickup trucks. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike Haffner said I have two utility agreements, one of them they would like asap to service a line that is already out. It is just a straight bore under the road, it is on 1000 W, 6608 N Farmland.

Mike said and the other one?

Mike Haffner said I've got a New Lisbon and I've talked to them a couple different times, it is a little complex where normally I would have recommended them coming here, but when we started understanding the scope on Union City Pike, both east and west of State Road 27, it is just an attachment to the existing poles and they only have three right at the utility pole locations they will bore under the road and set an underground box on the other side of the road. It is all in a residential area. It is simple enough that I understand it enough and since it is an existing, that one we have a little bit of time on but naturally.

Mike said you are recommending approval?

Mike Haffner said I am recommending approval, I am comfortable with attaching most of it to utility poles and there are only three bores under Union City locations, one of them being right before Silver Town and then I told them they would have to get with the Mayor on their end after it goes into Winchester.

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

Mike Haffner said we have got some items from the County Highway after moving over, that we no longer need. Most of this is just miscellaneous hand tools, miscellaneous shop stuff that is well beyond having been used in probably 20-years. So old cables, chains. The only big item is our John-Deer 345 mower, that is not on the highway assets because we inherited that from the infirmary, so it is not even listed on ours and since we are hiring the mowing we no longer need that. I didn't know how you wanted to tackle that, putting it in the sale.

Meeks said the money would go into the fund that is was originally out of and if you can't find that it would go to general fund.

Mike said do we need a surplus property resolution?

Meeks said yes.

Mike said you will need to get Meeks a list of that stuff.

Meeks said we will need one for the mower, we already done one for the miscellaneous items.

Mike Haffner said we do have some roads that need some attention early in the spring, I have looked at some, we are probably going to put some signage up until the weather get to where we can work on them. We got some roads down in the solar area that are starting to come across. I am working with Scott Fisher on who is doing what, we are aware we got some issues and we are going to do our best to make everything safe and repair them. I have got some announcements. The federal funding on bridges, I would like to bring Perry Knox up that way if you have any questions.

Gary said did you get with Pyramid about where you want your connection on the safety tower that is going up for your communications? They need the location because they need to put an arm somewhere, wherever you are going to put your antenna.

Mike Haffner said the last time I talked to them was basically just we need. Your talking about the antenna itself location?

Gary said they are putting arms up before they set the tower and they were talking about that Friday and they got all the rest of them located except they said they didn't have yours.

Mike Haffner said they have not gotten with me on that.

Gary said you will need to get a hold of Todd.

Mike Haffner said I will reach out to him today or tomorrow. They got the conduit and everything ran in the building.

Gary said they are waiting on that and they are wanting to set that tower maybe by the end of this week or first of next.

Mike Haffner said are they using the old generator for the old highway barn?

Tom said we talked about I assume the south because I didn't know what they were doing at Deerfield, hopefully we could use it at the south site or something. You might talk to them about that again, we mentioned it to him.

Gary said okay. He knows about it so make sure you jog his memory because there is no sense not using that.

Mike Haffner said on the highway side Jessica needs the annual operation report signed. She needs that for her annual report. We were awarded the federal grant money and our applications for bridge 85 which is on old 27 N by the new fire station and bridge 32 which is on 100 W just north of stockyard road.

Mike said good job Perry.

Mike Haffner said I think Perry sent email out to everybody.

Perry said I sent emails out Friday updating what the grants were, what the status was and what the next step is. Congratulation on your award.

Tom said do you know the break down of the funding? How much is going to come out of each fund?

Perry said you mean the county funds?

Tom said yes.

Perry said on the financial commitment letter, I think you listed two or three funds that you could take the money from, but that is up to you guys how you want to fund it.

Mike said as we spend it, obviously if we choose to use funds that we don't have total control over then we would have to have council agree to that. Those funds are going to start being used fairly quickly?

Perry said we have to go through the RFP process then you will select a design.

Mike said and that is when the first fees will be due.

Perry said that is correct.

Mike said Jessica said we need to ask for approval from the Commissioner's to send the RFP's.

Perry said that will be for the design process on the bridges. There will be two more RFP's coming later in the project, those will be for construction portion. There will be a total of two RFP's per project.

Mike said you heard the request, we probably should go forward.

Tom made a motion to approve sending out RFP's for the design of bridge 85 and bridge 32 that have been approved for federal funding. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Perry said there was some discussion, I don't know if you want to talk about it now, but you talked about potentially accelerating the bridge 32 project.

Mike said I saw that in your email, how does that happen?

Perry said that was mentioned last week after our award. You would request it from INDOT, INDOT will control the funding, but request it early on. Probably the sooner the better if you really want to accelerate that project.

Mike said the down side is we have to come up with money quicker?

Perry said one year earlier, that is typical of some of the projects we have seen accelerated. I have never seen one accelerated two years, but I have seen them accelerated a year.

Mike said I wouldn't know why we wouldn't want to do that.

Perry said when we put out the RFP, it is not uncommon for an RFP to be adjusted after selection, where we say the construction schedule is 2026 but if you are going to go ahead and accelerate and he talks to INDOT and they agree, then we will put it in the RFP that it is 2025 so that people on the project will understand that.

Mike said that is bridge 32?

Mike Haffner said yes, bridge 32 is the one closed down to one lane on 100. I know when we were in the zoom meeting with Kim Bodel with INDOT, she thought that would be a likely candidate to be able to be moved up since it is restricted and then you got the traffic situation, do you really want two major bridges around the Winchester area down at the same time. If we were to accelerate the one, then maybe we wouldn't have the traffic congestion. Then again, we would have to pull finances a year in advance to be able to do this.

Gary said what is roughly going to be the number of dollars to accelerate it?

Perry said in the letter of commitment it shows the dollar amounts. You should have that email that shows the dollar amount that we are anticipating the counties match.

Angela had a copy of the letter of commitment.

Perry said the anticipated match for the county on bridge 32 is \$355,000.00.

Mike said does that include design fees?

Perry said yes, that is anticipated.

Mike said and those might be covered?

Perry said the county is going to ask for the design fees at the time they put out the RFP. You put out the RFP, you select, the contracts are presented, then INDOT agrees or disagrees to pay a percentage of the design. The reason why they do this piece meal is because they want to examine the fees.

Mike said the question is do we want to accelerate that by a year most likely if it is approved. I would think we would want to.

Gary said from my perspective, I would think so because I agree with the theory of not having two bridges closed. I am not as concerned about that as having the funding and coming up with about half of what it going to cost us roughly a million dollars that first year for the bridge out here west, we are going to come up with about \$350,000.00 instead of \$1 million all at once.

Mike said we will be paying those fees out over the next five years, will we not, our share?

Perry said yes, it is spread out. You wouldn't be paying out the \$355,000.00 all at the same time, you have construction at the end that you would pay your portion on. We are assuming that INDOT is going to fund the entire project.

Gary made a motion to accelerate the bridge 32 project. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said we have additional appropriations for bridge 85 and bridge 32 for a total of \$100,000.00, cum bridge fund. Is that for this project?

Mike Haffner said that was to ensure that everything got started at first, if we don't need this then we will use it for others.

Mike said that was one of the funds that we were looking to draw money out of.

Mike Haffner said I can put it in an email but the bridge out on 500 E, that's a 5-ton, the first rough quote and they said they figured it on the high side \$385,000.00 to replace that with a concrete box structure.

Gary said where is it?

Mike Haffner said on 500 E above 550 N, it's that 5-ton bridge up there. That is a rough estimate right now, I would want to get a couple more and maybe what's it cost for a bridge, what's it cost for a box. But the other one is the bridge 304 that we had to close in Winchester, Perry is working on that to get us some estimates and guidelines, recommendation on, we believe there is a good chance of turning that into a Community Crossings, we believe it is going to be under or close enough to that million that might turn into our next Community Crossing but we need naturally Community Crossing then we'd have to do all the engineering and get everything set so that could be a year and half to even get that set up so we even can apply. We are definitely working on that, I know the Mayor is probably very concerned about that one as well.

Mike said what is the 500 E bridge number?

Mike Haffner said 159.

Gary said is that the next bridge on our list that we should replace?

Mike Haffner said Perry and I have talked about that. I think it is number 3 on our list.

Perry said it is fairly high.

Mike Haffner said I have talked with Perry and theoretically my situation with the traffic flow and five-ton it needs to be up there, we are going to lose that bridge if we don't do something. In my opinion it needs to go right under 304 as number 2. 304 is not number one either, but since we lost it, it becomes number one.

Perry said in two weeks our project manager Dan Delaney will be here to present the phase one of your county wide bridge inspection, he will be here to present it.

Mayor Bob McCoy

Bob said we are getting ready to expand the pond behind where Marsh used to be for drainage for the Reid project, I see them breaking ground very soon. I know they took bids for that

project and we are going to be meeting with them soon. Willow Ridge III is moving forward slowly, I hope to hear something on that soon.

Other Business:

Art Movstner, Randolph County Sheriff

Annual Jail Report for 2020

Mike said the Sheriff will answer any questions on his annual jail report for 2020.

Art said the dispatch center is coming along, looking very nice.

Mike said do you have anything else to report?

Art said we had a company come in and work on a few of the locks and have some of the sensors or mechanisms tuned up. There are a few things I am working on estimates for, that I will bring to you when I have those.

Regular Claims 2/16/21 \$519,735.38

Regular Claims \$194,538.13

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

Payroll Claims 2/12/21 \$230,554.04

Payroll Claims 2/26/21 \$227,778.63

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

Jay-Randolph Dev Svc Claim \$128,002.05

Mike said this claim is for the remodeling of the Jay-Randolph facility and is an OCRA grant, this claim has been approved by both the contractor and the architect.

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

YMCA Camp Slingshot Claim \$30,000.00

Gary made a motion to approve the claim of \$30,000.00 for YMCA Camp Slingshot from EDIT. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Randolph Central Claim \$15,065.00

Randolph Southern Claim \$130,656.00

Union School Claim \$10,856.00

Gary made a motion to approve the three school claims from windfarm. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Pyramid Claim \$16,000.00

Pyramid Claim \$658.50

Mike said we have two Pyramid claims one is for \$16,000.00 and the second one is in the amount of \$658.50. The lower amount is for expenses. The other is for fees.

Gary made a motion to approve the two Pyramid claims. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Cobalt Civil Claims \$4332.68

Cobalt Civil Claim \$74,199.75

Mike said the next two are Cobalt Civil claims, one in the amount of \$4,332.68 and the other in the amount of \$74,199.75. The \$4,332.68 represents it looks like fencing and the other is for site work.

Gary made a motion to approve the two Cobalt Civil claims. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

MPX Claim \$5,000.00

MPX Claim \$27,992.40

MPX Claim \$36,792.90

MPX Claim \$51,161.00

Mike said the next four claims are for MPX and is again for the communications project and they have been submitted with architect and contractor approval. One is for \$5,000.00 for allowance, the other is for \$36,792.90 and these are for the communication sites, tower installation and tower steel, concrete and then broadband tower steel.

Tom made a motion to approve all four of the MPX claims. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Dispatch Products \$23,445.65

Mike said the final communication project claim is Dispatch Products and this claim in the amount of \$23,445.65 is for lockers and dispatch materials.

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

Minutes of December 7, 21, 29, 2020

Minutes of January 4, 19, 2021

Mike said we have minutes of December 7, 21, 29 and January 4 and 19th that we received copies of via email. We can approve them individually or approve them all at once.

Tom said made a motion to approve minutes of December 7,21,29, 2020 and minutes of January 4th and 19, 2021. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2021-04

Mike said this is the resolution that we are letting the state know that we want to make local decision on many things and one related to solar and windfarm energy, which all counties should be able to make those local decisions. Has everybody received a copy of this resolution? Do we want to do this?

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-04

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF RANDOLPH COUNTY, INDIANA EXPRESSING SUPPORT
FOR LOCAL CONTROL OF LAND USE DECISIONS**

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana consists of diverse communities, each with its own needs and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, across the State of Indiana, Counties have created and implemented plans for development that provide the type of new investment and additional employment that is desired by the citizens of the County, and in many instances the desired development has included wind or solar projects; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners believes that decisions regarding wind and solar development are best made by the citizens living in the community, rather than by the wind and solar industry or State officials who live outside the community; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1381 is currently pending in the Indiana General Assembly, and if enacted, such legislation would disenfranchise the citizens of the ability to determine the conditions under which wind energy and solar energy projects would be allowed in their County; and

WHEREAS, under House Bill 1381, communities would be compelled to allow wind and solar projects under conditions dictated by others living outside the community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to express its opposition to House Bill 1381 and express its support for the rights of individuals and families living in a community to direct their own future through land use decisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF *Randolph* COUNTY, INDIANA, that the Board expresses its opposition to House Bill 1381 and any other legislation that disenfranchises local citizens of the right to make local planning decisions and direct the future of their own communities.

Gary made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-04 as presented. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said I did talk to Jeff Raatz and he was opposed to that bill.

Tom said I think he was wavering a little. You don't know what the final bill is going to be. JD was going to offer an amendment to it.

Board of Finance minutes for 2-1-21

Gary made a motion to approve the Board of Finance minutes as presented. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

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

Comp time report

Mike said we received a copy of the comp time report via email.

Gary said I got a question of comp time use for vaccinations. What was decision on that?

Mike said we did not authorize any comp time to get a vaccination. What we authorized if you got a vaccination while at work you didn't lose hours for going to get your vaccination. We treated it the same as we treat the Ertel bus. If you go after hours we did not authorize comp time on that. I guess that question came up and Laura answered it in that respect, if we want to change that we can.

Gary said did someone use it that way?

Mike said not to my knowledge. They wanted to.

Redevelopment Commission Appointment

Mike said we do need a Redevelopment Commission Appointment.

Tom said we were supposed to hear back from the School Board, did Rolland want to do that.

Angela said Rolland Abrams said that he would be willing to do that if that is the wish of the Commissioner's.

Tom made a motion to appoint Rolland Abrams to serve as our Redevelopment Commission appointment. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Redevelopment Commission Bond approval

Mike said we have a bond renewal for the Redevelopment Commission.

Gary made a motion to approve the bond for the Redevelopment Commission. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

EDIT plan approval & Set meeting

Mike said we have an EDIT plan that we have received a copy of that we need to approve and then set an EDIT meeting.

Meeks said this EDIT plan takes all the budget changes back out of the EDIT plan and puts them back into the general fund.

Mike said we have already approved the cities?

Angela said Winchester will need their approved as well. There was not a quorum at the last EDIT meeting.

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

Mike said now we need to set a meeting. Do you want to meet Wednesday March 17th at 6:00 pm?

Tom said that works for him.

Gary said yes.

Perpetual Highway Easements – Need farmers signatures

Angela said we just need someone to contact the two people that need to sign. The Coffman Brothers and the Chamberlain.

Tom said I will try to get a hold of them.

Angela said they will need to come to the Auditor's office because they will need to be notarized.

Tom said where is that money coming from? Windfarm?

Meeks said if its windfarm you need council approval.

Tom said unless we have other money, I don't know where to get it from.

Mike said the only other money we have is EDIT funds. Mike said we have to pay the appraised value, correct?

Meeks said if you go over the appraised value, we have to threaten a law suit, then we can go over.

Mike said we don't want to do that, I thought the appraised value was high enough. If the council says no, we would redetermine how we are going to pay for it.

Tom said we can take it out of EDIT.

Gary said made a motion to pay for the perpetual highway easements out of Windfarm funds. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

EMS - MHS contract

Mike said this is the agreement that MHS. This contract is for the year 2021.

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

Randolph County Disaster Declaration

Mike said this was supposed to be signed several weeks ago. We did declare a disaster, I'm not sure that we need to take any activity right now other than to sign this for Chris and his files.

Zultys Cloud Service – E911 numbers

Mike said these are local number numbers that we need to signed.

Angela said those were numbers that will be assigned, Taylored Systems is comparing and doing inventory and did not have an address assigned to them or location.

Tom made a motion to approve the Zultys Cloud Service E911 number assignments. Gary seconded. All aye votes motion carried.

Assessor's copier maintenance agreement

Mike asked if this is a renewal?

Angela said I believe it is starting a new contract.

Mike said this is a copier maintenance agreement for \$395.00 a year for up to 10,000 copies and anything over 10,000 is at .015 per copy.

Tom made a motion to approve the Weber copier maintenance agreement for the Assessor's office. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Additional Appropriations:

Highway Department

Bridge 85	\$50,000.00
Large Pipe	\$75,000.00
Bridge 32	\$50,000.00
Bridge 110	\$50,000.00
Bridge Inspections	\$100,000.00

Tom made a motion to approve the additional appropriations out of Cum Bridge. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

CCD

Building Commissioner	\$1,805.00
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Mike said we have an additional appropriation from CCD for the purchase of a new truck for the Building Commissioner.

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

Health

Pay acting Health Nurse	\$12,000.00
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Mike said this is to pay an active health nurse in the absence of our regular health nurse.

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

Health

Public Health Nurse	\$1,833.96
Social Security	\$ 113.71
Medicare	\$ 26.60
Perf	\$ 205.41

Mike said this is to pay our public health nurse's comp time down to 120 hours and to pay Social security, Medicare and Perf for that payment.

Tom said that is in their budget.

Angela said they have the cash right now.

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

MVH Restricted

Comm Crossing Match	\$108,752.56
Comm Crossing Match	\$ 94,496.88
Comm Crossing Match	\$ 81,736.69

Mike said this is another highway from MVH Restricted for Community Crossing match in the amount of \$108,752.56 on 900 W and 400 N, \$94,496.88 on Old US Hwy 27 and \$81,736.69 on 300 E.

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

Children's Advocate

Coordinator Fee	\$21,700.00
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Mike said this additional appropriation is the Coordinator fee of \$21,700.00.

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

Community Corrections PI

Group Insurance	\$ 6,800.00
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Mike said the final additional appropriations is for Community Corrections and this is a shortfall in the Community Corrections grant for group insurance in the amount of \$6800.00.

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

Angela Lowe- Audit letter from Whittinger on Cobalt Civil

Angela said did you receive a scanned copy of this letter

Mike said they billed us \$76,000.00 by the end of the year, its kind of like an audit statement is what it is, our contract amount was \$202,135.00 and did they bill of \$76,000.00. If they did then we can, I don't even think we need to sign it. It says please sign and date your response, where are we supposed to sign it.

Meeks said you can sign at the bottom.

Mike said are those amounts correct.

Angela said I will check those amounts and get it signed and sent back.

Angela Lowe – Break room in basement

Angela said the question was asked if the break room in the basement is allowed to be used for other than courthouse employees, for searchers or those that are in the courthouse and would like to use the break room to eat their lunch, take a break, etc. What is the wish of the Commissioner's?

Mike said I would say no, I think it is an employee break room and the less traffic we have in there the better. What would you say Gary?

Gary said that is fine with me.

Tom said who wants to use it?

Angela said searchers.

Tom said I would probably just leave it as employees.

Meeks Cockerill – Fiber Optic easement agreements

Meeks said I have two fiber optic easement agreements that you need to approve and sign. It is the same property.

Gary made a motion to approve the two fiber optic easement agreements. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Tom Chalfant – Perpetual farm easements

Tom can we approve the amounts for those easements, it would be a lot easier to tell them that there is a check for you when you come in to sign the easements.

Meeks said if we pay for it out of EDIT it would have to be after the March 17th EDIT meeting.

Tom Chalfant – Old Highway building maintenance

Tom said also I mentioned that Jr Burton was going to remove the canopy at the old highway garage, I think he did that last Friday. It was around \$1500.00 so how are we going to pay for that? Can we take it out of the rent income?

Meeks said you can use CCD, you still own that building.

Gary said can't we take it out of lease money?

Meeks said the lease money goes back to the general fund.

Angela said you can use your farm maintenance line.

Gary said do we have any in there. I thought we did away with that line.

Angela said it's in there.

Mike said did council fund it this year?

Angela said yes.

Tom said we had it reinstated because of this property.

Mike said do we have that covered, how we are going to pay for that?

Angela said you can suggest how you are going to pay for it and council will need to.

Tom said just write a check out of general fund?

Angela said farm maintenance out of the Commissioners budget.

Tom said the tenant complained about it being very dark in there, which it is dark, it has a dark ceiling and he asked if we would furnish the paint, they would paint the ceiling to lighten it up so they could see to work in there better. He said he could buy paint for approximately \$500.00. Is that okay to let him paint the ceiling?

Gary said how is he going to get it to stick.

Tom said he said it is pretty dry, he said that wood was all creosoted, he said it was dry, he thinks it would bond to it.

Gary said if it will bond, it's okay.

Mike said he made the motion do you want to second it.

Gary said yes. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said is that farm maintenance too?

Tom said yes.

Mike Wickersham – VSO

Mike said all I have the VSO, I'm not sure what Cathy's status is getting her certified to serve. She sent me an email and it sounds like there is a trainer going to start in east central Indiana that may be able to get her that right, if the state approves her. In the mean time we have an offer from Delaware County, everyone has seen that haven't they.

Tom said another applicant?

Mike said no, Delaware County VSO has offered to service our VSO on a part time basis and then we've also received two additional applications. I didn't know where or what we want to do, if we were just going to stick to our original plan and if we are then we need to verify that she is allowed to do it.

Gary said from what he told me is, that they are getting some Randolph County people over there. Until she is certified or we find somebody, to pay him on a part time basis to come over here a day or two.

Tom said does he want to come over here?

Mike said he wants to come over here and offer services here on a part time basis. He has talked to his Commissioners and they're okay with that. He obviously wants paid, I think he is doing some things now that he is not getting paid for. I didn't know if you have had any conversation with Cathy about that.

Gary said I have not.

Mike said do you want to have those conversations with her? Or do you want me to?

Gary said we need to discuss it with her, in my opinion we need to go ahead and get him to come over here a couple days a week or whatever we think until she is certified. I think we have this interim period of time where we need some assistance.

Mike said my only concern with that is, we have named her our interim, subject to her being qualified by the state. I wouldn't want to bring somebody in here.

Gary said she can't sign off on anything.

Mike said my point is I don't think I want to bring somebody in here to start working out of her office without talking to her.

Gary said I agree.

Tom said we started paying her that salary and she is not able to do the work?

Mike said I don't know.

Tom said she is making the salary of the VSO officer but she is not qualified until she gets her certification.

Mike said she is getting qualified, I guess.

Tom said they talked like one phone call would take care of it.

Mike said that is what I thought, but I have not heard back if that's been taken care of. We need to sit down with her to see where she stands and what her position is on Nate Jones from Muncie. Do you want to sit down with her or do you want me to?

Gary said do you have time?

Mike said I can do that. I will have a report back by next meeting. Depending on that report, I may reach out to Nate Jones and see what he is thinking. Do you want to do anything about the additional applications?

Tom said it depends on what you find out.

Gary said I think that is the route we ought to go.

Citizen Comments

None

Adjournment

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

Reviewed and signed this 15 day of March, 2021.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS







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