

## **Randolph County Commissioners**

April 19, 2021

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

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Michael Wickersham, President presided over the meeting.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Union City – Vision Corner**

Mike said the first item on the agenda is Union City and a discussion about Vision Corner which is a continuance from our last meeting in which we voted to support this project with a \$250,000.00 grant from our windfarm funding. That was presented to the Council the next day and Council rejected our motion and agreed to fund this project with \$150,000.00 of windfarm funding which through the prophecy of Commissioner Tom Chalfant, he was recommending \$150,000.00 windfarm funding and \$100,000.00 EDIT funding at our last meeting to cover this. If we are going to support this project we need to modify our recommendation from windfarm from \$250,000.00 to \$150,000.00 and if we want to support it to the extent that they want it supported of \$250,000.00 we need to make a payment from EDIT of \$100,000.00. With that said there lies the issue before us.

Gary made a motion to support the Union City Vision Corner project with \$150,000.00 from windfarm and \$100,000.00 from EDIT.

Tom asked how are we on our EDIT funds?

Mike said at last report we had a balance of a little less than \$600,000.00. Would that be fair Angela?

Angela said yes. We have \$552,680.00 available.

Tom said that is for how long?

Angela said we receive monthly payments on that. We receive about \$56,000.00 a month.

Tom said this is for the next three years?

Angela said I only have this year projected.

Mike said receipts would be based upon the EDIT tax receipts. The three-year plan is what we promise to spend.

Angela said receipts change every year.

Meeks said you have to allocate 75% of that in your plan.

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

Aaron Black said we would like to thank you for your support of this project.

**Ceann Bales – Broadband, Randolph County United quarterly update**

Ceann said I think I had mentioned that I was going to try and come quarterly and give you an update on what our office is doing and give you an opportunity to ask questions. We are starting to do this in the town councils and boards across the county. I think that will be fun, I had the opportunity to sit in Ridgeville's meeting this month. I will officially present to them next month. This is just one of the things I am going to focus on. I first want to talk about members and where we are at with our membership list. I see that I had them and left them at my office, I will email those to you. I apologize. I have an entire list for you of members, we are at a little over 40,000, we budgeted for 50,000 but we have 80 members right now. I wanted you to see who all is on that list and the levels because they have different tiers.

Tom said can you explain the tiers to us?

Ceann said the tiers are basically to give people opportunity instead of some chambers, specifically chambers will have people join based on their employee count and we decided that we did not want to go that route and that we wanted to go with more of a partnership based on the level that people wanted to support it. Then based on that you get some different perks, we also decided that we wanted to make sure those perks were only related to the things that cost us money because we didn't want to say since you have more money than another business your going to get all this help and we didn't think that was the right thing to do. The only difference between the 200 tier and the 5000 tier which is the top tier. The 5000 they get their logo on all our publications, they get eight tickets to our dinner, they get more time on the sign and then we are going to be doing discount cards, so they get more discount cards for their employees. It is really depending on the level of what that person wants to support, the efforts that we are doing. Again, we are trying to make it so just because you can pay more your going to get more of our time through the chamber division. Does that help explain that?

Tom said yes.

Ceann said we just had our first business expo, kind of revived that. Missy Williams and Scotty Harvey did all the work for that and it was an amazing event. We had 481 people attend and so much more, when we talked to some of the vendors in the past. It was a great opportunity, we had it out on face book, it was an opportunity for people to network. We are looking forward to doing that event next year. We got a lot of great feed back from that and we are also getting ready to do our first newsletter. You will also be receiving that as well because we want our

elected officials to get our member only newsletter. It will give some updates, etc. That is actually going to be going out this week. The next big thing that is coming out of the Chamber division is that we met with Peggy from the Small Business Association in Muncie about a month ago and she is going to start doing quarterly workshops for us. She will be coming in as part of what we pay. We pay SBA about \$2000.00 a year to work with our business and so she is also going to come in and do these workshops for us at no cost. She does these in other communities and we are excited about that. That is all I have for the Chamber division update. Do you have any other questions about how that is going? If not, I will jump down to what we call Economic Development Division and of course one of the big efforts we are working right now is the technology effort and we were hoping to have a proposal ready for you for the broadband but I have one quote from tower king. Joe Batt, Scott Williams and myself met with another company Diamond Communications on Friday out of New Jersey. They actually have a foot print here in our community. They are very well known in the industry. They will also be providing us with a quote but we had some delays getting the drawings needed. With that said we will be coming to you in May with that proposal through our technology committee on who they would recommend to work on that Purdue tower, etc. Again, technology efforts are a huge part of what I've been working on. I also met my contact Ernie Holtree out of OCRA who has been leading the efforts at the state for broadband. I talked to him and Joe Batt trying to say what do we need to be doing. Making sure we have an intentional and thoughtful approach to that and it is always going to be a moving target because technology changes. He really encouraged us to do this survey, I think the survey that you mentioned through Jeff Pflastner through Purdue, he encouraged us to be working on that. He also said what we need to do as a County through this survey and assessing our businesses is what we consider affordable and reliable because every county is going to be different. I was asking how do we know when we are a success, how do we know when we have reached our goal. How do you define that, is my concern, and is why I wanted to meet with him? He said that can be a benchmark for us. So, that is one of the things we're going to be trying to figure out. Kind of a more local level, working with speedway, I have been working with speedway to help them and we think that is a big economic development push in our county and they are in desperate need of internet. So, we are working through some options with them. That is kind of the big things I have been working on technology wise. I don't know if you have any questions about that big pot that we are working on.

Mike said based on what I have read that we are going to get a pretty good pot of money to spend on broadband development. I think putting those together might be a great benefit.

Ceann said the concern is just making sure that we are doing it in the right way and moving in the right directions. I appreciate very much you guys going by the recommendation of the technology committee and taking a step back and helping us revisit that and think it is really going to be very helpful as we move forward. The next big effort that we are working on is the 21<sup>st</sup> century talent network. If you go around to your business I know I did that at expo, I walked around and talked to some businesses. Used to Economic Development was hearing we need more places for people to work. We need workers, Wal-Mart was there trying to get applications, I talked to Cobalt, talked to Culy's, I talked to Keith Bousman from Bouser's Barn and he actually had to close his restaurant because he didn't have enough workers. We have a desperate shortage of workers in our community. We have businesses who can grow if we have

workers. That is why we are adopting this talent network, we wanted to be a part of that, to help develop our workforce in our community. We had our kickoff meeting last week, we had all five school superintendents who are committed to being a part of this effort, we have some employer's who are also committed. We have an Ivy Tech representative and we also have funding source through the Community Foundation. This is a regional and is also a state-wide effort through Blair Milo and her efforts at the state. We will be setting our local goals and determining what we need to do to not only prepare our students but help our entire work force in Randolph County be stronger and have a source for our businesses to pull from. That is going to be a huge effort out of our office that I am starting to work on. The final kind of big thing, which I passed around is as you recall this cultivating community effort that was started in 2019, I think our office paid a contract with Ball State for \$10,000.00 to come into our community and get this data. I just wanted to put this data in front of you and from that study in 2019 they went around to other communities all the communities in the county and they came up with these five focus areas. The residence was saying this is our concern, this is the needs in the county. It's housing and blight, they're concerned about the drug epidemic, of course broadband, infrastructure, education and quality of life. This is great data to have but it is not going to do us any good if we don't now attach goals, objectives, actions steps and time lines to that. That is our next step, we are going to begin that, we've brought Ball State back, we are fortunate to be able to do this through a grant from the Community Foundation. So, the Community Foundation has gotten funding to help continue our work. We are going to start having community initiative meetings with our committee's and people who want to be involved in setting the goals and the structure. We are going to have four sessions on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at the fair grounds and by the end of that the goal is to have really have goals, objectives, action steps behind these five pillars and then we can actually start moving forward. Those are the big things, starting to go out and visit businesses, that is part of the fun part of my job. I have invited Victoria Herring from the state agricultural department to come and we are going to visit the Union Go Dairy and see their milking operation and then we will be traveling over to Frank Miller Lumber because she gave a presentation saying that dairy and hard woods are key industries in our state. When I heard her say that presentation I got with her that afternoon and said we have two of those in our county, I would love to show you those and show off our community. So, she is coming on Wednesday to show around. That are the big initiatives that we are working on. Thank you of course for your support and appreciate your feedback. I can tell you the state executive director of the Indiana Economic Development Association convened five of us in the state that have done some sort of merger or partnership a chamber or tourism and we are the only one in the state that have all three trying to work together. I am excited about that but its also responsibility to try to figure out how to get it right. There will be hurdles and what not as we move forward but I think we are getting good feedback that it's the right direction for a small rural community to go in.

Mike asked any questions of Ceann? Under quality of life, do you think it would be of value to develop a trail committee?

Ceann said yes, I am hoping that after trails to city was actually mentioned at our meeting for the workforce development under quality of life, quality of life will actually have little splinters and the goal is hopefully that trail will be one of those that will surface and they will have its own committee. So, quality of life when you have this committee, you are going to have to have



splinters and focus area's and if trails are selected at these, which I'm assuming it is going to be because it has been on a lot of the studies in the past, then you would have a trail subcommittee of the quality of life umbrella committee.

Mike said you would recommend waiting until this all takes place to develop a trail committee?

Ceann said I would because we all need to be moving together.

Mike said I've had somebody reach out to me and has in conversations with the Mayor of Winchester of trail development.

Ceann said if you could send them my way, we can get them on the list. We are going to be really promoting coming to these sessions, they are totally open to the public and so we are really going to push that out on face book we are also trying to personally invite people.

Mike said it is Bob McCoy and Brody Tarter, that is who I have been in conversations with.

Ceann said okay.

#### **Arlinda & Jeff Kisigen, Ridgeville - EDIT funding**

Not here.

#### **Mallory Stevenson, Children's Advocacy Center - Funding request**

Mallory said we are here with a funding request and also before that to go over what exactly a child advocacy center is and what we have been working on for the past year now. The simplest way to show what a child advocacy center is and what it does is to look at what happens in communities when there is not a child advocacy center. The history of how these were developed, it was the mid 80's and child advocacy centers developed in response to child abuse. What would happen without a child advocacy center model, a child would disclose some type of abuse, usually at school, those are the most common report sources and let's say a child discloses to a teacher, the teacher will ask that child some questions all well intentioned, take that child to the principle who will then ask some questions about what is going on then probably to the nurse and then at some point they are going to call law enforcement and or child protection services who will then respond and ask the child some questions. Eventually they will talk to a detective who will ask the child some questions and then down the line the prosecutor. So, while this is all well intentioned, what was happening there was then seven or eight versions of this child's statement because the were asked by seven or eight people what had happened. So, their statements don't match because the questions were different. The first child advocacy center was actually developed by a prosecutor, with the goal to create a more streamlined collaborative investigative process and also insure that the child was only questioned one time by a neutral professional forensic interviewer. That was the mid 80's that by the mid 90's was best practice all across the country. It grew to not only include child sex abuse which was the original objective but all forms of child abuse within the last two decades as we have learned more about trauma and care and response and things like that. They realized that process wasn't only best for the criminal justice and the investigative processes but it was also best for the child. The victim's only have to tell that story one time. That is kind of how this model developed. If you

look at the map on the first page of the presentation as of January of last year in Indiana, Randolph and Jay were the only two counties in the state who did either not have their own child advocacy center and follow this model or were not served by a child advocacy center in a neighboring county. Unfortunately, how it left in the mid 80's when child advocacy centers developed was pretty much what it looked like here in Randolph County. Again, all well intentioned but not the best practice. Our goal with developing the child advocacy center here in the county was first and foremost to have a neutral location for those forensic interviews. What was happening here in the county because we had no other option is our child victims were still being interviewed at the police stations, at the sheriff's department and then the offices at the department of children's services and those interviews were being conducted by well intentioned but untrained interviewers. A professional forensic interviewer is neutral and it is called a forensic interview because it's gathering the child's statement as a form of evidence. So, it is collected in a neutral and non-leading way that's most likely to be able to stand up to a defense attorney at trial, which is the goal, to prosecute offenders. What was happening here was not only were children being interviewed multiple times, they were being interviewed in ways that even if we were to get to trial, we would have had a hard time defending those. That was our first goal to open a center to have a neutral professional interviewer and we opened our center on November 1<sup>st</sup> on the corner in the old Oliver and Oliver offices. Along with that physical location is a coordinated response. So, when there is a report, a concern of child abuse, I would want a mandated reporter in Indiana over the age of 18 and we are mandated to report either to law enforcement or DCS and those two entities are co-mandated to investigate. They have different goals, DCS is looking at child protection, law enforcement is looking at is there a crime and do we have enough to prosecute. Again, what was happening here without that coordinator response is that those two entities were investigating on their own, they needed the same information so we had children being questioned over and over, witnesses being questioned over and over, lots of issues that can be solved with just doing a coordinated response. We developed a protocol that was rolled out county wide the first of the year for all law enforcement, all DCS saying that if there is a report of child abuse in any form, this multi-disciplinary team, so law enforcement, DCS, the prosecutor, medical and mental health if they are involved will activate a multi-disciplinary team case from the onset, at least saying that they will communicate and decide what is that next step together. What we had seen sometimes before is that a call may come into DCS and it may be seven, eight days before law enforcement is notified and by then the child has been questioned sometimes and sometimes a alleged perpetrator have been questioned and we really lost a lot of opportunity with those cases. That protocol rolled out January 1<sup>st</sup>, our program is a two-year program, so at the very beginning the real work. Opening the center was the first step, the real work is creating change in practice and the other objective was continuing education for our team, the multi-disciplinary team. Law enforcement gets a lot of great on-going education but not always in response to child abuse. Our center can seek funding for that and also prevention education in our schools, since the mandate that came down from the state, I believe it was three years ago saying that all schools have to provide research and evidence-based prevention education to students every year, Randolph County is yet to fully meet that mandate and we are able to seek funding for that as well. We opened our doors November 1<sup>st</sup> our impact to date, as of Friday when I left, we have coordinated 67 cases for the multi-disciplinary team, so DCS and law enforcement and the prosecutor and we conducted 57 forensic interviews on child victims. That breakdown is in the packet if you want to see the victimization type. How we are funded, we have two federal grants, their victims of crime act

grants VOCA, those are not tax dollars, that is actually money that is paid into a fund for federal crimes as restitution, some of the biggest depositor's in that fund in the past few decades have been like the VP oil spill and the Enron scandal. We have two different grants one funds 60% of our executive director forensic interviewer's salary, the other one funds 100% of our advocacy program. That is also where we received funding to have on going training for our teams. We have a contract with DCS to be their service provided for those forensic interviews, it pays the rent for our facility and a portion of our utilities. We launched a local fund-raising last August, letting the community know what we were doing, seeking funds for start up costs and then just under eight weeks we raised almost \$35,000.00 locally from all corners of the county, the City of Union City, the City of Winchester both made contributions and then we had like I said from all over the county. We also received a couple of local grants for prevention, the Women's fund of the Community Foundation gave us a \$1,100.00 grant for adult prevention and just last Friday we were notified that the Reid community benefit funded our grant proposal that will pay for the prevention curriculum for all Randolph County Schools through the 2023 – 2024 calendar year. So, the funding that we are requesting is \$30,000.00 that will supplement those executive director, forensic interview salary funds, like I said we receive 60% of that salary from VOCA, the victims of crime act and those dollars can only be used in direct service to victims. Things like administration, our prevention program, coordinating that multi-disciplinary team, the training, all of that cannot be funded through VOCA. We were also requesting donation of a professional printer, since we do so much of what we do is involved with the entire county, not only do our victims come from all over Randolph County but we are also coordinating those teams, so the donation of a printer to be added to the counties current lease is our request.

Tom asked where do you get your authority?

Mallory said a quote that I have heard multiple times since starting this, the child advocacy centers have some of the most responsibility with the least amount of authority. We are the neutral coordinator, the only authority we have is that we have agency agreements. So, with the Sheriff's Department, with the Department of Children's Services, Winchester Police Department and the Union City Police Department. At the beginning of this project they signed interagency agreements, the Prosecutor as well, saying this is the best practice, this is what we need to do and that we are going to follow that protocol every time.

Tom said I am concerned that this seems very disjointed, sounds like you are a very necessary part of the process but we have to depend on oil spills and environmental catastrophes for you to get money. Our government has not done you any favors, you need money from us every year. This is not going to be a one time ask. You are always going to be begging for money, I am assuming child abuse has not gone down in the last 30 or 40 years.

Mallory said correct, I mentioned the VP oil spill and Enron as some of the biggest depositors. That VOCA fund was started in the mid 70's. There was a time when VOCA had more money than they knew what to do with. The child advocacy center in Indiana is not new, before last year when we opened ours, the last time a child advocacy center was developed was almost 15 years ago. So, the funding streams that were following is the same as all the other child advocacy centers, we actually belong to the state chapter, which is a part of the national children's alliance, which is the national chapter. They have full time advocates on the hill in DC. The funding

streams that we are following are not new and they've funded child advocacy centers in Indiana for the last 15 years. I will say that most child advocacy centers take two or three years to develop, the VOCA grant cycle was open last January. Randolph County child victims could not wait another two years for us to develop this. The practices that we were using were decades behind. The ask that we are asking this year the \$30,000.00, that is not what we are expecting two years from now. There are multiple other federal grants sources as well as state that open up this year that were not open last year and ongoing.

Tom said you need a budget, you don't need to just be beholden to people for donations and good will. To me this is just a disaster waiting to happen. You need to be part of the system, rather than be outside looking in hoping people will give you money, which people are willing to do. I just see this as very disjointed, disorganized. How much time do you have to spend on raising money when you should be taking care of victims. Our government has really made a mess of your process.

Mallory said I agree with that, we are a nonprofit as are 90% of other child advocacy centers in the nation, I don't disagree that the government should have a better handle on this, but the fact of the matter is that they don't so child advocacy centers across the nation since the 80's are normally nonprofit and seek that funding through multiple grant sources, through local governments through local fund raising and I guess at the end of the day if we don't do it and we don't follow this best practice, evidence based model, no one else will. There is no other option for our victims and they will continue to be decades behind other Indiana victims right here in Randolph County. The service that Wayne County, Henry County, all of our surrounding counties that their child victims get, if they report abuse today, the response that they are getting is much different than what Randolph County victims are getting.

Mike said I am curious why we had 66 multi-disciplinary cases but only 54 professional interviews, is that a timing issue?

Mallory said some of those cases, we coordinate the team for all cases, so some of those could be if the victim is, like a very young child two or under or an infant, I know we have had a couple of cases, broken bones reported by the hospital, that type of thing.

Mike said a budget was mentioned, I presume that you have it. Is that something you could share with the Commissioner's?

Mallory said yes, we can share our budgets.

Mike said I think that would be valuable in determining whether or not we want to fund or help you in this situation. And I guess, Deb, don't we support you in some way and are you not related to this.

Deb Tharp said we are not related, they do all the interviews and they are neutral and we don't have anything, they could do the interview and we would never see those children. Only do we get those kiddos when they become a CHINS or an informal adjustment through DCS.



Mike said so you are the next step?

Deb said yes.

Meeks said I would just say as to the funding request for a copier, how do we pay for copiers, through our CCD fund?

Angela said we have contracts that we pay.

Meeks said you pay the leases out of the general fund?

Angela said yes.

Meeks said I'm not sure that you could pay for a lease that is not in a county office.

Mike said that might be difficult to do, I would think.

Meeks said I just don't think that is doable.

Mallory said that is understandable, it was just an ask.

Mike said you mentioned Wayne County, they turned over since this was done?

Mallory said it was us and Jay County.

Mike said Jay County still has not?

Mallory said yes. We are 15 years or more behind the curve on this.

Mike said I am not opposed to supporting this, I would like to see a budget. A budget would give me a better understanding of what I would be supporting and financially where you are at. For that reason, I would recommend tabling this until our next meeting.

Mallory said okay, is there any other issues I could answer?

Mike said I assume you won't mind us contacting your governing board with any questions we might have?

Mallory said not at all. It is hard to adequately explain in a short amount of time and not bore everybody to death with the history of it all, so if there are any other specific questions or concerns regarding how it is working here in the county that I can submit along with the budget.

Tom said do you want to remain independent of the government, you really have to partner with everybody, don't you think it would be better if you were part of the government?

Mallory said 90% are non-profit, the other 10% are usually part of the Prosecutor's office, those models are then fully dependent on the local government, so the best practice that has worked throughout the nation is that nonprofit model. Able to seek, since we serve so many parts of the team, advocacy, prevention, all of those things, we can seek funding from all of those different avenues where if we are a line item on the government budget, what I have heard from other CAC's is that it limited those funding streams.

Tom said do you get any money from the perpetrators? Do they have to pay fines, do they just go to jail?

Mallory said that is where those victims of crime act grants, with federal crimes, that's where that money goes. Locally the victim compensation funds. That federal grant is administered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, which is where Indiana victim compensation's funds are.

Gary said I think the program is definitely needed. I am involved with DCS as an elected official, these numbers are not declining and when I sit in and hear the discussion of how this person interviewed and this person has interviewed the client and then we talk about putting all that data together, I am not totally versed on the program but it seems to me that it is somewhat disjointed as far as the way we operate. I know we definitely need it for the child's situation, when I was in education, I saw so many of the cases that we turned in to DCS to be investigated and nothing ever happened and I knew darned well these issues were occurring. These children continued on in their life trying to come to school with all this baggage and it was a total mess.

Mallory said that is how we do it as well, some of these benefits are not always easy to quantify but at least if we have a formalized response process to these instances, the team, all these different disjointed players, if they are coordinated and communicating at the onset, we have a better chance to improve the outcome for that victim, for that family in whatever form that may be, which inter benefits the county as a whole. Like I said the physical location of the center was just the first tiny step.

Mike said are we okay to revisit this in two weeks?

Gary said we definitely need to.

### **YMCA Childcare grant approved**

Mike said before I call Ed up, I would like to make an announcement that I just got an email that says that the YMCA was approved for their \$250,000.00 child care grant that they had applied for that we were the supporting body on. That is good news.

### **Ed Thornburg – Culvert project**

Ed said we need to discuss funding options for the culvert down south and the South Street project. The first page of the first hand out is the proposal that was sent to me for putting the catch basin and outlet in by the South Street bridge.

Tom said do you know how much that was in the original contract?

Ed said no, I don't.

Tom said probably a fraction of this.

Ed said yes. I ask him to give me a number on the finished restoration, that's what the restoration number is below and actually this project totals up to \$17,770.00. It is below \$18,000.00, that does not include any kind of acquisition or easement costs, this is just construction. The picture on the back is the type of catch basin, the bottom half of the page that's the type of catch basin that I'm looking at to put in here.

Mike said are we going to need to acquire right away?

Ed said they all agreed that they want us to put it in and it's right on the edge of what we own.

Mike said the all meaning?

Ed said the owners.

Mike said is there one property owner or more than one?

Ed said there is one property owner.

Tom said is this permanent or temporary?

Ed said actually we own the land a few feet past the bridge, I have no good way of determining exactly where that is. They want this thing done, I told them we would take care of this if they would give us access to the yard.

Tom said hopefully it's a temporary easement.

Ed said we are looking at cutting a notch in the old headwall, installing the pipe, cutting a section out of the sidewalk and replacing it and then putting this catch basin at the edge of the street, were looking at as near no pavement disturbances that we can come up with.

Mike said Mike Haffner has indicated the Highway Department doesn't have the money to correct this.

Ed said that's what he has told me.

Mike said we determined in the Drainage Board that it needs corrected.

Ed said usually I would come to you with a proposal of where to get the money from. I don't have the first clue. The one thing I was wondering if there is any chance that this large federal money.

Mike said it is for water projects, I'm hoping to define that as a bridge, the bridge goes over water.

Ed said this directs water past the bridge, I think it would qualify on that front, but I don't know anything about the parameters or who else has lined up for that money.

Mike asked Meeks what do you think?

Meeks said do we have the ordinance for the ARP funds?

Mike said the ordinance says water projects.

Laura said we have not gotten any real definitions yet.

Meeks said you will have to wait until they put out the definitions. They have not put them out as of the last time I looked. They will let us know.

Ed said at this point we are past the major spring flooding season.

Mike said I think we need to do it. There was a culvert in there and at some point, in time the culvert was removed. Why, nobody seems to know. That was several years ago.

Ed said if we have a chance to use that money for it, I'd like to get this in before fall.

Mike said do we want to table this?

Gary said since it's not an emergency. We definitely want it resolved.

Meeks said can you remind me why we can't use the ditch money.

Ed said because this is not on a county ditch.

Meeks said so its not a regulated drain.

Mike said and we have verbal consent from the property owner to do this, we probably should get something more formal from the property owner.

Meeks said we did an easement with the other one.

Mike said I didn't know if you wanted to do that ahead of time or just wait.

Ed said that's fine. On the second one which is scheduled for fall, assuming we can come up with funding for everything, this is our culvert project at 500 and 500. I set down with the contractor and his advocate, I've got two options here. The first one, the original plan was to replace both culverts and option two is replacing just the 500 East culvert. If you look on the back of that page that takes that project down from \$100,000.00 to \$68,800.00. Some of these



are when we started it we were talking about using highway stone and highway trucks and this if figuring approximate cost for everything, we just need to know where we are going to fund it from. The drainage board work is very straight forward, I've got that figured out.

Mike said you've got \$25,800, \$29,8000, \$30,000, \$300 which is not identified as how it's paid for.

Ed said I just checked those boxes as a proposal, like I said the only thing I've got absolutely lined out is the drainage board column.

Mike said the highway has agreed to buy the pipe.

Ed said yes, the highway is down for the pipe. As far as the x's I put under stone and trucking expenses, that's all for you to determine.

Mike said would not the same rule apply to this one as the previous one. If that money would support a drain in town, I don't know why it wouldn't support a culvert in the county. It's defined as water and it's not working now, again the culverts are not low enough. Do we want to wait and see what the definition of a water project is?

Gary said I guess, we are waiting on the other one.

Tom said yes, wait two weeks.

#### **Gary Friend – Council**

Gary said we have a contract to hire Baker Tilly to help us with this federal money to see what we can and can't use it for. Do you have any questions for me?

Mike said any guidance we could get would be great.

#### **Other Business:**

##### **Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff**

Art said I have a packet I would like to pass out to you and then I would like to explain it. I am not looking for a decision on any of this money this morning. I am going to send the information to the Council also. There are a couple options with this. To explain what this is, this is the body camera package that I talked to you about. What I have here is the top copy you have is the taser and body cam package, there's a whole lot of lines that tell you what comes with this. If you get back to page 6, it talks about what that cost is, what the total comes to and whether or not you purchase that out right or you do a five-year contract with them. This would include the body cams, the tasers, it would be hardware upgrades and it would a cloud-based storage that has everything you need. It is a combined package, so it would keep the guys in that as long as we keep redoing that contract. In between the two there is actually two sheets that talks about the exon core and core plus, it breaks it down to the cost per officer per month. With the combined plan it would give you the taser and the body camera both and I think that comes down to the \$159.00 per month per user and gives you all the licenses you need. The second sheet is the fleet pricing, the fleet is actually the in-car camera and the second packet that I have given you is the

fleet packet. They have discounted that fleet packet by 10% if we lump them both together. I am not sure what they will do beyond that but I wanted you to be able to look that information over. I am going to email this information to the Council also. I am not sure if that is something we want to try and purchase up front or if it is something we want to build into the budget, so we can just have it built into the Sheriff's budget that way we can go beyond the five years at the end of it.

Tom said you assume this is longer than a five year ask?

Art said I think with the way the world is right now the body cameras are going to be a forever thing and I know they take up a tremendous amount of storage and to buy in house server's, the interesting thing about this package, that includes unlimited data storage in the cloud, the way this is priced. It comes with all the redaction software, everything you would need to keep the system going without us having to purchase extras on top of it. I will answer any questions you might have. I wanted to give you a couple weeks to look at it, I wanted to reach out to the Council to get a feel for what they think, but I think the way the world is going and some of the statutes that are coming down at some point we are not going to have a choice.

Mike said what is the second packet?

Art said the second packet is for the in-car cameras. So, it would be mobile units.

Mike said we don't have those now?

Art said we have a few. The ones we have are fairly old and don't always function properly, which raises questions with defense attorney's as to why its not and we have to explain that it's old and sometimes they work, sometimes they don't. We do have some body cameras, they are probably five or six years old at this point in time. They do need replaced.

Tom said is that about the life of a body camera?

Art said yes.

Mike asked do you have anything in your budget for car camera's now?

Art said we do have the equipment line that we try to use to maintain everything, I think I still have maybe \$28,000.00 in that budget. It is also one that we use for any camera issues at the jail.

Mike asked is that your CCD budget?

Art said that is part of the CCD for the cameras.

Mike said that is appropriated around \$30,000.00 per year.

Art said that is \$30,000.00 a year and we have always used it to maintain and keep things going, that is one of the lines I was looking at. I know you guys also have a camera/video/equipment and training budget that's \$30,000.00 that's tucked under you guys.

Mike said together they are \$57,000.00 a year.

Art said correct. It is something I didn't know if we wanted to move forward with one this year and one next year. I just wanted you to have the total information. If you have any questions feel free to email me. I wanted to get the information into your hands so that you had a chance to look at it and then I will be back to see you in a couple of weeks.

Tom asked do taser's have the same handle as a gun, do they have a different feel to them?

Art said they, I would tell you they feel different. I would also tell you given recent events in the world that under stress, things feel differently in the hand. To me they are different. One of the things that I was waiting on that I was hoping to have today is, they are sending me a kit, that has all the equipment in it that we are requesting and I want to bring that in so that I can share with you guys, so that you can see. The ones we are looking at would be yellow, so hopefully if you are on the scene somebody can see it is easily identified, it is what it is. But again, the body does funny things under stress.

Mike said it is unfortunate the way the world is going. I don't have any questions at this time.

Art said I don't disagree and we are trying to line things up to get out in front of that and make sure we keep Randolph County ahead of that line.

Gary Friend asked are we looking into non-lethal force. There is a lot of advertising of overwhelming nonlethal force that is out there today, where you can shoot strong pellets and overwhelm people versus having to pull a gun anyway. That is coming, have you done any research on that?

Art said we have researched for year on the different options. The things that scare me with the burn system, I've looked at it, that looks, I've never touched one but it looks like it would feel a whole lot like what I carry for lethal. Where the taser to me, again, I am an officer with 30 years' experience, they feel dramatically different in my hand. That is entirely different with an officer that has six-months of experience. We have carried what they term as less lethal depending on where it is fired and anything we would fire the projectile could be lethal, but all patrol units have shot guns that for years now we have carried bean bag rounds in, so that it give them that option on a scene, they also have patrol rifles and we always try to go for officer safety, if you have two officer's you always have the lethal lead and the transition of non-lethal because the officer's lives are important.

Gary said from what is going on and with grant dollars coming down the road, we need to be prepared to have a non-lethal alternative. I mean more than a taser.

Art said we have some of those, the other problem you get into, you have them available and we carry the stuff in the cars, the other issue depending on the situation we only have so much real estate on our duty belts.

Gary said this whole transition that is going on, I think we just have to be prepared and looking at that kind of trend.

Art said I think there is a transition coming also, I would tell you when the law comes down that I have to enter a situation with non-lethal in my hand and transition to lethal that is going to cost me time, I will no longer be a cop.

Gary said I understand that, that is not exactly what I was talking about, you know the situation you are in is what I was talking about, that is what I mean. If you are taking gun fire, like in Lynn, that is not even in the same category. I am talking about, your looking at a category and you just can't get them to stop and they are out of taser range, we have alternatives.

Art said we transition, we have that situation more frequently than people probably realize and increasing frequency. We are looking at option, there are a couple of other items that are out. One of the things with the new tasers is the distance that they travel, the technology that's involved with them. We are looking at all kinds of options.

Mike Wickersham said to me the debate boils down to do you trust your officer or not and when society does not trust the officer's the majority of society does not trust the officers then its going to be a society that I don't want to live in.

Art said correct. We live in a community that is very supportive and we have a great group of officers.

**Regular Claims \$443,855.43**

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

**Payroll Claims \$222,728.77**

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

**White Water Valley REMC \$13,519.00**

**Dispatch Products \$5,000.00**

**Rex Collins Electric \$31,914.00**

**MPX Solutions \$5,188.55**

**MPX Solutions Claim \$15,000.00**

Mike said these five claims are all for the Communications project and unless you have a certain one that you want to discuss, I would entertain a motion to approve all of these claims together.

Gary asked how much is left on this MPX? It looks to me like we are almost paid.



Mike said we are almost paid, that maybe it, other than retainage.

Gary said we don't even have the towers up. They are still laying on the ground. In fact, my understanding, they are not even going to be erected until the end of the month or possibly May.

Tom asked are they waiting on a crane or what?

Gary said no, they've got the crane scheduled but then it looks to me like we have already paid more than we should have because who knows what is going to happen with the erection of these three towers, crane costs and so on. Issues that might happen, I think we have over paid them in my opinion.

Angela said we have paid for the concrete and the steel. You do have money left in the tower installation.

Gary said how much?

Angela said \$74,900.00.

Gary said okay, I miss read that.

Mike said the one claim for \$5188.55 is for the concrete and the \$15,000.00 is the balance of the steel.

Tom said I assume Rex Collins is for work that has been completed, that is not stuff that he is going to do for us, it's been done already.

Gary said I don't even know if the one at the highway barn, the unit for the equipment has been installed and I'm not sure that the third one is even here on site yet. We owe Collins a fair amount of money.

Mike said \$190,523.00 is the balance left on Collins. This is for \$31,000.00 and if you recall his contract was reduced by the modification at the highway.

Gary made a motion to approve the five claims as presented for the Communications project. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Angela said the Whitewater Valley is the one that is outside of the realm of the contract.

Tom said is that included anywhere in the budget?

Laura said no, Whitewater Valley REMC has to run electric to that tower site and that's their fee and in the agreement that we approved when we got that, I emailed Chris Shaneyfelt and asked where this was being paid from and he said it was from the electrical bid. Since they have told us no, it was not included in the electrical bid.

Mike said would that potentially reduce Rex Collins by another \$13,519.00?

Laura said no. Originally Chris told me that was included in that bid, when it come down to paying it, Pyramid said no, it wasn't include.

Mike said I think we should probably ask them why it wouldn't be included.

Tom said we bid on a total package.

Gary said I would think so, because there is no way they would be able to hook their equipment up.

Laura said they can't erect that tower until this all gets done and the hold up is paying that bill for REMC, they won't run any electric at all until they get that check.

Tom said that comes back to retainage discussion.

Mike said we can put our attorney on that. So, we have approved the Whitewater Valley claim this morning. Anything else on the Communications project? I can share that Greg Pence and both Senators have talked to the FCC about a temporary microwave license permit and the FCC is saying they are reviewing our issue along with several other issues that they are reviewing but they can't give us any time line on when that will be determined.

Gary said so, we are going to have three towers in the air with over \$3 million in them and we can't use them.

Mike said we are going to have \$3.6 million in it. We may have some microwave communication equipment that we can sell, I don't know, I guess there is still hope.

Tom said I wouldn't go spending ½ million dollars on fiber just yet.

Mike said I wouldn't either. Anyway, that's the status.

#### **Jay Randolph Developmental – Muhlenkamp Claim \$108,723.52**

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

#### **Minutes of April 5, 2021**

Mike asked is there any additions, corrections or deletions to these minutes?

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

#### **Ordinance 2021-03**

Mike read the ordinance number and title and said this is what we have been talking about in order to get our funds from the federal government via the state we need to have an ordinance

establishing a fund to put these deposits in and then as the ordinance states, we are allowed four broad ways to use it. To respond to a public health emergency with respect to Covid 19, to respond to workers performing essential work during the Covid 19 public health emergency and providing premium pay to eligible works of in our case county that are performing essential work, for the provision of government services to the extent of reduction of revenue because of the public health emergency and finally to make necessary investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure as approved by the US Treasurer. I can't imagine why we would not want to suspend the rules on this ordinance and go ahead and get it passed today.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-03  
AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW FUND FOR THE RECEIPT OF FUNDING FROM  
THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN AS ADOPTED BY CONGRESS IN 2021

WHEREAS, the federal government has adopted the American Rescue Plan (ARP) which has been signed into law by the President; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish a new fund in the Auditor's Office into which the proceeds of the ARP are to be deposited;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Randolph County Commissioners, that:

1. There is created a new fund with the Auditor's Office that shall be entitled "ARP Randolph County", and the Auditor has issued a fund number of 8950 with respect to these funds and such funds shall be non-reverting.

2. The purpose of the funds is to be used for only the following reasons as set forth in §603(C) of the ARP in accordance with US Treasury Guidance:

A. To respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or to aid the impacted industries such as tourism, travel and hospitality;

B. To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible works of the metropolitan city, non-entitlement unit of local government or county that are performing such essential, or by providing grants to eligible employers that employ eligible workers who perform essential work;

C. For the provision of the government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such metropolitan city, non-entitlement unit of local government, or county due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the metropolitan city, non-entitlement unit of local government or county prior to the emergency; or

D. To make necessary investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure as approved by the US. Treasury.

3. The funds shall be appropriated by the County's fiscal body before use.

4. All expenditure of funds shall be approved by the Board of Commissioners with any and all claims to be paid from the County's ARP fund.

5. The Board of Commissioners will establish the plan, conditions and rules upon which the funds are to be requested and used.

6. Any unused funds shall be paid back to the United States Treasury when required.

7. The Auditor shall keep accurate and complete financial records of the receipt and expenditure of any and all funds deposited and paid from this new fund.

8. No money received in the ARP fund shall be used for any type of deposit into any pension fund.

Gary made a motion to adopt ordinance 2021-03 after the first reading. Tom 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 the same day. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Tom made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-03. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

#### **Ordinance 2021-04**

Mike said that brings us to ordinance 2021-04 that is being presented to us today and is an ordinance to authorize and regulate the use of off-road vehicles on roadways under the jurisdiction and control of Randolph County Government and matters related thereto.

### **RANDOLPH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2101-04**

#### **AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND REGULATE THE USE OF OFF-ROAD VEHICLES ON ROADWAYS UNDER THE JURISDICTION AND CONTROL OF RANDOLPH COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

**AN ORDINANCE** to regulate the operation of Off-road Vehicles (*as defined by IC 14-8-2-185*) a term which includes All-terrain Vehicles (*as defined by IC 14-8-2-5.7*) and Recreational Off-road Vehicles (*as defined by IC 14-8-2-233.5*); the operation of Snowmobiles (*as defined by IC 14-8-2-261*); and, the operation of Golf Carts (*as defined by IC 9-13-2-69.7*) upon the roads and highways under the authority of the Randolph County Board of Commissioners.

**WHEREAS** it has been determined by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners (hereafter "Commissioners") that a need exists of an ordinance regulating the operation of All-terrain Vehicles, Snowmobiles (hereafter "vehicles") and Golf Carts upon county roads and highways, and;

**WHEREAS** IC 14-16-1-22 authorizes a local unit of government to regulate the operation of vehicles upon county roads and highways, and;



**WHEREAS** IC 9-21-1-3.3 authorizes a local unit of government to regulate the operation of Golf Carts upon county roads and highways, and;

**WHEREAS** all other state and local laws applicable to the operation of vehicles and golf carts upon all public ways shall remain in full force and effect and be the operator's responsibility to abide by such laws.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners acting within their authority to permit and regulate the operation of Off-road Vehicles, Snowmobiles and Golf Carts upon county roads and highways, to wit:

1. Subject to the regulations contained within this ordinance, and all other applicable state and local laws, Off-road Vehicles (*as defined by IC 14-8-2-185*), Snowmobiles (*as defined by IC 14-8-2-261*) and Golf Carts (*as defined by IC 9-13-2-69.7*) are hereby permitted to operate on the roads and highways that are under the jurisdiction of the Randolph County Board of Commissioners. This ordinance does not apply to roads and highways within the state highway system or those roads and highways within the corporation boundaries of cities and towns within Randolph County.
2. Owners of the vehicles described herein and regulated hereby shall register the Off-road Vehicle or Snowmobile in compliance with IC 9-18.1-14-1; IC 9-18.1-14-3; IC 9-18.1-14-4; and IC 9-18.1-14-5.
3. Owners of the vehicles described herein and regulated hereby shall comply with I.C. 14-16-1-1 et. seq., as applicable.
4. A person under the age of 18 years old shall comply with IC 9-18.1-14-11 (Youth Helmet Law) while riding or operating an Off-road Vehicle.
5. Any person who operates an Off-road Vehicle, Snowmobile or Golf Cart upon the roads and highways that are under the jurisdiction of the Randolph County Board of Commissioners, shall possess a valid Indiana driver license.
6. An operator of an Off-road Vehicle, Snowmobile or Golf Cart shall have evidence of in place and valid liability insurance issued by an insurance underwriter authorized to issue insurance in the state of Indiana in an amount equal to or greater than the insurance requirements set forth in IC 9-25-4-5 whenever the Off-road Vehicle, Snowmobile or Golf Cart is operated upon the roads and highways under the jurisdiction of the Randolph County Board of Commissioners.
7. No passengers are permitted on single seat Off-road Vehicles. The number of passengers permitted at any time to simultaneously occupy an Off-road Vehicles, Snowmobiles and

Golf Carts is limited to the number of manufacturer-installed passenger seats on the vehicle.

8. An operator of an Off-road Vehicle, Snowmobile or Golf Cart is permitted to cross a highway in the state highway system, at right angles, in order to travel from one (1) highway under the jurisdiction of the county to another highway under the jurisdiction of the county when the operation can be done safely.
9. An Off-road Vehicle, Snowmobile and Golf Cart may not be operated between sunset and sunrise without at least one operable headlight and one operable taillight.
10. Golf Carts must have a "Slow Moving Vehicle" sign pursuant to the authority granted under IC 9-21-9-0.5 and IC 9-21-9-2, if the golf cart is operated at less than 25 miles per hour.
11. Off-road Vehicles, Snowmobiles and Golf Carts must travel in single file when operated upon road and highways under the jurisdiction of the Randolph County Board of Commissioners.
12. Any law enforcement agency, including but not limited to: the Randolph County Sheriff's Department, the Indiana State Police, Indiana Conservation officers and Randolph County municipal police officers may enforce this Ordinance.
13. Should any provision of this Ordinance be declared, by a court of jurisdiction, to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity or impair the enforcement of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, or any portion thereof.
14. Penalties for a violation of this Ordinance are fines up to but not exceeding the following amounts:

Violation of 1<sup>st</sup> offense shall be \$100.

Violation of 2<sup>nd</sup> and subsequent offenses shall be \$250.

15. Three or more violations of this Ordinance by a single operator occurring within a twelve-month period shall constitute grounds for the withdrawal of the registrations of any vehicles covered by this Ordinance owned by that operator, subject to the owner's right to appeal such registration withdrawal to the Randolph County Board of County Commissioners.

Mike said Mr. Hall is coming back the first meeting in May to talk about this. This is the one Meeks prepared which closely aligns with Wayne County which includes not only all terrain vehicles but snowmobiles and golf carts.

Meeks said I liked the Wayne County one better than the Jay County one because first off it states all the statutes which I like.

Tom said how does that handle the state exemption for agricultural?

Meeks said I don't think it is regulating agricultural at all.

Mike said it would be exempted by the statutes that were following.

Tom said would that be confusing? What is the test when you stop somebody, they say I'm using this for the farm.

Art said it has never been an issue to this point and I can't see it being an issue with any of the county officers. If they are using it for the farm it is under the statute.

Tom said you haven't had anybody that says its for the farm that is not a farmer?

Art said I'm sure they have. We try to figure it out, it is obvious to us if they are using it for the farm or hunting purposes. We have never had an issue with it.

Mike said I am not sure I agree with golf carts, I don't think they carry the speed and I think children are more likely going to be on golf carts. I wouldn't agree with golf carts, although they are out there. If I were making the recommendation, I would eliminate all references to golf carts in this.

Meeks said just remove golf carts from this.

Gary said I am not sure I agree with snowmobiles because when roads are capable of handling a snowmobile, the weather is inclement usually and it is difficult to see them. I think we are looking at safety, we are not looking at a service and what is nice for everybody around. I am even hesitant about even allowing four wheelers because as I told you las meeting, I was on Hwy 36 and I was going 55 almost 60 miles an hour and there was a four-wheeler ahead of me and going faster than I was.

Meeks said if they are on 36...

Gary said I know they are breaking all kinds of laws.

Tom said would this pertain to snowmobiles on the side ditch? Do we have to have this for them to be able to drive them on the right a way or just on the road?

Art said those laws already exist, if they are registered through DNR they can use any of those off-road vehicles on the unused portion of a roadway. Whether it is a highway or a county road, I believe.

Mike said you are right Gary, I don't think they should be in here either.

Meeks said remove snowmobiles.

Art said I think part of the reason for the snowmobile is part of it is under an extreme weather situation. Because they are not normally going to be on the road anyway.

Mike said I rode my bike yesterday on the county roads and I met one agricultural ATV, two pleasure ATV's, a horse with a cart and a horse riding, all within 1 ½ hours.

Meeks said I will resend it out.

Mike said we will table ordinance 2021-04 for an adjustment and modification and we will take it up at our first meeting and I think JJ Hall is going to be back at that meeting.

### **Treasurer's monthly report**

Mike asked if there was any discussion about the Treasurer's report?

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

### **WTH Proposal**

Laura said when we were talking about splitting those positions out, you asked Fred to get some pricing and for \$12,000.00 they will do the monthly parcel splits. That is just doing the splits, not doing any of the other GIS stuff and that is all they gave him.

Mike asked how many splits do you do a year?

Laura said I don't know

Meeks said they do a lot of splits.

Mike said this in an option if we end up with nobody in the position of GIS Auditor's position. Thank you, Council, for funding that and funding the IT position.

Laura said now we just need applicants.

Mike said as I understand we have one applicant for each position?

Laura said yes and I am interviewing for the IT position later this week.

Mike said are you doing that alone?

Laura said no, Fred is going to join me for the interview.

### **GIS job description**

#### **IT job description**

Mike said we have received copies of the GIS and the IT job descriptions, any comments, additions, deletions in those descriptions that we want to share with Laura? Hearing none, the last item on the agenda is the offender watch.

**Offender Watch - Request to GIS Department**

Mike said don't we have an agreement when they want this, something of that nature, that we have to waive that fee?

Tom said \$1200,00.

Laura said yes.

Tom made a motion to waive the \$1200.00 fee for this request for GIS information. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Meeks Cockerill**

Meeks asked would the Commissioner's like to schedule an executive session before the next meeting regarding the horses. I will know a lot more by the end of this week.

Mike said how much time do you need?

Meeks said 15 minutes.

Mike said do you want to schedule an executive session for 8:30 am on Monday May 3, 2021?

Gary agreed.

Tom agreed.

**Tom Chalfant**

The tenant at the old highway barn is going to stay another month. He is trying to find help.

**Gary Girton**

Gary said on the windfarm II resurfacing, when is that going to begin, repair of the roads?

Mike said when they are done.

Gary said they are almost done. They are supposed to be up and running by June 1<sup>st</sup> or at least that is what she said.

Tom said how recent was that, was that counting the recall on the blades?

Gary said yes, that is what she said.

Tom said Mike Haffner and I are supposed to drive the roads with Peterman pretty soon and talk about it's going to be more than what they anticipated I'm sure.

Mike said based on the list Mike Haffner gave us?

Tom said partially, I didn't do all that with him, so I'm not sure and I'm sure they don't think it is that extensive. There will be some discussion on that too.

Gary said the comments he made, he was talking about 38 or 40 miles of some work and originally, they his comments were talking about 22 to 26 miles.

Mike said to answer your question, I don't know when it is going to start.

Gary said for the contracting, I think bids should be going out on part of this because we won't get it done until maybe next year if we aren't careful.

Mike said I think that is going to be part of the difficulty anyway. Unless we know what to bid on, we are not going to be able to issue bids. The sooner we determine what roads need to be done and I guess from my standpoint if we determine 42 miles need to be done and the windfarm is saying 33 miles need to be done then the process is as I understand it is they show us their engineer report that says only 33 miles and we hire another engineer that says its going to be 42 and once that's resolved then it's bid. That is the process that we have agreed to and at this point in time.

Gary said it looks to me that, that part could be done because there may be some additional, they have done away with the big crane, they're down to a small crane that's putting the blades on.

Mike said I think that is what Tom's and Mike and Don Peterman, that's what they are going to do and if we say 42 and were satisfied with 42 and Don Peterman says okay we will pay for 42 then were a go.

Gary said right, we need to do that as quickly as possible.

Tom said EDPR's been asking me for two or three months, they want to have an agreement too. The hold up is trying to get Mike Haffner and them to meet and talk.

Gary said we can't keep having a hold up or we are going to be a year down the road. It is going to have to move up on the priority list to number one in my opinion.

Tom said determined three weeks ago that he was going to set something up. He is just trying to get it figured out now.

Mike said maybe that can be done yet this month.

Tom said I am hoping for this week even.

Gary said we need a report next month of exactly where we are at.

Mike told Laura to put windfarm road report on the agenda.

### **Citizen Comments**




None

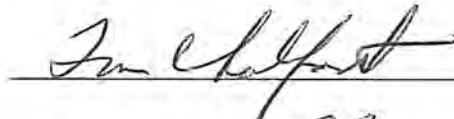
**Adjournment**

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

Reviewed and signed this 17 day of May, 2021.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
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ATTEST:   
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Laura J Martin, Auditor of Randolph County