Randolph County Commissioners

August 2, 2021

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

Michael Wickersham, President presided over the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Tom Cockerill - Open highway bids for bridge 110

Mike said we have three bids to open.

Tom said this is from Brumbaugh Construction. This is a contractor's bid for public works from Brumbaugh Construction Inc. and the amount for rehabilitation of Randolph County Bridge number 110, County Road 1200 W over a branch of Campbell Creek is \$307,407.00. The next bid is from Jutte Excavating Inc. and they have submitted a bid for rehabilitation of Randolph County bridge number 110 in the sum of \$197,310.88. The next bid is from Hoosier Pride Excavating Inc. for rehabilitation of bridge 110 and their bid is in the sum of \$257,395.80.

Mike said we will take these under advisement and provide them to our highway department Superintendent Mike Haffner and Mike will review them and bring back a recommendation to us at our next meeting.

Perry Knox and Michael Ficcaglia, SJCA-Bridge 110

Perry said I have Mike Ficcaglia form SJCA with me and he is the designer on that bridge, do you have any questions for him.

Mike said I do not, do you Tom?

Tom said not unless they have anything they want to tell us.

Perry said we will just take the bids under advisement.

Mike said I assume all the bids meet the design criteria and we will go from there and let you three advise us on which bid is the best and lowest.

Mike Haffner - Highway secretary position (iob description)

Mike said at our July 6th meeting we discussed your recommendation to treat our new highway secretary the same as all the other highway employees which would give her 40 hours a week in

10-hour increments Monday through Thursday with a paid lunch. We talked about amending the job description I believe, but we didn't. That decision went to Council and the Council as you know decided not to fund the position. It is back to us as to whether we want to take your recommendation, amend the job description and I presume we would have to amend the hand book as well that would treat the secretary the same as all other highway employees with a 7 to 5 pm Monday through Thursday work week and a paid working lunch, is that correct?

Mike Haffner said correct?

Mike said your rational for that is one answering the phone but I think what I heard most from you was the complexity of the highway department, complexity of the budget and that extra five hours a week would be valuable to your department, to make a more smoothly running highway department.

Mike Haffner said we are adding in more federal projects and that also takes paperwork and I don't have an assistant at this time. I am spending a lot of time in the office that I really don't need to be spending, I need to be spending time out on the road.

Mike said for your benefit, we briefly discussed this at our last meeting and decided for this meeting we should go ahead and have an amended position in front of us and make the decision whether or not to amend that position, take the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent and take our case back to the Council and hopefully change their mind that they would fund this position or we could just leave it the way it is. Erin is working now and has been working for a month basically and is catching up to speed I hope.

Mike Haffner said she is doing very well, there is just a lot there.

Mike said I took the position that we should take Mike's recommendation. I will make the motion Erin should be treated like every other Highway employee out there 7 to 5 with a paid lunch 4 days a week.

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

Mike said we get to go back to the Council meeting in the morning and hopefully persuade them to fund this.

Mike Haffner said I have a couple of questions. One is the north barn of the old facility. I've been asked what it would take to vacate it. We still have all of our plow underbody blades, our V plow blades and ski's, we've got an assortment of different tile pieces and segments that take up some room and then we've got our spare springs, we always have spring packages in case we bust springs, we have an assortment of springs and drive train components as well as storing like our boom truck and chipper and stuff, that stuff you kind of want to have ready to go in case there is an emergency instead of having everything unhooked. This equipment is kind of emergency type equipment, when mother nature calls, you need it ready to go and we store that usually at the old highway barn. My question is do we, I am recommending that we still have

need of that north barn but if you need it then let me know and I will try to get a game plan to move that out. We are still storing the police vehicle which I need to get with Art.

Tom said not in the old barn.

Mike Haffner said no, in the new facility.

Mike asked how many square feet is that north barn?

Tom said 40 x 60 maybe?

Mike Haffner said yes, I'd say 40 x 60.

Mike asked how much of what's in there can be stored outside?

Mike Haffner said naturally we can store it outside but we would want to maybe purchase racks so that it would not be stored on the gravel.

Tom said the V plows used to be outside, didn't they?

Mike Haffner said all the V plows are outside at our new facility.

Mike said you don't have any V plows at the old facility?

Mike Haffner said no, we don't have any V plows, the cutting edges and the skis.

Mike said the accessories, the working parts. Do you have space for them in the new facility?

Mike Haffner said not indoors, I could store them on the back side of our cold storage. The tile components and all that does take up a lot of space and you really shouldn't have that in the sun light because then it becomes brittle and everything.

Mike asked there is no space in the maintenance barn?

Mike Haffner said we are talking an area that would probably take this room.

Mike said I don't need the north barn.

Tom said the occupant asked about using it. Originally, we were going to free that up in April but we reduced the rent some.

Mike Haffner said if you need it we can get the stuff out. Some of the trucks we store in there, we will have to store outside and the chipper has a motor, the zipper grinder has an engine. I really hate to set equipment that's got engines outside.

Tom said it sounds like it is a permanent situation, like you want to use the old barn permanently?

Mike Haffner said yes, we definitely got some room but. I just need some guidance, if we need out then we'll start making game plans. Tom and I can look around to see what are best suited.

Mike said your email said you and Lonnie was going to take a look at it. For me, as time permits I would work on that plan and see where it takes us. I don't want you to make that a priority and push other duties aside but I think it is something you probably should think about because originally, we were going to have that barn vacated. If we can't it really changes the future of that space out there for a long time.

Mike Haffner said we will start looking at getting a game plan.

Gary said we need a plan as to what we are going to be doing in the future but I'm not seeing a need at the present time to move it. I can't see that much more need for the people were renting it to, particularly since we reduced the rent.

Mike Haffner said naturally that is going to help because if I have a month or better.

Mike said you have a lot more time than that in my opinion.

Gary said I agree.

Mike said I am more concerned about the long-term use of that building. Our lease with the current tenant is two years and we reduced his rent. I'm not anxious to move out of the north barn to satisfy his needs. Five years down the road, if we still have things at the old highway, that doesn't make since. That doesn't mean I don't want your plan in five years because I am not going to be here in five years.

Mike Haffner said my next question would be our pickups that we had arrangements to trade. That is coming maybe fairly quick. I need some guidance. Do the Commissioner's want any of our old trucks? I'd heard that you might be looking for a truck, I don't want to trade them off if you want them.

Tom said I mentioned possibly one at Solid Waste. I didn't know if his truck would fit that need or not. You're not talking about an engineer truck, right?

Mike Haffner said no, not that new.

Tom said I mentioned that some of the older trucks possibly could work for the solid waste district.

Mike Haffner said the two that's slated to get traded off has got issues but I've got another truck, 05 that is in my plans to trade off next year. I'm not saying once my new trucks get here, I couldn't part with that early. 05 is an extended cab but is a short bed. I don't know what their

needs are. We might need them to take a look at these vehicles and see if they are even interested. The time frame is, if they are interested, they need to be looking at them now.

Gary said that is a good suggestion, that we encourage them to do that.

Mike said I wonder if you could get us the make, model and mileage and what you anticipate getting out of them on trade in.

Mike Haffner said I've got all that information.

Mike said if you could do that yet this morning, we could talk about it at Solid Waste this afternoon.

Mike Haffner said I can send that to you. Did you get my email on the updates for the chip and seal and stuff?

Mike said you are changing over to gravel, you said you had 4-miles left?

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike said is that 4-miles, your goal was to do this year?

Mike Haffner said no, that is just what we got left. Half mile dead end roads that we might not even want to convert.

Tom said would we abandon or something like that.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Tom said I even thought about abandoning the one mile that you chip and sealed that there are no houses on.

Mike Haffner said there is still some traffic count going down there.

Tom said did you ever take a traffic count on that road?

Mike Haffner said I will get that for you. Yes, we do. That is kind of what I go by. I go more by traffic count on a road than how many houses are on that road and maintenance, how much it cost to upkeep. I think were to the end of converting gravel roads this year. We've got everything done that I think needs to be done and the few that we got left probably doesn't warrant converting.

Mike asked is chip and seal more expensive to maintain than gravel?

Mike Haffner said no, not at all. Once it's down with some very minor total patch work, if we have issues, you don't have two to three times a year spreading gravel on it. You don't have the

man power out there grading it. Every time the rain comes, the gravel roads, some of them get washed out. Like I said we took care of everything that I think needs to be done. My intention is to not convert anymore.

Todd Durnil, Pyramid - Payment of broadband tower rebar \$27,000.00

Mike said Todd is not here. Chris do you have a report from Todd Durnil?

Chris said relating to which part?

Mike said let's talk about the broadband tower rebar and let's talk about the zip file pictures you sent us.

Chris said the rebar, I have not heard anything back from Mr. Durnil on.

Mike said the last email I seen you was going to have a zoom meeting for explanation of the photos of the south tower.

Chris said I got called away so we were unable to have that meeting. Basically, the email that I opened this morning form Mr. Durnil was the message to them, them being the elected officials, is that all three towers have been inspected and corrections are complete.

Tom asked who inspected them?

Chris said my understanding is that MPX went back up on there and fixed the issues that were denoted on the south tower and then inspected the other two.

Mike said corrected, is that where they painted the bolts and around the bots with silver paint?

Chris said those photos were taken before the correction. I got those before hand from the other tower crews putting up the antennas.

Mike said I don't know what to think. Really Pyramid is saying they trust the inspection that MPX did.

Chris said what Mr. Durnil's email says.

Mike said everything has been corrected, if it needed corrected and any other issues were just strictly cosmetic.

Chris said yes.

Tom said can we get somebody to go hang the equipment on them? Who is doing the equipment?

Chris said J & K.

Mike said J & K's contractor was installing it.

Tom said they haven't been back?

Chris said they haven't been back yet. Ted had called me on Friday and I was in the process of already sending that email to ask for an update. So, we had not heard back from Todd by then.

Tom said those pictures to me looked like that metal is fatigued. It looked like that metal collapsed, it didn't look cosmetic, the grade of steel does not look proper.

Mike said it didn't look that way to me either. Even if it's cosmetic issues, that raises other issues with respect to the product we received.

Chris said right, I haven't forwarded my response to Mr. Durnil to you yet but I will.

Mike said which would lead us, if were not trusting MPX which in relation means we don't trust Pyramid then we basically go find our own inspection firm.

Gary said I'm not sure in my opinion a company that puts together a product and erects it and says it's okay and then another company comes in says it's not, you send the same company back to inspect their own work and they say it's alright. That doesn't make any sense to me.

Mike said that's what I'm saying, were not trusting Pyramid.

Gary said I'm not trusting MPX either. Because the information I got was that they fired a guy that was doing improper work and didn't appear to correct what was improper.

Tom said I would not want to climb a tower that had bots pulled through the metal like that.

Gary said I wouldn't either. Those move back and forth so there is tension on those bolts all the time. I don't think we have any other alternative except to hire somebody to inspect that's a professional and give us his opinion.

Mike said I agree because Pyramid seems to be trusting MPX at this point. I don't know how we can take a recommendation from Pyramid to find an inspection firm. So, where do you go find this inspection firm?

Chris said I don't know.

Tom said what about Tower King we have a relationship with them. Could we ask them?

Gary said I'm sure we could ask them. I'm sure they know people. We've got a contract with them to do work for us.

Mike said okay.

Chris said New Lisbon put that tower up at White Rive Fire Department. They would know somebody as well.

Mike said it looked a little suspect to me when I was out there.

Chris said which tower?

Mike said the White River and it was a lot smaller than ours. I'm in favor of reaching out to Tower King and finding out if they can suggest an inspection firm. Obviously begs the question that where not going to approve the claim for \$27,000.00 at this point in time.

Gary said that still has to do with the rebar.

Mike said it is still money that we have.

Tom said we are way upside down on this. We are a whole lot deeper in than we need to be.

Mike said who is going to contact Tower King?

Gary said I can. The problem is if the FCC approves our licensing in September at the present time there is no way we are equipment ready to go in September.

Chris said I would assume that date is long gone. Your looking at three weeks to install all those antenna's, even if they were to start this week at the end of the month. They haven't even installed the radio's inside the jail yet.

Mike said I'm not suggesting that we act on this but I would suggest going back to J & K and see what their installers think after MPX has come back and said it is all cosmetic. See if they are willing to go back up there. At least we would know if they would be willing or not and I'm not suggesting we send them back up there, I just want to know if they're willing.

Chris said I can ask that question. One of my questions, Pyramid was saying it's good to go. I need to get with Ted and say they're saying it's good to go, get them back up there and if it's good to go let us know and if it's not then were in a holding pattern.

Tom said I don't know how that can be fixed. That metal would make me suspect to all the metal. Wanting to know where all it came from. The metal fatigue on those pieces, if the rails are the same way or not.

Mike said I'm hoping were all wrong and an independent inspector comes in and says it's fine, it's good to go. I think I need that comfort from somebody else.

Chris said there is no argument from me. From the pictures, I'm not an engineer but to me it doesn't look good.

Mike said you have answered my questions this morning. Does anybody else have any questions for Chris?

Gary said have we gotten anymore feed back for the FCC approval in September.

Chris said I have not heard anything. The way I kind of take it the FCC is not going to reach out until they make their decision. I'm just kind of going off of the earlier information that we have that says that they are going to rescind their previous issue and allow us to have the spectrum. I have never heard officially from any members of Congress or any of the other groups that was involved in that.

Gary asked who is our direct contact?

Chris said with the FCC it would be Gary Bates from Pyramid.

Gary said why don't you give him an email and see what feed back we might get from him, keep us updated. I will contact Tower King this afternoon or as soon I can and try to keep this thing moving forward. Particularly if we have an issue.

Chris said I will reach out to Ted this morning and see if they will send them back down and go for it and if they don't they can tell us why not.

Mike said we don't want them going for it until we get it inspected.

Adam Wilson - IT project funding

Adam said I have supporting information, don't think I am going to go through this entire book with you, it is what I look at when I make an assessment on a network and some of the information I have built in over years of experience. What has happened over the last month while I have been here helping people, everybody has been great by the way. What's happened is that I have had a chance to assess our network for various things, usability by the users, security, those types of things. What I have found is the infrastructure on the back end is very old and needs to be replaced, not only that, on the front-end computers, many of those need to be replaced do to security reasons on top of anything else. That is going to be the biggest motivator for almost any company not just the county on upgrading their systems. It isn't always about having the newest and greatest thing, it's about staying ahead of the bad guys most of the time and where were at, the Microsoft, the Sysco who are the suppliers for our operating system and our switching environment which is the back end that connects us to them has put the systems that we have out of date. So, they are not relevant anymore. What that means is they don't push updates to be able to keep us secure and safe for the types of information that we are in charge of, we are responsible for. What I'm asking for today is that I am going to need some funds to upgrade that equipment. Not only that, we've go some software in house that is not necessarily doing the job it needs to do, like the libra software, some free ware for office and the people that work here are not necessarily trained on that software, where they are trained on Microsoft office and so what I would like us to be able to do, is to move from that and from the Zimbra client that we are using into Office 365 which will get us into a more secure stance for our email and our will also give everybody the tools they need to deal with their jobs efficiently. Long story short,

I have 18 switches that need replace because they are out of date, most of them we've had more than ten years. There are 64 computers that need replace, 30 of those got replaced by the state and the recent update that they are doing, I'm not doing that update currently for Odyssey in the Clerk's department, the Prosecutor and the Courts. I do not have a quote for the switching stuff yet, they are trying to get you the best possible quote, that's going to be expensive, ifl were going to ball park it for you, it's going to be somewhere between \$60,000 and \$80,000.00 for that switching environment to be upgraded. In the long run your looking at quite a bit of money, this stuff has to get updated because it puts us in a bad place. Were also seeing here, I have some notification that got put out by a joint commission from the FBI, Homeland Security and the CIA about a recent virus that came out called "Print Nightmare" it went out all, it was a vulnerability and a virus exploit for Microsoft windows machines. That type of virus is a thing we are not protected against. What it means is that we have that vulnerability, it's a hole in our network. Somebody could just walk up and use that hole to exploit us. We also have in here the joint commission put out the risk by state, it also lists all the defensive tactics to use to alleviate the risk to small counties. China is trying to infiltrate networks of small governments and hurt infrastructure. Many of those defensive tactics, I don't have tools to combat because we do not have the correct hardware to do so.

Mike said your cover letter end of support on windows, are you telling us were running windows 7?

Adam said yes, that is correct. About three or four pages in you will see there a list and it shows you the machines that are running 7 Professional, there are 64 of them.

Mike said the 10 Pro are replace by the state?

Adam said yes, and those are updated, the 10 Pros are the ones that are okay.

Mike said your quote here is for a new operating system?

Adam said my quote that you have currently is from CCW and it is to upgrade our current Microsoft Office environment with our email and also has the 30 machines to update that windows environment. Like I said I am putting out 30 machines right now that the state has sent us, they covered ½ of it for us.

Mike said those are basically just towers in each office?

Adam said that is exactly right. It is the same exact machine that the state sent us, it was a good machine.

Mike said it is a Dell machine. This subscription covers how many users?

Adam said 135. That also gives you the software on the machines as well as the email, you will have Microsoft email as well. It is actually a pretty good deal. That will be a yearly subscription but everywhere I've been that would be the way to go because it is cheaper to manage.

Mike said that would be \$95.66 per user per year?

Adam said yes, that is right. It comes out to about \$8.00 per month. I would say about½ your environment isn't even running the latest version of office, if they even have office at all. I have seen several people using office but again those tools are out of date.

Mike said the only part I use is the email and compared to Office 365 it's kind of a nightmare.

Adam said exactly.

Mike said I think what Adam is recommending is something that we really need to do. Window's 7 is pretty out dated. I don't know if we should wait until we get the switch quote and do it all at once or are you recommending we go ahead and start with this part of it.

Adam said here is what I'll say there is a processor shortage at the moment, so any funding I can get, the sooner I can get it the better so I can order because it will be months before I actually get the equipment. Before your next meeting, I could probably make sure that we have the quote for the switching setup, unfortunately I wasn't able to get that today, I'm really sorry about that.

Mike asked do we have any money available to buy these?

Angela said there is a \$30,000.00 line in CCD that the Commissioner's have control of, that has not been used this year, that would get you started.

Mike said I think we should commit to doing this.

Gary said I think we need to move folward on all of the software and the everything we can do except for the heavy material so to speak.

Adam said unfortunately the switching environment is going to be the most important thing.

Gary said right, it is going to be the most important, but you don't have even a quote on it.

Adam said I will have it.

Gary made a motion to move forward today on everything except the switching and as soon as we get the switching, move forward on it immediately. We will find the funds somewhere because we have to do this. I'm not sure that by delaying any at all that were not jeopardizing our insurance from a cyber because if were not doing the best we can to protect ourselves that may make the insurance company say you could have done better so we are only going to pay part of it. That is not the only reason I want to do this, I want to do it to keep us up to date and functioning properly but that is my motion to move forward on that and then as soon as we get our other information hopefully by next meeting from Adam, we will be able to move forward on that.

Adam said as soon as I have it, I will be able to email it to you.

Tom said what exactly is this going to cost and where is the money coming from?

Mike said this is going to cost \$46,000.00 the first year and \$12,000.00 there after basically for the Windows office solution.

Tom said we have \$30,000.00 available?

Mike said we've got \$30,000.00. I don't know if we have any other full funds that we could move over into this line or not.

Angela said you have your Commissioner's line that you can transfer into, it's under building maintenance. You can transfer that into the computer line. It is at the Commissioner's discretion.

Mike said what about attorney fees, have we spent all of those?

Angela said those are gone.

Mike said if we give you the go ahead then were going to pay the bill when it comes in. We don't need to pay the bill today. We got \$30,000.00 that we can start this process, which would almost cover the towers. The subscription service, I presume it's just a sign up and go.

Adam said it will be a migration process, obviously everybody has a mailbox.

Mike said they have to have the new tower too. You're not going to move them until you have the new tower.

Adam said right, it's a lot of work but I'm willing to get it done.

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

Ceann Bales - Tower King questions, READI Grant admin fee \$15,000.00

Mike said Ceann you are on the agenda for Tower King questions and READI grant admin fee. I know you reported back on the admin fee that it could wait until we were approved.

Ceann said yes, just a little update on the READI. The application process closed at noon this past Friday. Throughout our 7 counties we had a 134-projects submitted, have not even opened those up. Andy Fahl will be serving in the capacity for a small business and representing Randolph County with myself as one of those scorers. Our task is meeting this afternoon to start that process, it will be a lengthy process but we are required to have all 134 scored by Wednesday at noon. With that said Thursday Andy and I are meeting with all of about 17 of the scorers. Our consultants will put all of those scores together, we're meeting in Muncie all afternoon until necessary to actually then see where everything scored and decide on those final projects that will be submitted in the proposal for our region that is due August 30th. After we all collectively make that decision then it is up to our consultant to write the narrative to go along

with that. Of course, we will have meetings after that to approve that narrative but then our application will then be submitted on the 30th. I should know by the next Commissioner's meeting those projects that were selected, we should know that by the end of Thursday. I can tell you again, I receive them, I haven't opened them all yet, I can tell you the ones I know that have been submitted on behalf of Randolph County, I personally submitted the broadband project, actually I estimated three towers because when I opened up we were able to see who is submitting, two other committees submitted their broadband projects so, I submitted our broadband project. Along with that I also included a project for the revolving, \$100,000.00 for the revolving loan fund that we could control locally, I submitted that project and then just kind of a big thing because I know that there's a trail project that six of the counties are already, I guess it's already developed, I was not aware of it. Randolph County is the only one that is not included, they have submitted that proposal, so I submitted our big dream trail project that would connect our county, go across our county to connect us to Cardinal Greenway and the Ohio trail, that's a long shot, I do not project that would be selected but I went ahead and put that in there. Those are three I selected personally, I do know that Greg Beumer submitted one on behalf of the fair project, that has definitely been submitted. I also know that Bill Corbin submitted one for Vision Comer, the project in Union City. I also know that Randolph Eastern School has submitted a project, talked to Blake last week, I don't know the parameters of that application but I know that they submitted one for their school to do some technology upgrades in their school. I also know that Mayor McCoy submitted one for Winchester walkability for sidewalks. The director of the Connersville Career Center is was working on a project that would be all 7 counties, definitely a regional thing for looking at possibly some teacher incentive. Her and I spoke about kind of piggy backing with the concept of the state program that incentivizes and provides scholarships for kiddos who want to go into the teaching field and then they have to commit to Indiana for five years to do that, it is kind of that concept, I have not seen that proposal but I know she was working on it. Those are the ones I know of that will directly impact or relate to Randolph County but there are possibly will be more. I will know by Wednesday at noon. That is my READI update, do you guys have any questions on that?

Mike said I don't.

Ceann said on Tower King, the one thing I can follow up with is the question referencing the rental fee. When I said the technology, committee was proposing \$100 or \$200.00 a month rental. I did shoot that back to Grant Phillips the president of Tower King, ask him about that he had mentioned in a Commissioner's meeting that there was a \$2000.00 rental fee proposed. He sent me back this email and said that the only providers that could pay \$2000.00 per month are companies like Verizon, AT&T and T Mobile. Not the local wireless internet providers. He was saying that he would recommend at the most \$200.00 a month for each ISP because requesting more than that in a rural area could drive them away. That is where the \$2000.00 was coming from and he apologizes for the confusion on that. That is why the technology committee was looking at \$100.00, free for that first year to just to incentivize. Again that is a decision that you will have to make if you want to do that rent right away but there was the discrepancy and confusion between those, I wanted to clarify that. And then Mike I know that you had some other questions that I know you and Steve Barnes talked, did you get that taken care of.

Mike said I don't know if its on the agenda or not but that was about using ARP funds for the broadband project to pay Tower King. I since found out that the speeds aren't high enough to qualify for ARP fund funding. You have to have 100 up and 100 down and Steve Barnes indicated that is basically fiber. If you're not doing a fiber project then you're not going to be able to use ARP funding for the project. Which basically means if you're not in an urban area you're not going to be using ARP funds. That's surprising, rural America gets cut out again.

Ceann said is there anything else with Tower King, I need to follow up with?

Mike said I don't.

Ceann said do you have Grant Phillip's cell phone number?

Gary said no, but I will get it from you.

Mike said the question remains is, their main goal is to build their own. I suppose if they find it very viable to build one out in Randolph County they will come to us and say we'd like to build our own. We as a county could be supportive of that.

Zach Schoenfeld, EDPR-Headwaters II Road Use Agreement

Mike said I don't see Zach. I don't thing the EDPR Road Use Agreement is ready.

<u>Chris Beason. EDPR- Ordinance 2021-08 Reduced Speed</u> limit Ordinance for <u>Solar Farm area (second reading)</u>

Mike said EDPR Ordinance 2021-08 Reduced Speed limit Ordinance for Solar Farm area. This is the second reading and it has been amended. We will read it by title only, it's Ordinance 2021-08

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-08

An Ordinance for the County Commissioners of Randolph County Indiana Amending Chapter 71, Schedule I, Speed Limits

BE IT ORDAINED that the Randolph County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 71, Schedule I, Speed Limits is hereby amended by adding the following to subsection I:

Street/Road	Location	Speed Limit	Penalty	Ord. No.	Date Passed
C.R. 600 S	From S Indian Trail Road to C.R. 200 W	40 mph	Class C Infraction		
C.R. 650 S	From C.R. 400 W to 450 W	40mph	Class C Infraction		
C.R. 700 S	From C.R. 500 W to C.R. 200 W	40 mph	Class C Infraction		
C.R. 850 S	From C.R. 500 W to C.R. 300 W	40 mph	Class C Infraction		
C.R. 500W	From 675 S to C.R. 850 S	45 mph	Class C Infraction		

C.R.400W	From C.R. 600 S to C.R. 700 S	30 mph	Class C Infraction	
C.R. 400 W	From US HWY 36 to C.R. 850 S	40mph	Class C Infraction	
C.R. 300 W	From C.R. 600 S to US HWY 36	45 mph	Class C Infraction	
C.R. 300W	From US HWY 36 to C.R. 850 S	40 mph	Class C Infraction	
C.R. 200 W	From C.R. 600 S to C.R 700 S	40mph	Class C Infraction	
C.R. 200W	From C.R. 700 S to US HWY 36	45 mph	Class C Infraction	

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the above speed limits shall commence upon the passage and due publication of this Ordinance. On August 1, 2022 the speed limits that existed prior to this Ordinance for the above Streets and Roads shall go back into effect.

Mike said this takes care of the Solar Farm area and establishes speed limits between 30 and 45 mph depending upon road. Have you seen this one?

Chris said I've seen the table.

Mike said we are here for our second reading.

Tom made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2021-08 in title only. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary made a motion to suspend the rules and have the third and final reading of Ordinance 2021-08 by title only and adopt the same day. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Tom made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-08 by title only. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Angela Lowe - Health Insurance funding, 4-H Part time line funding, Employee Separation, EDPR Road Use Reimbursement

Angela said for the health insurance fund I need \$300,000.00. I will be approaching Council on this, the reason I am starting here is if you want to use any of the funds from the Commissioner's. If not, I will approach Council on using general.

Mike said I trust we have not got a report back from regarding use of ARP loss of revenue.

Angela said I spoke with Jason Thursday from Baker Tilly, he indicated that we have some loss, that could be \$5.00, I do not know. With that being said he is to call Laura and I either this afternoon or tomorrow afternoon to confirm that and then at that point we will be able to use some ARP funds depending on that loss of revenue.

Mike said would those ARP funds basically be unrestricted? So, if Council took money out of general budget to pay this health insurance then they could replace it with ARP funds at a later time from the lost revenue?

Laura said that would be a Barnes and Thornburg question.

Mike said we need to ask them more questions for what we're paying them. I think last year did we not use EDIT money and that was a promise we had made prior to the renewal. I am inclined not to do that again this year, considering the unknown of ARP funds.

Angela said this is not my decision to make but the general fund needs to realize its expenses.

Mike said what do you want to do about health insurance?

Gary said we agreed to a contract.

Mike said I understand that.

Gary said we are committed so we've got to come up with funding.

Mike said we don't have to.

Gary said no, but we need to make some suggestions, I don't disagree with the fact of not using EDIT funds again.

Mike said at least at this time.

Tom said it is all on the table, I don't know where else to take the money from.

Mike said we could leave it to seek Council's guidance on where to take the money from.

Angela said okay. That's what I will do.

Laura said I can send the email to Barnes and Thornburg today and maybe we will have an answer before tomorrow.

Angela said the next line the 4-H part time, you can delete that. It had to do with the \$14.00, I was going to ask for an additional appropriation but we do not have to do that. However, I do need an additional appropriation for employee separation, this is a line that we use no matter what department you're in, when you leave the county if you have comp time to pay out. We've gone through \$25,000.00. I have a \$6,000.00 payout pending, so I need some money please.

Tom asked will that be the last one for this year?

Angela said it depends on who leaves.

Mike said do you need us to approve an additional appropriation?

Angela said yes, I need an additional \$20,000.00 for the Commissioners line out of the general fund.

Mike made the motion to approve the request for an additional \$20,000.00 into the employee separation fund. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Angela said the second item I have is I have paid two bills out of the road use agreement deposit, they total \$2800.00. They were for the appraisals on the straightening of the roads. However, with us returning those funds to EDPR, I need a suggestion as to where to pay this from so that I can reimburse the EDPR road use agreement deposit and then return it.

Mike said I think that can come out of EDIT.

Angela said you have a professional service line in EDIT if you choose to use that.

Gary made a motion to fund the \$2800.00 from EDIT. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Angela said I also need direction from Chris and the Commissioner's on the returning of the \$2,000,000.00 for the road use agreement. At what point do I do that?

Mike said I would say we wait until we have an amended road use agreement signed.

Angela sad we need someone to represent the Commissioner's in the budget hearings which take place August 23 and 24th. I will email whomever wants to represent you.

Mike said are we first or second on the schedule? I can be available.

Angela said Commissioners are at 9:00 am Monday August 23rd.

Mike Daniels - Armature Radio tower space, central tower

Mike Daniels said I am president of your local amateur radio club and we have a repeater that we would like permission to put on your central tower if at all possible.

Tom said at what level?

Mike Daniels said underneath everything that is up there. So, 150 feet.

Tom asked how low can you go?

Mike Daniels said 100 would probably be the lowest. This repeater is going to be programed to connect to other repeaters that are connected from Indianapolis to Fort Wayne to use for emergency purposes and/or anything else that comes up. We originally were going to put it on Cardinal but the timing of that, we have people available to put it up and when Cardinal has a crane there to put it up is not working out. It's in a box probably ½ the size of one of these desks and it can sit on the ground but Cardinal wanted it up on their platform. We have liability

insurance and we would pay for all the expenses. The only thing we would need would be electricity and it wouldn't be much of that.

Mike said I think we would probably need to develop an agreement.

Mike Daniels said sure.

Mike said we would probably need to rnn it by, I guess Pyramid at this point to see.

Gary said J & K.

Mike said J & K primarily.

Mike Daniels said if you want to wait until all the situations are resolved.

Mike said you may not even want it on there, if you've been here this morning.

Mike Daniels said that's what I'm saying, if you want to wait until all that situation is taken care of that's fine.

Mike said I think we probably need to do that and we would need an agreement that sets out what you guys want.

Gary said basically J & Kare telling us that their putting all of their equipment above around 260. We are trying to keep broadband open and the range of 200 to 250. So, under that it's a good chance something could be put there if we worked out an agreement.

Mike Daniels said we would put in the agreement to guarantee that none of our stuff would affect anything that their doing.

Mike said the consensus is that we are not opposed to that as long as it works. I guess along with amateur radio, I've been approached by John Carter, I don't know if you know John or not.

Mike Daniels said I don't.

Mike said he is interested in our obsolete radio equipment, once our new equipment is put in. I suppose the 911 system and any existing facilities we have now. I don't know what the value of that obsolete, the vhf system and things of that nature, I don't know what the value of that is and if it has value or whether we just determine it to be surplus property. I'm looking at you Chris.

Mike Daniels said I have also contacted Chris about the same thing. I don't know how long ago that's been.

Mike said you probably contacted the right guy. I may direct John to you Chris and you can have a conversation with him about what he's interested in and what value it might have. Is that fair?

Chris said that's fine.

Diana Sutliff and Duane Petry - Ambulance bids

Duane said what I just handed you is the second bid I got in last night. The one I emailed you was from Fire Service. The one from Fire Service the ambulance came up at \$180,655.00 we had options put on it for the cot and the defibulator mounts. So, if we went straight to Striker and bought the cot instead of going through the ambulance bid, we could save \$2000.00 and the mounts for the defibs we've just never bought them before just because of the money but the State EMS is getting ready to make it a requirement that the defibs are put in a mount so that in the event that there is an accident you don't have a 30 pound piece of equipment flying around taking a chance of it hitting somebody in the head. We've got two different brands of defibulator and from what I saw the ambulance provider has a better price on mounts than going straight to the manufacturer on the mounts. I think the total price going with Fire Service with the four mounts and getting the cot from Striker it was \$201,771.00. The price from Pencare as \$213,050.00 and I haven't looked through their specs to know for sure about the cot but theirs only one defibulator mount in this quote.

Tom said with this bid, there is not a trade in.

Duane said yes, they are giving us \$3,000.00 and I think Pencare was giving us \$1500.00 for trade in.

Tom said there is nothing on the old one you would want to take off?

Duane said no, we will take the radios out.

Mike said we are close to 18 months of pushing this back.

Duane said yes and they are saying 300 days for delivery after they get the order. They don't even want to guess when they are going to deliver it because of the chassis issues on getting chassis. If we get the cot from Striker, we could go ahead and order that, we could go ahead and start using it in the ambulance now that we've got a manual cot in, which could save some possible back injuries with having another power cot.

Mike said the benefit of this is, we don't have to pay until delivery. You are recommending the purchase from Fire Service?

Duane said yes.

Tom made a motion to purchase the ambulance from Fires Service and the Striker cot for a total of \$201,771.00. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said Friday, you were contacted and then Duane contacted me from our Medicaid reimbursement, we had an opportunity for a \$2,300.00 grant that was going to expire on Saturday July 31st and he wanted to know if I would sign that without a meeting. I signed it, so I

am asking for confirmation that the Commissioner's give me permission to sign that grant application.

Gary made a motion authorizing Mike Wickersham to sign the grant application. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Diana said I know that I discussed my vacation. I am asking if it can be rolled over so that I don't lose my time.

Mike said when it your time do to be lost?

Diana said my time rolls over September 1st and I am going to Florida in September but not until the middle or the end and I would just like to now lose that.

Mike asked is there a reason your waiting until September?

Diana said my grandson's birthday. I been working around being short staffed, so getting everybody else's vacation out of the way.

Gary said we had a discussion while you were gone and felt that with the situation of short staff and so on and working around that, that was more than appropriate. We have done that in the past in those situations. I will make the motion to approve the carryover of Diana's vacation.

Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

Purchase of new radio's

Art said I was going to talk about funding for radio's but that line has been used, that takes that off the agenda for today.

Employee Longevity

Art said you suggested at the last meeting that we set up a committee, I will approach the Council tomorrow with that, to get two of their members.

Art said the only other thing I would update you on is, in looking at grants for the body camera system that we've talked about. The state still hasn't put out guidance for theirs, they're suggesting that we will get something at the end of August. There is a rural community grant that you can get but it looks like all the grant funding is going to be for the physical equipment itself. It looks like the max amount we are going to be able to get with any grant that we try to get is about \$36,000.00. I think the camera and storage piece stand alone is \$111,000.00 and then we'd have the add on for the less lethal option, which brought that five-year total to about \$175,000.00. I am going to go ahead and put in for those grant funds, whether we can use those or not. See if there is some other funding we can apply towards it and then do some type of a five-year piece with that equipment or a five-year payment to try and get that down to where it manageable.

Mike said that grant wouldn't cover your guns?

Art said as far as the taser's, none of those grants will cover that. The only thing that they will cover is the physical equipment of the body camera itself. It won't even cover the storage. I know I've had conversations with our State Senator, our State Representative and Congressman Pence. I have spoken to all of them personally about the situation with the money that they are putting down to help smaller rural communities with regard to the body cameras that they are wanting us to pursue and explaining that they are only funding about 1/3 of the entire process because the storage is such a big component and I have voiced my concern at the state level because I believe that the money that they allocated that was divided out, the state police actually got to use it for storage and they are not letting us use it for storage. I wanted to update you on where that's at because I think that is something that's needed in law enforcement right now. We will keep working on that. I am probably going to have to pull the ones we have currently off the road because they are starting to fail and its hard to explain in court why this one worked and why this one didn't.

Gary asked are they available?

Art said are the camera's available?

Gary said yes, or are they like everything else, they are six, eight months out.

Art said I now it is probably 60-days once we ask for them before we get anything put into play. Until the state gives us guidance on that grant, I can't submit for money that is not available.

Mike said what is the tum around on the grant that you're pursing.

Art said the one for the rural has to be submitted by August 15th. I haven't read anywhere, where they are going to decide or when it will come down. They're not even going to tell us how to submit for the state grant until the end of August possibly even the middle of September. My concern is a lot of those grants, I don't think they are going to make them reimbursable grants because I would try to figure out whether we could move forward now, but we would lose that funding opportunity. The situation we are in now, \$36,000.00 would be a big help.

Tom asked Art did you hear Mike Haffner's discussion about your vehicle out there, he doesn't have enough room and your vehicle, you're in the process of getting rid of that?

Art said we are not getting rid of that vehicle.

Tom asked do you intend to keep storing it there?

Art said I am going to have to talk to Mike today, it's the first I've heard anything about any of that.

Mike said I don't think getting that out is going to solve the problem of moving out of the old highway barn.

Tom said so, you are not planning on getting rid of that vehicle?

Art said I am not, I will talk to him because I don't know what that situation is and I don't know how big of a hurry he is in. Obviously, I would like to keep it some place. I don't know what the alternatives would be but we will discuss that.

Regular Claims \$501,380.14

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

Payroll Claims \$221,361.85

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

Barnes & Thornburg Claim \$2500.00

Mike said we have a Barnes and Thornburg claim for the monthly retainer in the amount of \$2,500.00.

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

SJCA Bridge 162, 174, 175 Claim \$2366.00

Mike said we have a claim in the amount of \$2,366.00 for bridges 162, 174 and 175 out by Windsor, the bridges that we are looking at for a grant to rehabilitate.

Tom made a motion to approve the SJCA claims equaling \$2,366.00. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

EDPR Headwater's II Road Use Reimbursement Claim \$2,000,000.00

Mike said since we are not going to write a check anytime soon, I say we table it.

Gary said I agree.

MPX Claim \$27.000.00 MPX Claim \$9,628.15

Tabled.

Minutes of July 6, 2021

Mike said that brings us to our minutes of July 6, 2021 which we received a copy of via email. Any additions, corrections or deletion to those minutes?

Gary made a motion to approve the July 6, 2021 minutes as presented. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Comp time reports

Mike said we received comp time reports. These are for May and June and are holding steady. Any comments or questions about comp time?

Veteran's officer

Mike read that Mike Kennedy said I must maintain 1000 hours per year to retain accreditation. Mike is proposing that he work Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday per week, 7 hours. Twenty-one paid hours per week and he is requesting full time service officer rate of \$16.82 per hour. I'm not sure we can do that without an amendment to our job description and my conversation with Mike was, he was willing to work for the part time pay which is \$14.00.

Laura said I don't know if it says that on there, I talked to him on the phone and he said if you guys did not agree to that, he would negotiate.

Mike said what I don't understand is, I know he told me that he was willing to, before we can agree to this. I am in favor of hiring Mike part time. Cathy, this is not a concern for you is it, hiring Mike part time?

Cathy said no that is not a concern.

Mike said I am concerned as to why his hourly rate changed and I'm sure he knew what the part time rate was. I will need to talk to Mike. We did receive another application, I don't know if you reviewed that or not?

Gary said I looked at it, I haven't done anything until we know what we're doing here.

Mike said I will talk to Mike and report back at our next meeting.

TowerKing funding

Mike said I asked Laura to put Tower King funding on the agenda and the Council's agenda tomorrow as well thinking that it might qualify for ARP funding because that is the first thing on the list is broadband projects. Barnes and Thornburg indicated that it requires 100 mps up and 100 mps down which is basically fiber speeds and I talked to Steve Barnes at New Lisbon Communications and he said any tower to tower wireless service is not going get you 100 up and 100 down. It is going to be more in line of 25 and 3 which the federal government represents 25 and 3 is full service internet service. In order for them to spend money on it, you got to have 100 up and 100 down so it does not qualify. The previous decision of both Council and Commissioner's of using windfarm money will just have to stand.

Tom said is there a possibility of making application for any of the work that has been done down at Headwater's II?

Mike said that would be the default if it is fiber but I'm not sure if you're not running it to houses and you're not running it to house with a certain level of income, it qualifies. That would be a

question if we put together the project expense so far, we could throw it out to Barnes and Thornburg because we are using them at \$2,500.00 per month.

Tom said we have \$18000.00 in the hand holds and we will have more money in leases. Maybe that would all qualify.

Mike said if we can tie it to a project that shows where it's going to go after that.

Tom said that will happen eventually but how soon does that have to be done?

Mike said I think you have six years to spend ARP money.

Tom said we should put something together, because we intend to hook up that network.

Mike said I'm not sure who would put that together.

Tom said could we ask New Lisbon or should the committee work on that?

Mike said we could ask the technology committee to add that to their things to do. I think they would probably have a better understanding than we do of what would qualify. Once the project is laid out then we can push it back to Barnes and Thornburg and they can tell us whether it qualifies or not. It is just a start. Do you want to ask the committee to do that Gary?

Gary said yes.

Five Star amended contract

Mike said I think Meeks has approve this contract with the change of the insurance coverage.

Tom Cockerill said yes that's what he told me.

Gary made a motion to approve this contract as recommended by our attorney. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Airport Manager - vacation carry over

Mike said we received a letter from our Airport manager, Eric Livingston. "I will be losing 77.5 hours of vacation time August 7, 2021. Could you please roll this over into my next calendar year so I could possibly use it since the world is starting to open up after Covid?" I didn't share it but I got a copy of the last board of directors meeting for the aviation.

Tom said we used to get their minutes.

Mike said I got a copy of the minutes and I didn't share them. There was no discussion about this vacation time and I did talk to one of the board members and they didn't indicate to me that unlike Diana it wasn't because he couldn't take vacation. I don't know what the situation was as to why he didn't use his vacation. I'm not sure I accept opening up after Covid as a reason not to

take your vacation. Eric is not here today. I see we have an airport board member here today, Bill do you know anything about this?

Bill Richmond said it wasn't discussed at the last meeting. I do think that he has a hard time taking off. He has a hard time being away for a period of time.

Mike said the board doesn't have a recommendation. It's our ultimate decision but I would feel uncomfortable stepping in and deciding without the board's recommendation.

Bill said I can't obviously speak on behalf of the board.

Mike said you meet a week from tomorrow?

Bill said yes.

Mike said I think we could decide retroactive if we choose to do that. I would table this until August 16th.

Gary said I agree.

Neglected horse invoice

Mike said the neglect of horse invoice is going to be tabled until Meeks is here. How much was that?

Laura said \$4,635.00.

Tom asked do we know where the \$17,000.00 that was raised went?

Laura said I think Meeks is looking into that.

Additional Appropriations

Coroner Fuel \$800.00

Gary made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for the Coroner as presented. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

General IT Contact \$30,000.00

Mike said this is moving the IT money to the Five Star Contract.

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

General CPR Compression Device \$27,585.00

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

Children's Advocate	Training	\$2000.00
	Postage	\$200.00
	Travel/Mileage	\$2000.00
	Volunteer Recruitment	\$5000.00
	Advertising	\$1000.00

Tom made a motion to approve the Children's Advocate additional appropriations as presented. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Landfill Host Fee	Road Projects	\$500,000.00
	Wheel Tax	\$1,000,000.00

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

Tom Chalfant - Paving of roads we straightened. Highway Engineer

Tom said we talked about the two roads where we were going to make a curve and I'm assuming we want to include these in the paving agreement, the road use agreement we would want those two parcels paved.

Mike said we want the new part paved and at least have credit for the old part.

Tom said also we are working towards trying to hire a part time engineer. I want to make sure that everybody is on board. The Council and the Commissioner's to move ahead, so that we don't spend a lot oflegal time on it and then we don't agree to it. I am assuming that were in favor of it. I think we should try and ask the Council, Gary are you going to the Council meeting tomorrow?

Gary said yes.

Tom said can you ask them if they're in agreement with moving ahead with a part time county engineer?

Gary said have they been exposed to this discussion?

Tom said a few of them have but not everyone. Hopefully you can ask the consensus of them tomorrow so that when we get all these agreements worked out with the state then it's not for not.

Mike said I would be in favor if we can't hire, if something says we can't get reimbursed for the hiring of this engineer part time then I would be in favor of pursuing the idea of hiring a full-time engmeer.

Tom said I would agree.

Gary said what type of a time frame, if things go forward decently?

Tom said it would be a couple three months to get two County Commission's and two County Council's to agree and working out with the state. Were trying to get clarification with the state attorney general. Hopefully we can get something in place for this fall and whether we can be reimbursed for the rest of this year is unknown but at least we'd have a place to be reimbursed for next year.

Gary said we have a lot happening out there right now.

Tom said he is looking over our bridges now. He wants to move forward on it, it's just getting everything signed.

Gary said is there any possibility of hiring him on his own time for a few hours.

Tom said there is a lot of options and he wants to work with us anyway he can. I think we can hire him, its whatever he can work out with Henry County. He would be very helpful on grants and those kinds of projects and he is willing to do whatever, however I think.

Mike Wickersham- Update from Dr. Sowinski

Mike said I think we all received the email from Dr. Sowinski and the Health Department and for the record I think since it was sent to us I think we should read it.

"The Delta variant has become the predominant variant in Indiana and the United States. It is significantly more contagious than the Covid virus circulating last winter and the B117 variant that was circulating in the Spring of this year. Covid cases are on the rise again in the county.

Covid vaccination is effective against the Delta variant, and we recommend immunization if not already done. While there are some breakthrough cases among immunized persons, about 95% of the new cases are occurring in unvaccinated persons.

The Randolph County Health Department recommends wearing masks indoors in public spaces for all persons over two years old. Masks are not needed outdoors unless 6 foot spacing is not possible."

Mike said that is all I have this morning.

Citizen Comments

Bill Richmond asked the neglected horse invoice could you tell me what that is about, who is being invoiced for what?

Mike said the invoice is billed to Samantha Boyd or to whom it may concern.

Bill said so, the horse owner is being billed for the cost of?

Mike said it says for Beauty, neglect of older pony that has been in my individual care and this is from Dare to Dream Stables. Yes, the horse owner and we've received a copy of it from our animal shelter contractee and they sent it to us.

Adjournment

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

Reviewed and signed this 7 day of 2r-bL

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Laura J Martin Auditor of Randolph County