

Randolph County Commissioners

August 3, 2020

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

Diana Sutliff and Duane Petry – Vacation time

Diana said I have my 3 weeks' vacation that I have not been able to use them in Florida. I just didn't know whether you could push it back until it's safe for me to go to Florida. By this time, I would have already used it in Florida. I would have used it but I don't feel safe going to Florida right now and that is where one of my kids are at and grandsons.

Mike asked how many years have you gone to Florida for vacation.

Diana said probably 10.

Mike asked do you use all 3 weeks' vacation down there. Chris Shaneyfelt when can she visit Florida do you know.

Chris said it is still a hot spot, I wouldn't recommend going anytime soon.

Mike said we have rolled some of these back because of COVID 19. I guess one of the concerns I might have is depending upon that happens that would put you into a position of having 6 weeks next year. I am not sure what that will do to the department.

Diane said I don't know.

Mike said would there become a time where let's say it's not safe to go to Florida for 9 months and then you go to Florida, you have 6 weeks opportunity to go to Florida.

Diane said I'm not against using a week here and there. But I am not a very good person to just stay on Will Street and burn a week vacation and not get to see my family.

Mike said I understand

Diane said I live by myself, I spend enough alone time, I can't image spending a weeks' vacation just to get it off the record. I have been around a long time, I am not trying to take advantage of anything.

Mike said I understand that, I don't think you are Diana. I just, if we have 6 weeks next year I don't know what that does to the department. Only you guys can answer that. If that the department can't handle that situation, I don't have a problem with it.

Duane said I don't think it would be a problem.

Diane said it would be that big of a problem. I can't see it.

Mike asked you don't think so either, Duane

Duane said no.

Gary said if Duane feels that it's doable, then I don't have any problem with it all.

Mike asked are you ok with it, Tom. Does someone want to make a motion to roll that vacation so it doesn't expire after her anniversary time.

Gary so moved. Tom seconded. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Meeks ask Laura if our hand book allows for all of it to be rollover or just a week or two.

Laura said however much the office head chooses.

Caleb Beasley – Muncie Community Schools Adult Education

Caleb said I am here to talk to you about our Adult Education Program. I just wrapped up my first year with the Career Center. I don't know the history of our class here in Randolph County but I know we had it at the Randolph County Center for Family Opportunity. This year the Adult Education funds have been reduced somewhat significantly. What we would like to do this year is to offer that class. We would only be able to offer it for 5 hours a week. Our thought was to offer it on Tuesday and Thursday, some of our other programs that tends to work. I think we are flexible on time. IF the Randolph Center for Family Opportunity if that's the location we would be happy to work with them on the time that is most conducive to their other programming. Just want to make sure we started to plan for that. I am going to have to look for a new teacher for that class. Our teacher that covered that class as well as some other class has relocated out of state. Before I do that I want to make sure that I knew where we would be and what our schedule would be as far as when we would be offering the class.

Mike asked what has been your current schedule.

Caleb said I think it was Tuesday and Thursday, I think there was an afternoon program. I want to say it was from noon to 2 or 2:30 and then there was an evening one maybe from 5-7:30 on Tuesday and Thursdays. I could be off on the exact times but I think that was what it was.

Mike said you had a room in the Opportunity Center.

Caleb said it was down in the basement. I have only been there a couple of times.

Mike said if I recall we weren't collecting any rent for that, did we give that to them Jake.

Gary said yes.

Caleb said which we greatly appreciate. Especially with the reductions we had and our budget right now it is pretty tight.

Mike said you are providing a service to the Randolph County Citizens. Jake if there was any reason not to renew this situation as we have in the past, any concerns.

Jake said not to my knowledge there shouldn't be any issues, the scheduling you were talking about. The previous just worked with us and kind of let us know what her schedule was. At times it did change throughout the semesters. According to what clients she had coming in for classes. So, we are really flexible, let us know ahead of time. We normally, business hours are usually we unlock at 7:30 in the morning, then around 5:00 usually in the evening. It fluctuates depending on what activities are going on. So, if she was having a late class, she would let us know whether she would be letting the people in, then she becomes responsible for making sure they exit or whatever. We are real flexible on after hours.

Mike asked if we are ok to renew our relationship with the Muncie Career Center and Opportunity Center. Do we have a motion?

Gary so moved. Tom seconded. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Chris Shaneyfelt – Approval of Grant application

Chris said I have completed a reimbursement grant application with the Indiana Department of Homeland Security.

Mike said is it \$17,714.40.

Chris said yes that is it. That is at 50% of the reimbursable amount. That doesn't include the fringe and all that. The fringes would be our match.

Mike said that is based on the current 2020 salary.

Chris replied yes sir.

Mike said this a reimbursable.

Chris stated the state would be reimbursing us for half of my salary.

Mike said it runs from 10/1/2020-9/30/2022.

Chris said it runs in cycles hit.

Mike said you are just asking for permission to sign this grant. I would entertain a motion to approve the application for this.

Tom so moved. Gary seconded. All aye votes cast. Motion carried

Mike said you need to go to council tomorrow.

Chris said yes sir.

Chris, Shaneyfelt-COVID Trailer

Chris said the Cares Act grant money that we have currently setting \$800,000 dollars. We do consider start buying PPE. Some of that money is intended to build our own cache of equipment. Currently the health department has most of medical grade and 95 masks. The masks that I have are KN-95 they are designed for more emergency service personnel. We are not in possession of any surgical masks or cloth masks. There are several agencies that need thermometers. Whether it's giving me permission or whatever to come up with this PPE cache and how do we pay for it out of rainy day or something like that, until we are reimbursed by the CARES grant.

Mike said I think that is a probably a good idea. I am wondering if you would be opposed to working with the health department, the two departments together.

Chris said Wendy and I have built a good relationship.

Mike said if you two work together to come up with what we need. I presume you will survey the county offices.

Chris said they have been surveyed. The courts needed some masks, but everyone else was ok at that point in time. I have several that are wanting thermometers.

Mike said I don't know of any other offices as we reflected if they might need more shields and things of that nature. That would all be reimbursable through the COVID Response. I do know that we haven't spent a lot of money to COVID Response.

Chris stated no we have not

Mike said our reimbursable fall far short. I don't want to just take it because it's there. If we do need PPE then I think we need to pursue that.

Chris said there are other concerns. We were doing the COVID testing in the county with the one company that the state had. Chris said it starts with a U, anyway when school started back up we lost our site. So, we are no longer doing open testing like we were. There is a possibility of the health department, and there is a company that makes trailers that could be used for that kind of thing. Then we wouldn't have to worry about trying to get a site. Either paying rent or

disinfecting the place and stuff like that. I am still working on that. Get the paper work up and the recommendations and all that.

Mike said the health department has applied for grant for that. Not for the trailer but for the testing site.

Chris said yes, they were supposed to be doing something whether we are supposed to be getting nurses and stuff like that. I am not sure what that all entails yet. That is something I need to work out with Wendy. It is just something else we need to consider, with the flu season coming up. Try to make sure we are testing for COVID and flu and be able to do it a remote site would probably be best.

Mike said I would be in favor of just giving the 2 departments the authorization to prepare a purchase order. I think we would like to see that purchase order prior to it being submitted. Then I think it's, based on what I have read it's going to be a reimbursable expense. So I am not sure that it wouldn't be.

Chris said as long it is related to COVID it all should be reimbursable.

Mike we could expend EDIT funds to pay for it and then just be reimburse from the grant back into the EDIT account. Then that would leave the council with the rainy-day fund to meet their needs. What do you guys think?

Gary said I think that is good idea. I think that is a good plan. They are the ones that are going to be using it. They need to put together the plan and report to us.

Meeks asked how much would that be?

Chris said the trailer is running, the one estimate that I have is \$90,000. But it can be used for a variety of things beyond COVID by its design. So, if it is not being used for COVID then it would be use for mobile command center or something along those lines. Then the PPE I don't know, the prices and has to be bought by the case. It's not going to be anywhere touching that money.

Mike stated one of the things I think this might help you Jake it might not. I don't know if there is any sanitation equipment out there that would help sanitize and clean the court house or our other facilities that would fall under this grant.

Chris said sure. There is some equipment that is sanitation in there and I will see what we need and go from there. Jake can give me a list what he thinks he needs.

Meeks said I asked that because I can put something in the EDIT plan that says the expenses was related to the COVID crisis but I need to put figure in there.

Mike said we would be ahead of that game.

Meeks said you guys tell me a figure to put in the EDIT plan.

Mike said the other side of that is. If they come back with a purchase order and say this is what we would like to buy, we say we buy it. Then he places the purchase order I think we would have time to amend our plan and have an EDIT meeting and be able to pay the bill when the bill comes. I doubt if any of that, some of this stuff I guess may, the trailer may have a deposit on it. I don't know or we can put in an amount now.

Meeks said not to exceed an amount, then you guys would approve the claim anyway. That is what I probably would do.

Gary said we could do that. I move that we.

Missy Williams asked Mike if there was any other trailers in the county.

Mike said pardon.

Missy Williams asked Mike if there were any other trailers that the county owns. Like homeland Security or rapid response or whatever.

Chris said we have 2 trailers. The one is the former and I call it former because with the committee that I have it was a mobile command center and it obtained a lot of black mold. We are not using it because of the black mold issue. We still have it but we have not done anything with it. The other one is, a medical unit and it has a floor that has rotted out of it. Both of those trailers were bought for \$500. So it doesn't really seem to invest a lot of money into them to repair them.

Mike said on the other side of it is that the health department is looking at a location in the opportunity center. They may not even want to use the trailer, they may prefer it in the building.

Chris said we spoken a little bit, I know their concern was having potentially COVID positive people coming into the building. If we need the trailer it would be a remote station. They would be secure inside the trailer. Using the parking lot, people would pull up and they would go out and test them. That keeps everybody inside their vehicle and they don't have to worry about sanitizing up there or anything like that. There are two trailers, and I wouldn't recommend putting anybody in.

Mike said you were going to make a motion Gary.

Gary makes a motion to set aside EDIT funds not to exceed, what would be adequate.

Chris said the one trailer is probably if we go with the trailer would probably be that, \$150,000 I guess to start off with.

Mike said not to exceed amount so its if we see the purchase order and say we don't want to buy this or we don't want to buy that then we control how much we spend. The only concern is if it is not enough then we decide we want to buy this and we want to buy that, then we have to go through the process again

Tom said go big.

Mike said we are not bidding on anything so.

Gary said were just making the option available.

Mike said I don't know really what will come up through that.

Gary made the motion \$150,000.

Mike said is that okay with you Tom, is that a second.

Tom said yes, should we consider getting a machine that takes temperatures. We have had some talk about security, there is a machine I think \$2300 dollars that we could put in the courthouse and take peoples temperature and record picture of them. I don't know if we would be interested something like that. It would be reimbursable. I don't know if that would be something we would want.

Mike said it would be reimbursable, I guess is what would we do with it, with the information. I have looked at them at Mrs. Wicks but I am not sure what you do with the information.

Tom said it would be a benefit to have if, we know that everyone that comes in the court house.

Mike said I could see that the courts might want that.

Tom said yes didn't know if we wanted maybe included that equipment in this purchase order or think about it and research some.

Chris asked, does it require a person to monitor it.

Tom said I think so.

Mike said if we don't have someone monitoring it then it's going to be one step better than somebody testing themselves.

Tom said I don't think a person has to be there to monitor it.

Laura, said they were not monitoring at our meeting we went to.

Tom said they were.

Laura said they were monitoring, they weren't when I was there.

Tom said not exactly, I don't think people have to be present. You could probably hook into an office somewhere so people could look at it. I don't have all the details. It is rather in expensive

and it would read peoples temperature and then you would have a record of their entry in to the building. I think courts would probably appreciate something like that.

Mike asked do you think that could fall within that 150?

Tom said it was \$2300 I think.

Mike said you would have to buy one for each court.

Tom said I assume that.

Mike said get them for the courts and maybe each office would want one too.

Tom said I would put one at the entry of the courthouse.

Mike said I come in and a red light goes off and says I have a temperature and I keep walking what happens.

Tom said we know that we have somebody with a temperature in the building.

Laura said I don't know where that information goes. Cause when I was in there I mean, I took my mask down and they told me put your mask on and took my temperature. There was nobody standing there so, I don't know where that information goes to.

Tom said we could program it to the President of the Commissioners I think.

Mike said I think it ought to have a siren and a red light on it. I think it is worth investigating, I am kind of making light of it, but when we are all supposed to stay home if we have a fever. So I have not checked my temperature and if I come in and it says I have a fever, then I guess two things could happen. One is I need to go home and two is I could aware where I am going, if I have an appointment with the judge or prosecutor or somebody, I could say you told me I have a fever, I'm going home and there is a record of that.

Laura said they were nice but I don't know all the details.

Chris said just looking at the thing. It says e-mail notification so we could have somebody setting there watching that e-mail. Somebody has to watching that e-mail I am kind of like Mike if we are going to do that, we might just put them in the offices that want them. Then they can say you have a temperature.

Mike said I see if the courts get back to doing things. I could see them having value in the court room. We are not very crowded in here but a courtroom could get pretty crowded on jury selection day or something to that nature. They would want to know, that could just be e-mail to the bailiff and the bailiff says, Mike has a fever he is not going to be here for jury selection. Which people might want to create that fever so they don't have to go to jury selection as well? I

think it is worth investigating and they are not very expensive. I don't know what long term value they would have once this is over. I think we are still within the 150.

Gary said I would hope so.

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

All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Enterprise Fleet Proposal

Tom said I don't see Tom, I told him it would probably be around 9:30 am.

Mike said we will move on.

Robin Vickery – Budget Information/line item for unemployment

Mike asked Art if he would like to come up. Art Moystner is the President of the Advisory Board for Community Corrections. He is doing a nice job as President too let me say that as well as our sheriff.

Robin said I am also here to deal with the case management, to get that approved. I will address the proposal that we received from our case management, just too kind of give you some back ground. We got a new case management and we went with the Department of Corrections. There is no cost to go with the Department of Corrections so that was the reason we made that move. There are no monthly fees. We are currently under a Koor Soft contract. We use their case management system. By moving over to Department of Corrections we now have to save files, so that we have access to those pieces that we need for data for the Department of Corrections. We can't just totally cut them off. We have to have that data. So, they presented proposal for us, the Advisory Board left it up to the Advisory Board Committee to make the decision. The Advisory Board Committee after looking at the proposal and quotation, they determined we needed to go with Spee which is a read only with continued maintenance and support.

Mike asked when you say committee you mean the executive committee.

Robin said yes the entire board

Mike said it consists of.

Robin said our President, Vice President and our secretary which is Judge Toney, Elizabeth Kreig as well as our sheriff, Art Moystner.

Mike asked, wasn't there some I don't want to say pressure, but incentive to go with the Department of Corrections Case Manager Program.

Robin stated that we weren't paying a monthly fee.

Mike said okay.

Robin said we are paying \$236 dollars currently by using Koor soft. This proposal that the Executive Committee agreed on, there is a \$1500 dollar to switch it over to a "read only" program. We have to pay that \$1500 dollars and then they drop the price from \$230 some dollars, drop it to 50% so it is we are looking at \$115- \$118 somewhere under a \$120 dollars a month. So half the cost.

Tom asked Robin if she had a comparison of the two different proposals. What is the bottom line? What is one cost and what is the other cost. What is the total cost for each program? Is there a number.

Robin asked are you referring to the differences between Koor soft and the Department of Corrections.

Tom said yes.

Robin said The Department of Corrections there is no cost. We have already been trained, we are already operating under the Department of Corrections Case Management System. That also helps them to pull data that they are wanting to see. There is no cost there. However in order to keep the files we do have to pay the \$1500 dollars plus 50% of the monthly fee that we were paying for.

Tom said we won't be paying the \$238 dollars a month.

Robin said no we will be paying ½ of that.

Tom said basically it is about the same cost for one or the other on a annual basis.

Art said no with the transition of the new program we are transiting to the new program will not cost us anything. She is required to keep records for so long for each of the clients. So, we are paying that change over on that program for one time the \$1500 and get it paid. We will pay the maintenance for the length of time she needs to maintain those records. I can't remember what those is off the top of my head. She has to maintain that for so long just so we just have access. If we don't pay the maintenance then if something goes wrong in the program that we would have to pay their hourly rate plus a call rate and some other fee.

Tom asked so over the second year it will start being cheaper.

Art said what' the length of time, I don't know how many years it will get cheaper, but eventually we will be able to drop the old program completely, she will not have to maintain those files anymore. There is certain criteria she is required to meet.

Mike said so the choice that the advisory committee is saying basically a \$2940-dollar annual expense this year, next year that expense will drop to \$120 a month or \$1440 a year. If she maintains and doesn't go with the Department of Correction it is \$ 2760 dollars a year every year that she maintains it. When she decides to drop it then this same expense is going to come about.

If they choose not to have the maintenance then we would have to pay \$3000 this year or no maintenance, which is the same. I don't know why they even offer that other than to encourage to keep the maintenance. So financial the \$2940 for this year is the \$1500 read only opportunity plus the \$120 dollars so maintenance per month, financially that is the best deal.

Tom asked how is the service. Is it comparable one service to the other?

Robin I think they are pretty comparable. You know you have things in one program that you don't have in another. You have advantages in the other program that you don't. They are comparable.

Tom said I hear stories of about how there is more cases and caseworkers' overload, they don't see people, kids fall through the cracks and things happen because there are not enough people. I didn't know if one was better than the other or are they both equally bad.

Mike said this is software, it is our people using the software.

Tom said it's not going to impact anything other, it is not going to make it any more effective or less effective.

Mike said what I recalled from the meeting is, it's the Department of Corrections software program that the State of Indiana said they recommend all Community Correction Offices in the state use them.

Tom asked if it is run by FireEye.

Mike said I don't think it is FireEye, it's probably maybe a sister company to FireEye I don't know. I am sure there will be a learning curve for the caseworkers it should provide the same and maybe more valuable information than the current program does. It is still, all it is, is data. It is data that the caseworker's personnel on the street use. If people fall through the cracks that is not the data's problem it's the personnel problem. I am on the advisory committee so I am part of the recommendation here that we go with "C" which is the read only. It is a onetime cost of \$1500 dollars then keeping maintenance that somewhere below \$120 a month until such time they change that. They can change that or until we decide we no longer need maintenance.

Tom said this has nothing to do with the unemployment.

Mike, no said that has to do with what you're talking about is which caseworker personnel. There two separate issues.

Mike would move we approve this recommendation and go with "C". Tom seconded the motion. Gary do you have anything?

Gary said it sounds good to me.

Mike asked Robin or Art you have anything more on this issue? All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Mike said your next issue is budget information and line item for unemployment.

Robin said unfortunately I'm not coming with not very good news with Community Correction right now. There have been different things that have happen. The biggest thing of course is COVID that hit. The courts were closed we did not get referrals and have not received very many referrals. We are in the middle of losing a program, a work release program and starting a day reporting program so we are trying to balance out a way to bring revenue into Community Corrections. That being said our Project Income over the years, Community Corrections admit we have never faced any type of financial issues. We have always been self-supporting. We have always been able to take care of whatever needs have been there. With the lack of revenue coming in this year we are, we average anywhere from 80-150 thousand dollars in our Project Income. We started with \$80 some thousand this year. That was a norm for us. We are down to \$30 some thousand dollars in Community Correction Project Income fund. Community Corrections is either going to swim or sink one or the other. That is where we are at. We are having to make some decisions as far as the advisory board on how are we going to try and manage this. One of things that we have been discussing is laying off a couple of employees. Those decisions are still in the process. Meeks I was able to talk to you to get some answers to some questions. I think right now the advisory board is looking at, there is a couple things. They are looking at rotating lay off. There are also looking at, if there is a staff that does a voluntary lay off. Keeping two case managers, letting go a facilitator/quality assurance manager position as well as another case manager position. We have not had part time staff working. Part of that started do to COVID. When I was back in the office and really looking at the numbers in June we can't keep part time staff right now. That is the situation that we are in. Now comes, \$30,000 dollars, we don't have a line for unemployment. We are going to have to create a line for unemployment. The next piece is Community Corrections really doesn't have the funds to even pay for that unemployment because it will have to be paid out of Project Income. We are trying to figure out how to manage all of this. I think when we went to the Advisory Board what it appeared to be was if we let two staff members go, we would need one position out of Project Income into the grant side. There is a position that would be leaving. That would help save some of those Project Income dollars. Saving those dollars should fix it where we could go ahead and deal with most of the unemployment. Basically, what we looked at was if we cut 2 case managers there is about an \$8000-dollar difference that is bringing in \$5000 dollars a month I kept that on the lower end as far as collections for Project Income for the rest of the year. If we get \$5000 dollars in the rest of the year that is bringing in \$30,000 dollars. That will help offset the unemployment piece so that we would have funds to take care of that. I did look at the money we brought in for July and we brought in \$5812.00. We need \$5000 each month so this month we made more as long as that continues then we should be ok. In order to do the unemployment piece, we do have to create a line item for unemployment because we do not have that in our budget. I guess I am here to request number 1 that we, I'm not sure where we go with this with the commissioners on this end. If you are the ones that start that process, if

I have to go to county council this is all new to me. I'm really not sure what I am even looking at and what kind of process I need to do to make this happen. I am needing some guidance.

Mike said I don't know that it starts with council but I think it ends with council. If I am hearing you correct and if I recall our meeting that if you do lay off the quality control individual and if you do lay off one case worker and if we do average \$5000 a month between now and the end of the year then Community Corrections should be able to handle their expenses.

Robin said I think if we kept 2 case managers then we would need to get a little bit more than \$5000 in a month. Like I said that is low range we already brought in 58.

Mike said you have 31, 5000 a month would collect counting July would be 30. That would be 61, 2 case managers \$23,000 other service expense are \$23,000 and 2 people on unemployment was \$15,200. If I recall the worksheet that would both come up to around \$61,000. I thought your plan was you would be whole if you collected \$5000 dollars a month and laid off a caseworker and a quality control person. Two people on lay off.

Robin said I know different people were adding the numbers up.

Mike said I guess from that stand point I think if we can get the unemployment line created so when you do lay these folks off, then we have a way because it comes out of your budget. If you have a way to pay them the unemployment compensation. If we get down to October/November/December and you run out of money then I think that is a different conversation to have at that time. That is how I look at that. I think you made a good case for keeping 2 caseworkers. Your other expenses go on. I don't know, I have never been asked to create a line in a budget. I don't know if that is something we do or something that council does.

Laura asked Angela don't they create a line then council would fund it.

Mike ask so we do that. I think in order to continue to operate as Community Corrections I think it is a necessary thing to do. It's brought to you by Robin but I think the Advisory Committee is recommending that stuff at this time. Wouldn't you say that Art?

Art said yes, we at least need the line. So, they can decide. We have another meeting at the end of this week, Thursday to move forward. We can't move forward without having at least a line. Obviously, we are going to take to council tomorrow for the funding. If it's not there then we can't move forward with it at all. That is one of the things we are asking from you guys is to create that line. Then I will have another question for you. Once that is finished.

Tom asked how long does unemployment last.

Meeks said 27 weeks.

Art said my understanding is they would still have to file it through the unemployment office. Then I think they send something to us and it is processed the same as any other employable

work. We fund that since we are self-insured, but I am not positive off the top of my head how long you can file.

Tom asked if this would be like a one year budget item or six months.

Art said we are hoping this is very temporary.

Tom said will this be permanent line item or just a one year line item.

Art said we hope this is very temporary. We are hoping the numbers will come back up once the courts get to functioning again and they have enough people on the program. Then it will start funding itself again.

Laura tells Tom once you create that line, the line stays there. Whether there is funding in there is a different story. It's just the procedure through state boards that we have to follow.

Art said we are not asking for that line to be funded in our upcoming budget hearings for next year. It is not something we are anticipating to go that long. I think we are in a very interesting time where we don't know what next year will bring.

Tom said we have a fund in our budget for unemployment don't we, the commissioners have unemployment fund.

Mike said I don't think so.

Angela said we have employee separation.

Tom said ok, what's the difference.

Angela said they have their own funding.

Mike said they I presumed there would be a transfer some funds from personnel services to the unemployment line so they could pay the unemployment out of personnel services. I'm not sure how council will do that. Council may find other funds for them. Could be a blessing in disguise. I think Art is right, nothing can go forward on the plan of laying anyone off unless there is a fund to pay them unemployment out of. I think that is what we are being asked to do this morning.

Gary moved to give permission for the development of a line in the budget to cover this expense of unemployment in the Community Corrections budget. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried

Art said the next question to ask and it might not be something we might will be able to answer today. With communications with Robin has e-mailed me. One of the employees at Community Corrections has talked about taking a voluntary lay off. One of the concerns is that individual anniversary date is at the end of August 25, 26 27 something like that. If she takes the lay off her

concern is none of that will renew. I know I spent a little bit of last week trying to look and find any type of a statute toward federal or anything that would give me some guidance on that and there is nothing along that line that I could find. I don't know if that is something that we would be willing to tell her, if she takes the voluntary lay off we will still give her, we will still put the vacation days in a bank, personal days will still be there obviously there is comp time that's there. I not sure whether it is something that stuff freezes or doesn't freeze when you are in a lay off status. I know we have one that is willing to do a temporary layoff. But again she is concerned with the anniversary date and potentially and losing her benefits.

Tom said she would be getting laid off for 6 months and draw unemployment and then come back on.

Art said the intent is whenever the cases pick up to bring her back. I not sure how long you can draw that unemployment specifically. I was thinking there was a 12-week cap to that. I could be entirely wrong; her concern was if that time would run out and she would end up being terminated. Then she would lose those benefits that she would have had coming within 20 some days. She is 3 weeks from the anniversary.

Mike said I don't see where an order could take away earned benefits.

Art said she is laid off at the time. I don't disagree she is wanting something in writing to show that is there in the event that this becomes a more permanent problem than what we are wanting.

Angela asked if we have to pay out benefits and comp time before they are eligible for unemployment.

Meeks said I think so.

Art asked what was that answer.

Meeks replied I believe so.

So if we laid them off we have to pay those out.

Meeks said I believe so.

Laura said that is my understanding. We don't have anything in the county handbook.

Mike said you may have to pay comp time but not sure if you have to pay vacation time. We at Wicks had 20 some employees laid off during COVID 19 and we didn't pay. They came back with their vacations and personal days.

Art said the sheriff's policy book I looked at the county specific policy book. The sheriff's policy book and I would assume that everybody's is similar in that aspect. There is not a layoff portion in there. There is a termination portion, that it says upon termination of an employee

when they leave then they are paid out any earned benefits. That would be the question if she is laid off are those benefits still earned.

Meeks said it is 26 weeks of unemployment.

Art said 26 thank you.

Mike said I would they are still earning them in my opinion.

Meeks said we are not paying you, I would think you would be earning them if you are laid off if you are not working for us.

Art said the term of paying them would be subjective at that time. We are being paid by self-insure.

Meeks said we are paying the State of Indiana.

Art asked Meeks his interpretation it is not earned.

Meeks said I don't think it would be I don't know. I would have to look into it.

Mike said at the end of the day if the case worker is laid off then we use the term her benefit is frozen. If she is called back she no longer has vacation benefits is that what you are saying.

Meeks said no, I saying if you use them, I don't know what frozen means. I guess I don't know, I think what they are saying would she accrue vacation time on her anniversary date. I don't know, because she is laid off during her anniversary date. I think that is what you just asked.

Art said that is what I am asking.

Mike said again I would think her seniority would not change. Her term of service would not change.

Meeks said we got to look at the handbook, I think there is separation if I quit the county and then go someplace else and then come back and work for the county.

Mike said that is different.

Meeks said I think we have to look at the handbook, I don't know.

Laura said there is no lay off in the handbook. There would have to be an amendment to the handbook.

Meeks said we need to get with Kent Erwin and then we need to get with the state to see what happens.

Mike said from the states stand point if they come in and file unemployment there going to ask us are they entitled to it.

Meeks said and they are.

Mike said if we say yes, then they're going to pay them.

Laura said right.

Mike said and they are not going to ask whether she has used her vacation, used her personal days, and used her comp time. They are not going to ask those questions. If we say she is not entitled to it because she has vacation, comp time, and personal days then they are not going to pay, or if we say well we have offered to bring her back. There not going to pay. If we even offer to bring her back and don't tell the state that, the state is still going to pay her.

Meeks said I think this is all like speculation at this point we just need to get with Erwin and probably call state board.

Mike said if she is willing to take lay off, if she can be assured her vacation, personal days.

Meeks said I don't think we can do that at this meeting. So we will have to, I don't want to talk about employees so we will have to just figure that out by your Thursday meeting.

Meeks said all we have to do is set up a line. I don't want to talk, I don't know.

Laura asked if Meeks was going to contact Erwin or do you want me to.

Meeks said I will talk to you after the meeting. We might just call them while I'm down there.

Robin said I would like to present another question. So, if the 3 weeks wouldn't be earned then she would be called back would she still be eligible for her 3 weeks' vacation as her time moves on. I just, that is the thinking point here.

Mike said I don't think our attorney wants to answer the question, but I would say that she doesn't lose her time served because we put her on lay off. If she terminates she would have. If she says I want a two year leave of absence because I want to go do something and something in Florida, she would lose that time, but I think if we are saying we can't use you right now we are putting you on layoff, I don't think her employment status changes.

Art stated my only question whether time appeared in you were on layoff. We can keep looking into it.

Mike said we have a line item for unemployment.

Art said yes, and thank you.

Jake Donham - OVG easement for EMS building

Mike said they are wanting a 10' easement along Hospital Dr. across the north side of EMS building.

Jake said they emailed me last week, they are wanting to push it through pretty quick. They are doing a lot of changes, a lot of new services in that area. This sounds like they want to redirect a main while they are doing this work. So, it involves coming across Dale Arnett's property, Dr. Watkins and EMS. It is running parallel with the street. He kind of explained to me it was going to be 2 foot off the street into the easements of these properties. They are supposed to get papers in last Friday. There wasn't anything in my mail box this morning so that is all I know, what I have been told.

Mike said they dropped this off.

Laura said Conan dropped it off.

Jake said Conan said it is pretty cut and dry. Just normal easements pretty much anything they destroy or damage and if there is issue with the parking area beyond they will go on and fix it if they need to. During the cut they said they will work one on one with EMS to make sure they have the steel plates in place and only do a section at a time. So they still have the ability to get their ambulances in and out.

Mike said that is additional term written into the easement. To place a steel plate across the open cuts during the installation to allow ingress & egress. Any questions of Jake.

Mike asked if someone would want to move approval of this request for an easement. Gary so moved. Tom seconded. All aye votes cast. Motion carried

Jake Donham- RCFFO HVAC

Mike said Jake sent us an email about the chiller down at the Community Opportunity Center.

Jake said yes and it is still down. I sent that email out I didn't hear anything back from anybody. Whether we want to run this through a meeting or decide if we want to get parts coming. I sent the council and commissioners both and didn't get any response back.

Mike said we brought it up at our last meeting. We didn't know how urgent it was. So we didn't know if we needed to pay for it when we gave you authority or whether to wait until council meeting tomorrow.

Jake said I guess that is my fault I should have maybe stated an email that the unit is only running 50% of capacity. So, when I sent that I figure everybody be like this is an emergency because otherwise he would wait and put it on the next agenda. So that is why I just, at this point if you want to talk about it we can.

Mikes said I think we are good to go, I think we have been able to wait until council meeting tomorrow. I think our decisions was we would prefer to spend the money and ask council to take

it out of CUM CAP. I think that is what we decided unless it was necessary that we couldn't wait until today.

Jake said yes, it's cooled off some and it's not running it's guts out right now like it was at that time. We were really fortunate that it stayed running.

Mike said I think it was a little less than \$24,000.00.

Jake agreed, I think so, some of that work has already taken place. The diagnostic and the cleaning and just trying to do some preventive stuff to keep it running as efficacy as possible since it is only 50%. Normally I clean it a little later in the year but, with it only running 50 we decided to go ahead and have it chemically cleaned and make sure it was going to run as efficient as possible during that time.

Gary said it was \$23,659.00.

Mike asked if someone would want to move to have that repair done.

Gary made a motion to move forward with that and take the funds from CUM CAP. Tom seconded.

Mike said we have a motion to move forward with the repair of the chiller and recommend the funds be taken out of CUM CAP. All aye votes cast. Motion carried

Mike asked if anything else for Jake.

Gary asked if that is cleaned every year then you said.

Jake said we have been doing the chemical clean every other year. Then in the off years we shut the unit down after the cotton wood done flying. We get the shop vacs out and my girl at the other building, Destiny we just tag team it on the inside and outside and just vac everything out with brushes really good. We have been having really good luck with that.

Gary asked where are we at with the fans.

Jake said the equipment finally showed up last for it. They mounted the fans, they have control guys in here today. Starting to get prepared for conduit and getting everything tied in to the boiler and fans. Then as soon as they get everything connected we will be ready for our start up with hydraulic and steam. To test fire and make sure it is going to be what we need it to do. They are in the process of getting that done this week hopefully. There are a few others loose ends on the punch list from the project. They are still waiting on some answers on some control issues and thermostats and some thermostats but, Indiana Thermal has been in contact with Salyor-Taylor and Argo trying to get that fine-tuned. Hopefully we can get that rapped up really quick.

Gary asked what has been done, does it look like it's working like you hoped.

Jake said the Diken side of things, which is the main heat and cooling so far is working flawless. Super-efficient I have never heard the units outside running just wide open. So they are sized a lot bigger than what we had. Even on the hottest points those units are super quiet and not any of them are running a 100% to keep the building cool. They definitely got the air condition side of things big enough. We will have to wait and see on the heat, I am sure the heat is going to be the same especially with the boilers when we get them in combination with the Diken. Get everything controlled with one another is going to be the next key factor.

Mike asked council if Max or Missy had anything to add this morning.

Other Business:

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

Art doesn't have anything for them today.

Mike asked if Art's project was moving along.

Art said yes sir they are.

Mike said we got a couple good size claims regarding your project this morning. \$86,000.00. They been over there working.

Art said they have not. I think this is the build off site before they bring it and make it real interesting for us.

Mike said ok, we are good to pay that in your opinion.

Art stated yes sir.

Regular Claims \$652,441.51

Mike the regular claims of \$652,441.51 we all received a copy of this by email. I hope we have had a chance to review it. Any commits or questions about the claims

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

Payroll Claims \$214,748.16

Mike the Payroll claims in the amount of \$214,748.16. These are for county payroll. I would entertain a motion to approval the payroll as presented.

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

RCED OCRA Grant Claim \$217,000.00

Mike says we now have the RCED Corporation OCRA grant claim in the amount of \$217,000.00. As you recall this is the OCRA response grant that we received from OCRA and

as I understand it we have received it. This is the grants to the local businesses whole applied through the revolving loan committee and approved by the Economic Development Corporation and approved by us. To help those local business that have suffered because of the COVID 19 pandemic. The amount of the grant was \$221,950.00. The grant relief was \$217,000.00 and then the second claim would be for Kleinpeter Consulting firm as grant administrator in the amount of \$4,950.00 which is the standard percentage for an OCRA grant administrator's fee. So, I have the OCRA grant claim in the amount of \$217,000.00. I would entertain a motion to approve this claim.

Gary moved to approve the claim. Tom seconded. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Kleinpeter Consulting Claim \$4,950.00

Mike said as part of that, as I just explained we also have the Kleinpeter Consulting Group LLC claim in the amount of \$4,950.00. That is there percentage of the claim amount from OCRA.

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

RCED August Claim \$24,833.33

Mike said the next item is the Randolph County Economic Development Corporation August claim for the amount of \$24,833.33. I would entertain a motion to approve this monthly claim of the Randolph County Economic Development Corporation.

Gary moved to approve RCED August claim as presented. Mike seconded. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Barnes & Thornburg Claim \$5,000.00

Mike said next is the Barnes & Thornburg claim in the amount of \$5000.00. This is for past and current and future services for the COVID CARES ACT reimbursement grant that we are going to be seeking that Chris had talk about earlier. If you recall we hired Barnes & Thornburg to represent us in preparation of that grant reimbursement. Their fee was a flat fee of \$5000.00. I guess, I am surprised that it is coming this early. I would have thought it would have been closer, I think the grant hearing goes until the end of the year.

Gary said right.

Mike is not sure why we are paying it now. If we do choose to pay it now I suppose we could take it out of our budget out of attorney fees in our budget. Would that be appropriate? These are additional attorney's fees. I suppose since they have provided us an invoice they want paid. I have always found that an attorney will work harder for you if he is paid.

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

Security Automations System Claim \$86,360.00

Mike said the Security Automations System Claim that I just discuss with our Sheriff. This has to do with the backroom software, programming work for the security system design labor and programming labor and material purchased all totaling up to \$86,360.00.

Gary asked Art have they given you a completion date yet.

Art said they have not.

Gary said their objective plans are the first of the year I think.

Art said I think they told me it was about 9 months from the time they start till the install. I have kind have lost track of where we are at, but I think we are 3-4 months in now. I actually, with sending this bill I am going to reach out to the engineers I have been talking to and see where we are at with it. I am going to ask them a projective date because we have to put some procedures in place when they come in to we operate while we are changing over.

Gary asked do you go other than your conversation at the end of the year, do you view the system and see if there is anything you want add or subtract.

Art said they have talked to me throughout as you are building. We have kind of done that before that was one of the changes I think a meeting or two ago that I talked about. So, they will talk to me through that. Once it is built I will go to wherever it is built and test the system or when they come into install it. There is a bit of time they will do some training with the staff and what not once it's in. I have had a lot of conversations with the young man and what we are looking for. We are on course for now with out, I know the county is not in a position where I can add to this a whole lot. There is somethings and we will come up a plan in the future of things to add into the system. To try to make the building better. I am just not going to do it with the financial situation we are in right now.

Mike said the contract was April 8. Nine months would be December.

Art said we are looking very close to the end of the year. I am not in a build hurry to get them in my building with the numbers coming up anyway. I think we are still looking at that.

Mike asked Art's if his number are coming up.

Art said the county numbers are coming up.

Mike said oh the COVID numbers I thought you meant population numbers.

Art said it is slightly, I think we are in the lower 40's today.

Mike said those populations would go to the court, then the court to community corrections, community corrections gets some income.

Art said we are getting ready to open up on some of the misdemeanors warrants and what nots. I think numbers will start going up as long as the courts give me permission to do that.

Mike asked Gary if that answered his question.

Gary said yes, I will move for approval.

Mike said I have a motion to approve the claim for \$86,360.00 to Security Automations System out of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Cripe claim 8/2/19 \$1276.55

Cripe claim 9/3/20 \$932.20

Cripe claim 12/31/20 \$222.98

Cripe Settlement Agreement

Mike stated the 3 claims from Cripe has to do with the highway garage that has been tabled and are subject to the 4th item down which is Cripe Settlement Agreement. Which is pending. I would approve a conscensus that we just continue to table those claims another month.

Gary moves that we table the Cripe claims as presented.

Mike asked for another month.

Gary said yes.

Tom seconded. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Landfill Erosion & Sedimentation Report

Mike said the next is the Landfill Erosion & Sedimentation Report which we received a copy of. It looked like they were making progress from when I read that report. There is erosion out there but they didn't really, the state didn't recommend doing anything about it. Sounds like they didn't get a new plan to do it.

Gary said they are controlling it what the state requires, IDEM.

Tom asked if that is the annual.

Mike said yes.

Gary said the soil & water conservation people are involved with that site.

Mike asked if there is anything else on that issue.

American Wind Week Proclamation

Mike said we have the American Wind Week coming up a week from yesterday. It starts Sunday August 9- through Saturday August 15. We have well over 100 wind turbines in our county. Speaking of that I saw Winchesters was spinning the other day. That has been the first time I have seen Winchesters spin in a while. So we can add that to our list of operating wind

turbines. We have already passed a proclamation indicating we are alternate energy friendly. We been asked by a Megan Kirik to consider passing an American Wind Week Proclamation.

AMERICAN WIND WEEK PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, wind energy is the largest provider of renewable energy in the country; and

WHEREAS, our state is home to 15 wind-related manufacturing facilities and 16 wind projects, providing more than 6,000 jobs for Hoosiers; and

WHEREAS, the wind industry is a major economic driver in many towns and counties, driving \$5 billion in total capital investments to date and providing \$20 million in annual lease payments to rural landowners in 2019 alone;

THEREFORE, We, Commissioners of Randolph County do hereby proclaim:

THE COUNTY OF RANDOLPH
RECOGNIZES AMERICAN WIND WEEK

AUGUST 9 – 15, 2020

and encourages its citizens to learn more about the benefits of wind energy in our community and celebrate Indiana's leadership in renewable energy production.

Tom moved to approve. Gary seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Copier Lease Agreement

Mike said the copier Lease Agreement, I think this is one we have approved.

Laura said you did, I just need signatures and there are quite a few different places. They are highlighted.

Mike asked if we need all 3 signatures.

Laura said no just one I think.

Mike said this is the copier lease we approved a couple weeks ago for \$440.43 for 60 months. It is for 6 copiers.

Laura said they have all been delivered.

Mike said county court house and are in operation. Weber Office Equipment, the lease requires a signature of 1 authorized representative.

Tom moves for approval for Mike to sign it. Gary seconded. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Additional Appropriations:

1138-CCD	Bldg. Maint – Jail	\$9,621.00
General Fund	Bldg. Maint Courthouse	\$2,000.00
	Bldg. Maint RCFFO	\$2,000.00

Mike said we have for the building maintenance to Jail for \$9621.00 this is for the jail security system. We have one for Building Maintenance for the courthouse for \$2000.00 and one for Building Maintenance to the Randolph County Opportunity Center for \$2000.00 for mowing and upkeep. I would entertain a motion to approve all 3 of these additional appropriations.

Tom so moved. Gary seconded. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Meeks Cockerill - EDPR Solar agreements

Mike asked Meeks if he had anything.

Meeks said I had a conference call with EDPR last week. They time line they want to have all the road use agreements, Economic development agreement, and the decommissioning agreements completed by the first full week of September and approved along with the tax abatements. That is going to mean there is a lot of agreements floating around. I will be forwarding it to you. Two of the agreements are already done. Not the road use agreement. I won't say done they are in draft, that have been forwarded. So, if you have any questions or comments just let me know. I think we have another conference call next week. I think I am going to talk to Jason Semler sometime this week about it. I also will want the county council, since there is 2 of the county council members are here, to have a special meeting sometime this month and I was thinking during the budget meetings. We can piggyback either right before or right after. Just so you guys can listen to that. The other thing is the lease of the barns. That is Tom's so I will let him talk about that.

Mike has a question on the Jason Semler and the, has he or are you going to speak to him about the tax abatement versus the Economic Development agreement.

Meeks said yes.

Meeks said he was here at the last county council meeting. The county council told them that is pretty much what they wanted an analysis of. Then I emailed him back and forth when I got

back. He asked if that was what they still wanted. I told him yeah. There is going to be some analysis of it. I will forward you guys the email. See if there is anything else you want Jason to do let me know. He is going, he wants I think the county council wants what is the tax impact if we didn't grant an abatement, 100% abatement, then the traditional abatement. The issue is that how we tax property in Indiana by its use. So, if it is going to be commercial or industrial use that's a much higher tax base for the actual project. When the wind towers went up and they were on a very small tract of land that's taxed, where that wind tower and where that road is use that is taxed as a commercial use. Now you are taking, that is not a whole, maybe an acre I don't know how big one of those are not very much. Meeks said maybe a 1/4 acre now you are taking hundreds of acres and making it a commercial use. Which is a, could be 5-6 times more for property tax values. That is going to be an issue. That is a big issue.

Mike said commercial is a lot higher than agriculture.

Meeks said it could be 3-5 times higher that is what Jason told me. We have to understand what that is, when we are negotiating with wind. I am not sure we do yet. I know I don't.

Mike said I know I don't.

Enterprise Fleet Proposal

Tom said he got an email from Enterprise and he would like to reschedule, he missed placed his computer. That is off the docket today.

Mike is that a proposal for all vehicles or is that a proposal for just some vehicles.

Tom said it was for some vehicles, mostly the commercial vehicles, cars and pick-ups.

Mike asked sheriff departments.

Tom said not originally but it could.

Mike said we have had a proposal from them before.

Tom said I think this guy is above the people that came before. He might just give us new numbers about what could happen. Our current climate it could be some savings.

Mike asked if he has talked to department heads do you know.

Tom said no he just got information from Laura and get us a presentation of about what we could save or so forth. Then we would see if we are serious to go forward I guess.

Laura asked if he was going to call when he is ready to come back.

Tom said I think he wants to schedule for our next meeting.

Laura aid table it to the next meeting.

Old Highway Facility-Lease

Tom said I have a person interested in leasing the old highway facilities. We had it appraised for rent. This guy is willing to pay the appraised value, which is more than I got from anybody else I talked to. He is very interested in moving into it. He builds yard barns. He is out of room in his facility and so he would like to move up as soon as possible. So, we, he and I and Mike Haffner met out there with him. Mike still wanted to use the north building for storage. He is agreeable, he mainly wants the shop area for right now. It could be sort of a hybrid because we still have our radio tower out there and we have the generator and we would still need to use that tower, highway tower until our new tower. So, we would still probably still keep the electric service there, because we also have another meter that runs our emulsion tank in the north building. Eventually he would remove the electric, he would run by a generator. He is an Amish man so they would not use electricity other than what they generate themselves. For the time being we would need to keep the electric meter and everything on while we use the radio dispatch tower there. He is very interested in signing a lease for appraised value. I talked to some of his references, I invited the golf course, they were not able to meet with him Friday but I told them about what they doing. Mark Todd hasn't said anymore. So he was hoping to meet him. I think it could be a good use for the facility and get us some income to help mitigate our environmental issues out there. He is not interested in using the fuel tanks at all. Those are empty now, but that's another thing we will need to talk about, decommissioning those fuel tanks out there.

Mike said there is a process to close them.

Tom said if you spend \$3800.00 now that gives you a year before you have to decommission them, remove them and so forth. Or you can do it all at once, so that is another reoccurring expense, they are clean, but there is nothing happen. We got until November when our paperwork is due on what to do about the tanks. There is some issues facing us out there.

Mike said the appraised value, is that \$1900.00 a month.

Tom approximately within a few dollars yes,

Mike asked is that what he is offering to pay \$1900.00.

Tom said yes.

Mike asked we can do that without any bidding or anything.

Meeks said yes that is the appraised value.

Mike said so we don't have to do anything else,

Meeks said it is economic development is right on here. The economic development statue you can go.

Mike said with that we would maintain and pay all the utilities.

Tom said yes for the time being. Again, until we got a tower.

Mike said even renting to him we would probably maintain service out there so we wouldn't disconnect all electricity would we.

Tom stated I think we would eventually would. We got a generator out there. Probably talked to Chris about maybe using that. We might, we have talked about using that at our south tower site. It is much larger than what we need but probably be cheaper than buying a new one. That would be moved there and the tank. Eventually if we got our tower out of there we probably wouldn't have a need for electricity.

Mike asked if that was the only utility out there.

Tom said there are 2 meters.

Mike said electricity is the only utility out there.

Tom said there is natural gas there. So he would transfer that over.

Mike asked if he was going to use the natural gas.

Tom stated yes.

Mike said ok.

Tom said there is LP to run the generator but we would move that out.

Mike asked how long is this lease going to be for.

Tom said I don't know, I would guess 2 years.

Mike asked what does he want. Do we know?

Tom said he didn't say, but he wants at least 2 years or possibly longer. I don't know how long we want to enter into an agreement for.

Mike said I had somebody interested as well, but they are not willing to pay the appraise value. I don't know what do you think Gary.

Gary said we need to get as much out of it as we can. Basically we can't sell it with both of the conditions it's in.

Mike asked if this was talked over with Mike Haffner.

Tom said yes.

Mike asked when are you thinking we start. When does this 2 year period start?

Tom said he would like to move this week if he could. So, he would be willing to sign a lease anytime. He would with Mike Haffner to move things out and transition out of the shop, use the north building for a while until we can transition out of to our new facilities.

Mike said the north lot as well.

Tom said yes he would want to use that to stage his buildings.

Mike said we would need to move all of our plows.

Mike asked Mike Haffner what is your thoughts on this.

Mike Haffner said it raises some concerns. I think it is doable. We are presently working on cleaning out. I think he is wanting to get into the main building first. The corner where we have our small parts, he would allow us more time to work on that. If I could clean out some areas he was wanting. To be able to get out in one week is impossible. To be able get stuff out of the main buildings, so he can start. We can defiantly do that. We can defiantly get the plows and all the equipment out of the sheds. The small parts and some of the few things we are going to have a few weeks to do that. He was perfectly willing to do that. Clarification on keys, do we still maintain keys to that facility since we have the radio equipment and other equipment that need to be worked in there. Traffic flow with the emulsion tank I can't afford his stuff being blocking to be able to get in and out of that facility. I think that would need to be addresses a little clearer.

Mike said the landlord would have opportunity to keep keys, and as long as he understands that he is going to have to give you access to the radio equipment, that could be drawn up either as part of the lease or separate agreement.

Meeks said I would just put it in the lease.

Mike said between the landlord and the tenant.

Mike Haffner said we keep our set of keys, and he keeps a set of keys.

Mike said I would think even after we vacate, we would want a set of keys to the facility.

Meeks said we own it.

Mike said we own it so we would keep it. That can be arranged. The emulsion tank I suppose if you could lay out your ingress and egress, then that could be determined in the lease as well. He will understand that he can't block that. Now, which for me leaves the last unknown and that is timing. I don't want to lose an opportunity, but I don't want to over burden the highway department with timing of this as well.

Mike Haffner talking with the individual I think he would be one that would understand and we can mutually agree to make it work.

Mike said we say as soon as possible.

Meeks said you guys are going to have to sign the lease so we can put it August 17. I can have the lease to you by the end of the week and he can look at it. Then he signs it and it looks good to you Tom.

Mike said August 17 gives you two weeks.

Mike said and if he would need something before that.

Tom said if he would need something before that we could allow him access before that.

Mike Haffner asked if the air compressor and the hose reels, because we got quite a bit of money in the reels and all that. If it is still our building.

Tom said we have talked about him using the air compressor, no he doesn't want the air compressor so we can take the air compressor out.

Mike said he does not want the air compressor.

Tom said no. We can take all of our tools and equipment that you want out of there.

Mike Haffner said ok. So he was not interested.

Tom said he has a diesel generator and it has hydraulic, he has hydraulic equipment and an air compressor all hooked together. So he does repair hydraulic hoses as well as build buildings so he will have one machine.

Mike Haffner said I imagine bigger stuff like their compressor with wiring and get an electrician out there to unhook it.

Mike said does it need to be removed.

Mike Haffner said we got hoist, we got.

Tom said Mike Haffner wants to use it, but it doesn't have to be moved right away.

Mike Haffner said if it is not part of it I can take it over and store it, then we can decide what we want to do.

Tom said that is a give and take kind of thing with him.

Mike Haffner naturally hose reels and all that is going to take some time to get out. Plus we got quite a bit of money in hoists that we don't plan on ever using, so do they stay with the building or do you want me get Burton in there and try to see if we can do some trading. We got a lot of overhead hoist that we no longer will ever need at the new facility. There is quite a bit of value there, just don't want to leave them there.

Mike asked if they would be in his way are they.

Tom said no they are overhead.

Mike Haffner said they would probably need to be took off.

Tom said leave the rail there would just need to take the hoist off the rail.

Mike said some of that need to be an electrician to come in that is all hard-wired in. I can make arrangements for somebody to come unhook and remove the hoist. Same way with the air compressor and stuff.

Mike said was it and I don't know the leases name.

Tom said Ben.

Mike said is it possible for Ben and you and you to meet out there and maybe do a punch list of what leaves and what stays. So we are all on the same page here.

Mike Haffner said absolutely.

Mike can we do that, does that sound like.

Gary said I think that needs to be done. We need to know what they can get access to and what they can't.

Mike Haffner said preliminary we already have a punch list. We need to actually put it in writing and go over it.

Gary said it needs to be in with the lease. I think another thing, talking about removing the electricity. As long as we own that building I think we need security lights up.

Mike said that's down the road. Once we no longer need the radio tower or the emulsion tank I still think there would be value to have electric service so we do have security lights.

Gary said I agree.

Mike Haffner said the only other thing would be the fuel island. We've got an inspection coming up in November. If we do not decommission there going to force us to do a lot of repair

work that is not needed. So we need to before November to decommission that, and start the process of taking it out.

Tom said I have a fellow interested. I have been told that equipment is not really worth anything commercially because of its age and lack of computer cards and credit cards. I have fellow that is possible interested in the system to use for his own private use. What about dismantling or removing the pumps above ground stuff. What about that.

Mike said we don't need them. I guess there are people willing to take it all for free.

Tom said I was hoping to get some money out it, or maybe trade.

Mike said I mean take the tanks with him when he takes the equipment.

Tom said we have to have somebody licensed to do that, but he would probably be involved with removing the tanks. Hopefully we can trade our equipment for his excavating.

Meeks said we need a list from Mike Haffner of what needs to be taken out so we can declare that surplus property. Then you can dispose of it. We really need a list of what you are going to get totally rid of. You need a list of what you are not going to not rent to the guy, probably a list of what you are renting to him. So, if you can get him and Mike Haffner maybe tomorrow or the next day, then maybe we can bring the Amish fellow into my office Wednesday or Thursday and we could go through it. I can go through my lease.

Mike said the pumps and the tanks would be a different.

Meeks said that is surplus property.

Tom said he has no interest in the fuel island.

Meeks when you get rid of those things you need to declare that surplus property and then you can.

Tom said also he would possibly want to move the walls, probably take out Mike Haffner's part shelves, he has no need for them. There is some work that needs to be done on the soffits & fascia's and maybe painting that he is willing to do to make the facility look a little better.

Meeks said usually my lease usually allows if they want to move walls and do things like that they have to come and get your permission.

Mike said I doubt if that will be an issue.

Tom said are we in favor of going ahead with the lease. He would like to know that this is a go for him.

Mike said I am.

Gary said at the present time once we have all this information put together, and he is not interested that might be a different story.

Mike said yes I am interested. The \$1900.00 for two years. I wouldn't want to go more than 2 years.

Gary asked if all the tanks completely empty.

Mike Haffner said they are empty as far as we can get them. Once you decommission they will all have to be sucked out and cleaned.

Mike asked if Mike Haffner could start that decommissioning process.

Mike Haffner said I got a quote. But Tom was thinking maybe see if there is another outfit.

Mike asked don't you have to decommission of them.

Tom said we have some time until November to do that. That is what I am not sure about. Oscar Lawrence said you would have to do that. That would buy your year time. Then we would have to do it again a year from now. That's \$3800.00 we would pay again when we tear them all out. I think they are good to set until November, we leave them alone until November.

Mike Haffner said he would love to no later than October meeting to get authorization from you, I don't want to push that November deadline.

Gary said we got time.

Mike Haffner said we have a little bit of time.

Gary said I think we need to move forward.

Mike Haffner said I can get Oscar Lawrence's input and how long and what the procedure is and how to go about filing.

Meeks asked how much is the decommissioning?

Tom said its \$3800.00 with Oscar Lawrence.

Meeks said I mean just to take it out

Tom said \$26000.00 was his bid.

Meeks said that is under \$50,000. You only need to solicit 3 quotes.

Tom said there is one person I don't know if there is another.

Meeks said you will just have to see, to get them here.

Mike asked if anything else on the highway garage.

Closing Hwy 36 in August, 2022

We got a letter from Cakaskia Engineering Group LLC. They are going to be replacing a bridge, 1.5 miles 9 miles west of US 27 on Us 36. Which they are going to close Highway 36. Construction is anticipated to begin in August 2022, which is a long time off. They are asking us to respond to this if we have a problem with it.

Tom asked how long.

Mike said we have 30 days from today to respond to their letter.

Tom asked if they said how long the road will be closed.

Mike said I don't think so.

Mike Haffner said this is a bridge on 36 east of Lynn

Tom said it is where Saucer's old concrete plant was.

Gary said it is just west of the old gravel pits.

Mike Haffner said just west of the old gravel pit. Keep in mind in about that same time frame, I had a July of 2020 INDOT and I have already got the temporary traffic. They will be closing 36, east of Lynn on that first structure. I would not want both of these down at the same time. I am sure if it is an INDOT deal I can check with INDOT and make sure they are not trying to do both of these.

Mike said this is going to be August 2022 is when it is going to start.

Mike Haffner said I have a July of 2022. On the other one.

Tom said hopefully they will do one then the other.

Mike Haffner said yeah.

Gary said that is just a modification of paperwork I got on the one east. What is the one west is it a complete replacement.

Ed said West is a completed replacement.

Mike Haffner said they need an unofficial detour.

Mike said they have an official detour, State Rd 1.

Mike Haffner said they give them an unofficial detour that means we select the county roads, that way if there is any damage then they are responsible.

Mike said they're just asking now for any foreseen adverse effects to this closure. I am going to have Laura scan and email it to you and two other commissioners and myself and the attorney. We have 30 days to either respond or to accept it as proposed or ask for an extension.

Mike Haffner said send it to me this week and I will get with INDOT and make sure everything so we can give them an answer back.

Mike asked if Gary had anything for us this morning.

Possible date on Towers

Gary said we had a meeting last Wednesday with communication towers and system. August the 12 is when they are going out for bids for the towers and the other things. It has not been bid yet. The issue right now is that with the region that we are in is not give us, is not completed our licensing for these towers. It was supposed to of been done in March. The guy that was in charge of it 2 weeks ago resigned. They have not appointed somebody to take his place. They are trying to go through a process and I don't know all the terminology of it. But it is an emergency process they go through state and federal in order to get licensing to do this. They did get a complete FAA approval on the 300-foot tower at the central site. Which was 200 feet.

Mike said that's good

Gary said so that is being corrected. Right now, one of the towers has no license on any of the wave links to use. We are moving along trying to get done. Right now, I asked the engineer and the architect, Terry wasn't there he was in Illinois at a meeting, what their project schedule would be and one said by maybe by the end of the year the other said by the end of January. If they could get the concrete poured it would not be terrible to set the towers as long as it stays in the 20's or 30's. They are going out for bids on the 12th.

Mike asked they don't have any concerns that we won't get licenses, it is just a matter of going through the process to get a license.

Gary said they have been 6 months to this point. Hopefully, technically though they can't put these towers up until they have a license. Even though we own them and have the tower laying there they can't erect it. I may be wrong on that, but that is how I understood it.

Mike said I will tell you what, the end of the year sounds pretty aggressive. I would be surprised if it happens that quick.

Gary said they would accept the bids in September, building the towers is not, once the contract is given they build the towers and bring them in here and erect them. If everything goes well, it is just the matter of pouring concrete and then build the buildings, small buildings. It's possible.

Mike asked for anything else.

Angela said I just need a Commissioner here on August 24th.

Mike said we have a budget hearing on August 25 at 9:30.

Angela said I haven't looked at the schedule, it starts Monday, the 24th.

Mike said I thought I got 9:00 on Tuesday the 25th. Although I spent a couple hours with a couple council Saturday. They would encourage a commissioner to be at all budgets hearings this year considering the natural of the county finances. We might want to take a look at our schedules and see if we can be there to listen to the hearings.

Mike asked anything else.

Citizen Comments


None


Adjournment

Mike would entertain a motion to adjourn. Tom so moved. Gary seconded. All aye votes cast. Motion carries.

Reviewed and signed this 16 day of November, 2020.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS







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