

## Randolph County Commissioners

January 6, 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.

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Michael Wickersham, President presided over the meeting.

### Appointment of President and Vice President

Mike said first item on the agenda is appointment of a president and a vice president to the Board of Commissioners.

Gary said I'll nominate Mike Wickersham for the position of president of the Board of Commissioners for the year 2020.

Tom I'll second that motion.

Mike said I have a motion and a second to nominate me to continue as president. Any other nominations. All in favor of the nomination signify by saying aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said now to appoint the vice president.

Gary said I nominate Tom Chalfant for the position of vice president for the year 2020.

Mike said I'll second that nomination. Any other nominations for vice president. Hearing none, I'll call the question, all in favor of Tom Chalfant being vice president for the Board of Commissioners for the year 2020, signify by saying aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

### SpyGlass – Tabled from 12/27/2019

Mike said next item is SpyGlass which we've tabled a couple of times, and the last time, I think we agreed to it, but we wanted to make sure our Auditor was here and that she was okay with our decision to do that since it does create work for the Auditor's office.

Laura said yes that's fine.

Mike said okay thank you. So, do we want to go ahead enlist the services of SpyGlass, the 12 months to see if they can save us.

Gary said well that was kind of our consensus the last meeting. I'll move to do so.

Mike said have a motion to approve that enlisting SpyGlass to investigate our telecommunications expenses. Do we have a second?

Tom said second.

Mike said all in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Perry Knox, SJCA – Bridge Planning and Bridge 32 proposal**

Mike said next item is Perry Knox with SJCA with Bridge Planning and Bridge 32 Proposal. Mike are you going to join Perry.

Perry said I had sent over a little housekeeping, I had sent over to Laura we had executed an on call agreement for professional services at our December meeting, and we accidently signed the wrong page so we have returned the original. What you did sign is the sample task order, which had been attached to it so I returned it because that's not where we want to sign it. We didn't want to sign a work order approval of course.

Laura said we signed this page.

Perry said and that is the task order. The sample task order that was attached to it, and what we need to sign is that signature page which is for the on-call agreement. My apologies for that.

Mike said and this is a professional services agreement that we reviewed before, so it's the same agreement.

Perry said that's correct. Your attorney had reviewed and it's the standard agreement. You need a blue pen.

Mike said I don't think we need to take any action, just sign the agreement.

Perry said thank you.

Gary said did he send us the wrong plan or we signed the wrong one.

Mike said we signed it, the first one had the agreement and then it had a sample task request and we approved the sample task request. And he's returned that, so we don't have any, at this point in time, any sample task requests out there.

Perry said again commissioners, thank you very much for your time. I'll try to keep this as brief as I can. In front of you we have a bridge presentation, and what the purpose of this presentation is this morning is to try to get basically an overview of what the bridge needs are for Randolph

County. And to summarize this, we are going to talk about some budgetary requests that we are going to work tomorrow, present to the council, to try to carve out what we think is a good long-term bridge plan. We call this LRBP, long range bridge plan. And that's what we are doing for the county. So in your packet right here that you have, on the first page you have a foldout map of the locations of the bridges in the county. This was prepared by the BLN that did your bridge inspections. All of our information is based on the last inspection report by that company. Our company has been engaged to do the bridge inspections moving forward. We will not begin that until this summer with your compliance month being in August. So this information is based on their reports. The second part, and I know that Commissioner Wickersham and Commissioner Chalfant have seen this. This is just a worksheet. It's basically a spreadsheet of the bridges. This is this five page foldout right here. Real briefly, I'll go over this. It is in the order of bridge number. The bridge number can be cross referenced to that map that you opened up there at the beginning. You have 216 bridges currently in Randolph County. A bridge is defined as a structure over twenty feet. Anything under twenty feet is considered a small structure and is not on your bridge inventory, nor is it under an inspection agreement. So, anything under twenty feet is not being inspected at this time. Now in looking at this, the second column is the location of the bridge, next to the bridge number, the year that the bridge was built. And then the next number you see is a sufficiency rating. And a sufficiency rating is when a bridge of inspected, they look at all of the elements of the bridge and they enter in data, based on what they see in the bridge to be a, it could be some sprawling on the concrete, a crack in a box beam, a hole in a deck, damage to a guard rail. Those things are measured and calculated and entered into a report that the State provides. And then all of this information is crunched and it spits out a sufficiency rating. That is basically a grade of one to a hundred. So just like you are in school, one hundred being a perfect score. We would assume a brand new bridge would probably get a hundred percent sufficiency rate. If a sufficiency rating is 80 or below, it is eligible for Federal aid for rehabilitation. If the sufficiency rating is 50 or below, it is eligible for Federal aid at full replacement. So those are kind of benchmarks that we want to keep an eye on. At the very last page of these five pages, you will see that the average sufficiency rating there for Randolph County as of this year is 78.9. And that would, and that just gives you kind of an overall benchmark of what your average is for the ratings of the bridges.

Tom said and that was probably a year old, that rating.

Perry said that rating would have been your last bridge inspection report, which would be 2018, because you are coming up now on our inspection.

Mike said how subjective are these numbers.

Perry said well they are done by qualified engineers. These are PEs. They don't sent technicians out to do these, so this is an engineer has to be on staff to do the actual examination of the bridge. I can't question their judgment because they are the educated technician that's looking at these. But they are fairly close.

Mike said that's what I'm asking. So, when they do an inspection from other than the date or the time that's lapsed since these were last inspected, and or add to maintenance of them. Those numbers are going to be pretty close to be the same or worse.

Perry said you had some bridges that had the same sufficiency rating for twenty years, and you have other bridges that seem to change. And it could depend on events. You might have a heavy rainfall and you might have some debris come down and hit a pier, and of course that would create damage. You could have some voids in your bridges where you are using maybe some salts and things on the bridges and then it creates a pothole or something like that, and that would lower sufficiency rating. Or an accident in the guard rail or something. I'm sure the sheriff has seen that where somebody hits a bridge on that. That would dramatically impact the sufficiency rating. The next part there is the SD and FO. And what that means is a structurally deficient or functionally obsolete. Now a structurally deficient rating means that the structure itself is deficient, and by deficient, we mean that it has a rating of, one of its four major elements rates poor or below, which defines the structure as being structurally deficient. Functionally obsolete would be something like a narrow bridge that only has one lane or something that's not built to a good safe standard with clear zone, with good adequate guard rail and those types of things. And we consider those to be functionally obsolete. A bridge can be structurally deficient and functionally obsolete. The next section is noted maintenance items. Now a noted maintenance item, these are items that were just when you are out inspecting a bridge, the last person saw that this was a glaring item that needed to be addressed. One of the things that we would suggest to the county, and we'll talk to the council about that tomorrow, is that the highway department could benefit greatly by having some sort of a maintenance program, possibly a maintenance crew trained to do certain maintenance elements on bridges. Those elements could be things like replacing seals, doing deck sealing, doing guard rail repair, scour protection. I mean those types of things, if you catch them early enough, will extend the life of your bridge significantly. And there are all kinds of federal highway studies and reports, and I'd be happy to supply you with all that you want, that demonstrate that. Regular maintenance on a bridge will exceed that lifespan of that bridge and lower your long term costs over the life cycle of that structure. And as we know, these bridges are very expensive assets for the county.

Tom said Perry, looking through the maintenance items, how many of these things do you think that our people could do. Have you looked at that?

Perry said quite a bit of them, I didn't look at it real closely, I mean you have, you know, for example, cleaning bridge, doing should grating there on bridge number 30, that would be something that I would think they could do with internal forces. On bridge 32, repairing pier piles and concrete walls, that would be something you would have to involve some engineering. When you get into the structure of something, you want to make sure that you have some engineering to back up what you are doing to not expose the county to any undue potential problems later on. That engineer you need to back it up.

Mike said so does a maintenance crew need any specialized training or is something that we could just move people from a different area of the highway department.

Perry said it could be somebody that we could offer assistance to. This is, the way that we have done this in the past is that we have, let's say in our tool box, 20 items that a maintenance could do, and what we will do is rather than say go out to this bridge and do 18 of the 20, what we do is we offer technical assistance where our firm would bring somebody out. And in our case, we



have a fellow that was with INDOT for 25 years doing bridge inspection and bridge maintenance work. And he would come out and train a person or multiple people on one specific task. And that could be like changing the joints in the bridge. And then set up three or four of those bridges in one day. So we like to do it, our scope is more or less to train you to do one element of maintenance until you understand it, and then let you get those done. And then come back and do the next one. And just basically introduce it one at a time and at some point, you start to add to that tool box with your local forces so that these items are things that don't seem overwhelming when they are out doing these bridges. Now I will also offer that there are a lot of vendors out there that have products that they do training, technical training for, you know, for local forces and to utilize their products. Things like deck sealing. There are companies out there that have different types of deck sealing. And to kind of give you an overall view, on a bridge, you do not want any water under the structure of any kind. You don't want any moisture. You don't want any infiltration, because if you can seal that bridge, just like it was a roof on your house, you are keeping all of that moisture and that water from getting to the elements that are going to deteriorate and make that structure structurally unsound. Even on the top is like you know, a deck sealing or putting a thin deck overlay, or anything like that, it's just like putting roof shingles on your house. So as long as we maintain that top of that bridge and keep the moisture out from the bottom, then that will certainly extend the life of the bridge, because now I'm not getting all those calcites that are running down in the bottom of that bridge, eating away at the concrete. Box beam bridges are hollow, what a lot of people understand is, you have a lot of box beam bridges, which are like a pre-cast hollow concrete beam. These are casts originally with cardboard tubing and then they were cast off site and brought in and set in. What happens is water gets in that and gets in that cavity, and then it will freeze and break, and then we have a situation on bridge 32 that we'll discuss in a minute, where an outside beam actually got water in it. And it freezes and breaks and creates a linear crack, and that takes away the structural integrity of that beam. So what we want to do is we want to protect the bottom of that bridge. And that's pretty much what a maintenance crew does. The other thing a maintenance crew do would be things like safety, which would make sure your guard rails are good, your clear zones are good, you know, your approaches are good. These are things you know, you get somebody out there driving on the cars, I'm sure the sheriff's seen it, and they start sliding in front of a bridge, well you know you really don't want them to go off the side of that bridge and flip the car upside down into a waterway because that's real dangerous. So we look at things like safety, and of course guard rail installation repair and things are certainly things that Mike can do with his forces when properly trained on what the distances and specifications are. Perry said that was a good question. In the next section there is 2018. Now NBIS is your National Bridge Inventory System. And what this is, is these numbers here represent, and I have copies of this in the following pages, for example 6 has a 25 under replacement. That means that is the 25<sup>th</sup> bridge that has been designated for replacement in an order of timeline, if you will, for the county. So, and then a rehab, would show, like for example, bridge 16 shows a number 30. That means it's 30<sup>th</sup> on the list. So if you go down through that list and you look for the number ones, those are the priorities of the bridges in those particular categories. For example, looks like bridge 114 is designated as a number two for replacement. Okay so that would be second on the list of priorities. And those are somewhat subjective, and you don't want to go on and start replacing bridge number 29 and 30 on the list without at least having some considerations for one, two and three. Things do happen you know, you got, you have a situation right now you have bridge 85, which is out here on the north side of town. You have a new fire station that's

being constructed, and the bridge that is south of that is loaded, it's posted not for twenty tons, so therefore you are going to have some issues there with emergency vehicles can't cross to go south into town without exceeding that posted weight limit. So sometimes, and that bridge, I'm not sure exactly where it lands, we can look at it real quickly here at 85. Bridge 85 is showing number 16 for rehabilitation. So, because of the fact that you guys have now constructed this fire station, that may move up the priority of that particular bridge. The next column then is a posted. And the posted rating there is how many tons that bridge is posted for, and I do have a list and I'll go over that in a second, but understand that a bridge, when it is posted, it is not, we don't construct bridges to be posted. We construct bridges to exceed the twenty-ton limit and as a bridge starts to become posted, it basically is at the end of its life. So it's kind of a good indicator that you know, if I see a bridge that says ten ton, then you know, it started out about twenty, now it's down to ten. The issue becomes when you see that bridge about six or four tons, because when that bridge gets inspected and weighted and it spits out 2.99 ton, we close it. So when you see a 4 ton bridge, you are right there. And as you know, four tons in farming equipment is not a lot, not a lot of weight. The next item is the ADTC, which is your average daily traffic count. And that's off of the last report that we have and that demonstrates the, how much that bridge is used by your local residents. The next column is the structure length. And the reason why I put that in there is because, obviously, a 39 or 42 point, what is that, 42.8 foot bridge is going to be cheaper to replace than a 243 foot bridge there at bridge number 9. So it kind of gives you an idea of like, you know, and this is pretty much a worksheet for you folks, the commissioners to kind of get a grip on well, it's not going to be as much money for a 40 foot structure and it would be a 240 foot structure. And there are different ways to replace those, different funding mechanisms, and that's what we'll talk about here at the end. The deck width, again you want a 24, 27 foot deck length, or deck width. We haven't really talked with Mike on as far as what the county's needs are. We're are looking more like in your rural bridges for agricultural use. And obviously, if you have a bridge that's only 14 wide like number 16, well that is structurally deficient you know. And it would be functionally obsolete at that point. The skew would be, if the bridge is not a 90 degree to the road or would have a skew, the skew is important because that basically adds length. You know, you understand it's from the farthest point to the farthest point. And then any notes that we have there as far as what type of, these are just notes that I've put on there. You have two bridges in the county now that are being inspected for underwater or initially, I think you had six. So, this is just an overview worksheet with the map. Then we're going to the next section. So what the purpose of this presentation is at some point toward the end here we'll get into some budgetary, what we are looking at budgets. But this kind of gives you an idea of what the Randolph County CUM bridge levy history has been since 1984. You can see that, in the 80s and early 90s, especially early 90s, there you are at the 380, 387, 84, 388, 393 range, which would be your bridge levy in 92. What's interesting is that that is the same or close to the same bridge levy that you getting now.

Tom said these numbers are not adjusted for inflation.

Perry said that's correct. So, you are, you are trying to do the same amount of work you know, on 1992s dollars, which we know is not the same. Construction costs and things have inflated since then. So this just kind of gives you an idea that there's been no real increase in your bridge levy for quite some time. And then the next page is going to demonstrate that. This is a graft that shows the years that the bridges were constructed. And this again is from the 2018 NBIS

report. You can see there especially in the 80s that you had some pretty prolific bridge building there. In 1987 you replaced 11 bridges. And you can see there in 1990 you replaced 10 bridges. But then it seemed like about 1994, after you replaced 5 bridges, it really fell off. You can see that there are several years there when only one bridge or no bridges were replaced at all. And to just give you an overview, with 216 bridges in the county, and a bridge is constructed to a lifespan of 75 years. So, if I just round these 225, and I should be replacing 3 bridges each year, just to stay even with the 75-year bridge life. Now we can talk about well with a bridge maintenance program, we can extend the lives of these bridges and that type of thing. But we have to pick a number somewhere. If we pick a 75-year standard, which is what we design our bridges to currently you know, that Indiana requires us to do. So you can see that there in 2016 and 17, no bridges were replaced. I understand that Mike here came aboard. And you can see this last year, 2019, he's got four bridges replaced. I think one is still almost done. But one of those being bridge 305, historic bridge, which was a long-term federal aid project. But to his own benefit, he has replaced three of those bridges. So, you are starting in addition to 305, so you are getting, you are starting to get back into that curve where you are replacing. The issue of course will be, is that you are going to run smack into the old budget numbers, which is going to prohibit you from maintaining that kind of a pace. Now if you flip the page here, the next page is the replacement list. This is off of your 2018 inventory. And this is a list of bridges that have been determined that they need to be replaced. There are elements of it that they've fallen below certain levels of sufficiency that require replacement. And you have 31 bridges which have been basically identified as in need of replacement. And that is as of the 2018 inventory. They are prioritized. This would be the prioritization that the last firm did. Again, if you decided you thought number, the third priority bridge was more of a priority to you than the number one, but we don't recommend jumping out there and starting with number, you know, the number 31 bridge.

Mike said 305 is on this list.

Perry said this is from 2018.

Mike said so it's off.

Perry said it's off that list. That's correct.

Mike is that estimated total cost of \$660,000.00.

Perry said well it,

Mike said is that how much that bridge cost.

Perry said I'm glad you brought that up. We are not confident in the numbers of the estimated costs that are on these, that are on this inventory so. This is just strictly from your last firm. I think we, it would be safe to say that there are shortfalls on these numbers.

Mike said there's not any others on here that we've replaced is there.



Mike Haffner said we've replaced 142, 64 and 16.

Perry said and then 305. So you can see that Mike is working from the top of the list as he should. So the next list of course, is rehabilitation. And there are 28 bridges identified in need of rehabilitation. The third bridge on that list being bridge 32, which we will discuss here at the end of this presentation. The next list is the, on the back of that sheet is a repair list. And these are bridges that have noted damage that are in need of some sort of repair. There are five bridges on that list.

Mike asked have we rehabbed any from the rehabilitation list.

Mike Haffner said 31.

Mike said is that it.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Perry said okay and then the next list there is the posted bridges. These are the bridges like I discussed that are currently posted in the latter part of their life for whatever reason. You can see some of those bridges are posted at 16 ton, like bridge 85, which is that one that we talked about there that's south of the new fire station. And then some of these bridges, like for example bridge 190 is at 4 ton, which is something that would be concerning because like I said, when that thing hits 2.99 tons, we close it. And there are 28 posted bridges. Of the 216 bridges, 28 are currently posted. Okay so the next page that you are going to see, the next three pages, is a letter that Mike received from INDOT, which is every fall, we have what we call a fall call. It's a notice of funding availability a NOFA. And notice of funding availability is, that means that there's federal aid money out there, and they sent out to all of the counties, that you have a window here where you can apply for federal aid. I understand you went through the federal aid process on bridge 305. There, we could discuss the process more in depth at a later time, but we just, for the purpose of this meeting, we just want to discuss what your eligibility is. That letter identified 42 bridges in the county that are eligible for federal aid. That's a pretty substantial list. Compared to some of the other counties that we see, that's a very substantial list. Typically, federal aid is a double edged sword because of its difficulty and extra boxes that you have to check through the process. But we utilize federal aid to replace very large bridges that you just simply couldn't do with internal funding. So then, once we get through that, here's the crux of what we want to talk about today, which is the Randolph County 2020 Bridge Budget. And again, some of these numbers that we've inserted in here are obviously for discussion. But we'll start at the top here and try to go through it briefly. As your balance in your cumulative bridge fund, your cash balance as of December 31<sup>st</sup> is that 1.237 million dollars. That's \$1,237,687.00. We have an average disbursement there over the last 8 years, and this is just for your information, the average disbursement for the last 8 years in bridge CUM fund is \$460,000.00. Okay so if we look at the revenue balance as of the beginning of this year at 1.237 million, we recommend that you keep a reserve. Now what that reserve is, is if you have an emergency of something along that line, you do need to keep a reserve on these bridges. We put a number of \$500,000.00. You know that number can be whatever the county is comfortable with, whatever Mike is comfortable with. But in discussions with Mike, we felt that the \$500,000.00 was a



good number to have. You don't know if you have a bridge project out there that can have some sort of unforeseen contingency. You don't know if you have a collapse of some kind or a corner of a bridge that would drop due to some soil problem. It can get very expensive very quick when you are working on these bridges. We recommend that you keep a reserve.

Mike said is that bridge fund reserve to help with small structures as well.

Perry said no.

Mike said I didn't think so. I just wanted to make sure.

Perry said I mean you probably could transfer that money over if you had to in an emergency situation. I don't know if you have any small structure reserve funds or not. The estimated revenue available for use is that is your cash minus your reserve, leaves you \$737,000.00. We are going to estimate your revenue for this year for your bridge CUM fund at about \$400,000.00, which is consistent to the years past, which is going to give you a working balance of \$1,137,687.00 for the year for bridge CUM. Now in looking at, in looking at that money, and seeing what we are looking at for this year, is that your, we are not allocating any money for small culvert inspections. So at this point we still are not looking at small culvert inspections for the county. Again that is anything under 20 feet. We have put in a line item of \$100,000.00 for large pipe replacement. So that would be things like Mike is working on for you know, are smaller than bridges, and these would be replacement projects. On bridge maintenance, Mike has identified three bridges, which is bridge 162, 175 and 197. And those bridges are identified for deck replacement. By doing a deck replacement on those three structures, now we can extend the life of those structures quite significantly again. These are structures that have holes in the decks and things that are getting more infiltration than they need to have. So, we are looking at, and again, we are looking right now just an estimated number of about \$250,000.00 to replace the decks on those three bridges, which would significantly impact the rating of those bridges, bringing them up of course. We are looking at the 2020 bridge projects which is engineering replacement and inspection. That leaves us a remaining of \$737,000.00. And that's the money we would be working with to try to knock some of these bridges off the list that we've demonstrated to you before. The first one up to bat is this bridge 85. We are currently doing an assessment on that bridge and not to get too specific, but we are doing a ground penetrating radar and a core sample. And we've executed an agreement with Mike for approximately \$11,000.00 to do that work. And what we're trying to do is we're trying to get the posting off that bridge and then to come up with a plan to get eligible for federal aid because that's a big bridge. That's your highest traffic count bridge in the county. The average daily traffic count on that is 2,120. That's your highest traffic count bridge. Not to throw you too far off, but on the very cover of this is a picture of that bridge showing the sides of the bridge. You can see it's an arch bridge and it's not in very good shape. The next item up would be bridge 32. And bridge 32 is northwest of town here. And you'll recall that bridge has one lane closed. So what we are proposing to do there is to do a super structure replacement and capulate the pier. And we are proposing to do the engineering up front and then submit that on Community Crossings so that we can get 75% of that money back under the construction costs because that's going to be a sizable project to put a new super structure on that bridge. On bridge 110, we are looking at, that's a bridge that's on, is that 1200 West, Mike has secured a Community Crossings

matching grant for a pavement mill and fill on that. And that bridge is posted at ten ton. So you are doing all of this really good work on that road, and my understanding is that is a detour route for INDOT when they are doing work on 32 or 28. So we want to get that bridge unposted. That's the goal is to get that bridge unposted. And we are still looking at that closer, but for right now, we are just putting in a number at \$62,000.00 on engineering. And we'll work that out once we get more involved in that project. The first year you have a federal, this is your federal countywide bridge inspection now. Understand that your bridge inspection is, your total contract was roughly about \$545,000.00. The first year is when you get your biggest hit because of all of the load ratings that have to be done. You do get 80% of that money back in the following year. So that would be money that you would get, you would come back in. The way you are running, the way you folks have been doing your bridge inspection is that your reimbursements have been going right back into your bridge CUM fund. So, it's a little polluted in that you have that number that's going out and coming in. Some counties, and I'm not advising which way to go, but some counties keep a line item specifically for bridge inspection so that when they pay out, they get a reimbursement, they have that for future bridge inspections. But for all intents and purposes of our discussion today, your bridge inspection reimbursements go directly back into your CUM bridge fund. So you have to put that back in when you pay it out. Bridge 114. So, what we do here, as you can see there that the balance is \$223,687.00. And that is, that gets us through what the bridges we want to work on this year. Now below that, we have three bridges that we've identified. Bridge 114, bridge 85 and bridge 250 which are substantial bridges that have been marked for replacement that we feel should be on federal aid. Those bridges are going to be way too expensive. They'll exceed a million dollars each. You can't really go after those bridges with your internal funding. The call for projects for federal aid will be in the fall of this year. In this year I think it started December 1<sup>st</sup>. So we can assume that in December 2020, there will be a call for projects. We will need to, before then, we will need to make sure that the county is compliant to be eligible for federal aid, and those are things like your passer asset management plan is up to date, which Mike is getting done, executing a long-range bridge plan, making sure your ADA transition plans are up to date. Those types of things that make you eligible for federal aid. Additionally, any work in the county as far as bridge replacement or any kind of replacement that has to do with a legal drain making sure that permits have been executed and that we don't do anything to get ineligible for federal aid, because there are some things there that you know, the feds can say you are not eligible for some reason. And we don't want to get into the project and find out later that we are not eligible. So these three projects have been identified. And what we did is we took that \$223,000.00 and we worked backwards okay. So we can look at bridge 114 and we can just make an assumption that we are going to need about \$113,000.00 for engineering fees up front for that bridge. And bridge 85, which will be this one out front here that again, that's about \$110,000.00 in engineering. We don't know what it's going to be yet. But then again now, we are completely out of money and we can't even address the bridge 250. To talk about these bridges a little bit, bridge 114 is out here southwest of the county, that is a steel truss steel deck bridge. It's not very wide. It's in a pretty heavy flood plain. That bridge is, again, structurally deficient and functionally obsolete, and it's an old truss bridge. The bridge has been there for a hundred plus years off the top of my head. And if we can't replace that, we can't get that on federal aid this year. We highly recommend that we get it on federal aid at some point in the future. And it might be something that we do one a year or two a year, whatever the county can afford in its budgets. There is no limit as to the number of federal aid bridges you can apply for. The limit is what you can do. If

you can make the match, then you can apply for the federal aid. So federal aid is 80% so if I have, of construction. So, if I have a two million dollar bridge out there, you are going to pay \$400,000.00. The feds are going to pay the 1.6. And some of these bridges, especially 85 out here, 114 is a large structure. 250, I have not really looked at it yet. And that's another one that's a very large bridge. I think it's a 90 foot structure. And these are structures that are on the replacement list, very early into that list. So if we are not looking at doing them this year, we certainly would want to pick a year out there and talk about how we are going to get them to that point to be available for federal aid.

Mike said so we are not hurt by filing for two at the same time.

Perry no actually we are not. No you can, we had some counties that two and three and four at a time.

Mike said if things are in order and we have the match.

Perry said you are good to go.

Mike said you are good to go.

Perry said you can have as many federal aid bridge projects in the hopper as you can afford to make the match.

Mike Haffner said so you have to have the engineering shelf ready.

Perry said you do the engineering shelf ready. To apply to make the application for federal aid, you do not have to have the engineering done up front just to make the application and receive the grant. Then at that point, you will begin to do the engineering up front on the bridge.

Mike said and that's what this, these figures are, \$113,687.00.

Perry said that's correct. Yes

Mike said but that would be for bridge 114.

Perry said yes that's correct.

Mike said that's the estimate for that.

Perry said yes and then 85 would be \$110,000.

Mike said and that would come after the federal approval.

Perry said that's correct. That would come after the federal approval because you apply for the grant which will have estimated costs.



Mike said so I guess what the highway department needs is a go from the county to say if we get this federal grant, we will come up with the match.

Perry said that's correct. And you will budget in the engineering to, the design engineering up front on the bridge. And then when it goes to construction of course. And these next pages, they are fairly repetitive, but I think I can answer a couple of your questions here Mike. I think I know where you are going with this. Is that what we are looking at, let's say that I, and if I applied for federal aid in the fall of this year, I will not be sticking a shovel in the ground until 2027. Okay because that's when your eligibility is okay. So if you know if you've got a two million dollar bridge out here going in in 2027, and you know that your match is going to be \$400,000.00 and you know you've got \$100,000.00 engineering, you could budget your \$500,000.00 over a period of those next six years between now and 2026. So as long as you have that set aside money, that we know this bridge is coming, so that when you finally stick that shovel in the ground, you are not looking at it as \$400,000.00 hit in 2027. So, and that's what these numbers here in fact, is that we, in the red here, the next bridge, the next budget numbers you see here is for example, this is 2021 is that assuming that we spend down to our CUM bridge balance, which is our reserve, we are looking at the 2021 of having a half million dollar reserve. Again, looking at a \$400,000.00 income from the property taxes, so now we are working on a \$400,000.00 budget so we are right back to where we were and have been for several years. We plug in our numbers and we might still need a hundred thousand a year for large pipe replacements. You may or may not have bridge maintenance projects, but you do need to identify bridge maintenance projects because the issue is it's a double edge sword if I just concentrate on replacing my bridges, and I'm not maintaining the ones I've got, they are going to slip into that replacement category. And then it snowballs on you. So you do need to set aside some money so that he can go out whether he uses internal forces or develops projects to basically stabilize these bridges so they don't get any worse, because we don't want this federal aid list from INDOT growing. You know we want to try to knock it down. So again, we plug in that number again of about \$250,000.00 on maintenance projects. To put that in perspective, you have 216 bridges in this county, that's a little over a \$1,000.00 a bridge you know, for just doing maintenance. You know that's low. That's low so that's why that number really needs to be in there because when he calls and needs a deck replacement, you've got a hole in the deck, it's a \$100,000.00. I think you had what, \$114,000.00 on an estimate on one of his bridges already for deck replacement. So it kind of gives you an idea how quickly that 250 will get spent down. On miscellaneous engineering services, that would be your on-call agreement, we just again, we work backwards. On this particular year, your countywide bridge inspection will be \$37,000.00 because your biggest part of the money is in the beginning. And the fact that you only have \$50,000.00 left only left \$13,000.00 in for miscellaneous engineering expenses. So as you can see, at that point, you've spent your budget down to your reserve, and the red you see there which is what we are recommending to set aside monies, you know, to do these very large bridge projects are not funded. And again, if we were to attack bridge 32, which will be the Community Crossings project, which you will need that right away because Community Crossings is not a 2026, will apply for that when engineering is done, apply Community Crossings, assuming that Mike is funded on that project. We had no reason to believe he wouldn't be, then those are at a 75/25. And then with, in they do not cover inspection on Community Crossing, so you'll have some inspection dollars. So that's why we threw that number in there with that \$300,000.00. That would be your match on the construction cost and inspection. Again, we are recommending

that you set aside \$250,000.00 per bridge per year on federal aid. And the reason that we are recommending that much is that if you are paying for your engineering and you are getting your federal aid in 80% reimbursement, let's estimated \$2,000,000.00 construction cost, that's \$400,000.00. And you are looking at another 15, 12 or 15% for inspection. You are looking at 5 to 600,000.00 county match on each of these large federal aid bridges. And if you spread that amount out, you know to, and that's where we come up with these numbers. Each year after that you can see 2022 and 2023, they are just a duplicate with the exception of 32, they are a duplicate of what you can expect the budgets to be. And again, this is a very long range, you know we are plugging some numbers in here that we are no really sure of at this point. But as you can see, to develop federal aid bridge projects and to keep some locally funded bridge replacement projects, which we slide in another quarter million dollars. I think you're doing 142 right now would be locally funded. The smaller projects that just don't warrant going through federal aid of Community Crossings projects are things that he can do with you know, firms, construction firms here in the county. So we are, and of course you know, you always ask for more than you usually get, but we are recommending that in order to make this turn of the tide with the county to get locally funded bridges moving, to get at least the Community Crossings bridge annually in the pipeline, one or two federal aid bridges each year to get the county back on track to get that 42 list from INDOT down. We are seeing you've got a million dollars shortfall annually on your bridges based on what we see right now. Mike do you have anything that you wanted to add to what all were discussing.

Mike Haffner said no.

Perry said I hope I presented, well Mike and I have had several meetings and discussions and Mike has been very good to work with. I can't say enough about how hard he's trying.

Mike said so let's work backwards. Let's say we have approval for bridge 85 for federal funding. And then we are going to do engineering.

Perry said yes.

Mike said and that's going to cost us \$113,000.

Perry said that's an estimate. We haven't put a proposal together on that.

Mike said I understand. And our match on that is going to have to be 20% plus bridge inspection, which would be \$650,000.00 to \$750,000.00 on a \$2,000,000.00 project.

Perry said you would have, if the engineering is truly \$113,000.00, \$2,000,000.00 will be \$400,000.00 on construction and then you are looking at 12 to 15% on inspection. So that would add to the project, so you are looking another...

Mike said is that annually.

Perry said no that would be the total project.

Mike said these budget numbers say we are going to have that funding in place in 2023.

Perry said I don't think we went any further. We didn't go to 2024.

Mike said that's what I mean. So it looks like if we set aside \$250,000 for bridge 85 in 2021, 2022 and 2023, we've got a match in 2023.

Perry said you've got your match. That's correct.

Mike said so the idea then is to continue with more federal aid to continue the \$250,000 a year per bridge.

Perry said that's correct. We are suggesting to the county, and again this is your decision, what you can handle in your budgets is that you would have a federal aid, at least one federal aid bridge in the hopper every year and then set aside enough money over a three to four year period time that you would be able to rotate another one through the hopper so. So right now, right now as of this date, Randolph County has zero bridges in the federal aid, zero bridges on Community Crossings so we don't have any kind of funding application out there at all. So all of these projects are done with internal funding, which we think is a shortfall for the county.

Mike said well we're leaving money on the table.

Perry said yeah cause I mean every time your citizens pump gas at the pump, you know, they are paying taxes for these bridge funds and neighboring counties are utilizing those funds, so you might as well get in there and get as much as you can.

Mike said okay. And you are going to make this presentation to council tomorrow.

Perry said I will make this same presentation to council.

Tom said I think Max is taking notes.

Perry said okay the next item I have to discuss with you is a proposal for bridge 32. Bridge 32 is the, this is for rehabilitation. Bridge 32 is the bridge out here northwest of town that has one lane closed due to a broken box beam. We are looking at, what you have in front of you is a proposal for design on that project. What we will do is, our plan is to get that bridge shovel ready with all permitting in place, all the engineering and design in place, and then Mike will submit that to the Community Crossings for a 75% split from the state to pay for the construction costs of that bridge. To do Community Crossings, it's a little different than the federal aid. Community Crossings, the project needs to be shovel ready, because you have an 18 month window there, once they award the money, you have to complete the project so that Mike doesn't become ineligible for future Community Crossings projects. So, the design fees, the engineering fees are not reimbursable through Community Crossings, just construction at a 75% percent reimbursement. I do not know what the estimated costs are going to be yet for construction on that project. It's pretty significant. It, just in looking at it peripherally, and then not really digging down into quantities, you are looking at north of 900,000.00. But again, I hate to throw



a number out there because we won't know until we get into it. And once we've got our permitting and once we do our preliminary assessments on what the total construction costs are going to be. But we will, once we identify those quantities, and what everything done, and we submit that to Community Crossings for a split. And we can assume that we'll get that submitted hopefully this year or the first of 2021, which will be if you are selected, then we can go to construction on that and put it out for bids in the summer of 2021. And that's our goal.

Mike said what is three submittals versus two submittals. What is the price difference on that?

Perry said we asked Mike that. We could probably go two submittals because what we do is we do a preliminary stage one plan. We typically, when we are designing a bridge, you go through three stages. A lot of times we have a county that has an engineer that will review those plans. I mean we'll certainly review them with Mike to great extent, and we've had some discussion. But I think we are probably looking at two submittals for this county.

Mike said that's based upon the project.

Perry said exactly. That's exactly right.

Mike said at this time you will be asking us to approve one, either or.

Perry said yes. That's correct. And Mike has this money in his budget at we demonstrated in this presentation that I made.

Mike said the question is do we want to proceed with the Community Crossing grant application for bridge 32, and if we do as you said it has to be shovel ready, so we need to agree to spend, or authorize SJCA to pursue this matter.

Perry said the design engineering.

Gary said well I think we need to plan to say that we are utilizing as much of these federal funds and Community Crossing funds as we can get, and we are not going to do that unless we have some plans in place, as to how much we need, what bridges we are going to work on, approximately how much they are going to cost.

Perry said yes.

Gary said and of course if you're saying with the federal since we don't have to have them shovel ready, it's going to be a little bit of a guess as to the total cost.

Perry said that's correct.

Gary said because we haven't done any engineering work on them.

Perry said we can take a general number based on the size of the bridge, deck width and the length and then we can look at the type of structure and ball park a number, you know, to have

an idea. I mean typically, if a bridge is a 100 feet long, you can say it's probably going to be a \$1,000,000.00 plus. And then depending on the width and what type of clear zone, the things that you need for the bridge. And I kind of, in just bridge claims with other counties, I kind of use that \$1,000,000.00 mark as a benchmark. Once they hit a million, we need to be looking at federal aid, because you are only eligible for a million on Community Crossings annually. So you've exceeded your Community Crossings, which leaves the only two funding mechanisms available to you are you fund it internally or you go for federal aid. So, and these bridges we've identified to go federal aid are big bridges. So, bridge 85 out here will be a significant project. There are a lot of utilities there. You've got a lift station there on one side. That's going to be a significant project. And the fact that it's your highest traffic count bridge and it's in town, it's just, I don't have to tell you that it will be a significant project.

Mike Haffner said so like bridge 32, we want to go Community Crossing, we're going to have to have the \$100,000.00 for engineering. But also if he's saying 900 to a million, just say a million, you are going to have to have 25% match somewhere for Construction.

Perry said in 2021.

Mike Haffner said and these federal aid projects will probably more than likely, right of way purchases, which we all know how smooth that goes.

Perry said so you had, and I'm not real familiar with 305, as far as I understand it, there were some hurdles there on that federal aid project. Federal aid projects in the middle of town are ...

Mike said well it was historic.

Perry said and historic.

Mike said and some historic nature next to it, created some right of way issues, and commercial next to it, which created some right of way issues. It was a trifecta, as one would say. But it's done and it's prettier than the one on Franklin Street. Okay so do we want to go ahead with this one.

Gary said yes, I'll move that we move forward because I think we've got to get it in gear and start planning and do all we can because they are certainly not going to get any better. And we've got to also get a plan as Perry mentioned to look at the maintenance as we can on all of these other bridges so that we can't spend all of our money on new ones that we're never going to get anywhere. If we build new bridges and the others will be falling apart while we are building those.

Perry said that's correct, and I can say that there's a lot of different approaches to this. And we can assist you with any of your approaches.

Gary said that's what I think we need to know with you and Mike and so on, what some of the approaches are so we can think about them and discuss them, and all of us try to come up with a plan.

Perry said some of the counties have, they have dedicated bridge maintenance teams, which I think Mike would like to investigate. They have a specialized truck, and it will have a boom on it so that they can, you know that they can go into areas where we need a boom. Some of them have boxes so that they can do scour protection. They'll have a welder, they'll have, you know for guard rail repair, they'll have a power washer so that they can wash a bridge, get the calcites off. They'll have sprayers, so they can apply sealants, they'll have equipment necessary to do joint sealing, you know, and this very specialized vehicle, it can be an older vehicle that's rehabbed into something and then they'll train maybe two men, you know that that's what they do. They spend the summer on doing maintenance on whatever they can on these bridges. And we can offer all the technical assistance that is necessary. And again, if it's something were we can involve a vendor and there's no charge to the county, we'll be the first to recommend them you know. And say hey we'll get a vendor out here to show whoever he designates, whether it's Mike himself of somebody on his staff, that they can do these types of things and protect that structure from deteriorating any further than it already is. And at the same time, replacing other structures, doing rehabilitation repair. It's a balance. It's just where do you want to go with it. And there's a lot of information in this today and unfortunately the county has a lot of bridges in every category. So you just, it's kind of a duck shoot at this point you know, but that's why we really, the only thing we can really say is don't start at bridge, at the 31, number 31 you know on the list. Let's start working through and Mike here has worked through three I think, of the six bridges, the first six on replacement. So he's doing it right. He's attacking the ones that are the highest priority first, and then some of those bridges, they are just not within his budget. So, and that's where we come in.

Mike said so we have a motion do we have a second.

Tom said I'll second.

Mike said another question. When is the Community Crossing grant due.

Perry said they do it twice annually. They release the first one today. We will have to, our, I don't know if we, I doubt we are going to get it done by the second Community Crossings call this year. It's not us, it's the permitting, and it's always waiting on that final permit from DNR and IDEM. So if we can make it this summer, then we will apply this summer for Community Crossings on the second call. If the permits are not in place, it will be the first call of 2021.

Mike said I'm looking at your schedule. So, that would be due basically, mid-February.

Perry said yeah they do that first. Yeah, we have to go out and do a survey to determine what the size and type is.

Mike said so then sixty days after that, your preliminary plans which would be mid-April, and thirty days after that would be mid-May.

Perry said yeah.



Mike said June, July, August, September, so the earliest we would, by this schedule, we'd have final plans would be mid-September.

Perry said yeah.

Mike said so we'd be too late.

Perry said we can do accelerated. I mean, if we get them, if everything goes okay, we have been coming in early on our stuff lately, on our designs. It's just waiting for those permits.

Mike said so you are saying you will advance this schedule if you are allowed to advance it by the conditions of the project.

Perry said yeah. If we can get our permits in place by the second call this year, we certainly will go for it.

Mike said does anybody have any other questions of Perry. All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Perry said and then that would be the to sign, you should have that task order number two.

Mike said anything else for us this morning.

Perry said I do not.

Mike said okay. Any other questions of Perry or Mike.

Tom said Mike has a proposal for a phone station service at the new garage.

Mike Haffner, Buddy McEwen, when we tabled that from last meeting. Proposal for the phones and internet, everything we are going to need for that project. I would like to give him our okay so we could start.

Mike said are you recommending we go with this.

Mike Haffner said was the internet, the phones and the cameras, all that.

Tom said he comes highly recommended from the general contractor. I have not met the man so Mike seems very satisfied with him.

Mike said you feel good about it.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Gary said maybe we've gone a little further, we can add this in to the rest of the system.

Tom said well we did say, we saved about 18, that last change order we had an \$18,000.00 credit magically it's about the same as this bill.

Mike said well Mike's recommending it. We do need to start the process of running these wires in the buildings before we get to the drywall.

Gary said I guess we are against, we don't have much choice, so I'll move approval.

Mike said Mike said it's the best choice so that's a good reason to move too.

Gary said well I'm not saying, I'm not saying that that's not the best choice, I'm just saying that we can work with the rest of the area, but we've got to get this done before we start dry walling.

Mike said and the fact that we are not going to get connected to the rest of the system.

Gary said yeah that's true.

Mike said it's probably not going to save us anything.

Gary said but no, we don't know, but anyway, we've got to move forward with it.

Mike said so does someone want to move approval.

Gary said I would.

Tom said I'll second.

Mike said all in favor signify by saying aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said are they going to try to pour concrete this week in the floor in the salt barn.

Mike Haffner said the plans were after they get the roof on.

Gary said oh they are going to put the roof on.

Tom said they wanted to do that first.

Mike Haffner said they got to get the roof on and then they'll start putting the rebar down and pouring floors.

**Diana Sutliff and Duane Petry – EMS Medicaid money**

Mike said okay. Diana and Duane. EMS Medicaid money.

Duane said Meridian Company has got all their calculations done and I just need signatures so that she can submit that. She came up with a figure of \$6,100.00 and we'll end up with about \$4,500.00 of that I believe.

Mike said okay is that all we need to do.

Duane said yes.

Mike said we should have done this first.

Duane said so I just gave you the signature pages and highlighted the figures and I sent all the other stuff in emails.

Mike said I'd entertain a motion to authorize me to sign on behalf of the county.

Tom said so moved.

Mike said do I have a second.

Gary said I'll second.

Mike said all in favor signify by saying aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said anybody have any questions of Duane or Diana.

Gary said on the year end summary you gave us Duane, it's showing about, \$15,000.00 more billing but you are about \$30,000.00 less receipts. Is that what you are expecting to be the norm.

Duane said probably. I'd have to go back and look at our write offs and contractual allowances, but that's probably where we are going to be at. We should hold steady about there I think.

Mike said any other questions. Hearing none okay. Thank you.

### **Fred Hoffman**

Fred said our current computer system that runs all of our servers is a virtual system that we started building in 2013. The average life expectancy of the hardware is five to six years. So we are getting real close to that. I have another system that I would like to switch to which includes all new hardware. It's a new operating system that's, it's a little different from the one we've got now. We are currently using a red hat enterprise system that is controlled by the technology company that we are also under contract with. There's, what I can do with the system as far as management is concerned, is real limited. It's Lennox based, which is a language and operating system that I virtually know nothing about. The new system that I'm looking at is called Scale Computing. It's a lot more user friendly. It's got more graphic user interface with GUI type



screens that a manager in my position, is able to do more with the system. In addition to the computer system, I also have a new company that I would like to switch to for the management portion of the Lennox servers that we have, as well as all of our network switching. They have network engineers, which I'm not. So if we have an issue, or if we have a network switch that needs to be programmed or replaced, that's the company we'd use that for. They would also help manage our firewall, our email system, and our camera system. Those are all Lennox based, so I'm going to have to have somebody help me with those regardless. I got a quote back in November and the folks contacted me in the end of the year in December and said that if we would make a semi-verbal commitment to buy this in January of 2020, they would reduce the price about \$4,800.00. I signed the agreement and sent it back to them. However, if I don't get your approval and I don't get the funds approved, it's not a contract that cost us anything. But if we do it in this month, then it's going to give me about a \$4,800.00 savings. The technology company that I'm proposing to switch to, their annual cost is within about \$3,000.00 of what we are currently paying annually. The scale computing system, I don't have a licensing fee every year, but there is a hardware and software service portion that I've asked them to quote that is good for, the quote says two years support and the first year is included in my costs. Say the \$9,698.40 that they are quoting here is actually would get us three years.

Mike said I think I'm the only one that's seen this quote Fred.

Fred said I didn't forward it to those guys. I apologize. I can give you my copy here if you guys want to look at it. I didn't get my timeline straightened up so I could get on both meeting agendas so I didn't get my distribution done properly, and I apologize for that.

Tom said the \$49,000.00 is that's what you take the \$4,800.00 off of.

Fred said no that is with the \$4,800.00 off. Yeah the other quote was \$53,345.00.

Mike said and that includes three years of support.

Fred said right.

Tom said now where's this company located.

Fred said they are actually out of Indianapolis. And the technology company is also just south of Indianapolis.

Mike said you said your technology company that you would continue with supports you in the various things that you need support in, they are within \$3,000.00 of what your currently paying.

Fred said I don't have the exact number.

Mike said is that the \$21,000.00.

Fred said yes the new company, the new technology company would be \$21,000.00 annually.

Mike said you have another one here that says VIA endeavor is \$26,000.00.

Fred said yeah it's currently \$26,698.00 so that's currently what we are paying.

Mike said so there would be a savings of \$5,000.00 a year for this switch. I've had opportunity to review this, not that it means a whole lot to me, but just one of the questions I have is, what's wrong with the Lennox system we have now other than it's getting to the end of its life.

Fred said the problems I'm having now is the original company that designed, built and installed this for me, VIA, has undergone some changes in the past two years and they've lost their, they've really lost the ability to help me like I need help. The main engineer that designed, built and ran my system left two years ago. They have one person that does all of the Lennox work. I was promised two years ago that they were going to get more people on the staff, that they would be able to respond to our problems and needs quicker. This company then sold to another firm. And I've been with them for a year now, and there have not been any improvements. I'm just don't trust them anymore. And I don't know, I don't know how much longer this company, the company that bought them is not really a technology company. They are a communications company. They do wireless, they do telephones and their network engineering is not up to my standards. They don't really know the cisco switches that we've got. And every time I talk to them they are wanting me to start replacing all of our switches with a brand switch that they really like. I'm not prepared to do that so it's a combination of things.

Mike said well we just added a piece of hardware to improve our backup.

Fred said we did.

Mike said that does not affect that at all.

Fred said no. That is another piece of hardware, that's a brand-new piece of hardware that's actually stand alone. It's outside of the virtual system and it's our secondary or redundant DNS server.

Mike said so to purchase this, we would need to come up with \$49,513.40 in the month of January.

Fred said yes.

Mike said and you are asking for this to be taken out of CCD.

Fred said I figured since this expense, I think that's what we did the last go around back in 13, we paid it out of CUM Cap.

Mike said you have some CUM Cap funds but that's not for a large hardware purchase like this.

Fred said no. I have a budget that comes out of there, but it's \$30,000.00 is what's in that. If we needed to use some of that we could. But that money is what we've budgeted for replacing computers and printers and those sorts of things.

Mike said I understand. Well if we acted on this today, then probably could present it to the council tomorrow and we could get this thing on the road for January. If you guys want to review this, which I thoroughly understand why you would want to review it further, I guess we would be pushing this back to the first week of February.

Tom said I'm okay if you and Fred think its what we should do.

Mike said well I'm no computer expert, but when you say user friendly, and when you say Lennox, that's an old name in computer technology.

Fred said Lennox has been around forever. I just don't know Lennox.

Mike said well they don't want you to know it. They make it too complicated for you to know it because they want to pay somebody to know it. Not that that's a bad thing, but if you can't get service from the people who know it, then that's a bad thing because we are all, as much as, as far as everyday life, we have to have it.

Fred said when we had our issue with our, with all of our system being inaccessible a few weeks ago, the only person in their organization that could and did work on this was on vacation in Florida. And I know he wasn't able to dedicate every day, hours and hours to getting us back up. And we were down for a week. My hands were tied. There was nothing I could do. I think this will get me out of that sort of situation in the future.

Mike said and we are going to save initially \$5,000.00 a year on the assistance that you are going to continue to need.

Fred said yes sir.

Mike said and is that the agreement that you want to eliminate them. So that's the one we did, we are all set to do that so.

Gary said so looking at the timeframe, do you eliminate that or do we have to wait so many months.

Fred said we, I sent them a letter the 1<sup>st</sup>, before the 30 day expiration, that I wanted to terminate that contract. And at that time, told them I would sign a month to month agreement to pay them for their services. I haven't got, they agreed in principle, but they haven't sent me any paperwork. So technically, we are not under a contract with anybody right now I don't think.

Gary said so when would this contract go into effect.

Mike said it's paid monthly. The 17<sup>th</sup>.



Fred said right and we could set that up, they would take it monthly or annually, however we want to do it. But I think in that agreement it says, the initial contract is for we would agree to a one year minimum, which I don't think is out of line.

Mike said well this one, this proposal is dated January 6, 2020 to start so, I guess before you start January 6, 2020, I'd want to make sure your other one ended January 5, 2020. And if not, then I would move it back a month to where they'd start on it. Does that make sense.

Fred said yes it does.

Mike said do we want to authorize the purchase of this new system for the county, and if so, do we want to recommend that it be paid from CUM Cap.

Gary said \$49,513.00 is the figure, the actual figure then we are saying.

Fred said that is the actual figure.

Gary said that's after the discount and everything else.

Fred said that's after the discount. Yes sir.

Gary said okay. I'll move approval out of Cum Cap.

Mike said I have a motion to approve. Do I have a second?

Tom said second.

Mike said all in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said would you sent copies to Gary and Tom.

Fred said yeah I will.

Mike said Max do you have anything for us this morning.

Max said no.

**Other Business:**

**Art Movstner, Randolph County Sheriff**

Mike said that brings us to other business. Art do you have something for us this morning.

Art said if you guys have any questions with regards to equipment claims from the incident a couple of weeks ago, Ken Hendrickson is here. I've been on vacation so he can be able to answer those questions if you have any.

Gary said he was in the process of trying to get us additional information. In fact he left the meeting early so maybe he would have something to add to.

Ken said so far where we are at, I went to the insurance company and I finally got some word back on Friday. A little confusion on whether it's, all the vehicles are being considered as one incident or different incidents because it was different vehicles. And finally got word back that they are going to consider it, it looks like one incident. So with that, I am going to also be getting estimates on each car that had just regular bullet holes in them and not engine damage. So for the three vehicles that I thought that they would total, they did. We'll be getting about \$60,000.00 back, which will leave us shy, so basically we are going to get paid off for two vehicles to replace three. The 2018 Durango the value they are going to give us back is about \$24,900.00. The 2017 Durango, they are going to give us \$23,100.00. The 2016 Charger, they'll be giving us \$12,300.00. So that's makes us shy about \$36,000.00 because each new vehicle costs us about \$32,000.00 apiece. And again, we'll be working on the other vehicles now so they can lump it all into one claim for those expenses. Already repaired the glass, I think we had done that before I met with you guys if I remember right. We got those vehicles at least back on the road.

Gary said what about the damaged structures.

Ken said thank you. They have been giving me some quotes for the Norris' and matter of fact, I got another one over the weekend. Jim brought some in on Friday for glass cleanup which was about \$450.00. They have to have new carpet obviously. That's going to run about \$2,600.00. And then of course for the windows, I got that quote it this weekend. It's about \$2,700.00. So you are looking at probably about \$6,000.00 to \$7,000.00 which we need to still contact the insurance company on that issue also. I told Jim the other day once he has all of the final totals that I would contact them for him.

Mike said is he the only, is he the only one that has property damage.

Ken said so far.

Mike said you had mentioned a fence or something.

Ken said yeah we still need to do some follow up on that. But the main one will be the Norris family with their house.

Mike said not a whole lot considering what it could have been.

Ken said no. You are exactly right.

Art said and why we have him sitting here Mike, I'd been on vacation just prior to this incident and just got back this weekend. I haven't had a chance to do this publicly, so I'm going to do this. I would like to acknowledge the job done by the dispatch center that day, Chris Shaneyfelt's people. They did an outstanding job that night. The officers of this community, both our department, all those within this community, the level of professionalism in law enforcement bearing that they displayed on that scene, I couldn't be more proud to be a part of this law enforcement community. I would also like to recognize Chief Deputy Hendrickson for his command presence at that scene. I wasn't involved in this incident, so I not able to comment on the incident because it's still an active investigation. But my understanding is he was the voice of calm in total chaos while coordinating a multi-agency response to this incident. So we are very fortunate with the outcome that we had and the level of professionals that we have in this county, that they came out of this the way they did and the way they handled it. I think this community can be very proud of their law enforcement officers. I know I am very proud of all of those that I serve with.

Gary said I agree.

Mike said calm is valuable. I mean it's, that's something you don't think about, but that's something that needs to be done. So I appreciate those comments.

Art said I couldn't give enough accolades to them. They did an amazing job.

Ken said any other questions that I can answer today.

Mike said I don't have any.

Ken said once we have some more follow ups, we'll keep you abreast of where we are at.

Gary said what are you planning to do with the three vehicles that are completely down.

Ken said well they are totaled so we'll eventually just get a check for those.

Gary said I know but I mean as far as road needs.

Ken said we've actually taken care of. We have one officer that has been deployed overseas, so we have his vehicle on the road. We have two pool vehicles, which we started back in 2011 or 12 in case we had vehicles wrecked. We didn't have to, try to figure out vehicles, so we have two high mile vehicles so right now we are okay until we get these replaced. He said it runs them shy because of transports with the jail because the jail uses those pool vehicles on transports. Sometimes we have two or three transports a day so those vehicles are out. We are making amends right now with that. So, what it could have been to where we are at right now, we are happy where we are at right now. It'll take about six to eight weeks from the time that we order our new vehicles and that's what we were waiting on. The best thing was I was apprising the Sheriff of this last night when we had a meeting, was none of our equipment got damaged. So all the equipment can now be stripped out of all of the vehicles and put in the new. That's a savings right there of close to \$20,000.00, so that's very helpful. If not more, cause our



computers didn't get damaged so we were fortunate in that part of it too. Now it's just kind of just patching up the holes.

Gary said I know Lynn's police department is a little bare.

Ken said yes.

Gary said every time I drive through town, there's nobody around.

Mike said okay. Any other questions of Ken. Thank you.

#### **Payroll Claims \$**

Mike said okay. No payroll claims today.

#### **The Thompson Group Claim \$17,807.00**

#### **The Thompson Group Claim \$48,036.25**

#### **The Thompson Group Claim (Hwy) \$13,347.50**

#### **The Thompson Group Claim (Hwy) \$10,058.00**

Mike said the next items are insurance claims. The Thompson Group claim in the amount of \$17,807.00. Thompson Group claim, \$48,036.25. The Thompson Group claim \$13,347.50. The Thompson Group claim of \$10,058.00 for claims for insurance premiums aren't they.

Jentry said they are second quarter premiums.

Mike said these are premiums to our insurance providers. I'd entertain a motion to approve these claims.

Gary said I'll make a motion to approve these claims as presented.

Mike said I have a motion to approve. Do I have a second?

Tom said seconded.

Mike said all in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

#### **Thor Construction Claim \$578,766.92**

Mike said next item is the Thor Construction claim for the highway garage and this is for the period through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019, signed by the contractor and certified by the architect, and it's for \$578,766.92. Someone wants to move approval of this claim.

Gary said what's this a 3, a little over a three and a quarter million, so we owe about a million more.

Tom said I move approval. Mike said have a motion to approve. Do we have a second.

Gary said second.

Mike said all in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Low Financial and Property tax software support Claim \$50,438.00**

Mike said next item is a claim for Low Financial and Property tax software support. This is in the amount of \$50,348.00. That covers technical service support in the amount of \$15,171.00. Software support and maintenance in the amount of \$24,710.00, and software support and maintenance in the amount of \$15,600.00.

Tom said is this with the Assessor's Office.

Laura said this is what we use for our property taxing financial Auditor's office, Treasurer's office and I think, doesn't the Assessor's office use part of it.

Angela said and our payroll.

Mike said so it's almost all of our bookkeeping software. I'd entertain a motion to approve the claim for \$50,438.00 to Low. These are for the annual coverage for 2020. And by paying it up front at this time, we saved \$13,792.00, and \$22,464.00 and \$14,182.00. So, someone want to move approval.

Gary said I move approval.

Mike said do I have a second.

Tom said second.

Mike said all in favor, signify by saying aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Eastern Indiana Regional Planning claim \$10,153.60 (approved 12/16/19)**

Mike said next item is the Eastern Indiana Regional Planning dues claim in the amount of \$10,153.60 and we approved this claim on December 16 2019. Although our EDIT plan hasn't been amended yet. It won't be amended until Wednesday. So, do you want to approve it subject to our EDIT Plan being approved.

Gary said yes.

Mike said okay I have a motion to approve subject to our EDIT meeting on Wednesday. Do I have a second?

Tom said second.

Mike said all in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Meeks said did we approve that in the minutes. I have for 8, for 18.

Mike said I don't think. We voted to approve it in December but we, it was subject to our Edit Plan being amended.

Meeks said did we approve the December EDIT Plan. My last one was November.

Mike said we haven't approved a December EDIT Plan.

Meeks said was that the one I missed.

Laura said I think you were involved in that meeting.

Meeks said we wouldn't have another, I guess we don't have another claim to approve do we.

Mike said I guess not unless you want to write one before the end of our meeting today and we approve it.

Meeks said was there anything else other than that, the Eastern Indiana Regional Development.

Gary said not from EDIT.

Mike said the MPL, is that in our last one.

Meeks said MPL is here.

Gary said yeah it should have been.

Meeks said and we have the Goodrich Park one.

Mike said so the only one we have is the Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commissions.

Gary said yes we just approved that.

Mike said I know but is

Meeks said do you guys have a meeting at one o'clock today.

Mike said Solid waste.



Tom said you can come by if you want.

Mike said we have a meeting at ten too, ten thirty, not before ten thirty.

Gary said maybe tomorrow.

Tom said we could adjourn until 2:30.

Meeks said well I was just thinking you can do a recess and then after your meeting or recess, or I could run back to the office right now and get it changed and come back.

Tom said we could do it at 2:30 or something, maybe 2:00.

Meeks said why don't, why don't we do this, why don't I just call my secretary and have her make these changes.

Mike said okay.

**Unchained Praises claim \$6040.00 (approved 9/16/19)**

Mike said next claim is for Unchained Praises for \$6,040.00. We approved this on 9/16/19 and the EDIT Plan was amended to have that be effective. I'd entertain a motion to approve this claim.

Tom said so moved.

Mike said do I have a second?

Gary said second.

Mike said all in favor signify by saying aye.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Cripe Claim 8/2/2019 \$1276.65**

**Cripe Claim 9/3/2019 \$932.20**

Mike said next two claims are Cripe claims, in the amount, one in the amount of \$1,276.65, and the other in the amount of \$932.20. Are we still holding these?

Tom said well nothing has changed I guess in my opinion.

Mike said we will table these.

**Minutes of October 7, 2019**

Mike said these the minutes of our October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019, we received a copy via email. I'd entertain a motion to approve those minutes unless there's additions, corrections or deletions to them.

Gary said I'll move approval.

Mike said I have a motion to approve. Do I have a second?

Tom said second.

Mike said all in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

### **Comp time report**

Mike said next item is the Comp time report.

Gary said it went the wrong way

Mike said it did.

Gary said \$24,000.00.

Mike said one of the things that we are going to need to do is develop a system that those departments that directly report to us, one being the EMS, one being the Court house and RCFFO staff.

Tom said veterans.

Mike said Building commissioner, Homeland Security Emergency Management, Veterans. I'm not sure about the E911, and highway. We need to develop a means of procedure based upon our last audit, to review those departments, I would think at least monthly, their taking of comp time, why it's necessary, and from those reports that we would determine whether or not we want to put them on an ask before you take it situation, because that's and when I say, they are not the only people affected by this. The auditor would need to do that as well, but she obviously, those people who are taking comp time in her office are working for her, so she knows it's happening when it's happening. We don't, so, and the sheriff's the same way so, I don't know, that's not something I want to try to solve today, but we need to think about how we are going to solve that so we have a procedure in place that'll be looked at and one or us, or we can say, the EMS had this many more hours this month, and this is the reason and we are okay with that. And it could be as simple as that, but we need to make sure we are looking at it on a more routine basis.

Tom said yeah and we sign off on it saying that we do and we are aware of it.

Mike said and our minutes will reflect that if they are in the minutes, that we will sign off on those. Mike do we have any other questions about the comp time report.

Gary said well the two big ones that we normally fluctuate a lot is the jail, the sheriff and 911. That's basically the ones we have anyway. The others you know, up and down a little bit but we still have a fair amount out there.

Tom said well the veterans I don't understand that need for such comp time.

Gary said no.

Mike said I don't know how long it's been at a 100 hours. It should be, well there's two people there. Well it's something we need to work on.

Gary said right.

#### **EDPR Letter of Credit – tabled from 12/27/2019**

Mike said the next item is the EDPR Letter of Credit with we sent to recall, and I'm not sure, well Meeks isn't here to go over his report so we'll move past that at this time.

#### **Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission Letter and Appointment**

Mike said then we need to make an appointment for the Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission. I'm serving on that commission currently. I would agree to serve on that commission unless somebody else had a strong desire to do that.

Gary said I'll move approval that you continue your position.

Mike said okay.

#### **Randolph County Area Planning Commission appointment**

Mike said net item, the Randolph County Area Planning Commission is recommending the appointment of Don Calhoun to continue as Area Plan Committee representing Commissioners' appointment

Gary said I'll recommend we take the recommendation of the Area Planning Commission.

Tom said I'll second that recommendation.

Mike said okay so Don Calhoun is Area Planning Commission appointment from the commissioners. All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

#### **Commissioner's appointments**

Mike said that brings us to our commissioner appointments. We have two airport board members terms that are expiring at the end of December. One is Greg Sickels and one is Mary Ann Lenkensdofer. I would entertain a motion to reappoint both members of the airport board to serve additional terms.

Tom said so move.

Mike said do I have a second?

Gary said second.

Mike said all in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said the airport manager is Eric Livingston. He's on our appointment list. I'd entertain a motion to appoint Eric Livingston as our airport board manager.

Gary said so move.

Mike said do I have a second?

Tom said seconded.

Mike said all in favor signify by saying aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said next appointment is the Alcohol Beverage Commission which is an annual appointment. Chris Lay has served on that board, and to my knowledge, he wants to continue to serve on that board.

Gary said I'll move approval.

Mike said I have a motion to approve. Do I have a second?

Tom said second.

Mike said all in favor signify by saying aye. All opposed, same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said Gary are you ready to continue to serve on the Area Planning Commission?

Gary said that's fine.

Mike said okay we've already appointed Don. Our building maintenance supervisor is Jake Donham. Do we want to continue to appoint Jake?

Gary said I'll move to approval Jake's continuation for one year.



Mike said do I have a second.

Tom said second.

Mike said all in favor say aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said Building Commissioner Area Planning Director is Randy Abel. I'd entertain a motion to continue Randy.

Gary said move approval.

Mike do I have a second?

Tom said second.

Mike said all in favor signify by saying aye.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said Community Corrections Board, I'm serving on that board as of today. Would someone else like to serve on that board.

Gary said I'll move approval that you continue.

Mike said do I have a second?

Tom said second.

Mike said all in favor signify by saying aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said Community and Family Services, Ann Marie Browne serves in that position now.

Gary said I move to continue, is that a yearly appointment or is that two years.

Laura said I'm not sure.

Gary said I thought it was two.

Mike said we better appoint her to be safe.

Gary said alright, just for the year then.

Mike said yeah. Do I have a second to that?

Tom said second.

Mike said all in favor say aye.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said Computer Committee is now the president of the Commissioners, the president of the Council, IT personnel, Auditor & Treasurer. I don't see that there needs to be a change in that unless you guys do. I don't think we need to make a reappointment.

Gary said no.

Mike said the County Attorney is an annual appointment.

Gary said I thought we already did that.

Mike said the next item is the Economic Development board, Tom Chalfant is serving as the Economic Development board member now. Is that something you want to continue to do?

Tom said yes, I'll continue.

Gary said then I'll move approval.

Mike said I have a motion to approve Tom Chalfant as a member of the Economic Development board. Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, we've already done that one. Emergency Management/911 director is Chris Shaneyfelt.

Gary said I'll move approval.

Mike said I have a motion. Do I have a second?

Tom said I'll second.

Mike said all in favor say aye.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said Emergency Management Advisory board is Gary Girton. I would move that Gary continue to serve as Advisory board member.

Tom said second.

Mike said all in favor say aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said Emergency Management District 6 Planning Council is Jennifer Hendrickson. And Emergency Management District Planning Oversight committee is Michael Wickersham.

Gary said I'll move approval of both.

Mike said do I have a second.

Tom said second.

Mike said all in favor signify by saying aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said Emergency Medical Service Director is Diana Sutliff.

Gary said I'll move approval.

Mike said have a motion to approve, do I have a second?

Tom said second.

Mike said all in favor say aye.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said 4-H Incorporated & Extension is Tom Chalfant.

Tom said I'll continue.

Mike said I'll move approval.

Gary said second

Mike said all in favor signify by saying aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said Grievance Complaints is by virtue of office the president of the commissioners. Health Department Director is Kenneth Sowinski.

Mike said this one expires 12/31/19. So I think it's an annual appointment.

Meeks said he's a three- or four-year appointment.

Mike said Medical officer is. Okay do you want to confirm that with us, whether it's three or four so we'll know next time.

Meeks said I will let you know about next time.

Mike said okay.

Gary said I move approval.

Mike said I have a motion to approve Kenneth Sowinski as the Health Department director. Do I have a second?

Mike said I'll second that. All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said Health Board member, Kenneth Watkins, MD has chosen not to continue to serve as I understand it from the Health department. I do not have a replacement. Do you Debbi.

Debbi Wymer said there's several doctors but I haven't talked to any of them.

Mike said okay so you are going to discuss that at your next board meeting.

Debbi I've sent an email to them but I haven't heard from them.

Mike said okay and then you'll come to us at our next meeting hopefully with an appointment. When is your next board meeting?

Debbie said 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mike said our next meeting is the 20<sup>th</sup>. Okay. The next appointment is Dr. Howell. His term expires 12/31. It's my understanding that he and Samantha Morris with expiration terms, they are wanting to continue to serve.

Debbi said correct.

Mike said so I'd entertain a motion to reappoint them.

Gary said I'd move approval of both.

Tom said second.

Mike said I have a motion to approve both and a second. All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. All opposed same sign.



All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said and those, how long are those terms Meeks.

Laura said I think they are four.

Meeks said I think it was a four. I'm looking it up right now.

Mike said next two appointments are highway, highway supervisor and highway office administrator, Michael Haffner and Jessica Cheesman.

Gary said I'll move approval of both.

Tom said I'll second.

Mike said all in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said next item is the Insurance Committee, with is Gary Girton. I'll move that Gary continue on the Insurance committee.

Tom said I'll second.

Mike said all in favor of that motion, signify by saying aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said Internal Controls Oversight committee is the Commissioner president, Council president, +1-member, Auditor, Clerk & Treasurer. Do you remember what that 1 number is? Well I don't see any reason to change the internal control committee. Do we probably want to keep the committee the same?

Gary said yes.

Mike said do I have a second?

Tom said second.

Mike said all in favor signify by saying aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said we've already appointed the L & M Regional Water Board. We did that at our last meeting. The local Emergency Planning Committee and the Personnel Committee are both Gary Girton, and I'd entertain a motion to approve both of those.

Tom said so move.

Mike said I'll second. All in favor say aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said Randolph County Central Dispatch is myself and I'll continue to serve there unless someone else wants to do that.

Gary said I'll move approval.

Tom said I'll second.

Mike said all in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said Randolph Development commission annual appointments, Brody Tarter, Greg Cheesman, Dallas Osting, and Kate Thornburg, currently serve there and Steve Coyle does not want to continue. And I don't have a recommendation for that position. So we need to go find one.

Gary said the others will?

Mike said not heard they would not.

Gary said I'll move approval of the other four.

Mike said do I have a second?

Tom said second.

Mike said all in favor signify by saying aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said Region 6 Executive Council Work One. I serve on that Executive Council for Work One.

Gary said I'll move approval.

Mike said do I have a second?

Tom said second.

Mike said all in favor say aye.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said Solid Waste is 3 Commissioners. Do we appoint them.

Gary said yes.

Mike said so we could appoint you to be Solid Waste maybe.

Meeks said it's four years for the Health Department for the Health Officer. I'm looking for the board now.

Mike said so do we appoint ourselves to the Solid Waste Commission, Solid Waste Board.

Meeks said I think that's have you've done in the past.

Mike said I'd move that the Board of Commissioners serve on the board of Solid Waste.

Gary said second.

Mike said all in favor signify by saying aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said that brings us to our Tourism board which no appointments are up at this time. Then Veterans Officer, Michael Kennedy.

Gary said what's his status.

Mike said well he's still on FMLA I believe and will be until I think the 26<sup>th</sup>, end of January, towards the end of January.

Tom said do we have any contingency plan if he's not able to continue.

Mike said I don't, other than what we are doing now, which would have a secretarial service in the office with neighboring counties offering assistance wherever they can and where they need to.

Gary said at the present time.

Mike said at the present time.

Gary said the secretary is working.

Mike said she is back yeah. So I'd entertain to appoint the Veterans officer, Michael Kennedy.

Gary said okay I'll so move.

Mike said do we have a second?

Tom said second.

Mike said all in favor signify by saying aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said looks like we have one Library board appointment and that's the Washington Township library and that would be Kay Straley, whose been serving without appoint since July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. So I'd entertain to appoint Kay Straley.

Tom said so move.

Mikes for a four-year term beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

Gary said I'll second.

Mike said all in favor signify by saying aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said the next one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, Liaisons are listed there. I'm for the airport, I'm for the jail & 911, I'm for the Health Department, Tom's for the highway department & EMS, I'm for the Court House, Gary's for the RCFFO building, and Tom is Soil and Water. Do you want to change any of those?

Tom said I'm okay.

Mike said okay and I've added nine liaisons based upon, I don't think you were at this meeting, but Tom shared with me that he thought it would be a good idea that we as commissioners, take on the responsibility for towns and communities in the county and attend their board meetings, and listen and communicate. And I thought it was a good idea several years ago. I've never implemented it. And one of the reasons I haven't is because you go to them all, which is a great thing. And I'm not trying to take anything away from you, but I think if we had the responsibility to, and there's nine communities and towns that I listed, there's three of us, so we each take three. And then maybe we would have the opportunity at some point at our meeting to report on what we learned, the needs, what we learned, the good things, the bad things from those community council or town board meetings, and be able to report back. And just for lack of anything else. I've kind of drawn lines in the county and given you, given Gary Union City, Gary Lynn and Gary Saratoga. I've given myself Winchester, Farmland and Ridgeville. And I've given Tom Parker City, Modoc and Losantville.



Tom said and maybe I will go to Albany every once in a while.

Mike said Albany is not on my list but if you want to do Albany, have at it.

Tom said I'll do Albany.

Mike said I'll add that to the list.

Gary said can, where are you again.

Mike said I'm in Winchester, Farmland and Ridgeville.

Gary said I thought you said Tom was Ridgeville.

Mike said no I'm Ridgeville. Tom is Parker City, Losantville and Modoc.

Gary said oh Modoc.

Mike said and then you are Union City, Lynn and Saratoga.

Meeks said I think Ridgeville changed their meeting times Mike so you might confirm it if you are going to take them.

Gary said this year.

Meeks said yeah that's what I was told.

Mike said I'll have to confirm Farmland's as well.

Gary said it is tonight at 6:00.

Mike said yeah Winchester is tonight at 6:00 too.

Gary said 6:30.

Meeks said 6:30.

Mike said so that could create a problem. Maybe I could go to every other one.

Gary said that's what I do.

Mike said or when's Modoc's.

Gary said Saturday, the third Saturday.

Mike said well let's start with this and as we get the schedule, maybe we need to flip flop a few of these to make sure that we can maybe be at the attendance of them. Does that sound fair. Any questions on that Tom.

Tom said no.

**Additional Appropriations:**

<b>Building Commission Secretary</b>	\$4060.00
<b>Surveyor Contractual Work</b>	\$35,000.00

Mike said we have Additional Appropriations. Additional appropriation for the Building Commission Secretary in the amount of \$4,060.00 and Surveyor Contractual Work in the amount of \$35,000.00. And I'd entertain a motion to approve both of these.

Tom said so moved.

Mike said do I have a second?

Gary said second.

Mike said all in favor signify by saying aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

<b>Cum Cap loan for Communications</b>	\$255,500.00
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Mike said the next four items, three items, no four items are, well I'm not sure. This is an additional appropriation for the Communication Systems that we don't have bond for. We are going to borrow the money from CUM Cap.

Laura said these are the claims that they have submitted.

Mike said these claims don't add up to what we are borrowing.

Angela said the amount of the additional is the entire amount of what their proposal was. So, once we get the bonds ready, we can do a reduction to free up the money.

Mike said we have an additional appropriation from the CUM Cap Development fund to the Communications systems in the amount of \$255,500.00. I'd entertain a motion to approve that.

Gary said so move.

Tom said second.

Mike said all in favor signify by saying aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Pyramid 10/4/19 Claim      \$17,000.00**

**Pyramid 11/1/19 Claim      \$17,000.00**

**Pyramid 12/31/19 Claim    \$29,250.00**

Mike said and along that thought we have three claims for the Communications System, and these are claims for Pyramid Consulting dated October 4<sup>th</sup>, dated November 1<sup>st</sup> and dated December 31<sup>st</sup>, and these claims total looks like about \$64,000.00. One for \$17,000.00, another for \$17,000.00, and then the last one for \$29,250.00. I'd entertain a motion to approve all three of these claims.

Tom said so move.

Mike said do I have a second?

Gary said second.

Mike said all in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said they are due to go to the BZA sometime soon to get approval for their sites. Let's go back up the agenda. Have you heard anything from Rick Hall on the line of credit.

Meeks said I did. He said he has to look at it. He has not looked at it. I did get an email from him last week. I think the EDIT plan although, it's all caps. It's on the second page in all caps. We can fix the all caps at the next one but I think we are ready to go on. It's Item 10.

Mike said Eastern Indiana Planning Commission in the sum of \$10,153.60 for 2020 dues. Do I have a motion to approve the amended Edit Plan?

Tom said I'll move to amend the amended EDIT plan.

Mike said have we got a second?

Gary said I'll second

Mike said all in favor signify by saying aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Laura do you have anything for us this morning.

Laura said just a couple of things. I received a call from Webber Office Supplies and they have leases on the five or six of our copiers, and those leases expire in five or six months. He wanted

to know what he needed to do to proceed. I don't know if we want to quote those out to other companies, or what we want to do.

Mike said what is the total amount of the leases.

Laura said I don't have that information.

Mike said can you get those.

Laura said yes I can get you that.

Mike said that would probably dictate what we do wouldn't it. The total amount of the leases, whatever we want to, and I guess we could ask the departments whether they are satisfied with their maintenance service as well. Can you do that?

Laura said yes. And then also, just had an issue come up the other day about someone was vaping in the hallway in the Court house. I know we have an ordinance, but we have no signage. Common sense would tell you, but you know how it is.

Mike said I'll ask Jake.

Laura said and then also we at one point, had a sign no weapons in the building. We don't have that either. So, I don't know if that's something you guys want to address.

Gary said what happened to them?

Laura said well when we moved, it was just a paper sign in the window. When we moved out for the remodel, we came back, those papers were gone.

Gary said I thought was a plated out front.

Mike said a what.

Gary said on a plate, solid.

Mike said there's a no smoking within eight feet is about the only thing out there, whatever that says.

Laura said I didn't walk out there and see.

Mike said well do you want to have Jake investigate signage for firearms and vaping?

Laura said 2019-04 is the ordinance.

Meeks said yes, I thought the prosecutor, it looked like it came from the prosecutor's office. I'm going to ask Jake to talk to him.



Laura said oh on the weapons?

Meeks said yes, the weapons.

Laura said weapons, yeah I don't know. I looked up the smoking thing.

Mike said yeah there should be no vaping or smoking in the Court House but you are right, we should probably have something posted.

Laura said well the person, I don't know who the person's name is, they were heading up to Court, so I called the bailiff so he could pull him up on the camera and maybe say something to the person.

Mike said Meeks do you have anything for us.

Meeks said I have a list, I don't know if you'd read those letters I'd sent out.

Mike said I did. Looked good to me.

Meeks said okay.

Mike said the letters for Economic Development Grant recipients that based upon our terms of giving it to them, and that they use it as they indicated they would. It's another audit requirement that we have an agreement with those people that they are going to use it for what they said they would.

Meeks said I think going forward, when we send the checks out, we send it with them.

Gary said I thought we did have something like this that was sent with.

Mike said a lot of time we have an audit is if the Economic Development creates a forgivable loan document.

Meeks said or we get an invoice from Eastern Indiana, I mean that would be a perfect one. We got an invoice from them.

Mike said well they sent us a letter too.

Meeks said yeah forgivable. So we have something for them but not necessarily anything for a grant. So I was kind of hopeful that maybe the Auditor's office has like their addresses or something.

Angela said Laura sends out a report at the first of the year reporting who we give money to.

Mike said I was going to say I'll sign these if you deliver them Tom.

Laura said I'll have to send that to every government entity in Randolph county, so I can just send it with that.

Meeks said okay.

Mike said how far back did you go.

Meeks said anything that was in our EDIT Plan currently got a letter that I thought, if I thought they should, there's a couple of them I did not send it to and I can tell you who those are.

Mike said okay so we need to approve this form.

Tom said yeah I've looked at it. I'd move to approve this form.

Mike said I have a motion to approve the form. Do I have a second?

Gary said second.

All in favor signify by saying aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said so I'll go ahead and get these signed and then are you saying you can send these.

Laura said yes.

Mike said anything else Meeks.

Meeks said just to send those to ourselves like I didn't, we don't obviously have a letter. The only one I didn't really know about and I didn't send a letter to was the Advanced Manufacturing. I didn't know what that was. I didn't think all of it was paid and I wasn't sure.

Mike said I was going to say we haven't given them any money for a while.

Meeks said it's been a while and I didn't think that was, that's the only one.

Mike said that would be Work One.

Meeks said yeah it said Work One.

Mike said we still have money available in that.

Gary said they still have an office in town.

Meeks said they have one in Muncie.

Gary said they left that office. They vacated that office.

Mike said Economic Development. They are a mobile office now.

Gary said I did not know that.

Meeks said I didn't know that. I don't have anything else. If anybody else has anything for me please.

Mike said any word from our attorney on the Court House

Meeks said I have an email going back out. I actually have a note on my thing here to, I need him to at least tell us what his plans are. I'm going to say hey if you don't want to do it, let me know and I'll find somebody else.

Mike said right. Okay. Tom do you have any, or Gary, Tom, do you have anything for us.

Tom said well I didn't see an appropriation, or a claim for our Economic Development Corporation, and I guess I still have concerns about the just the whole organization the way it's set up. And I think right now, they are out of compliance with the charter. I believe they have an employee working from Florida without the whole board approving that employment agreement. So, I just have concerns about that. I talked to them, but they told me they were going to change it. A 25 person board is pretty unworkable. I think all that really happened was they changed the executive committee from 7 people to 5 people. And again the executive committee approved the agreement without bringing to full board about three months ago. And so, it's just a problem. And I think it would be better to talk about it now then it would the next meeting when they are bringing the new owners of Country View in to welcome them to the community. I think it would be a little embarrassing to talk about it then.

Mike said you've shared your problems with the board.

Tom said no.

Mike said that's where I would start.

Tom said we are going hopefully to have a meeting soon to talk about it. But again, my concern with the budget and the way they spend their money, we've shared concerns in the past, not about this issue exactly. It's going to get addressed soon. But my opinion hasn't changed of the whole set up. It's just a poor set up. Other counties do it differently. I guess I'd like to see us do it differently where there's more accountability. Again, looking for money, we are needing money, I think that is a place where we could find money to put towards other needs in the county.

Mike said okay. Gary have you got anything.

Gary said is the sale of the bonds still on for this month.

Meeks said we hope so. I think we have a meeting it's, we have a meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>. So I've not heard.

Mike said what day are they scheduled to sell. I thought they were scheduled to sell the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Meeks said I think we have, I think that's the same time yeah. I have it on my calendar.

Mike said that's what I recall is the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Meeks said I haven't heard any different, but yeah, mine said 15<sup>th</sup> is a call regarding bond sale, 11:00 o'clock.

Gary said so we have any, Chris left, the Sheriff is gone, about where we are at on moving forward with the communication system.

Mike said I think their next step is the BZA.

Gary said is it.

Mike said I think they are on the agenda this month for the BZA to get approval of the location at the sites, because they have to, all of them are not within the scope of our Ordinance. So they have to get, and hopefully the BZA will give permission to do that.

Meeks said special exception, right.

Mike said recognizing the value of the towers to the county. Anything else.

Gary said Jake's not here. I still want to catch him on where we are on the heating system, whether it's completed or whether it's close.

Laura said well I hope not because there's still holes all over the ceilings.

Meeks said I found a couple new holes today. There're a couple new holes today I had not noticed.

Laura said I thought about that this morning. I haven't really seen the guys in and out working, but I would think that, my office is still cold.

Mike said well last week one or two days were holidays for most people. Maybe they took the rest of the week off, I don't know.

Laura said I haven't talked to Jake so I don't really know.



Gary said I would say it's right before Christmas. He said they were working but I didn't, said they were getting close, but I don't know what that meant.

Mike said okay. Anything else. I don't have anything. Do we have any citizens here that want to speak? Okay I'd entertain a motion to adjourn.

Tom said so moved.

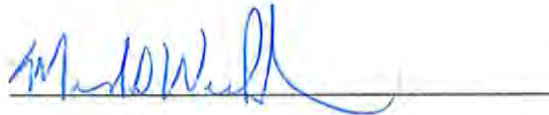
Gary said second.

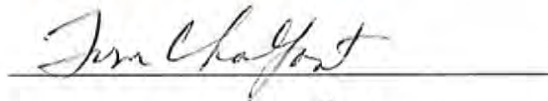
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All aye votes. Meeting adjourned.

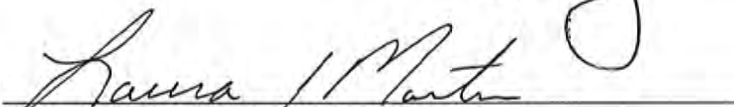
Reviewed and signed this 16 day of March, 2020.

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Laura J Martin, Auditor of Randolph County