

Randolph County Council

January 6, 2026

The Randolph County Council met at their regular meeting at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners and Council Room in the Courthouse with the following members present: Board President David Lenkensdofer, Beverly Fields, Mike Stine, Todd Holaday, Greg Cheesman, Scott Fisher and Larry Preston. Also present was Randolph County Auditor Laura Martin, Sheriff Art Moystner and County Attorney Meeks Cockerill.

Pledge of Allegiance

Selection of officers

David said okay, I show first order of business today for the County Council, is the selection of officers. First up, will be nomination for president of Randolph County Council.

Mike said I nominate Greg.

Todd seconded the motion.

David said it's been moved and a second, we nominate Greg Cheesman. All in favor?

All aye votes. Motion carried.

David said it's yours now.

Greg said I may replace your position here David, but I won't replace your experience or knowledge of Randolph Government, I'll tell you that. You've been here a long time and you've served our community well.

David said thank you.

Bev said thank you.

Greg said okay, on with the selection of officers. We need to nominate a pro tem. We need nominations.

Larry said I nominate Mike.

Todd seconded the motion.

Greg said it's been moved and seconded that Mike Stine is pro tem of County Council. All in favor?

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Greg said okay, Mike is pro tem.

Commissioner's update

Greg said okay, next up on the agenda is the Commissioner's update. Mr. Friend.

Gary Friend said good morning everybody. Thanks for your leadership, Dave.

David said you're welcome. Okay. Well, how's everybody today? So, like every year when we start, it's a lot of just organizational business. And our selection of officers, I'm the president, again, Tom Kerns is the Vice President again. Jay Long, Joe Copeland, Nate Moore, they came in and basically made recommendation to the commissioners for all the highway materials and things that we needed to do. We accepted their recommendation. We approved the touch the truck again from Deb McGriff Tharp and she also introduced us to her new replacement, as she is retiring. Mindy Peed come in and, clerk of courts, and we approved the vote center change in Farmland, Indiana, which will go basically, across the street to where the Old National building was, for the voting center for the county, which is a better place. Had to add, we took over an expense that Jake is going to incur out at the RCFFO building because it would have taken a big hit on his maintenance line this year. So, we paid for the pumps necessary out of our Commissioners Cum Cap. Then we had quite a long discussion with Chad Malicoat from SRI about certificate sale. It's difficult to understand. It's very statutorily guided. I think my final take on it was we hire them to do it because they know what they're doing, we need to let them do what they know how to do. We left the minimum bid at \$200.00, because there are expenses up and above and beyond that. So, like everybody, we want to see old houses tore down that need to be tore down, not bought up by some LLC from somewhere far away. There are rules and guidelines that have to be followed. Gary Moore, our EMS director, we approved for him to go out and get quoting for some new flooring for the Winchester ambulance depot. It's not part of the package of the upgrades that we're doing out there. And it does need taken care of. Then we had an update from RCU from Sydnee. She came in and gave us an update over last year's business and what is hopeful for next year. And the mayor of Winchester gave us a report on the animal shelter. I did ask him the concern that's floating around here and there about you know, what veterinary they use. You kind of have to let the shelter manage the shelter. It's not like they don't use Lynn. They have used Lynn. They do use Lynn. There's a lot of requirements the shelters have to go through from what the mayor explained, and he can explain further if he chooses to, that you have to go through to get an animal ready for adoption. You just don't take it in and just throw it out the door to the next person. So, I think that the animal shelter, the way the commissioners have it set up is working quite well. And it doesn't mean that all the animals out there from other cities and towns are the responsibility of the county to take care of for the animal shelter. Those municipalities have their own responsibilities. So, I believe that's pretty much everything that went on yesterday, even though it seemed like it took a long time.

Anybody have anything for me?

Greg said I don't. Anyone else?

Todd said I just have a question on the airport building that was brought up yesterday. Missy had an architect that she had come in contact with, how did that come about and do we have some quote or expectation from them?

Gary Friend said what came about there was when we get ready to do an airport terminal, basically, there's more opinions coming in and more quotes coming in and more designs coming in, and more people that are involved, rather than just, what we're used in mainstream, which I think is a good thing. For anybody that wasn't here, what brought up in the joint meeting about the non-state print build, the state prints have been approved now and they are being built to print, is what I was told by the airport president of the board. I haven't yet talked to our building commissioner, but I will, to make sure, because I, as well, have other questions, because I don't believe it's all the contractor involved there. I don't know how the architects and engineers didn't throw an alarm of their own up. It took our building inspector to catch on to that. So, we'll see, but I do, I'm very confident that airport board is diligently working to make sure that that's a correction that doesn't happen again, and it wasn't on purpose, but it happened. So, that's what's going on at the airport. Jim Michael did say that they are looking at another design that doesn't have so many windows in it. You know, when you look at all the windows in an airport terminal, you've got to think about the cost of those windows for blast protection, you know, for everything else involved, so. I hope we get a terminal built, as we talked, below a million dollars. I think we can. I don't see why we cannot. It just doesn't have to be sky high and full of glass. It just has to be a nice facility for Randolph County. Anything else?

Larry said I think Todd, in talking to Missy, I think she'd went to a meeting in Indianapolis and got a contact from this new architect and he said he would come for free and look at it, from what she told me.

Todd said thank you.

Gary Friend said thanks for stepping up as president, Greg.

Jane Grove – Sworn statement and Ordinance 2026-01

Greg said Jane Grove.

Jane Grove said good morning. Thank you for your time this morning. We're doing our annual ordinance and presenting my sworn statement to you. What this is, is that I pay all expenses from my recorder's perpetuation fund, which is now a tax-based fund, it's a user fund, which is supported by copy fees and part of our recording fees from recording. And so, but the state board of accounts requires that I present this to you so that I can pay the expenses from the RP fund.

Greg said anybody have any questions? If not, I'd appreciate a motion.

Bev said I move that the council pass Ordinance 2026-01 after the first reading.

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

Bev said I move that the rules be suspended and have the 2nd and 3rd reading by title only and adopted the same day.

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

Bev said I move that council adopt ordinance 2026-01.

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

Jane Grove said thank you very much. Do you have any questions about this for me? Alright, thank you.

Gary Friend said can I approach? I forgot some pretty important?

Greg said come right up.

Gary Friend said I didn't announce either, who I was so, Gary Friend, County Commissioner. Joe Copeland came in and some of you were here, and I don't know if you all have this, hopefully, you should have it. Over the last year or two, the commitments and the financial commitment letters that we put out, and we're looking right now, we have, this is net numbers too. It's not the gross that we pay out. This is what the net will be, basically, our expense after what the state or the federal government pays us back. But we have \$5,579,336.70 of financial commitment right now that the commissioners and council agreed to an approved for the bridges that we have in process. It's basically over about 5 years. Not included in that, however, is the county road 800 project. That's, we're already paid the task order, but that's going to be north of 2 million dollars. The last numbers I heard was 2.2, somewhere in that area right there. So, I can get another one of these. Greg, do you have this?

Greg said no.

Gary Friend said would you like to have this?

Greg said yes.

Todd said this here sheet shows 2.7 million in 2026 that we have, is that what you're, my sheets may be out of date.

Gary Friend said do you have the sheet on, can I come up there?

Greg said thank you.

Gary Friend said thank you. I figured you guys would want to know that and I forgot it.

David said we can talk just a minute about that. There's currently about 5 million dollars available through Renewable Energies. Yesterday the County Commissioners transferred back 884,000.

Gary Friend said correct.

David said from the trail funds to. Back to Renewables, which, that gives us about 5.8 million to cover that 7.5. But that's a 5-year project, if I remember right.

Gary Friend said right.

David said we should be getting some new funds in, what, February, March timeframe?

Laura this spring.

David said we should be able to cover all this within the next year or two without any trouble. So, just for everybody's information.

Todd said it would be good to take those annual commitments and overlay them with annual streams coming in from the Windfarm so we can kind of see how that all, you know, nets out each year, to know what our net positive is. Otherwise, we kind of, we're just thinking we've got this large commitment, we only have a certain pool and we know we have something coming in, but we don't really know the timing of it all.

David said right. Now, every month, you guys receive a spreadsheet.

Todd said a spreadsheet, yeah.

David said they're a great opportunity to really learn where you're at financially, and you just got to keep in mind.

Todd said maybe that's there. Maybe I just need to dig a little deeper.

David said I think it could be there, just review a little closer.

Gary Friend said which is what your concern was leading to my concern to ask the highway, with all the approving things, we need to make sure that we don't approve more than we have.

Todd said yeah.

Greg said this is nice.

Gary Friend said yeah, the money that we're talking about here, as Dave said, when we fund this year from Renewable Energy, will probably cover all the commitments. It doesn't mean like, and there's money that comes in every single year. And we don't need it all right now, so it doesn't mean that there's no monies available for any other road project that might come up that

we need to jump in on. It just means we need to know, like Todd's talking about, if it's not going to fund until 2029, we can spend a little money right now, but we have to know that because we're at a level now. Bridge replacement, we haven't done in quite some time. We don't, you know, we don't want to get ourselves in accidental default. Thank you.

Greg said okay. Thank you, Gary.

Other Business:

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

Greg said on to other business. Sheriff, Art Moystner.

Art Moystner said good morning. Congratulations to the newly elected officers and congratulations to Dave. I'd sent out an email yesterday regarding a policy program that I would like to change to. We currently have one now that we use. It's called Lexipol, and I pay about \$7,000.00 a year for that. We paid it out of commissary. We have for a few years now. I'm wanting to switch to the new one. This year, it would actually save a 1,000. That cost is 6,030 I believe. There is an onboarding fee for that of \$3,000.00, which is a 1-time fee. I would like to purchase that out of commissary again, the same as we have done in the past. It's not one of the categories that I can do freely. So, I need the council's agreement in order to do so. I was able yesterday to talk to Mr. Lenkensdofer and Mr. Holaday regarding this program and show them, I think it has some really nice features with it that you can use. It would have policies. This one is states specific, where the other one is kind of generic. So, we have to modify some of the policies at times. This one is very state specific, was actually written for Indiana sheriffs. So, a lot of counties are going with this. So, there would be very little that we would have to go in and work on to make it applicable to us. There are some other features that go in with that. One is, I can take the current policy book with regard to personnel policies, and I can upload those into this, so the employees at the sheriff's office aren't going out of 2 policy books. They would only have 1. Plus, there's an AI feature that comes with this, that if an officer gets into a situation they're uncertain of, they can type that situation into this. It will bullet point coming off of state law, case law and current policy to give them some bullet points and suggestions on what way to go, plus it directs them to the specific policy that addresses that issue. So, I think this is where technology is going. I think this would be a large plus for the officers, and a liability reduction for the county.

Greg said I have one question Art. Back to the, you say the cost of this new program is \$6,030.00?

Art Moystner said yearly.

Greg said yearly.

Art Moystner said but our first year would have a \$3,000 additional onboarding fee. So, the first year, it would be 9,030.

Greg said how many years does this last then this?

Art Moystner said I think it goes up 5% or so a year, is what the predicting over the next 3 years.

Bev said but you say you do have enough in commissary?

Art Moystner said I do have.

Bev said you do have.

Art Moystner said yeah. I just, I need.

Greg said for both figures?

Art Moystner said for the 9,030 for this year, yes.

Greg said right.

Art Moystner said I have that money.

Greg said okay.

Art Moystner said and just to share with the council, the goal is eventually to get the jail on board. And in your email, I'd given a figure for that. For small rural counties, I think that figure is a little high. So, the next time I have an opportunity to talk to the company, I want to discuss that with them and see if I can get that figure a little lower.

Greg said looking forward, is that going to be covered in commissary too?

Art Moystner said I don't know. I think that's something for future discussion. There're some things that go on with commissary in the way the income comes in from commissary regarding some new regulations through the FCC, and some of the things we're able to get that money coming back to us. So, some of that is ever changing, so I'm not sure what that'll look like in the future, but we definitely need to have that discussion moving forward. And if we can, yes. If we can't, then we'll come and talk to you guys.

Greg said okay. Any other questions?

Larry said looking at your commissary report, Art, it showed positive the last quarter of 2025 for about this much?

Art Moystner said correct.

Larry said okay.

Art Moystner said yeah, I think, I'd emailed you guys the commissary report yesterday.

David said you have about \$75,000 in there it looks like.

Art Moystner said yes.

Todd said if you get a chance, it's worth having Art doing the demo of what it's, what the application is like, it's on your phone, the officer can put in a situation, he just went through a scenario where an officer smelled marijuana, you know, near a vehicle, when they pulled over a vehicle, and typed that question in, there's kind of an AI feature that goes out and gathers the you know, the cite information on that, pulls it together as he said, he created a pretty nice summary of steps. It looks like you know, all this stuff is kind of artificial intelligence types of tools that are designed to you know, do research on the fly. And it was, looked like a helpful thing to me. I mean, it was just one scenario, but it gave you the 4 steps that the officer should do, a good reminder in case they just needed to kind of do a mental check on what the steps were. So, I really wasn't sure what he was talking about when he was talking about policies, but it's not like just you know, your employee handbook type policies or what you're supposed to do in the field type policies, operational types of policies for police officers to do their duties. Worth of seeing the demo if you have a minute. So, I'll make a motion that we approve this expense out of commissary.

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

Art Moystner said thank you. That's all I have this morning. Do you guys have any questions for me? I thank you.

Minutes of: December 2, 2025 & December 11, 2025

Greg said need approval of the minutes of the December 2nd council meeting and the December 11th joint meeting with the commissioners.

Bev made a motion to approve both meeting's December 2 and December 11, 2025. Scott seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2025-19 Salary Ordinance amendment

Greg said okay, moving on, we've got an ordinance here 2025-19 salary ordinance amendment for the EMS.

Bev said I move that council pass ordinance 2025-19 salary ordinance amendment for EMS.

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

Bev said I move that the rules be suspended and have the 2nd and 3rd reading by title only and adopted the same day.

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

Bev said I move that council adopt ordinance 2025-19.

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

Greg said move on to the next one. We've got an ordinance here, 2026-02 salary ordinance amendment for EMS.

Bev said I move that council pass ordinance 2026-02 salary ordinance amendment for EMS after the first reading.

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

Bev said I move that the rules be suspended and have the 2nd and 3rd reading by title only and adopted the same day.

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

Bev said I move that council adopt ordinance 2026-02 salary ordinance amendment for EMS.

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

Bev said on the next one, what is OPO?

Laura said operation pull over. It has to do with the sheriff's department.

Bev said okay.

Greg said next on the agenda is ordinance 2026-03 salary ordinance amendment for OPO.

Bev said I move that council pass ordinance 2026-03 salary ordinance amendment for operation pull over known as OPO, after the first reading.

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

Bev said I move that the rules be suspended and have the 2nd and 3rd reading by title only and adopted the same day.

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

Bev said I move that council adopt the ordinance 2026-03 salary ordinance amendment for OPO.

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

Todd said can you repeat that language on that 2nd and 3rd reading? I'm trying to make some notes just so I've got this in case there was ever a need.

Bev said okay, 2nd reading is I move that the rules be suspended and have the 2nd and 3rd reading by title only and adopted the same day.

Todd said thank you.

Bev said you got that one?

Todd said yep.

Bev said okay, 3rd.

Todd said I've got them all. I just couldn't keep up with you.

Council Annual appointments

Greg said next on the agenda is Council annual appointments. She sent out notice as to what they were last year. Does anybody have need or a change, or keep it like it is or, what are your wishes?

David said there'll be some changes. I guess the president of the council shows just president of council.

Laura said so, there's two it looks like that have expired. Alcohol Beverage Tobacco, which is Clyde Shaffer, and L & M Regional Water, which is Carol Weaver, and I have to make a call on L & M appointment for the commissioners, so I can ask Carol if she's willing to stay on for that. But someone would need to probably reach out to Clyde and make sure he's still interested in being that. I think it takes quite a few steps to get on that board.

Bev said that's the alcohol board?

Laura said uh huh. Like you guys make the appointment, but there're steps through the state they have to do to get on that board. I don't know what all those steps are.

David said I'll message Clyde right now.

Laura said okay.

Todd said and Greg, they discussed, I think you're the rep for the group, but I don't think we're going to be in that Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission anymore. We're not going to pay the dues. So, we can scratch that one off the list.

Greg said okay.

Larry said that was you, right?

Greg said yeah, that was me.

Laura said I sent them an email yesterday through their website because I don't have a contact for them, to let them know that the commissioners have chosen not to continue that. And if they had any questions to let me know and they could get on the agenda. So, I haven't heard back from them.

Bev said what is the name of the business where Rhoda is at over here?

Laura said Community Corrections.

Bev said yes. I want to stay on that. I think it's only quarterly.

Larry said I'm okay where I'm at unless the council needs me or wants me to do something different.

Mike said I'm good.

Todd said I'm good also.

David said I am too.

Greg said I have no complaints of where I'm at.

Bev said and the airport board is 3rd Tuesday a month? Is that how it's worded?

Laura said I don't know when your meetings are, Bev.

David said I believe that's correct.

Greg said you say the 3rd Thursday?

Bev said no, Tuesday.

Greg said oh, 3rd Tuesday.

Bev said at 8:30.

Greg said hearing no other changes, I'm assuming the council appointments are going to stay as they're printed, other than hearing from Clyde, I guess.

David said I've got a message sent to him. I'll let you know.

Greg said go ahead and approve it like it is? Do I hear a motion to approve the council appointments for 2026?

Scott made a motion to approve. Mike seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Winchester Animal Shelter Report

Greg said okay, moving on, Winchester Animal Shelter report.

Additional Appropriations:

EDIT Achieva Resources	\$5,000.00
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Economic Development \$35,000.00

Greg said Additional appropriations. EDIT Achieva Resources, \$5,000.00, and Economic Development at \$35,000.00. Any discussion on that, questions? If not, need a motion.

David made a motion to approve. Mike seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

EDIT Parker City Volunteer Fire \$10,000.00

Greg said Parker City Volunteer Fire EDIT for \$10,000.00. And questions or discussion on that?

Mike made a motion to approve. Scott seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

EDIT City of Union City \$30,000.00

City of Winchester \$20,000.00

Greg said again on EDIT, the city of Union City, \$30,000.00

Laura said this is actually just appropriating the money for the blight so if they turn in a claim, we have the money appropriated. There's that one and this one, both.

David said so, Union City got 30 and Winchester got 20?

Laura said Winchester got 40. Winchester has already used 20.

David said okay. I thought Winchester had received more, so.

Laura said yeah. We're just re-appropriating the funds that haven't been used.

David said okay.

Greg said so, we can do both of these on this, the same time.

Laura said yeah, you can vote on it all at once. You just need to sign both papers.

EDIT Town of Lynn \$10,000.00

Town of Losantville \$10,000.00

Town of Farmland \$10,000.00

Town of Parker City \$10,000.00

Town of Ridgeville \$10,000.00

Town of Albany \$10,000.00

Greg said okay. Alright, I'll read down through here then. We've got EDIT on the city of Union City for \$30,000.00, the city of Winchester for \$20,000.00, town of Lynn, 10,000, town of Losantville, 10,000, town of Farmland, 10,000, town of Parker City, 10,000, town of Ridgeville, 10,000 and town of Albany 10,000.

Bev said these are all for blight?

Greg said all for blight.

Todd made a motion to approve. Mike seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Scott said Laura, you said that was appropriation to them towns?

Laura said it's not, it's appropriated into the lines to pay those towns once they turn in a claim.

Scott said once they've claimed?

Laura said yes.

Scott said once they've gotten, it doesn't mean they've claimed it yet?

Laura said correct.

Scott said okay.

Laura said like we received another one from Winchester, so that'll get paid out at the next commissioner meeting. We needed this appropriation.

Scott said so the 30 to Union City doesn't mean they've turned in any claims then yet?

Laura said they have not, no.

Scott said they have not.

Laura said nobody has. Modoc, we've paid out their 10. And then Winchester, we've paid out two and we have another one to pay out for Winchester. Nobody else has turned anything in.

Scott said but the money is there for them?

Laura said the money is there if they turn in the claim.

LIT Professional Services \$40,000.00

Greg said okay next on the agenda is for the LIT for professional services, \$40,000.00. Any discussion?

Larry said it's for LEAP or is it for something else?

Laura said well, we pay Baker Tilly out of this line throughout the year, and we only budgeted it for 10,000. Danita didn't think that was enough so, she was just putting money in there so that when we need it, it's there.

Larry said for Baker Tilly?

Laura said yeah. Well, I mean, we can pay other companies out of there if we need to, but that's normally who we use though.

Mike made a motion to approve. David seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Laura said she did say she'd up that line during budget time for the next year. We just didn't catch that.

Sheriff Department Computer Maint \$4,950.00

Greg said okay, next on the agenda is for the Sheriff's department and Computer maintenance at \$4,950.00. Any questions, discussion?

Larry said what line item does this come out of?

Laura said that's for that, so it's computer maintenance contract, but it's for that Web X I think Art talked to you about at your last meeting.

Todd made a motion to approve. Bev seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Drug Free Randolph County	Prevention Education	\$2,644.94
	Treatment	\$2,644.94
	Criminal Justice	\$2,644.94
	Discretionary Fund	\$2,644.94

Greg said Laura says that this Drug Free Randolph County is a grant. Prevention Education, \$2,644.94. Treatment, the same number. Criminal justice, the same number. Discretionary fund, the same number. Any questions on this or discussion?

Scott made a motion to approve. Bev seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Health Department Grant	School Liaison	\$42,720.00
	Social Security	\$2,640.00
	Medicare	\$621.00
	Perf	\$1,883.00
	Group Insurance	\$9,650.00
	Mobile Phone	\$160.00
	Personal Health Care	\$2,000.00

Greg said okay, for the Health Department grant. The school liaison, \$42,720.00. Social Security is \$2,640.00. Medicare, \$621.00. Perf, \$1,883.00. Group Insurance, \$9,650.00. Mobile phone, \$160.00. Personal Health Care, \$2,000.00.

Bev said and this is their annual budget, is it not?

Laura said yeah school liaison position.

Greg said any questions or discussion on this? If not, I'll entertain a motion.

Scott made a motion to approve. Larry seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Transfer of Funds	From	To
\$884,617.12	NLT Vision Trail	Headwaters II

Greg said okay, next on the agenda transfer of funds. \$884,617.12 from NLT Vision Trail to Headwaters II.

Todd made a motion to approve. Mike seconded the motion.

Citizen Comments (3 minutes)

Greg said next on the agenda would be citizens comments, have 3 minutes to speak your piece. Anyone interested? I don't hear anything. I see a lot of people shaking their heads no, so, I'll move on. Go around the council meeting. Anyone have anything to say, Scott, we'll start with you.

Scott Fisher

Scott said I just, I want to thank, start off with thanking Dave for his service over the years. It's, the county is much better with the service you've given over the years. It's greatly appreciated. Also wanted to mention the Losantville sewer project is complete. All the houses, all the businesses are connected. They're pumping all their discharge to Modoc in the treatment plant. And as far as I know, the Modoc portion is complete as well. So, that's been going on for about a year and a half now.

Bev said it's a great project.

Scott said it is completed and I think it's a wonderful thing that the county stepped in and helped with the connections there in the town of Losantville. Otherwise, I feel the town would have been several years trying to get all those residents connected. But, as of the first week of December, they are all connected now. That's all I have.

Todd Holaday

Todd said I just would like for David to do a walkthrough of what he mentioned yesterday in his council update when it's his turn to talk.

David said yep, I will.

Todd said and also, I'd like a reminder of what we are allowed to use Special LIT for. So, I was thinking it was to do with the emergency services, but I can be wrong.

David said I believe if you check in the Baker Tilly report, it spells out what it can and can't be used for. But, pretty much any building, can be used for.

Todd said about any building?

David said yep.

Todd said that's all.

Mike Stine

Greg said Mike?

Mike said I just want to thank Dave. He's given me a lot of guidance, this 3 years.

David said you're welcome.

Mike said that's all I've got.

Greg said for my part, I hope he's got a little guidance left.

David said 12 months yet. I'd be more than happy to help in any way I can.

Larry Preston

Greg said thank you. Larry?

Larry said well I want to thank Dave personally, for his guidance in council and other facets of life that I've been with him politically and socially. There's one question, I was in the back and I couldn't hear, was there a claim that the commissioners did not pass yesterday or am I dreaming something?

Laura said that wasn't really a claim. They talked about Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission.

Meeks said I think that's what he's talking about.

Larry said they voted that?

Laura said yeah.

Larry said that's all I have, thanks. Thanks Greg for hopping in the hot seat.

Greg said I appreciate the opportunity.

Beverly Fields

Bev said thank you, Dave.

David said you're welcome Bev.

Bev said and thank you Greg for stepping up.

Greg said you're welcome.

Bev said that's great. I would like to just, we each get this newsletter and I've been to the legislative conference different times in the past, and it's usually extremely beneficial. My problem is, I don't like to drive to Indianapolis by myself, but if anybody's going, I would be happy to register and go along. And it could be a 1 day. The evening is usually a meet and greet sort of a thing.

David said pretty much, yeah.

Bev said but the Saturday is usually pretty busy. I think it's usually held in Carmel if I'm not mistaken. Anyway, just an FYI.

David Lenkensdofer

Greg said thank you. David?

David said I'd also like to bring up this book that Bev was just talking about. There's a nice article in there about county councils on page 19. It's worth your read.

Laura said they've usually got good articles in that magazine.

David said they do. Very worthwhile. Back to Todd, I brought up to the county commissioners yesterday about our proposed projects for the next 18 to 24 months. And I just want to list them, and these are only ideas and recommendations from where the funding could come from. The first one would be the courthouse offices. You know, we're going to be starting out here, I think that they've got the, I believe, an engineering group.

Laura said working on it, yeah right now on the layout.

David said working on it right now. And I would recommend that come from Special LIT. The morgue project, I think, that's also in a process right now where they're moving forward.

Bev said what project did you say?

David said the morgue and ambulance department.

Bev said oh, yeah.

David said we could use that from Special LIT.

Todd said can you, do you have dollar amounts roughly, as you go?

David said I do, but you know, they're just pure.

Todd said I know, estimates.

David said estimates. Up to a half a million dollars on the courthouse. The morgue, up to a half a million. I think half a million is pretty close where the commissioners thought it would be with

all the engineering fees. Highway storage can come out of Special LIT. Juist a rough estimate, about 350. Airport can come out of Special LIT at a million dollars, max, not to exceed. I think I've got my ideas out there, how they can handle the you know, the proposed we saw had a hanger and an office attached to it. They already have a new hanger sitting right next to the old office out there. It's been just recently renovated. I think you can attach an office right to that.

Todd said well while you're on that subject, we have 700,000 plus coming back to us, do we not? 740,000 is what we loaned?

Greg said they didn't borrow it all.

Laura said yeah, they didn't borrow it all.

David said I don't know the final dollars amount.

Laura said I sent it out but I don't remember the exact figure, but it was not near what they had originally asked for.

Todd said okay.

David said I get courthouse security in here, Special LIT, 120,000. I don't know if, I think she was, the judge, Dowling, was working on a grant for that. So, but I still put it in there because it's still a project that we've got to, as county council, we're going to have to say yes or no to the grant or fund it somehow.

Bev said and how much?

David said 120,000 I think is what I was, and that's just for the upgrade of the entranceway and making it secure. That doesn't include the labor. But Special LIT can also be used for the labor part of it. The road at the stone quarry, I've got just estimated at 2 million. That could come from the Renewable Energies.

Bev said County Road 800, that project?

David said yes. And the jail renovation bond, we have received the 5 million dollars. It's in our bank account now to move forward. So, that'll be the bond that we all approved. Those totals equal about 9.5 million. We have enough money, I believe, to cover all those projects out of Special LIT and Renewables. And then naturally the bond. So, if there's any questions. And like I say, their recommendations or ideas. They're not, these aren't set in stone. So, we may have a different approach in a couple months that we may not know right now.

Todd said are we committed at this point, to any of these? I think we, on the morgue, have we already committed to that?

David said yes, we are.

Todd said and on the stone quarry road, I think we've committed part of it, the engineering or something, if not all of it yet?

David said right. The whole project has not been committed financially.

Todd said I'll be honest, I think we're still in the early phases.

David said we are. That's why I say we're looking up to 18 to 24 months from now to have all these projects completed.

Larry said I appreciate the list from Dave. For me, it's a list in case things get tighter in the future.

Bev said when they get tighter.

Greg said yeah.

Larry said at least we have something to go by.

Greg said but it'll be nice to get, in his time frame, it'll be nice to have, to get these projects done before the big squeeze comes to us.

David said that, we'll be pretty well under way on everything. Done with some, pretty well on the way with the others, so.

Bev said thank you.

David said anything else for me? That's all I have. Oh, Clyde did say if it's okay with us, he would be more than happy to serve.

Laura said good. We should be good on that. I'm sure Carol will be fine on the L & M, but I'll call her to make sure.

Greg said Meeks, do you have anything for us?

Meeks said I just want to say I could probably get the statute for the LIT and I sent it to you Todd. It's 6-3-6-7-19 is the Special LIT. It tells you what you can use it for. But basically, it's county facilities. And I believe you can use it for like courthouse security.

David said that's correct.

Meeks said cannot pay for work.

Greg said road to the courthouse.

Meeks said the road to the courthouse, no. The courthouse, yes.

Adjournment

Greg said okay.

Todd made a motion to adjourn. Mike seconded the motion. All aye votes. Meeting adjourned.

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