

Randolph County Council

November 4, 2025

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

Commissioner's update

David said Missy, would you like to come up and bring us a commissioner update? I think most of us were here, or close to them were there yesterday.

Missy said I think you all were too. This is going to be short and sweet, because I think it's a repeat of what happened yesterday and you can add in if you want. First, we need to announce to the community that we have, Gary Moore has accepted the EMS directorship and so he will be starting possibly even next week to get in and get going. I think he comes with very strong recommendations, is eager to get in and see what's going on and of course, with the new EMS station over in Farmland, he's been over looking at that. And he'll have a lot of help I know, in getting oriented. So, if you happen to be out somewhere and you're near one of those, stop in, take a look at those stations or maybe Gary might be there. So, we feel like he's a good hire, and we had to do a little negotiations. Comes with a lot of years of experience, so that's really good. That's really about all that I have that everybody didn't hear yesterday or that you're going to hear today, a great presentation from our Raz 32 administrators and coordinators. One thing that was announced yesterday that even I didn't know about, so that's okay, the highway department has asked to use the old county barn for this winter to put lawn mowers and equipment in, about 27 pieces he said. And so, that will be occupied this winter with that. Just kind of an overflow, so nothing has to set out in the bad weather. And then there is progress on building another, I call it a pole barn, and they really came up with some good ideas. Rather than doing a 100 by 80 or 100 by 100, they mentioned they want something longer and narrower so they can have exits out on each, have doors on each side. So, I know Jay and everybody else is going to be working on that. Joseph is here to talk about our EMS cameras at both of our stations, how those should be set up and working. Chris Shaneyfelt will be up to talk about a grant application, and he's seeking more employees. That's a tough job to stay in the dark and work all kinds of hours and on swing shift some. So, anything else you have that, I think it's, everybody was here, so if I've missed anything, I apologize.

David said thanks Missy. Chris, would you like to come up?

Chris Shaneyfelt said good morning. Chris Shaneyfelt, Randolph County 911, Randolph County EMA. First item of business that you should have is paperwork for a grant application for the 2025 EMPG salary reimbursement. It is for \$18,000.00, which is a portion of my salary. They go up to 50%, depending on the pay, but we're beyond that. So, it's less than 50%. But it's just, at the end of the year, I'll submit paperwork to show that I worked all year and then they'll reimburse it.

David said okay. Any questions for Chris on that? I have the application here like Chris says, for \$18,000. Our match is 23,975. That meets requirements. If no questions, I'd entertain a motion.

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

David said I'm the only one to sign this. Okay, go ahead Chris. What else have you got?

Chris Shaneyfelt said the other thing is just keeping you guys up to date on the 911 Center. I presented to the commissioners yesterday that I had an employee resign. She gave her 2-weeks' notice a week ago and we had another one that left in October. So, at this point in time, I'm down 4 people. I have one that's still in training that we're moving to 2nd shift. She's already been moved. She's going to be assigned to a trainer and while she's not completely released, she's proficient enough that we feel that we can go ahead and let her work just with a trainer instead of having 3 people in the room. She'll complete her EMD next week I believe, and then she'll be able to answer the 911 calls as well. And then we have another gentleman that starts tomorrow. He's brand new, doesn't know anything about the emergency services field so, I mean while we have him, that'll bump us down to 3 full time openings. But I mean, we really can't count on him for anything because he doesn't have any training or background in this field. And then I have an employee that will be going on medical leave due to an illness, and she's going to have to have surgery. She's optimistic about being off for 2 weeks. I don't know about that. That seems a little quick for me, but we'll see where that goes. But, that's pretty much where we're at right now. So, we're still down quite a bit, in moving along.

David said okay. I assume you have it advertised for employment?

Chris Shaneyfelt said yeah. After this, the other day when I was working up in dispatch, I created a video, went on line and created a video, went and put it into our social media, but it's posted in the jail, it's posted over here in the courthouse. It's on linked in. So, it's out there. And with the video, we received 2 interests and then we've had one guy return an application. So, somebody's replied off of it and shown an interest so, hopefully it'll continue to work. We'll work on boosting it a little bit and push it some more.

David said okay, great. Any questions for Chris?

Todd said I can't remember from the budget, how many people are on the team?

Chris Shaneyfelt said if you count me as full time, then it's 12.

Todd said and how many work 1st shift?

Chris Shaneyfelt said minimum, two.

David said any other questions anyone for Chris? Okay, thanks Chris.

Rolland Abraham, Adrian Moulton, Neal Adams – Raz 32 update

David said okay, Raz 32 update.

Neal Adams said okay, we appreciate your time today. Neal Adams, superintendent at Randolph Eastern, Rolland Abraham, Randolph Central, Adrian Moulton, Monroe Central and then Jo Ann McCowan, our executive director. So, we won't try to bore you too much today, because I think some of you saw it yesterday when you were in the building and in the meeting with the commissioners, but I think it's good to get in front of you to show where the money was invested and where we're heading and what we are still planning on doing. Okay, so our founding partners was our 3 school corporations. Ivy Tech started this operation about 2 years ago I believe is where we were at with the process. Our support and community stakeholders, obviously, the commissioners and the council, Reid Health, Vision Corner, our service center that services our region for education Empower Schools our expert partner provides us some support and some national resources. Basically, why did we start Raz? Because we're all small school corporations and we're not the size of Fishers and Carmel's and Ft. Wayne's. But we still have some valuable programs that each of us have that we can offer to each other and provide opportunities for kids, and kind of pool our resources so that we all aren't doing everything, because we all can't do everything. We all know with budgets and money tightening, we try to get every ounce out of every penny that we can. So, we all have small CT enrollments. So, some of those programs that we're going to talk about are expensive. So, if we can increase enrollments across our area, and that'll help us offset and lower the cost per child, which is, and provide opportunities for kids. Staff shortages, as you've probably heard, you just heard, it's hard to find workers in today's world, especially with teachers. So, if we all were looking for welding teachers, those are hard to come by, or medical teachers or early childhood teachers, whatever it may be. So, if we can find one program for one school and share kids, that limits the number of teachers that we have to have. And obviously, in Randolph County, we know that we have a lot of poverty here in there in pockets and 62% of our kids are on free and reduced lunch. So, finding those opportunities for those kids to lift themselves out of poverty is huge. We have 45% of our students in our district that are Hispanic. And we also have a growing EL population across the county, which is English, language learners. And we also have an opportunity to reduce the time on a bus going from, at least from my spot in our county, it's over 40 plus minutes to an hour to the Career Center, which is a lot of wasted educational time, or a kid's getting on a bus at 6:15 in the morning. So, that's a quick overview of the why. Then we'll let Mr. Moulton talk a little bit.

Adrian Moulton said so, last year was our implementation year, first year that we really tried to get this started. We already had a few programs going, others that were just in their infancy. So, good first year. So, at Monroe Central, the programs that we offered last year were our early childhood education and our precision agriculture, the drone technology. So, those are 2 programs that we offered as part of the Raz program last year. Then at Randolph Central,

Winchester Community High School, outstanding welding program. Got kids starting to get involved in that and then they have the precision machining program. And then at Randolph Eastern, Union City High School, the medical assisting program partnered closely with Reid, really increased their technology over there. State of the art equipment, something that we all wish we had, but we can't offer that to every small school that asked for that kind of outlay. So, they were able to invest in Vision Corner, put it there in Union City and now hopefully, all of our kids will be able to get the benefit of that. Marketing and sales and then media productions, all programs that were offered last year as part of this shared collaborative between the 3 school corporations. So, as the diploma requirements change, a lot of things have changed and will continue to change as we look at getting graduates through. One of the things you're going to hear a lot about are these pathways or real world experiences. So, this is beyond just thinking about whether I'm going to college or not. So, some of the potential tracks that work base learning is opportunities you have through Raz are school-based enterprises, employee work base learning, or apprenticeships. So, last year we were able to offer 2 apprenticeships through Raz programs. One of those was the medical assisting apprenticeship, and that's over at Randolph Eastern as we said, and that's provided through Reid Hospital. And then at Monroe Central, we have the early childhood apprenticeship and we have several employee partners that are a part of that apprenticeship. Mr. Abraham?

Rolland Abraham said in terms of our participating schools, obviously, we have the 3 founding school corporations, Monroe Central, Randolph Central and Randolph Eastern. And those obviously, were the ones that created Raz 32, and we are also what we call member schools. In other words, we're full member schools. And then this year we brought in Liberty Perry, Northeastern and Randolph Southern. They are participating schools. And the only distinction there really is the member schools have a vote at the table, the participating schools can send kids to a host school or a member school for a program, but a participating school can become a member school by simply offering a high value CTE program with empty slots they could open up to the other schools. So, that's really all it takes for that to happen. And we have an application process to do that. One program that's coming on line would be CDL, that's ours, but one of those member schools could do, choose another, or participating schools could choose another area that's unique and then they could come in as a full member school. Alright, obviously, some of the big issues that we have to deal with is transportation, and that's a huge cost that the county has helped us to offset. So, obviously, we offer transportation in the morning for kids to travel to these programs from whatever school they are in. And our executive director did a masterful job organizing that and making that work smoothly. Obviously, collaborating schools, there's all kinds of procedures. Every school has different procedures and processes. So, kind of making those uniform and working together so that everybody knows what's going on in terms of signing kids up and the process of doing that and actually, kind of also, as I move forward here, coordinating the marketing, the teachers, getting those kids in front of the teacher of that course the year before they take the course, so they can see if that's something they want to do. And all that takes scheduling and kind of behind the scenes person who's you know, very detail-oriented. Obviously, Raz 32 teacher resources and professional development, Raz 32 is involved. We've got a new precision machining teacher and we're sending that instructor actually to North Carolina for training and Raz 32 is a big part of that in helping to fund that. And then obviously, work base learning activities, apprenticeships and all those sort of things, somebody has got to be in the trenches, making that happen, and Jo Ann has been great in

helping us make that happen. There's a lot behind the scenes in terms of training plans and meeting all the Department of Labor requirements and she's actually probably one of the experts in the State of Indiana about that. Also, now we want to talk about some base line performance. So, if we go to the next slide there, you can see in year one, that was last year, we had 16 shared students. So, that was 16 students that were taking a CT program that was not in their home school. So, they were taking it out somewhere else is where they were taking that program. 14 of those kids actually completed that program. We had a total of 81 Raz 32 block students. In other words, that would be the kids that were taking like my kids that are welding and precision machining that were in my building doing that, so that includes all the ones that are in those programs. 74% of those were completers. You can see 83% of these kids got at least 9 duo credits in a pathway. Postsecondary credential, 82% of them got a postsecondary credential and 16 of them were in a workplace learning participation of some sort. So, if you go on, this is the current year, so, obviously, we knew that kids had to experience this before it would really take off. So, those 16 kids experienced it and started talking to all the other kids. And so, we actually have 60 shared kids now. So, there are 60 kids in Raz 32 that are taking a CTE program somewhere other than their home school. So, that's a big deal, from 16 to 60. So, you can see there that 44 students, that's a 44-student increase. All of the shared pathways have at least one. Some of them, you know, like welding is one where you get a lot of kids, medical careers, early childhood, you're going to see a lot of kids in those programs. But other programs we need to offer, but there's just not going to be, precision machining would be one, precision Ag is a really specialized area, so you probably won't see as many there. That could grow, but you probably won't see as many in that program. And then you've got, so our total Raz 32 enrollment shared and home school enrollments for first semester, do we know that number yet?

Jo Ann McCowan said we don't know that number yet until they report here at the end of the first semester and then we'll know. It'll be much greater than 88.

Rolland Abraham said now if you look at all 6 of those schools that are involved now, you know, we've got a 40% reduced lunch rate, 22% of the kids have a special education needs, 12% of those kids are English language learners, 20% of them are Hispanic, 80% white. Now this year, 71% of those are juniors that are participating, 19% seniors. That'll change next year. That'll shift more towards the senior side. That number should go up a little bit. Now, our goal for district participation is at least 15% of your junior class. So, you can see where we're at, Monroe Central is leading the pack there at 25%, Union City 22, Winchester, 22, Northeastern, 18, 10% for Randolph Southern, and 3% from Wapahani. So, we're getting a lot of good participation across all 6 schools.

Jo Ann McCowan said okay. Just so you know, I'm more of a coordinator than an executive director. They just say that to irritate me, and they've done a good job. They've all said it. But to kind of explain about the new diploma and why Raz 32 is really important for your county and for the region is that under the new diploma, you can see there on the screen, there are 3 different seals. They want students to graduate either under enrollment seal, employment seal or an enlistment seal. Enrollment seal is really the kids that you're still preparing for that 4-year university experience. The employment seal is really where the bulk of the kids that are looking at in Indiana will graduate. And under those different seals, they require something called a credential value. These aren't random duo credits. In fact, they are specific certifications or

technical certifications from Ivy Tech or Associates degrees. They're really wanting students to graduate high school holding that credential value and being able to say to an employer, I also have work experience in this area. So, that they're coming out and they're better prepared to enter the workforce or to decide, I want additional training, because I have real experience in this area. So, those seals are really what is driving Raz32 to build our programs out to meet both of those requirements so that we are preparing our students in the region in a more appropriate way versus everybody is going to college. This is about everybody understands the careers available to them and they have the option for the training. If they didn't share these programs those students would only be limited to what's in their current high school or what's in an Area Career Center. Please understand, we are not trying to put Area Career Centers out of business. In fact, we need those. But the problem is with the change in the diploma the capacity the Career Centers are going to be able to provide is going to become more limited. So, more schools really need to follow what Raz 32 is doing in order to provide those opportunities to students throughout different areas throughout Indiana alone. So, that's all my spiel.

Adrian Moulton said okay, so, moving to this school year and the programs that we're offering, what are you getting from these? What are the outcomes that we're looking at? So, obviously, you know, as we look at these programs, and I talked about this yesterday with the commissioners, we all want to offer the best we can, everything we can for our students. We simply, as Neal started out with, we just simply cannot offer everything as a school corporation. So, what we're trying to do, each one of us, is we're trying to pick 2, 3, 4 programs that we can really focus our energies on and make those high-quality programs, versus quantity. We're just simply not going to be able to do that as a small rural school corporation. So, really focus on quality over number of programs. And by having outstanding programs in other school corporations, I can look through our kids, our counsellors will look through our kids and say hey, there's what we have here, but if you really want to do medical, or if you really want to be a welder, I'm going to probably have to send you over to Randolph Central or Randolph Eastern, or some of these other schools. That's the idea behind it. So, at Monroe Central, the early childhood program, some of the outcomes that we've talked about, Ivy Tech certification, you can get your CDA, US Department of Labor, early childhood educators' certificate. Key titles, I mean, what are these kids going to do when they graduate? Well, they may not do any of these things, but hopefully, this program will lead them into being a childcare educator, maybe a daycare operator, maybe a pre-school or Head Start teacher, or maybe it's just the launching pad for them to get into becoming a teacher. Maybe they want to become an elementary teacher and this simply gets them started. So, those are some of the outcomes on the pre-school side of things, early childhood. Precision ag, these are your drones. These are kids that get involved in ag and each one of us have ag and will continue to have ag at our school. But if you want to get really specific or zero in on a certain type of agriculture, precision ag, the drone technology taking off at Monroe Central. We're really proud of this program. Got an outstanding instructor, that's really, we're seeing good things here. But you can get an FFA remote pilot certification through this program. They can leave high school with that in their hand. They can earn Ivy Tech credit. We're working on this work base learning experience 150 hours, but what are they going to do with a drone license? What could you go out and do? Well, I mean, we know people that work in real estate companies, construction businesses, photography, all different types, not just agriculture that these kids can go out and use that drone license, make some money and lead on to devoted careers. Okay, so, at Randolph Eastern, I'm sorry, Randolph Central, obviously,

the welding program, outstanding welding program. We've heard about this for years. Mr. Abraham has built this thing out. It's high quality program. I talked about it yesterday, but we have a welding program at the MAC. Sent a lot of kids on our side of the county to the Career Center, but really, when you compare the two programs, this is high, high quality. And we're seeing more of our kids when they compare the two say I want to go in that direction. So, what are these kids getting? They're getting an Ivy Tech certification, American Society of Welding, entry level welding certification, OSHA certification. Obviously, you know that we're in desperate need of welders. So, all kinds of employment opportunities once they get out of high school and launch into this area. And at precision machining, same type of thing, Ivy Tech certification, Ivy Tech duo credits. Machine operators, tool and die maker. Several regional employers that Mr. Abraham and his crew are working with to hook these kids up with a career. So, and then finally, Randolph Eastern, the medical assistant program, obviously Reid's a huge partner with this. These kids are leaving with Ivy Tech certification, a CCMA, going out, obviously, some of these kids will go right into the workforce, lot of these kids will go on to postsecondary education, go on and work to their RN or other types of nursing fields possibly, then get into a doctorate, whatnot. Marketing and sales, Ivy Tech certification, real world experience through Apache design program that they've had at Randolph Eastern for years. All kinds of different career titles, employees, employers that they're working with at Randolph Eastern on the marketing and sales sign. And then finally, we have the media productions. Kiss TV, been around for a long time, sent kids there years ago as a high school principal. Good, high quality program, several regional partners and again, we're waking this up and making this as part of our Raz program officially you know, developing their partnerships in schools.

Rolland Abraham said alright, well we know we can't be stagnant, so we're always looking forward and especially we'll be working with those 3 participating schools that came in this year. And there're some options down at the bottom there, the banking option apprenticeship, construction, electrical training, you know, millwrights and flooring people, computer sciences. We are looking also, towards some sort of maybe, some sort of shared capstone workplace learning agriculture program. We all have ag programs, but we don't have really, nobody really has a great capstone for that either. And so, obviously, we're looking towards those future programs and developing those as we move forward. One that will be added, it's already been approved as a Raz 32 program, now we've been Randolph Central has been training bus drivers for 15 years. In the last two years, we've taken on adults and started training local workforce. And so, that's been pretty extensive. And so now, we're moving that into our high school. So, last year, we started it in January and we had 6 kids that got through that program and graduated with a CDL. This year, it's not officially a Raz 32 program. We kind of have a process where kids, we've got to be able to push it out to kids and recruit kids for that program. But we're operating it this year and some of the schools sent the kids already, and there's 12 kids in that program. So, next year, it will officially become a Raz 32 program and we'll offer that across the board for everybody. And they basically graduate with a CDL class A. Now, they're 18, so they can't go across state lines, but they can drive with a class A CDL in the state of Indiana. So, we have one semi. I'll just throw this out there. Didn't mention this yesterday, but I'm going to need another one, so I might be back someday to ask for help in buying another semi because we're going to need at least two. I've got instructors. But anyway, I'm just throwing that out there.

Jo Ann McCowan said if you want to know more about the different programs and how we operate, you can go out to Raz32.com. We do have our own website. It is up to date and so information is there both from students and employers. We do have a section called partner today, hire tomorrow. But we are actually asking for employers who are interested in knowing more about us and how can they support a various school or program that they can actually send us information and we'll respond back out to them. The other area that we're involved in is something called, it's the Carnegie Foundation future of high school network. There were 700 schools across the United States that Carnegie Foundation approached and asked to, would you want to be a part of this network. And what this is, is they're looking at a way to change the high school experience. 25 schools were chosen out of that 700 and we were in fact, a program that they wanted to look closer at. They wanted to understand how sharing CTE programs and building out credentials of value and work base learning, how can you do that, and how can you build some of that into competencies? And so, we are part of that. It does come with \$100,000.00 over the course of two years, but most of that to be honest, is spent on us going twice a year to Stanford University to where Carnegie Foundation is located, to share and meet with other schools. We do meet monthly with them, all the time, it seems. But we learn a lot. I mean, we're learning from other schools how they're doing things that we haven't thought of and we're sharing with them what we're doing as well. That includes forms, not just ideas and strategies, but there's quite a bit of information to share and process. So, Raz 32 is part of that this current year and the next school year moving forward.

Rolland Abraham said one thing that's really cool about that is the end result of that Carnegie Foundation, the research study that they're doing, is recommendations to high schools all across the state. I mean, I'm sorry, all across the nation. And so, it's cool that we're a part of that development and that what we're doing is going to have an impact on that. So, anyway, so, in terms of cost sharing, this is one thing that we knew right off the bat, we needed to tackle the issue of longevity. How do we keep Raz 32 engaged? The executive director's position is key because all the things that we couldn't get done when we were trying to share programs before, it just kind of lights a fire under that, and gets it done, and gets it done effectively and well by a neutral party, so that, somebody is promoting all schools equally. You know what I mean? So, that's kind of cool. So, in terms of cost sharing one thing that we came to, obviously, when you send a kid to a host school, there's a cost to that host school. And we've always paid the Muncie Area Career Center when we sent a kid there, and so, that cost is \$2,500.00. And that really helps the host school. Like, I've got two welding instructors, but I can't really fill all those seats by myself. So that really helps me to you know, in terms of cost per student that Neal mentioned earlier. So, I've got \$2,500.00, that host school then turns around and gives 800 of that back to Raz 32. So, the host school ends up with \$1,700.00, Raz 32 gets \$800.00 per student. So, that's a significant chunk. If you talk about 60 kids times \$800.00 apiece, then you're starting to generate some revenue back towards Raz 32 and the expenses that are associated with that. So, that's the model that we've established. Our annual budge is about \$200,000.00. And so, the ask that we came to, obviously, to, and we want to thank you for, you know, getting this off the ground. I mean literally, we couldn't have done it without the county. I mean you helped us get this off the ground and I think the first year was 235,000, second year 225. I might have those backwards, but it's something to that affect. So, that was almost half a million dollars over two years. I mean that's pretty amazing. And we tell people that and they're just shocked. I just want you to know we really appreciate that. So, in terms of looking forward, we're asking for

\$240,000 over the year 3 and year 4. And we want to spend that money for the student facing services. In other words, the transportation, that's right there 70 to \$80,000? Getting kids to the right schools. Our CT pathways supplies and materials. Some of these programs have extensive cost to make that happen. And I run the welding and precision machining, so welding rod and steel, that's expensive stuff. Teacher and training, that'll be an ongoing need. It changes every year, but that will be an ongoing need. Industry certification, examination cost for kids, and then student support services as well. So, that is the ask, a \$120,000.00 for year 3 and year 4. And I think like we mentioned yesterday, we would need that in June of 2026 and June of 2027, would be when we need it. Is that accurate?

Jo Ann McCowan said uh huh.

Rolland Abraham said and you guys, a lot of you were here and saw what the commissioners did. I don't know how all this works, if you have to prove it too, or how that works. But we want to thank you for your support and all that you've done for the kids.

Adrian Moulton said yeah, so, again, like Rolland said, this would not have happened without total cooperation throughout the county, not just amongst the school leaders, but our business partners, and obviously, from you guys, our local government leaders. So, we, this has been a really unique opportunity for somebody that's been in education for a long, long time. It's given me a chance and these guys a chance to do a few things that I'd never thought I would be able to do. We've presented at several conferences. We were invited by the Secretary of Education to present to the State Board of Ed last winter, which is pretty awesome opportunity, and we sang your guys' praises. You need to know that. We, and like Rolland said, they were blown away. They were like really, your council is, your government is supporting this and yes, I mean we are all in this together. There's, if you know Pat Mapes, he's a former Randolph County resident. He sits on that board and it was great to see his face light up when we walked in and we started talking about the great things that are going on in Randolph County. So, you guys need to be proud of this. I mean, these are your kids. These are hopefully our future, you know, wage earners and workers and hospital workers and everything else, and teachers. So, we want to invest in them, and you have, and we certainly appreciate it. We think this is a great program that can just simply get better and better.

David said any questions for them?

Greg said yes, I have some. You said you belonged, you're going to belong, end up belonging to the Carnegie Foundation two years?

Jo Ann McCowan said we already are.

Greg said yeah. Is that going to continue after two years or is that over?

Jo Ann McCowan said it's a research study and so their intentions are to conclude that at the end of those two years and basically, produce a report for high schools across the United States, stating here are some models for changing the face of high school, rather than sit and get in a classroom. What are some other ways that students can learn outside the classroom walls?

Greg said so, you guys won't have that interaction every month that you're having now with all the schools all across the United States?

Neal Adams said I think it will continue just because we've already made some great connections with schools from West Virginia and.

Greg said I can see that being very valuable.

Neal Adams said oh yeah, the network that we're establishing is huge. It may not be directly Carnegie leading it, but I think the network of schools that we're already meeting with in those meetings is just going to continue because they need resource partners as well.

Greg said and you say the money you're asking for is mostly for transportation, Rolland?

Rolland Abraham said yes. Well, student facing needs, so transportation, yeah, that's going to be 70 to \$80,000.00 each year of the two years. But then a lot of it too, is student certifications. We do want to kind of help support these programs in terms of supplies that are, you know, mean equipment, I'm talking about supplies that are consumable, because those costs are pretty intense, and there're some things that happened at the state level in terms of supply cost. We don't get those from parents anymore, you know, and I could go into that, my frustrations there.

Jo Ann McCowan said welding rods and gases are extremely expensive.

Greg said well yeah, yeah.

Rolland Abraham said and some of these other programs too, even the medical careers. I mean, you open a package of something, you know, it can't be used again.

Greg said how is, you have a different number of students from each school going here and there, does each school reimburse for that or how is that, how are these students paid to get to have these programs? I'm not understanding. I'm not understanding that.

Rolland Abraham said yeah, so a host school, the sending school pays the host school \$2,500.00.

Greg said okay.

Rolland Abraham said then of that 2,500, 800 goes back to Raz 32 for Raz 32 expenses. So, the host school ends up with \$1,700.00 is what they receive for educating that student in that CTE program.

Greg said okay.

Jo Ann McCowan said and there's also state reimbursement. If I put a student in welding as the home school, I'm getting X number of dollars from basically, the state. They're paying me, that gives me additional money to pay that host school for serving that student. And that's always

been, that's kind of been in place for the last 20 years, and that's how your career centers function.

Greg said okay. So, is it the same cost for like your schools that are not certified or whatever criteria you need to be a Raz 32?

Rolland Abraham said yeah, they're paying the same thing, same amount.

Greg said the same amount? I didn't know if it would be the same or more.

Rolland Abraham said yeah, we decided to keep that the same. I don't know if you, because you know, the previous discussion, we were charged at one point in the welding program, I was charging the out of county school differently than I was charging the in-county schools. But we really came to the conclusion that, even the out of county schools sending their kids to our Raz 32 schools, that's strengthening the program because that's paying for seats that we wouldn't have filled ourselves.

Greg said yeah, that was my next question because I can remember yesterday you said you had two from Jay County.

Rolland Abraham said yeah. So, that's strengthening the program in terms of longevity and paying our instructors, because, especially in like welding, I've got two instructors, CDL I've got two instructors. So, having those seats filled really helps us financially in terms of local Raz 32 schools.

Jo Ann McCowan said it also helps those local employers where that school is actually located, because when they do the work based on placements, they're not placing the student that's coming from, you know, Fountain City in a Winchester position, unless that student wants it. They're placing him back where that student goes to the home school. So, it's really kind of a win/win for where that school is located and where those employers are located as well, for the different career fields.

David said the transportation cost, who assumes the transportation for participating fees? Is that that school?

Jo Ann McCowan said no, the participating schools that are out of county, they have to.

David said supply their own?

Jo Ann McCowan said yes, they do. Raz 32 is only funding transportation for the students within Randolph County.

Todd said thanks. That was the question I had too. Has there been any movement from Union Township to participate? And what about students that live in that township that would like to participate in these programs, but their school isn't a member school?

Jo Ann McCowan said are you talking about Union?

Todd said yes.

Jo Ann McCowan said they were approached. We met with them and offered them the opportunity to come on board with Raz 32 last November. They didn't feel that they needed to, that they were going to continue to work with the New Castle Career Center, and so they chose not to participate. But they were offered that opportunity.

Todd said I knew that. I guess I was thinking more about the students that live in that school district. Do they have an option if they want to participate in these programs?

Adrian Moulton said well, yeah, if they attend, one of our, I mean, if they're an out of district student that attends Monroe Central or Randolph Central, then.

Todd said so if they go to Union, they would not be able to participate?

Adrian Moulton said at this point, we do not have that arrangement with them.

Rolland Abraham said you know, I'll just say this. Like I mentioned yesterday, I have two Jay County's, the Jay County is not a member school. But there was just a conversation between me and the superintendent and we talked it through and I said this is what it'll cost you, but this is what you'll get reimbursed back from the state, and he said yeah, we'll send them. So, it would be informal.

Todd said yeah, it's a possibility there would be appreciated, yeah.

Rolland Abraham said it would be informal.

Todd said the funding from this over the last two years came from where? Was that from Windfarm?

Laura said Wind, I think.

Todd said and that's one of the reasons I asked about Union Township because a large portion of the Windfarm money comes from Union Township, and yet Union Township, you know, the southwestern block of the county doesn't participate in the program.

Scott said you actually have 3 council members here that live in Union Township. So, to approve a couple hundred thousand dollars and leave a portion of that county out would be.

Neal Adams said it's a choice by.

Bev said Union.

Rolland Abraham said well, if it makes you feel any better, I've got some kids along Union City Pike that, they approached my school board and asked us to pick them up. So, we, I've got kids along Union City Pike that come to our school and they participate.

Adrian Moulton said we do as well.

Bev said and I'm personally, I know a student who lived in Union Township, but chose then because of the programs, to enroll in Monroe Central. Through Monroe Central, he was able to obtain you know, the program benefits.

Scott said well, I know that Union has had a deal with the Henry County or the New Castle Career Center for 40 plus years, maybe 50 years.

Greg said you're 50 plus because it was available when I was there.

Scott said it's 50 plus year, so, I don't know, maybe they can be approached again.

Jo Ann McCowan said we could do that.

Todd said I think there are certain polls that could you know, New Castle might not feel that we're filling here and there should be some flexibility. That's all I'm asking for is some flexibility with that particular part of the county, just because it's a whole county thing when we're all paying for it.

Jo Ann McCowan said we can reach back out to them and see. Like I said, several phone calls, a couple of zooms and actually went and met with them in person to talk to them about they can still keep the career centers. Please understand, we're not trying to interfere with that. But if they are at capacity, or it's a program that they don't offer or the program is closer, that's the whole point of Raz, is it's another option. It's not the option, only option, because all of these schools can still send to a career center. I work a lot with Mackenzie Jackson over at New Castle and they've got some really good programs. But that was their decision. They simply said they wanted to stay working with New Castle or within their own venues I think, Admented software for some career that they do.

Bev said and that was the school board then, that made that decision?

Jo Ann McCowan said I met with the superintendent.

Bev said superintendent.

Jo Ann McCowan said I met the superintendent and the high school principal and asked if they would take it on to their board. And they just didn't feel like they were ready, and so, that was, we just respected that decision.

Bev said interesting.

Rolland Abraham said I said Union City Pike. I didn't mean that. Oh, what's the road that goes out there.

Todd said Huntsville.

Rolland Abraham said Huntsville Pike, yeah, sorry.

Jo Ann McCowan said I have to say early on, the superintendents when we first started working on Raz, we felt that we needed to make certain that, because it was funded through the commission and council, that all Randolph County Schools were invited to participate. That was clear from the beginning. And so, discussions started with Donnie Bousman over at Randolph Southern and as well as with Modoc. We started those discussions early on in talking about how the arrangements would work and we actually put together an agreement that they had input into. We really wanted to make certain that happened before we ever worked with Wapahani or we worked with Northeastern. Those came on later. We all know Aaron Black and he's sitting just down the way on State Road 32, so it just made sense that they were permitted to come on board as well.

Bev said that's good to know.

Jo Ann McCowan said yeah, we did not, that was one of the very first things that happened in this discussion.

David said I think the commissioners yesterday granted or approved 120,000 from their EDIT funds. Is that correct?

Laura said actually the whole amount, 240,000.

David said per year.

Laura said 120,000 per year.

David said which, it'll all be coming out of Windfarm. So, that's really their call. I mean we can approve what they done, okay, but they have the final say on that financial. I've got to caution one thing. EDIT may be going away next year because of SB1.

Scott said he made the comment that it would only be for the next 2 years. Isn't that correct? The commissioners said they could only fund it for 2 years?

Meeks said yeah, EDIT funding will go. EDIT funds under the current law, goes away in 2 years.

Scott said 2 years.

Meek said so, their approval was for the next 2 years, \$120,000.00 a year. There's nothing for you guys to approve or disapprove today, as to the funding part of it. But when the appropriation comes in next year, then you'd have to approve that appropriation.

Greg said speaking along that same line, do you guys expect in the next 2 years to be self-sufficient then, more or less?

Rolland Abraham said I don't know if we can get there in 2 more years, to be honest with you. I don't know. The cost of, well and you guys all know what happened with SB1.

Greg said yeah, yeah, we're.

Rolland Abraham said it's brutal for schools. I don't, I don't know what the future looks like.

Bev said and for county government too.

Larry said brutal for everybody.

Jo Ann McCowan said we're trying really hard to streamline cost and reduce down. We did some reductions just this last year to try to get that operating budget as small as we can. And then we've looked externally to look at grant funding, and that's why we participated when the Carnegie Foundation approached us, because some of that money can go to student services. But we tried really hard to reduce those costs down. But we want to be able to help a student who maybe needs some support with purchasing equipment and we want to be able to pay for teacher PD and we want to be able to get 10,000 to welding or you know, medical assisting to purchase the things, consumables they need to operate that program. So, we've tried to keep those real small and if we can, the better streamline we've become on the marketing and the enrollment and the registration and the tracking, and the support to teachers, because I'll be honest, I'm in schools all the time meeting with these teachers. That part's going to get better. Hopefully, those teachers stay in place. And so, maybe we can reduce it further by reducing the kind of support that's needed to operate it. So, that's what we're trying to do, streamline processes, procedures, so they become so routine that you can get the amount smaller and smaller to operate Raz 32. That's where we're trying to go, so that it lasts as long as it's needed.

Greg said do you guys see in the future then, being self-sufficient?

Rolland Abraham said well that, yeah.

Greg said I know that's your goal.

Rolland Abraham said that's our absolutely, that's our goal, how quickly we can get there. You know, a significant cost which was a vital need early on was empower schools. I mean, I don't know if you remember that budget, but they were, I forget what the budget was for them last year but, and that was, they were needed. That was not wasted money. But from this point forward, they have to pay their own way. In other words, if they can get grant dollars that covers their cost and plus, then we'll keep them on board. Otherwise, we will not be, you know, paying them

anything. So, yeah, I think we've got to work to get there and want to go back to the drawing. We felt like the cost-sharing model was a big step forward. For us to generate that kind of money was a huge step forward and so there's other things that we are going to have to look toward, especially with transportation. That's our biggest fear. Those transportation costs are pretty intense. So, we'll have to work at it.

Neal Adams said I'd also say that we've talked about, hopefully as time goes, like Reid Health has given a financial investment into our program that maybe other businesses, if they see the benefit, like they're going to start getting employees to start replacing their retirees, that maybe they'll give just a little bit and that'll help as well. So, we all have a little bit of skin in the game. So, we're not just all responsible for everything, we can have a great multi-sector collaboration.

Greg said yeah, that would help.

Neal Adams said I think once businesses can see that, because sometimes businesses, I think, they want that immediate success because they want that employee now, but hopefully, over time, if we can get them in there and they can start retaining those people and get them right out of school and start building up, they'll see that's a great pipeline for them.

Todd said for what it's worth, I thought your presentation was great. You gave a lot of, you gave us the numbers, I've been, was very interested to hear how many people were participating and where they were coming from, and what kinds of certificates you were offering and your budget seems really reasonable. And the website that you guys advertise, I took a look, it looked great. Just looks like you've done a really good job to me, just my opinion.

Greg said I agree.

Bev said I agree.

Adrian Moulton said we have an outstanding executive director.

Jo Ann McCowan said I actually work for the East Central Education Service Center. That's who I work for. But then I work for these 3 gentlemen.

David said well, any other questions for these people? I would like to maybe get a recommendation in support of it from the County Council. I know we don't have a financial in until next year to say okay or not. But I would like to definitely support this program.

Greg made a motion to approve. Bev seconded the motion.

David said it's been moved and a second, we support Raz 32 going forward. All in favor?

All aye votes. Motion carried.

David said there you go guys. Thanks for coming in.

Mike Stults – Leap IT update

Mike Stults said good morning. My name is Mike Stults. I'm the director of Client Success at Leap Managed I.T. My roll is to make sure that you guys getting all the support that you need, you're paying for, and we're providing you the services that you deserve. I meet quarterly with Laura to talk through what's going on in the county, to make fun of Joey, to do everything that we're supposed to do to make sure that everybody is getting the services that they deserve. So, Joey is in those meetings as well, and you guys all know Joey. It was mentioned already before I came up here that everyone has met Joey and knows what's going on with him. He is a great service for you guys, one of our best employees, can't ask for a better guy. He bought a house recently here in the county, so, he loves it being around you guys. So, what I wanted to do today, Laura mentioned to me that you guys wanted us to come and present some information to you. So, I put together a small agenda of items to just kind of go over, and then open the floor for questions about what you guys wanted to discuss, and any other things I need to bring for the next meeting to follow up with. So, in my packet here, the two major things that we always want to talk about is security and satisfaction, making sure that you guys are protected and that people are getting the service that they deserve, right. So, starting off, I wanted to just show you since we've never been in front of you before, the total number of tickets that we've done since we started with you guys, is 3,750 with a total hours of 4,905, almost 6 there with an average of about 130 hours, 129 hours a month of time that we're putting against Randolph County and all the services that we provide to you guys. With those numbers, so the next 4 pages is our CrewHu. So, this is our customer satisfaction score that we have. For the amount of users that you guys have, the amount of interaction that we get is fantastic. I've got other counties and other situations with the same number of users, we do not get as many people. Your users are vocal, which we appreciate. It is a thing that we like to see. We want to make sure that we're providing you guys the services. All of these surveys, I get and all the management gets, every single survey. My email is flooded everyday with these showing us how great we're doing and, in some cases, goods or bads. And we deal with those and I'll talk through that. The satisfaction score for 90 days is as far out as I can pull the report, was 94.12%. So, 52 responses across the tickets, one good, one bad. With those goods and bads, we have a process in place of good rating. We react to that where our dispatch team is reaching out to that end user and saying what could we have done to make it great. They're reviewing that ticket. They're taking a look at it, trying to figure out what was the problem, how can we make it great, what did we not do right to fix that? And if it's a bad, within an hour, our management team is talking about that and understanding what we need to do. First, the question is, did we fix the problem? If we didn't fix the problem, let's get the problem fixed and figure that out. And then, reach out to that user and say sorry about that, apologize and talk through it and say sorry that we didn't give you the service that you deserve, we want to make sure that we fix that, how can we make it great? And go through that. And again, every manager up to the owners gets every single one of these in their email so we get to see it. And we promote these. If I get one that has a "great comments" on there, we send that out to the whole team. We're promoting that to the teams, hey, this is awesome, look what we're doing, look how we're providing services to everyone. So, I've got 4 pages of those. You guys can look through those. There're some comments on some of those. The bad rating, if we want to talk about it, it was a printer issue. Windows 11 updated. One of the printers with the Windows 11 update didn't decide to install correctly and we had some scheduling conflicts and we had to get to it a little later than what was expected. And that's what caused that issue. So, and then the last page of my packet here is our Huntress report. So,

we provide endpoint detection in our response software, which is Huntress. But you also get this from the state as well. So, we're actually kind of double dipping on software. This is included in our package. You guys aren't paying any extra for the Huntress. That's just something that goes on every endpoint that we require in our setup. Also, the state provides you with Trellox, which is also an endpoint detection response tool. So, we're kind of covering you guys from both situations. I have a report from Huntress here that shows us over 30 days, it's, I'm sorry, this is a 90-day report as well, 32.7 million events. So, that's every event that happen on a machine. It's looking at every single one of those. So, there's hundreds that happen in a day on your machine. So, every time you click on something, that's an event. So, of those 32.7, you have 52 signals, 5 signals investigated and then the big red one, that's the one where we're concerned about. Those are incidents that we have to respond to. So, the tool is doing this job until we get to that point. The 2 that you guys had, one was a low, a low severity situation where it was just a malware that didn't actually happen. So, basically, it saw the file, it didn't actually do anything, and Huntress took care of it, but we went in and took a look at it and made sure that everything was safe. The 2nd one was a critical situation. There was an ISO file, which is an insulation file that came from a non-reputable source that a user downloaded and installed and it had some stuff connected to it. Our response to that is, Huntress gives us two options. They say hey you can, we took care of it, you can go ahead and just delete these files and you're fine, or you can wipe the device and start fresh. We wipe the device. We always do that just to be safe that way. So, Joey handled that one, took care of that for you guys. So, any questions about those two things? No? Good. So, the other state provided software that you guys get that's no cost to the county that we are always looking to them as we have other municipalities to see what are those things that the state's giving you that you know, you guys can get for free, is KnowB4. So, your KnowB4 training is something you guys get. That's your cyber security training that you guys all love to take, right? And take those and get bothered by the emails and all that stuff. That's provided to you by the state. Trellox is that endpoint detection response and then the spam filters, all provided from the state for no cost. And then we are looking to move to CrowdStrike. They are releasing that from the state to give that availability to you guys as well. So, I wanted to go over some of the big projects that we've done since we've come on with you guys over the few years here. First thing we did was a switch upgrade. So, you guys had some old switches in place that needed to be replaced. They were antiquated. They were not up to par, which you guys needed. So, we went through, did a complete switch replacement plan for the whole county. I know that the courthouse got a huge replacement because we ran fiber between the floors, so made it actually the band width allocation was so much better. So, you guys got what you needed in that case. New backup solution, so previously to you guys having your current scale servers, you guys had some other servers. And Barracuda was the backup provider that you needed at that time. Scale has its own high availability backup solution that's built into it. We reviewed the Barracuda solution that was being provided to you guys in a quote that came from them. It was way over power for what you needed. We right sized the backup solution that was technically a secondary backup. So, it's a backup to your backups. We right sized that and got some savings for your guys over the 3 years of cost for the solution that we put in place, compared to the contract that Barracuda was offering you, saved you about \$27,000.00.

Todd said who manages our backups?

Mike Stults said we do. We manage the Synology device and that's done through, we do Synology, right?

Joseph Baldridge said yes.

Mike Stults said Synology backup is that part. And then Scale, because it's a high availability solution, has its own backup solution that's in there as well, and that's built into their services.

Todd said which is your primary, which one's the first go to?

Mike Stults said Scale.

Todd said Scale?

Mike Stults said yeah.

Todd said and who would do a restore if we had to?

Mike Stults said we would, yeah. They just provide the services to us and then, we get support from them. We actually, when we looked at the server replacement plan, we were looking at different options that are other high availability options. Scale, to be honest with you, was a little bit more expensive than those other options, but the service and support that they offer to us and to making sure that you guys have everything you need, beats them all. So, for us to do the server replacement, if we would have gone with another provider, we would have had tons of downtime, there could have been some other situations we could have ran into. With the Scale solution, we were able to bring those in, actually attach them to the current servers and the downtime is really a server restart. And that's all the downtime that you guys are going to have, which is super important to your 911 that's on those, and your Sheriff's department.

Todd said do we host any applications, or do we subscribe to all of them?

Mike Stults said there is some stuff that's hosted. So, I get a list, probably some of them, Joey can probably list all of them, but Spillman is a big one. That's the one that's provided for the county for emergency services. So, that's hosted on there. Is there any specifics that you can think of?

Joseph Baldridge said the courthouse's tax software and financial software, that is also hosted from Low. So, they provide you guys support, but we host the applications in house.

Todd said and on those, do you do the updates or do they do those for us or how does that work?

Joseph Baldridge said so we handle the server updates because Low's support kind of ends at the application. So, we make sure the servers are updated and have the proper security software. And then Low handles the application updates.

Todd said what about, sorry I'm going to ask several questions.

Greg said that's alright. Go ahead.

Todd said Office 365, is that what we use for mail?

Mike Stults said yeah

Todd said so, we don't host mail?

Mike Stults said no.

Todd said okay. And with the disaster recovery plan, I assume we probably don't have one. Is that true, or do we?

Mike Stults said no, there's one built.

Todd said is there one?

Mike Stults said yeah.

Todd said okay. And you guys manage that?

Mike Stults said yeah.

Todd said so, basically, you are the entire IT presence as far as like the, in the event of a disaster, you would be the source to bring us back?

Mike Stults said yep.

Todd said do we have cyber insurance? Is that on our policy?

Laura said we do.

Mike Stults said you do.

Todd said what is the max on that? Do you know?

Laura said I don't.

Mike Stults said I believe we have a copy of it and if we don't, I'll make sure that we because the way that we react to an incident is dependent on that insurance policy, because they're all different on what we're allowed to turn off, what we're allowed to touch, what we're allowed to even do before we alert specific people and insurances. It's very specific on those, so we make sure that we know what's going on with those.

Todd said other than employee, I don't even know if we have any of that, do, what sensitive information do we have from Indiana Secretary of State's stand point, as far as like personal information and social security numbers, things like that, is there, do you know what applications might have that?

Mike Stults said it would be whatever HR program they have.

Laura said Low.

Mike Stults said Low, okay.

Todd said and that's the one that's hosted, right? So, we have that on our system?

Mike Stults said it is. And we can confirm if there's, we can talk with them. I would assume that they would be following any state required items, but we can double check with them to make sure that if there is anything that's not encrypted and double checking those things, make sure that it's safe and secure. So, your backups are automatically encrypted, same with the Scale and the Synology setup too.

Todd said just from experience I had with the Secretary of State, a big thing is a social number.

Mike Stults said yeah.

Todd said I found out at one point that we aren't even required to keep that information. If it's an option on our system to not have it, we're much better off not keeping it. I would just throw it out there from a liability standpoint.

Mike Stults said right.

Todd said it's a big reporting issue with Rokita's office, for whatever. So, I would encourage us to check that.

Mike Stults said yeah. We can look into that.

Todd said are any of our backups air gapped?

Mike Stults said yes. So, Synology, it backs up hourly to the Synology device and then those are removed off site.

Todd said those are all my questions. Thank you.

Greg said well thanks for asking them Todd. It's about as clear as mud to me, but I'm glad you understand it.

Gary Thomas said well you guys are lucky to have Todd here. I know you guys know that.

Todd said well it sounds like they're doing all the right things. I've been through one of these and I just have learned from mistakes.

Greg said and I mean that with sincerity. I'm glad you asked the questions you did.

Mike Stults said so that kind of covers some of the projects and then duo security for emergency services. We turn those on for two factor authentication that was required by the state for the tools and services that they have. So, future state a couple of things I wanted to talk through with you guys was we're looking to create a cyber security task force. We have this with a couple other municipalities that we're working with that meets, some of them on a quarterly basis, some on a monthly basis, that discuss kind of the security that's going on, looking at those projects in those future state items that we have. We do this with Laura on like I said, on a quarterly basis. But to pull anyone else that would be willing to be, or interested in being on that task force, we'd be interested in getting that going here as well, to meet on whatever basis that the board decides and go from there on out. So, any questions about that? Okay. We'll put a feeler out. There are other contracts obviously, that, and Todd you mentioned it before the meeting that you're looking at those and we want to look at those too and help you guys find inefficiencies with those. And so, a couple that are coming up is the phone contract. That's coming up I believe, next year, is when that contract is ready to be reviewed and then print as well. So, those are two that are big ones that we could easily look at and maybe get some cost savings for the county across the board. So, are there any others that you guys have been brought to your attention that you want us to look at, as well?

Todd said well, security. There was a little conversation yesterday and I think it may be on here about cameras and I don't know how, if we have any outside contracts or anything like that, but it would be nice to kind of bring that altogether, if we have several different systems for security cameras and alarms.

Laura said I think Joseph was looking at Security Automation systems which is what we have here for the other buildings, correct?

Joseph Baldridge said yes. And you guys use that currently all the buildings, so the sheriff's department, the EMS and then they also have a few at probation. Community Corrections, they do use a separate camera system, but that may have been provided by state funding for them.

Todd said well and the other thing is we're getting ready to do it in the courthouse in more of a physical security way, but I'm sure there's going to be cameras and things involved there too probably.

Mike Stults said yeah, we can definitely make sure that we're involved in that conversation.

Todd said yeah, it kind of sounded like from the Commissioners meeting yesterday that we were kind of not all on the same page as far as knowing what we had and where it was and wasn't on, and all that, so, it would be a good opportunity to get your hands around that.

Mike Stults said okay. Any others?

Greg said yeah, back to your Huntress report, you said looking to move the CrowdStrike, which I have no idea what that is, but doesn't matter, what is that going to do to help us?

Mike Stults said so, that would actually replace, the Trellix service that the state provides, they also provide the CrowdStrike. It's the same type of software. CrowdStrike is much bigger, much bigger company and their services are a little bit better. So, we use CrowdStrike with a couple other municipalities that they're already on it and we used the Trellix here, and we realize we need to switch to CrowdStrike. Better reporting, better tool sets for us to manage. It's an easier tool to deploy than what Trellix is. So, again, no cost to you guys on us switching to it. It's just figuring out what the timeframe looks like and working with the State to get that approved so we can get it.

Greg said when do you anticipate it happening, switching over to CrowdStrike?

Joseph Baldridge said right now we are getting with the State and we are checking with them because their website is pretty unclear whether there is a cost or not. They kind of indicated that some counties can get it at no cost and other ones, depending kind of when they joined, may have a low cost to that service. So, I actually filled a wait list form out with Laura for the State and they should be contacting me, I'm hoping, this week about that and kind of get us some more information on if there is pricing and what that would look like.

Greg said so, you don't know how long of a process will be then?

Joseph Baldridge said no, not currently.

Greg said okay.

Todd said you kind of got to keep in mind on some of those competing vendors for those products is that one will get ahead of one and then the other one will get ahead of the other one. With CrowdStrike, I mean, there was a pretty big event a year or two ago, point of sale software I think.

Mike Stults said yeah.

Todd said had a big event.

Mike Stults said yeah, they had an outage.

Todd said they kind of took a reputation hit. I'm guessing now they're back in the game or something, I don't know. I don't keep track of who's winning. But you can't ever, just, you can't really stop with this stuff because.

Mike Stults said so, understand that adding CrowdStrike and moving from Trellix doesn't change your security per se, because we do have the Huntress platform and the Trellix still on. So, it's just moving from one platform to another. So, we're not per se, adding more security by moving

to the CrowdStrike side, we're just kind of changing platforms, if that makes sense. So, security level is basically the same.

Gary Thomas said so, I was at the AIM conference last weeks, my weeks are getting all kind of combined together, but, we have a pretty good relationship with Indiana IOT team. They're doing a good job, kind of vetting software, which as you know, it takes a long time to do, and then they're waiting on those contracts on the back end. Their goal is to bring out more technologies and more solutions, not only to say, hey more is better, but then also helping local service providers, or local communities maybe have their own IT team manage and employ these technologies to make life easier. For example, we've got multiple communities that are on certain platforms. Let's pick on KnowB4. We have a separate portal, we have to manage separate portals. They're now going to create those so we have you know, one portal with multiple communities underneath them. Makes our job easier to manage and deploy. The other thing is you know, you look at the CrowdStrike piece, they also want us to, as we start to expand LEAP and what we're doing, when we pick up a county, they want us to also go out to those other smaller towns maybe that doesn't have IT support and say how can you offer CrowdStrike here even if they don't have it in their budget for an IT team or a solution like you guys have. How can we assist the smaller communities have something, at least some sort of support? The rural communities, IT just doesn't exist like it used to. So, they're really looking at different ways to deploy technology, but they're really relying on renovations like us to be the boots on the ground. So, they're doing a good job, but part of it is they need more feedback and they need more resources too. You're going, I think you're going to see a lot more changes from them over the next 6 to 12 months in how we all deploy, which will be nice.

Mike Stults said any other questions currently?

David said any other questions?

Mike Stults said the one thing I had was obviously, we haven't made it a priority to get in front of you guys as much as we should. So, I did want to ask and understand the cadence that you guys would like us to bring some of this information to you, bring that discussion to you guys to decide. I don't want to take up too much of your time and be at every meeting, right, so, what works best for you guys?

Todd said like once a year kind of before budgeting time.

Mike Stults said okay.

Todd said so that we have, we can plan on anything that's going to cost.

Mike Stults said yeah.

Todd said and that would be probably in the April, May, June window. What do you think?

Laura said early spring.

Bev said April, May for sure.

Mike Stults said perfect. I can make that happen. We can bring you guys what we're looking at future state. I've got some other documents that we can go over. We have a master plan matrix that we built out that I look over with Laura that goes quarterly goals and what those look like. Anything else?

David said I think that's all from us.

Mike Stults said perfect. Thank you for the time.

Perry Knox-Financial Commitment letter approval

David said okay, Perry.

Perry Knox said morning council members. Thank you for the, taking a few moments here. My name is Perry Knox. I'm with SJCA Engineering. I'm here at the request of Joe Copeland. He's a little under the weather today. So, we are, there is a Federal call for projects opening for transportation. It opened yesterday. It closes on December the 5th. Last year, Randolph County submitted 3 applications, secured one bridge. One of the bridges that were not selected last year is bridge number 303, which is here in the city of Winchester. It is Orange Street over Salt Creek. Joe would like to resubmit for that project. In addition to that, there is another bridge. Historically, we have not been successful in securing all of the applications that we submit, so we always like to submit more than one. We have a bridge that is in need of replacement. Has a substructure rating of 4, which is pretty serious. It's on County Road 800 West, County Road 500 North. It is at the intersection. Fairly complicated project. I'm here to seek preliminary approval to pursue these two grants. If the grants are awarded, it is an 80/20 split, 20% match by the county. We will submit the award due, excuse me, the application due December the 5th. Likely will not hear if we are awarded until March. Impacts to your budgets if they are awarded, your first billing would not be on or about until January of 27. So, I'm here today to seek preliminary approval. Joe asked me if it was okay to chase these grants.

David said is bridge 303 closed currently?

Perry Knox said it is not. It is posted for load. Near the school.

Larry said Baker. It's down from Baker.

Perry Knox said yeah. There's a park to the east and then the school is, or excuse me, park to the west, school to the east.

Todd said what is our 20% portion?

Perry Knox said on the bridge 303, last year's estimate was around 3 million dollars. Now that's for the total project. They are a very conservative estimate. We always ask for as much as we can get for all aspects of the grant. The match on that would be 600,000. That is spread over 6 years. This would be a 2032 project. The bridge out on 800 West and County Road 500 North,

we just signed approval to proceed for the commissioners yesterday. I have no estimates at this time.

Greg said what bridge number is that on 800 and 500?

Perry Knox said 5.

Greg said number 5.

Perry Knox said bridge number 5, yes. So, the next council meeting is December the 2nd I believe?

David said sounds about right.

Perry Knox said so, Joe will be here with a financial commitment letter that has to go with the application for your commitment to the 20%. I won't be able to attend because that's the commissioners' conference, but Joe knows that he needs to be here to get that signed. So, if it's okay with you, we would like to seek these 2 grants.

David said any other questions for Perry?

Greg said will we have, will he have an estimate on bridge number 5 by the next meeting or probably not?

Perry Knox said absolutely, December 2nd, he'll have a financial commitment letter that will have the breakdown year by year with financial commitments for each year.

Greg said okay.

David said so, what Perry is asking today is motion for financial commitment for approval of the letter itself.

Todd said I make the motion that we make that letter happen.

Greg said second.

David said it's been moved and second, we approve the financial commitment letter approval. All in favor?

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

Flock Cameras

David said Sheriff.

Art Moystner said morning. I'd start with some good news for you guys. I just heard from Security Automated Systems regarding the cameras. The, one of the DVRs that I have over at the sheriff's office has about 50% available. So, with some of the camera add-ons, they'll be able to plug it into that system and it's not going to eat up any space. So, that's a pretty good reduction in cost when you start talking about buying DVRs to hold the information for the length of time we need to. So, thought I'd share. I just got that text while I was sitting in the back. A couple things today. First, I'd sent out an email earlier, I think last week, that had to do with the sheriff's merit pension. There's a new statute that requires an update to be sent out, and I just wanted to make sure that you guys had received that email, and received that update.

David said I've received it. Have you guys? We should have.

Art Moystner said perfect, thank you. The other thing that I'm asking for today is we are looking at the flock camera system. Winchester currently has it in town. This is a camera system that's basically, a license plate reader, but I'm also looking at incorporating a few live view cameras at certain intersections, about 4 of them in the county. One of them would be 27 and 28, 35, 36, 227 and 36, and I can't remember the other one off the top of my head right now. But, we're looking at 4 locations for that. We're looking at 8 license plate readers, 2 of which are going to be purchased by towns. I'm going to do an MOU so we're looking at purchasing 6 ourselves. It will give us access to the nationwide flock system. This is something that for a law enforcement use, it would be very good to track those that we know that are dealing drugs in our community. We could track them when they leave the county or when they come back and try to get some of those drugs before they get distributed to our residents, is a good use for that. I know in the past we've used it, we had a shooting a while ago in Winchester, maybe a year, year and a half. The flock system in other communities was used to find those individuals. We had them in custody in about an hour and a half from a shooting that was involved here. It would be a very good for if you have missing persons, if you have stolen property, where you have the vehicle description or known suspects. I think it would be a very good tool to have in this county. I had sent you guys a quote I believe. The first year is about 24,000. The second year is just under 20,000. It would only be a 2-year contract. I did that on purpose because I know SB1 is going to be something that we need to look at. So, I didn't want to take a contract beyond that. I know they've also provided me information that there's a certain fee that they charge to set them up and if we can get this done by mid-November, they're going to waive those fees which would save a lot of money. The account, I had talked to Laura in the auditor's office about funding that is in our opioid funds that we receive. We cannot use restricted funding for this, but we could use opioid unrestricted. And to my knowledge, that hasn't been earmarked for anything, and I believe there's about \$48,000.00 sitting there currently, and it would be about \$44,000.00 for the 2 years.

Gary said how much was the money per year, each year, again Sheriff?

Art Moystner said say that one more time?

Greg said how much was your money again for each year?

Art Moystner said the first year would be 24 because there's some set up, but I think some of that would end up being waived if we did it. And then the next year you're looking at just under 20,000. And then I have two towns that'll be putting in 3 or 4,000 apiece to help with this contract so get 8 of them. The other thing is we would also get access to the nationwide system. So, if we have a missing person or a runaway juvenile, if they would hit on any other flock camera nationwide, we would know the location of that person. We actually had, within the last few months, we had a missing person, elderly male that we were able to find in Ohio because we contacted an agency that does have flock and was able to get the information in and get that information back to us. So, we found him over in Ohio.

Todd said since the mayor's here, I'm curious, does this have any savings for the town of Winchester potentially, or not?

Art Moystner said come on up mayor.

Bob McCoy said yes, we actually started with 11 cameras, and for the evaluation period. From there, we went down to 9, due to the fact there were some we really didn't feel we needed after we saw the amount basically, cars that went through that area. And with what the county's doing, we're actually going to be able to reduce probably a couple more cameras and probably reposition a few, basically, to make it more uniform where they're all at. So, yeah, it'll be a savings for the city of Winchester. So, I think when it's all said and done, we'll probably end up with 7 or 8 compared to the 11 we originally started with. And we'll also have a live camera up here on the square that'll more than likely cover the courthouse, the entrance, which is going to be a good thing for everybody. Right now, we're working through some logistics because we were going originally, put it on one of our lights up here. They're all on timers. So, it'll only work during when the lights come on. So, anyway, we're trying to figure that out so, that may be repositioned someplace else or we may have to run a line to it. But, that's still in the works. So, yes, it would be a savings to Winchester overall. And it would definitely be beneficial for the whole county. Like Art said, stolen vehicles, you know, anything can happen anymore. When somebody gets a read on a vehicle, a description, whatever, it can be put in the system by anybody that's within the flock network, nationwide amber alerts, abductions, you name it.

Art Moystner said Union City currently has 4 cameras also. And we've talked with both Winchester and Union City emergency services. We're going to work together to make sure the cameras are positioned, ours, theirs, so that it's to the best benefit of emergency services.

Greg said what did you say the time limit was to get this done?

Art Moystner said they told me if I could get it to them by the 15th of this month signed, because it would be the commissioners that would sign it, that they would waive the installation fees. So, that's around \$700.00 a camera.

Mayor said we need to go back and negotiate because we haven't paid our bill yet, but they didn't waive ours.

Bev said sounds like an opportunity with the opioid unrestricted funding that's available to do it.

Scott said that cost, that includes the equipment and the service?

Art Moystner said yes, yes sir. By adding, they actually have a special going on right now so that is I get the license plate cameras, which I believe are about 3,000 apiece per year, and then if you get a live camera, it's also 3,000, but if I partner a live camera with one of the license readers, I can get the live camera for 500. So, that's something that Flock has going on right now, which is one of the things that interested in that now is we can get that, and by adding the live cameras, we get the software at no cost. Where, if we don't have any live cameras, we have to purchase software too. So, this is all inclusive.

Scott said has the city had any problem with vandalism on them or anything?

Bob McCoy said we're technically still in the evaluation period because we're trying to figure out where they need to be and possibly move some around. But no, they're actually, you've probably seen like out by the Y or going out this direction, they're on poles with little silver panel on them. No, there has not been. And it would be covered under the Flock. It's their equipment.

Art Moystner said Flock will replace it if it's damaged.

Scott said well the reason I asked is there's one over on 36 that got put out and it got mashed deliberately I think.

Art Moystner said over in Henry County?

Scott said yeah.

Art Moystner said yes.

Scott said and I just wondered who replaces it when it happens?

Art Moystner said Flock will replace them.

Todd said it wasn't deliberate. There was an accident, a motorcycle accident I think, that took it out if I remember right.

Scott said I didn't think that was what took it out.

Todd said you don't think that was related?

Scott said huh uh.

Mike said but you said it's still down, right?

Todd said yeah, it's still down. We haven't put it back up.

Bob McCoy said anything you're dealing with INDOT, the application and the installation is definitely slowed down. We waited for months to get INDOT's approval. With the county, on a county road you're not going to have an issue, but you are at probably highways, there may be an INDOT lag because of.

Art Moystner said permitting process.

Bob McCoy said it's slow.

Scott said I was, I was told it was deliberate was the reason I was asking is there.

Art McCoy said and that could be.

Larry said I've got a question. The unrestricted opioid fund, did that come through COVID, will that get replenished if we spend out of it?

Laura said we're getting settlement money for a lawsuit that was filed throughout the state, I think the nation, over opioids. So, we're getting settlement from that lawsuit, and it'll go on, we'll get that money for 18 years. But it'll go down each year until, like the first was quite a bit, and then it tremendously dropped. But, we'll keep getting that for 18 years. But the amount is really unknown.

Larry said what year, are we in 3 or 4, do you?

Laura said I would say 3 or 4 within.

Bob McCoy said there're still settlements being put together, so there's still more coming.

Laura said correct.

Todd said if we wanted to request money to be moved from that restricted to the unrestricted, is that even a possibility?

Laura said it is not. They tell us how much can go into each one.

Todd said I would think, I mean if there's so much in the unrestricted, I mean in the restricted.

Laura said it can only be used for specific things.

Todd said I know.

Art Moystner said it's very specific.

Laura said and I feel like, I mean, maybe, and I don't know, Art may know more about this than me, but I feel like that really could be used for like drug addiction help or.

Art Moystner said the restricted?

Laura said yeah.

Art Moystner said it can be used for specific programs related to drug abuse, recidivism. It can be, I think it can be given to organizations that do that.

Laura said I think we, don't we pay.

David said Jay County.

Laura said Jay County drug.

Meeks said pretty much, it's pretty much, we need to give it to an organization, so it actually helps people that are addicted to drugs.

Laura said and I think we have a use or a need for that around here.

Art Moystner said I don't disagree. And we could use it in the jail for programs, but I currently already have the program that's funded through a grant. So, we're okay for now at the jail.

Meeks said and it doesn't have to, you can do it Jay County

Laura said I know Henry County was looking at opening a facility to help with that, and I had talked to the auditor over there that maybe their commissioners should get with ours and see if there could be a shared, like you could house your people there or whatever.

Art Moystner said but with the unrestricted fund, yeah, we could use that for these because we're going to use it to assist with preventing the drugs from coming in or trying to catch the drugs coming in.

Bob McCoy said there's one county in Indiana that did use the restricted for Flock cameras. They don't seem to want to talk to anybody about it, so I don't think they want a whole lot of attention, although it did go into the reporting.

Laura said because it clearly says in there, no cameras.

Bob McCoy said I really look at them to have an audit on their hands. So, we want to stay away from that.

Art Moystner said I agree.

Todd said I just thought, maybe over time, as these funds don't get spent down, that there might be an opportunity to request from some agency that they consider moving these funds from restricted to.

Laura said as of right now, it's very controlled.

Meeks said it's not going to. It is a lawsuit. It's a supplement. They're not going to change it.

Todd said so it's part of a legal requirement.

Meeks said yeah, that's not going to happen.

Bob McCoy said I think we're eventually going to have to combine like Tri-county treatment centers and things like that to be able to spend the money, because like Muncie's got a crisis center now, and I think they're already, there's already issues getting that going. And I think funding is part of it because what they're getting is not enough. We're going to have to combine resource.

Laura said I agree.

David said okay, any other questions? Guess what we've got on our table right now is to fund these flock cameras out of opioid unrestricted funds, and we do have the money.

Bev said I make a motion that we approve the request for the flock cameras from the opioid unrestricted funding.

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

Art Moystner said the only other question I have for the council this morning is I've been looking at that sheriff's app for awhile and trying to get away from social media. We've all talked about social media and trying to get away from social media. The computer video equipment and training line that I have, I have the funds there to do this. And I guess I just want the council's blessing to move forward. I already have the funding, but it's a program that there would be public information it's on, sex offender registry, jail sentences, things of that nature anyway. We can use it for alerts. We can use it for push notifications. I think this is where the future is going anyway, with phone apps. That's what everybody seems to have. I think you can do add-ons as you go down the road, so that maybe eventually, we have a button on that app that says we have positions open in the county for applications and applying out. I know my intention is to share this app with Chris Shaneyfelt in Homeland so that he can push some stuff out in dispatch. We can put on there that people are hiring, but I think a lot of our, most people live off the phones anymore and most people live off of apps. I think this is the way we need to go. I have the money this year, and I would like to move forward with it this year. And I kind of, on purpose, worked to keep that money in that account this year so I would have it at the end, and we're in November now, I would like to move forward with this.

David said can you supply this body a detailed report of what it can do and what it can't, and how much it is?

Art Moystner said I can give you an example of what it's going to be. I can tell you that it's going to cost about 15 to \$17,000.00 to set it up and then the reoccurring cost is \$5,000.00, which I can already afford out of the items that you guys, out of the money you're budgeting me now. And if we hit a year where we can't, then the app just ceases to exist. As far as what it'll do, I think anything a computer program will do, it's whatever buttons we want to add, it'll do that. To be able to supply you a specific list, I'm not a real good IT person. I can tell you Wayne County and several other sheriffs are already using it. But there're icons on there so that you can see who the employees are, you can look at a jail sentence, you can get the sex offender registry. If there's weather alerts that are pushed out, they push those out on that. There's information on there that if you have a problem with a dog you can do this, do that. It's whatever information, basically, it's a website on your phone.

Larry said so you would just be taking from like a hard drive to a phone app?

Art Moystner said well we would have the hard drive version. It would be a computer program for us that when we sent the push out, the push would be sent out to a phone so that we would be able to send notifications with it, which you can't do with a normal website.

Todd said the public can have the application?

Art Moystner said absolutely. We would, they actually, part of this is they market it so that we get everything pushed over so the public knows that we have it. We can get fliers out in the businesses so people will download it and be able to get the information and I think eventually, we can build it out so other office holders would be able to use things on this application.

Todd said so we could take down, I mean, face book, that's, I understand that's not county control, it's individual department head control, but.

Art Moystner said and the only thing I would share with you is I would take mine down. This is what I want to replace social media, because social media is the only way I have to send out pushes right now or information to the public.

Todd said I mean, even if you didn't take it down all the way, you could leave it there and say if you're interested, get this application?

Art Moystner said sure, absolutely.

David said what's the council's wishes?

Greg said I defer to Todd. It's more his bailiwick.

Todd said well it's really, seems like it's Art's decision. He's got the funds to do it, right, I mean, I would support it personally. I'm all in favor of more official communication and less communication through social media.

David said is that a motion?

Todd said I will make that motion.

Greg said I second.

David said it's been moved and second, we have Art proceed ahead, what's the program called again?

Art Moystner said sheriff's app.

David said sheriff's app program and funded out of his budget. All in favor?

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Art Moystner said and just so you're aware, it's going to come out of the Cum Cap line for computer video and training.

David said okay.

Art Moystner said thank you. Do you guys have any questions for me? Perfect.

Minutes of 10-7-2025

David said okay, minutes of October 7, 2025. Entertain a motion.

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

2026 Budget Ordinance 2025-14

David said next item we have is the budget ordinance 2025-14 for 2026.

Bev said I move that council pass ordinance 2025-14 after the first reading.

Todd 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 2025-14.

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

David said Ordinance 2025-14 is not adopted.

Resolution 2025-20 Transfer of funds

David said okay, the next thing we have is Resolution 2025-20, transfer of funds. This is for the \$250,000.00 from the County General and \$250,000 from the County Renewable Energy fund to the Rainy Day fund. We've talked about this and I did talk to one of the commissioners. He thought maybe going forward, we may try to put a little into it if our General Fund so desires. So, I think next year would be the year we would take a look at that. This year, we'll go ahead and approve this one.

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

Courthouse security – Meeks

David said the next item we have is courthouse security. Meeks, would you like to bring us up to date?

Meeks said well I'd probably defer to Larry most of this. I think I sent the email out and Judge Dowling the grant application, we'll know more about it, I'm not sure when she told us we'd know. Maybe by the end of the year Larry?

Larry said I thought she said mid-December.

Meeks said yeah, I think mid-November we applied a couple weeks ago, and in December we'll know. She asked for \$200,000 and that would be for the, to redo the front foyer and for the equipment. So, the equipment and the foyer were about 200,000, and the east and west doors I think, to make those secure, exit only. But, they think they're going to need 3 new employees and that's why I sent out. And I think that's what the commissioners were leaning to, but I don't know that for a, they didn't vote on it. They just voted that they wanted to secure the whole building.

Larry said and you know, talking with Meeks, that I'd like for the council to have a document or whatever, with the exact amount of the grant and a pretty close estimate of our improvements, and then get everybody's opinion. And if it would take a joint meeting between the commissioners and council, I've talked to a couple of commissioners, they're okay with that. So, you know we could be, and I talked to Art this morning, could be in a waiting period for 2 or 3 weeks. Then, if we could together with our figures and maybe have another meeting if the council so wishes.

David said so, it's just for information only. There's no action needed?

Meeks said I think if you didn't want to secure the whole building that, that would be useful information so I could tell Judge Dowling because if you did not want to secure the whole building, then she will redo the, she'll call the people she did the grant application for, and reduce it by a lot. She's going then put scanners right in here. So, this, they've all been secured, the third floor.

Mike said I think the whole building needs to be.

David said yeah, there's no question of that.

Mike said to me, it's a waste to not.

Meeks said because you want to vote to say you vote that, secure the whole building, I think that's the only real, the commitment she wants to hear from you. The funding and the how you're going to get there is, I mean, we still have to that point.

Greg said but to secure the whole building, she's wanting that just to fill out the grant application to get the foyer?

Meeks said she already did. But if you weren't committed for it, she'd want to know that too so then she could go and get back to the grant people and say hey, and you know, we need to revamp it. So, just the third floor.

Greg said okay. I see.

Larry said the grant was currently, correct me if I'm wrong, Meeks, the grant was written for to secure the whole building and 3 additional employees?

Meeks said well the grants for the money to do the upgrades and get the equipment. The grant will not pay for employees.

Greg said the employees are a separate?

Meeks said a separate situation.

Greg said okay, that's, glad to hear.

Meeks said so that is for the money to secure the building.

Mike said I think we need to do it.

Greg said yeah.

David said I'd entertain a motion then.

Mike made a motion to approve to move forward in securing the whole building. Greg seconded the motion.

David said it's been moved and second, we agreed to have the courthouse totally secured. All in favor?

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Meeks said I'll let Judge Dowling know you guys made that commitment. They'll have to figure out what funding, well, if you got the grant, I'm pretty confident there's going to be, a lot of that grant is going to come. I don't know if the whole thing will, but it's been made a pretty priority every time I go to my conference. It's a huge priority for the Supreme Court to make sure all 92 counties are secured. I think 90 of them are now. I don't know.

David said okay, it's good news.

Additional Appropriations:

Auditor	Elected Official Training	\$1,000.00
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David said okay, I guess next we're going to do Additional Appropriations. First line is the auditor, elected official training.

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

Jail	Utilities	\$25,000.00
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David said the next item that we have in Additional is jail utilities of 25,000.

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

Special LIT	Morgue Construction	\$443,970.00
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David said next one from our Special LIT is for morgue construction, \$443,970.00.

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

Special LIT	Professional Services	\$60,000.00
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David said next one we have from the Special LIT is professional services of 60,000.

Todd said can you remind me what these are?

Greg said yeah, that's what I wondered about.

David said Maze Design, what is that?

Scott said that would have been for the design work on the morgue.

Larry said there're two together wasn't there? I mean, professional services and the morgue?

Scott said well, the professional services would have been for the design work by Maze Design.

David said okay, so that's for the morgue then.

Larry said total cost of the morgue could be about 500.

David said yeah, it was over 500.

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

EDIT	Union City	\$30,000.00
	Winchester	\$40,000.00
EDIT	Lynn	\$10,000.00
	Losantville	\$10,000.00
	Farmland	\$10,000.00
	Parker	\$10,000.00
	Ridgeville	\$10,000.00
	Modoc	\$10,000.00
	Albany	\$10,000.00

David said the next one is for EDIT. It's for both EDIT line items there. This is for the blight monies that the commissioners agreed to. Entertain a motion.

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

David said it's been move and second, we approve the EDIT funds of, it's \$140,000.00 for the blight for the cities and towns in Randolph County. All in favor?

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Scott said Dave?

David said yes.

Scott said I have a question. It was mentioned to me this wasn't a limit. Is this a per year limit?

Meeks said it's a one time.

Laura said it's a one time.

Meeks said a one-time deal.

Scott said just time a month?

Laura said well, no, not per month. So, Winchester can get 40,000, up to 40,000, 10,000 per property. They would turn in a receipt showing that we spent this amount of money to tear this house down, and we would give them up to 10,000 of that receipt. And each town can do. I think Union City got 30. But it's 10,000 per property.

Scott said right.

Todd said so, they all follow the same process Modoc did the last Commissioners meeting or two ago?

Laura said yes. Yes, so, we haven't given Modoc money yet because they haven't, when they turned.

Todd said find a receipt?

Laura said they'll file a receipt for up to that amount of money.

Scott said their first project has been completed. But, I was told that they were told that they could come back for a second.

Laura said they can come and ask, but it would have to go through the same process.

Meeks said it's just a normal ask like anything else. It would have to have a normal ask for that one.

Laura said yes. So, they can only have 10 for this project, for this amount of money, and then if they ask, then it would have to be approved from funding from the council.

Scott said well.

Laura said and they did.

Scott said I'm not sure who said it, but he thought it was a once a year deal, and I think maybe the commissioners said look, if you've got more, come back.

Laura said yeah, and they did. One of them said that. But it's not out of this.

Scott said okay.

Larry said I talked to Missy, which the commissioners, it's a one time kind of like Laura said, but next year we'd like to maybe, she would like to partner with RCU, see if maybe the county would put in a little bit and RCU maybe match, or somebody would match that.

David said okay, any other questions on that?

<u>Transfers</u>		<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Circuit Court	\$2,000.00	Per Diem Grand Jury	Law Books

David said okay, we'll go to transfers. First transfer, we have Circuit Court of 2,000 from per diem grand jury to law books.

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

Highway	\$50,000.00	Road Equipment	Repair of Road Equipment
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David said next one we have is from the highway. It's for \$50,000.00. It's from road equipment to repair of road equipment.

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

Superior Court	\$1,200.00	Liability Ins.	Law Books
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David said next one we have is Superior Court of \$1,200.00 from liability insurance to law books.

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

Superior Court	\$1,500.00	Repair Equipment	Witness Fees
	\$1,000.00	Recording Maintenance	Witness Fees

David said next one we have is Superior Court from repair equipment of \$1,500.00 to witness fees and \$1,000.00 from recording maintenance to witness fees. Entertain a motion?

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

Citizen Comments (3 minutes)

David said do I have anybody in the audience want to speak on behalf of anything? Mayor McCoy?

Bob McCoy said water company is having a ground breaking tomorrow at 2 o'clock, just a little bit about that. The 27 million-dollar investment into that facility, which definitely aging. The big thing here is they currently have 400,000-gallon storage in the water tower. They also created an additional 450,000-gallon storage, which is out at the plant. So, that is a good thing. And also, a couple more high efficiency pumps that'll help us with fire protection. And this will also give us, as far as future growth, where we've got the capacity and just overall a good thing. That investment was huge for the community and was long overdue. So, that's tomorrow at 2 o'clock if anybody wants to attend. It's all I really have. One question, Main Street bridge? He's gone, isn't he? I will get with him on that. Thank you.

David said alright, thanks. Anybody else? Okay. Let's go around the table here. Scott, do you have anything?

Scott Fisher – Losantville and Modoc sewage project update

Scott said the only thing I've got is I'd like to give an update on the projects down at Losantville and Modoc on the sewer collection. Both of those projects, actually, there's about 3 of them. The collection system in Losantville is online and pumping to the Modoc treatment plant and the Modoc treatment plant system is completed as well. The connections of the houses to the systems are about 75% complete. And the county had some money at stake in that. They were actually providing the money to connect the houses to the system and I can tell you that 75% of that is complete. The balance should be completed by the end of November.

David said okay, great.

Scott said there was approximately between the treatment plant at Modoc, the collection system and connecting the houses, there was approximately 14 million dollars spent.

David said that's good. It should help the people down in that part of the county tremendously.

Bev said good project.

Scott said it should help them with growth in the future, as well.

David said anything else, Scott?

Scott said no.

David said alright, thanks. Todd?

Todd Holaday – Workforce Harassment training

Todd said I'd mentioned this to Meeks yesterday and he said to bring it to your attention, Laura. I was wondering if we had any annual work force harassment-type training program that we could provide for department heads as a required training?

Laura said what kind of training?

Todd said work force harassment, to do with language and just things you, things that people need to watch out for in today's environment, at work force environment, so they don't get us into any legal trouble?

Laura said our insurance company Bliss McKnight has a lot of trainings, and this may be one of them, and I'll reach out to them to see.

Todd said think it is?

Laura said yeah, I do. Mark Enis has come in several times during my years in this office with lists. I haven't seen a list recently, but I'll reach out to him and see if that's something that we can get set up.

David said anything else, Todd?

Todd said no.

David said Mike?

Mike said no.

David said Larry?

Larry said no.

David said Bev?

Bev said nope.

Greg said nothing from me.

David Lenkenstofer – 700 East side ditch, Previous Veteran's officer complaint on face book and Harter Park in Union City Community Christmas

David said I just have a few things. We talked about the general fund maybe next year. Had one question for our highway. Highway, 700 East?

Jay Long said yeah.

David said the side ditch, the west side ditch, is it going to be, is it done?

Jay Long said actually, we just drove it yesterday. There was still some stuff sitting out there, so, I don't think it's completely done yet, no.

Ed Thornburg said I don't know either.

Jay Long said I mean, there was still some equipment out there. We did drive it yesterday. But uh, as far as I know, I don't think it's complete now, so.

David said looks like it's lost its swale when they did the project.

Nate Moore said yeah, we noticed that.

Jay Long said yeah.

David said I just observed that. There was a thing out on face book today, I had a little concern. It was from the former Veterans officer complaining about the County Council and their position on the Journey Home. I think he got confused. It was County Commissioners and not County Council. I just want to clarify that, and I'll get with him and tell him that it was the County Commissioners function and not ours, just to make sure that they got the right people, because everybody will think we've done it. We had nothing really in it. The Commissioners run the county buildings and the things that involved that. And the last thing I had, Community Christmas will be opening up the day after Thanksgiving. I'm part of that committee over at Union City. So, you'll all invited to come through the park, see our, I don't know how many millions of lights. I've never counted them. Anybody wants to count them, go ahead.

Laura Martin – Bond pre-ratings call and ratings call

Laura said this afternoon at 2 o'clock, we're doing our pre-ratings call, and Thursday at 11:00 a.m. we're doing our ratings call and we'd like to have at least one of you there.

Bev said would, I can't understand?

Laura said November 6th, so this Thursday at 11:00 a.m. is our ratings call for our bonding.

Bev said for your bonding?

Laura said uh huh. So, it's basically, they're doing credit rating for our county.

Meeks said a commissioner's there, I mean if we can get somebody there, that would be great. If not, then that's fine too. But we just wanted to make an offer if any of you are able to be there.

Greg said how long will the call be?

Meeks said it'll be an hour, hour and a half call.

Greg said I can do it.

Meeks said if it's more than an hour and a half, we'll walk out.

Laura said in my office .

Greg said in your office?

Laura said a little before 11.

Meeks said we'll be in Laura's office, yes.

Greg said November the 6th.

Laura said that's this Thursday.

Greg said that's Thursday, November 6th.

David said thanks Greg. Anything else, Laura?

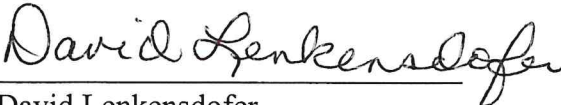
Laura said that's it.


Adjournment

David said entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting.


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

Reviewed and accepted this 7 day of December, 2025


David Lenkensdofer


Larry Preston

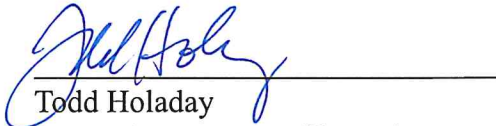
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