

Randolph County Council

December 5, 2023

The Randolph County Council met for its regular meeting at 8:30 AM in the Commissioners and Council Room of the Courthouse with the following members present: Council President David Lenkensdofer, Tom Chalfant, Mike Stine, Tom Kerns, Todd Holaday, Missy Williams and Beverly Fields. Also present was County Auditor Laura J Martin.

Council President David Lenkensdofer presided.

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner's update

Dave said first item on the agenda, Commissioner's update, Mike.

Mike Wickersham said thank you Dave. Morning everyone. Had a relatively short meeting yesterday. We had to wait for drainage board to start, so that was an unusual event. But we did things. We entered an agreement with SRI for our commissioner's certificate sale, which Laura is going to pick a date this coming spring to have that sale. And that's where we, they do an online sale for us, we pay them 15% of the proceeds, we have a minimum bid of \$200.00 per parcel. I think Laura has a copy of all those parcels that are in the certificate if anyone is interested in purchasing those. We also approved two recommendations from Art Moystner, the jail. We continue to upgrade our jail facility and equipment so that we can keep it lasting as long as any of us in this room, so we don't have to build a new jail. So, we replaced two main drainage lines at a cost of \$42,000.00 total. It was all the old style and needs replaced with the new. We've had the final reading of an adoption of ordinance number 2023-26, which gives the Health department larger fees for all the services that they offer. So, that passed, is an ordinance. And finally, we passed a resolution with the Fort Wayne Housing Authority, which is a Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae agent for down payment assistance for citizens of Randolph County. It came out of the Housing Resource Hub as an opportunity to help citizens with their down payment. It's a 5% reduction in their down payment, or match in their down payment that the Federal government offers to anybody that's making up to 140% of the average medium income. So, it's taking care of any low-income housing and it's also taking care of market housing. So, and Fort Wayne Housing Authority is a Federal Government agent for this program in our district. And that's why we signed a resolution to say they can come in and do that and signed an agreement that we would agree to let them do that. It's a pretty harmless agreement or resolution that we signed, but it does give opportunity for the citizens of Randolph County. And that's about all I have to report on. I'll answer any questions that anybody asks. It's on your agenda, but I guess I should say we did pass a resolution to transfer Camp Yale/Camp Slingshot, to the House of Worship yesterday, and are waiting on your approval this morning. And then we'll sign the

memorandum of sale, which Meeks has prepared for us at our next meeting. And that transfer will take place. Any questions?

Dave Lenkensdofer said any questions for Mike?

Todd said how do people find out about that possibility of the?

Mike said they do a pretty strong marketing program throughout the county, through social media, radio ad and Daniel Baker is not here, but he probably knows more about that than I do. But I do know that in the documents I read, there's a pretty strong marketing effort to get that done.

Dave said any other questions for Mike? I think that's it, Mike.

Mike said thank you.

Tammy Pruitt & Sherri Thompson– Training for CPR instructor

Dave said Tammy, you just want to come up and whoever else?

Tammy Pruitt said yeah. Good morning. Here to ask about getting funding for a CPR instructor. I think Wendy is now wanting to do that with me. But what I need is stuff to be paid for. I can't wait, under my circumstances with grandkids to be reimbursed. And the total, and I don't know if that includes shipping and taxes or whatever, I know we're tax exempt, is around \$2,700.00. And I have this with me. The class is December 19th and as school liaison, I am working now with two nurses to be on the curriculum to teach like juniors and seniors. And then also, I can be able to do the faculty. As part of being the school liaison, I'll be doing, come January, I'll be doing a lot of school things. So, asking for a lot in advance, I don't know how you guys do that. I don't need a lot right now. But that total amount is the mannequins that AED, my instructor, the computer stuff that you put on the computer to instruct a class, this would be a, that's mannequins, the babies, infant mannequins and all that. But there are a couple things I don't even know. I can do the \$35.00 online course that I have to take prior to the 19th, but I need the instructor's manual. I don't know, a few of these things could come in before or by the 19th. I don't know how to, I'm just asking.

Sherri Thompson said we have the money for it. We don't need the money. We're just, normally, we pay for everything after we receive things. In this case, we would have to pay for it before we receive it. So, that's what she's asking, is it okay that we go ahead and spend the money up front.

Tammy Pruitt said and everything right here, if you want me to pass that around.

Sherri Thompson said and that is for her and Wendy. That's them together.

Dave said okay. Any questions for either one of them? I don't have a problem with going ahead and approve up front.

Tom Chalfant said well we can't pay for things before we see them as a county.

Meeks said just services. That's services.

Tom Chalfant said yeah, just services.

Meeks said I don't believe so. It's in the auditor's handbook. It's not in the statute.

Laura said and we have in the past. I mean, for instance, when I had the scanning done, I paid half up front, and then the other half when it was done.

Sherri Thompson said and this would be equipment, you know, that we would be paying for up front before they would send it to us. And the manuals, things like that.

Dave said software.

Sherri Thompson said yeah.

Dave said I think it's a worthwhile program getting the schools involved.

Missy said well all coaches have to be CPR certified or they can't coach, can't get on the field and coach. Is that for gym teachers also?

Tammy Pruitt said yeah, right now, there are several teachers at Union, Randolph Southern, and I've talked about Monroe Central, but Union and Randolph Southern, some faculty need that right away. And it's really hard for Jeff and everybody here in this county to get it done. So, it was kind of bazaar, maybe ironic, that I get an email from two school nurses saying can you help us, then the next day, I get this opportunity to be a CPR instructor.

Bev said I think it's a good idea as well.

Tammy Pruitt said I just, you know, sorry, but I can't pay it up front, not right now.

Bev said I make a motion that we approve the \$2,700.00 expenditure for the Health Department training supplies.

Dave said do I have a second?

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

Dave said thanks for coming. Thanks for doing that.

Sherri Thompson said I do have a few things. One of the first things I wanted to do was let everybody know that Dr. Weaver will be coming January 12th. And she'll be here between 2:00 to 3:00. And wanted to extend an invitation to all of you to come and see her and speak with her.

Missy said in your office?

Sherri Thompson said I believe we're going to do it in the commissioner's, the old commissioner's room.

Bev said between 2:00 and 3:00?

Sherri Thompson said yes.

Tom Chalfant said and this is just to get acquainted?

Sherri Thompson said yeah. She's new to the position, and it's to get acquainted with all the counties. She's visited all of, has tried to get to all of them. She'll be here then and I'll send Laura an email once it gets a little closer to kind of remind everybody, and if that's something. And then the other thing, which I know is a little bit later, but the additional appropriation for the Health Department, that's to, we were asking to see if we could go ahead and hire the clinic nurse in December to get her trained so that when Tammy moves to her full-time position as the school liaison, that the clinic nurse would be trained. So, that was the other thing I wanted to ask about, if we could go ahead and hire if that's approved?

Dave said okay. We'll have to talk about that, down in the salary amendment. Was there a dollar amount?

Laura said it's in the additional appropriations.

Sherri Thompson said and that's probably more what we were figuring. When we figured that, it was figured on about a six week. So, it's probably more than we'll need.

Dave said we'll discuss that here in just a few minutes.

Sherri Thompson said okay. Thank you.

Jim Michael, Airport – hanger and terminal project

Dave said okay. I don't see Jim. I guess Conan, are you Jim today?

Conan Wallace said yeah.

Dave said come on up. First, question I have, have you been to the commissioners on this request yet?

Conan Wallace said we have not.

Dave said okay. Is there a reason or? It deals with the building is why I am concerned.

Conan Wallace said okay, if you'll let us, we can update you and then.

Dave said we can listen actually,

Conan Wallace said right.

Dave said I just want to make sure.

Conan Wallace said yeah, no, we, not a specific request. We have not been to the commissioners. Good morning. Jim Michael couldn't make it. I'm Conan Wallace. If you don't know me, I'm representing the Randolph County Airport Board. With me today is Jason Clearwaters. Jason is the airport manager for Randolph County. He works for BF&S. That's a civil engineering firm out of Plainfield, Indiana, Butler Fairman and Seufert?

Jason Clearwaters said yep, close enough.

Conan Wallace said Jason has been Randolph County, I don't know how many years, but.

Jason Clearwaters said 15.

Conan Wallace said okay. We, again, we're here to update you what's going on with our airport, and we do have an ask. And I'll let Jason go ahead and get started.

Jason Clearwaters said before we jump into the handout, I do have kind of a housekeeping item that came to light last week from Sherrie Timmons. The project that just wrapped up construction is the pavement portion for the future hanger we'll talk about. The amount that was appropriated for the 5% local share, the way these projects work is 90% FAA, 5% state, 5% local. The original appropriation for that construction project was done after the project was bid. However, by the time we got the FA grant, statutory bid hold of 60 days had expired. Milestone contractors decided not to hold their bid. We had to rebid it, even though we had the grant in hand. And of course, in a rebid when you only have one bidder, the price went up slightly. So, the original appropriation of \$36,027.15 is no longer the 5%. It's going to be closer to \$40,473, approximately \$4,450.00 short to be able to pay the final bills and close out that project. So, I think a recommendation would be an additional \$5,000 appropriation, just to cover that amount. Now, I don't know, I wasn't involved at the local level where that original match came from, and where this additional approximately \$5,000 would need to come from to financially close out that grant. If that's something that this board would be responsible for, again, I do not know where that original \$36,027.15 came from.

Laura said I think it was ARPA and that would be commissioners.

Jason Clearwaters said okay. On the top left of this ledger it does say fund 8950, ARPA. So, okay. We can get in front of the commissioners then, and ask for that additional to be able to close it out based on the actual construction cost incurred. So, moving on the handout, I just want to give a little bit of a back story for those of you that weren't involved, and then kind of explain where we're at today, and where we intend to go in the future. So, first page, you know, the last hanger that was constructed at the airport, 2019, an 80 by 80 hanger, this was also funded

through the FA program at 95 and 5. The local share was approximately \$24,000.00 for the construction. We had that hanger rented before it was even really completed. The same tenant has been in it for 53 months now, \$1,200.00 a month. So, \$63,000 and change, plus all the profits on the fuel sales. It is a charter operation, typically flies cargo at all hours of the day. So, they are significant fuel sales as well. So, you can see that since 2019, the county investment has been paid back almost three times over for that hanger, the last one that has been built. So, in 2021, the airport started looking at a multi-unit hanger, a 10-unit hanger, which we'll talk about more. And then the project that I just mentioned that we're trying to close out is the 2021 taxi-lane construction. That actually, the grant came in 22, but it was too late to start. We started in 23 and finished in September of this year. So, that pavement is all done and ready for the future building. And we are currently designing the 10-unit hanger that is also federally funded as well. So, the design is going to be under funding. Just to give an idea for those that aren't around the airport environment, page two kind of shows, top left, that's the pavement that's done. That's the current picture. You can see in that grass area between the pickup truck and the pavement on the left, that is where that future 10-unit hanger will go. So, all the sitework, grading, the drainage, the paving is done. We're ready to come in and essentially drop a building between the existing pavement. And on the right, you can see a very similar 10-unit T-hanger that just finished up at another airport, very similar to what we are anticipating for your airport as well. And then the bottom picture is just a floor plan. So, when we say T-hanger, you can get a feel for they're nested inside of each other to save space. You back the airplane in, the tail goes into that area in the middle to be able to get those 10 airplanes in that area. So, just to give a feel for what we're looking at there on page two.

Tom Chalfant said there will be doors on each side?

Jason Clearwaters said correct, electric bi-fold doors, concrete floor, you know, a lot nicer than some of the hangars out there. There are some hangars that are original to the airport still, that are really beyond repair, wooden frame, concrete and gravel floors. So, this is significantly better, which we'll result in higher rental rates as well, which we'll talk about on this last page. A lot of numbers here, and I know you don't need me to read it to you, so I'll hit the high points. Estimated construction costs, we've not bid it yet, but this is based on another hanger at a different airport, very similar, \$860,000. Again, this is expected to be funded by the FA Grant program at the 95 a 5, so the local share will be approximately \$43,000 when we get there. So, what the airport has now, so, the infrastructure bill that congress passed provided your airport 5 years of funding through that infrastructure bill. Right now, the airport has their fiscal year, 23 and 24 infrastructure bill funds, which are \$221,000 federal and they have their traditional FA entitlement, which is \$150,000 a year. That's money that FA allows for capital projects. It's not for operating expenses or paying off electric bill, it's for capital improvements. So, if you had the 5% state and local, that's that column to the right, and see right now, the airport has available today, of about \$412,000.00. That's the feds, state and local share combined. So, all in. You take the 859 minus that number, you can see right now that we're short about \$450,000. Again, this is based on estimates, not true bids yet. So, right now, the airport's capital improvement plan shows them rolling, because these funds can be rolled into consecutive years to a certain point. It shows them rolling until late 2026, where we would bid it in 26, construct over the winter into 27, and I assume an occupancy of around July of 2027. So, that's the current plan to get to the finish line with this project. So, what we're kicking around and asking, and throwing

out there, is there a way to frontload this construction and pay it back to be able to have that asset sooner and be able to start to incur revenue from that asset as well. So, going on there, if the 446, 447,000 were available, the airport could pay back almost \$300,000 in 2025 with their infrastructure bill and their entitlement. And then in 26, that would leave the final \$155,000 to pay back. I'll try to summarize some of the financial aspects of what that means, and assuming an occupancy of January 2025, if we're going to build it in 24. I anticipated rent \$175 a month for the 10-units, plus some fuel profits, estimated at \$200 a month just on profit, so almost \$2,000.00 a month when it is fully full. And I understand day one, likely to not be full, but just as an estimate here, by being able to build it 30 months earlier than the plan, potentially \$58,500 in revenue, which is actually about \$15,000 more than the overall 5% required locally. So, effectively, in that 30 months, we would pay back the loans, plus the airport would be able to pay back the 5%, being, making profit going forward for the county. And then lastly, important to keep in mind that estimate today's cost, I don't know what the construction cost will be in 2026. Hopefully, things are levelled out, but to be determined. In summary, there at the bottom, you know, if the airport is able to obtain a loan, they'll be able to pay it back in 24 to 30 months. And in that same time period, return over 100% of the 5% local share, at that point, making it no cost to the county, and then will increase airport revenue thereafter. Now these buildings, steel frame, we expect 40-year structure life. So, really after year two, the additional 38 will be all profit back to the county.

Tom Chalfant said those doors, what kind of maintenance do they have? If they have a 40-year life, they surely have maintenance costs too.

Jason Clearwaters said they have electric doors. They have cables that need maintained and replaced, but structure itself, should be pretty low maintenance. A lot of these hanger doors don't get opened and closed that often. So, it's not an every day thing.

Tom Chalfant said do you think that a market around here will bare those 10 rental spots, you could rent that out pretty easily?

Jason Clearwaters said so I've worked with multiple airports in the area, Richmond, Portland, Muncie, and then some in Ohio as well. There're really not airports at extra capacity right now. Your airport is full. Like I said, the box hanger was filled on day one. It's kind of if you build it they'll come, because it's hard to advertise you have the space if you don't have the space. And once we have the framework, the funding framework, and we have a schedule and a timeline, we can start to put out there that hey, we expect this to be available in, you know, January 25 or February, 25. But until we have the funding mechanism, it's really tough to advertise. I think there will probably be some of the tenants in the older units that may want to move over, which is good. I mean, it opens up those cheaper older units for maybe somebody to come to your airport that doesn't want to pay the \$175. So, I think it can fill up over time. Now will it be day one, no. But, if you have the capacity and you have a brand-new hanger, very nice, I think over time, there's enough people in the 30- or 40-mile radius, because other airports are full as well. So, that's kind of what we're working through, trying to find a way to move it faster, if that doesn't exist, you know, we're two years out from building it, we'll essentially be doing nothing at the airport for two years, just waiting on those funds to roll over. But if there is a way to front load it and pay it back over those two years, I think we can definitely start to get that revenue

sooner and pay back both the loan and the 5% local share in a timely fashion. So, I don't know if those funds are available somewhere. We're just kind of presenting an idea, a concept to be able to move quicker than what we can utilize in just FA funding.

Tom Kerns said do any of the other adjacent airports have projects like this somewhat going forward?

Jason Clearwaters said so Muncie just built a box hanger but they do not have anymore hangers in the future. Portland does not have any planned. I don't know of any at Darke County. Richmond is not building any hangers any time soon that I'm aware of. We worked there as well, so I guess the answer is not that I'm aware of, definitely not within a 30, 40-mile radius. Any questions on what's going on at the airport I could answer or kind of the plan here or anything at all regarding the airport?

Tom Chalfant said do you cover a lot of other rural airports?

Jason Clearwaters said we work with 20 airports similar, or smaller or larger than yours throughout Indiana and Ohio.

Tom Chalfant said what, do you have a rough idea, what percent does crop dusting contribute to each rural county?

Jason Clearwaters said it honestly depends on location, and it depends on the season and the weather. You know, I know your airport, at times is very busy, and so there's a lot of fuel for those crop dusters, as does Portland and Richmond. So, it really depends. I don't have those breakdowns as far as fuel sales or operations.

Tom Chalfant said do you have, you guys study the future, what do you think the future of crop dusting is?

Jason Clearwaters said I don't see it going away. It's effective, it's a pretty effective, quick way to apply that. I don't see it changing as far as a deep deduction.

Tom Chalfant said I guess I do, I mean, I see drones taking that business over. I don't know if you guys have studied that or not.

Jason Clearwaters said we have not. No, this project would mostly serve you know, getting more aircraft to the field that would also result in more fuel sales if they're based there. It will happen. It's just a matter of, is it, can it happen in 2024, or are we looking at more of a 26, 27.

Todd said so the advantages of doing it earlier are you turn over the revenue earlier, maybe you get a jump on anybody else, other counties you might have this out there?

Jason Clearwaters said true.

Todd said and the costs of the facility are locked into, and you don't have to worry about exceeding.

Jason Clearwaters said yeah, I mean, I don't have a crystal ball. 24 months out, bidding it, but I don't see it being cheaper.

Todd said and the down side is whatever interest there is on a very short loan, because these amounts are guaranteed, right, that are coming in on that 5-year program?

Jason Clearwaters said I have to always tell everyone unless congress makes a change. Congress could take away funding, change the program. Right now, you get a \$150,000 a year plus you've got your infrastructure bill funds that are good, we've got a couple more years left in that program. If something were to change in congress, that could change. I have to put that out there that I can't say it's guaranteed. It's been guaranteed in my career, but I have to throw that out there.

Todd said how does this affect the terminal project?

Jason Clearwaters said that's a good question. That was kind of our last thing to bring up. I know some of you, we've been talking about a terminal for a decade or more. With the FA, funding of a terminal building is problematic. It's not a high priority. They have a priority system of ranking. You know, runway safety, all the way down to hangers and terminals. So, as far as receiving a significant chunk of funding, that's not likely. The airport could use their entitlement money or their infrastructure funds for that if you want to follow their rules and regulations. So, we're working through that. A few things that are new since I've been in front of you or the commissioners. The airport did apply for a Ready 2.0 grant recently. That closed a couple weeks ago. Some uncertainty there, they call out the airports' projects are eligible. I don't know how well that scores, but that's to be determined. So, that's been submitted. And also, at the state level, historically, there's been a state local grant program. However, during my career, it's not been funded, even though it exists by law. There's been some changes in the last session regarding IDEM. The airport has to collect money on every gallon of fuel sold. It goes to IDEM for a remediation fund. Through the State Aviation Association, we've worked to capture some of that and keep it on airports. A lot of that money has been going off airports, even though it's collected on airports. The airports typically, don't have fuel remediation. It's more service stations and things. So, we're hopeful. We're being told that that state local program will be funded. However, we don't know the details yet. We have been in discussions with state INDOT Aviation. They understand the need for your airport to have a new terminal. We've done over the year, a couple of reports, an ADA report. All that's out there, they know that. You're on the list, but until that money is in the program and the program has a scoring criteria, we don't really know how that's going to pan out. But, we're exploring any and every opportunity to replace the 75 plus-year-old terminal building and bring it into something that better meets the needs and provides a lot better front door to your community. That's out there next, after this T hanger or at the same time, potentially.

Todd said I'm trying to picture it in my mind. The original concept for that terminal building, 10 years ago or so, included a hanger attached didn't it?

Jason Clearwaters said it did. We showed a hanger with a terminal attached at that time, in that study that was done.

Todd said so would it be more likely that it would not be necessary to have a hanger attached to that since you're building 10?

Jason Clearwaters said yep. It's, the terminal building can be scaled to fit the available funding. Now, at the time, that was the concept, and that was before the 80 by 80 hanger that was built 5 years ago. That was before that was there. So, there was no large hanger for larger aircrafts. And not that that, you know, that somewhat fills that need, even though it's rented and not really open or available, my gut says if the terminal moves forward, it will be a free-standing structure without a hanger. But I think we can design it for the future and allow for a connection at some point, if we design it right, to be able to connect to a hanger through a breezeway. I can see that to just sort of move forward, I think that's how it will probably play out. Start out with a stand-alone terminal, accommodate in the future if the future happens.

Todd said so that would depend on how quickly those 10 slots?

Jason Clearwaters said true. Yep. Based on the study you mentioned, you know, the hanger portion is, based on today's dollars, is probably almost half the total cost that's in that report, so by cutting that out would definitely significantly reduce the cost.

Dave said so what's going on with the hanger out there currently that's a shell? Did they put new siding on it or something?

Jason Clearwaters said yeah, the oldest hanger immediately east of the terminal hanger is getting re-skinned, new roof and siding, that should be finished this week.

Dave said is that part of another?

Jason Clearwaters said that's just a maintenance project.

Conan Wallace said it's in the budget.

Jason Clearwaters said yeah, that's a maintenance, to be able to maintain that hanger, it was starting to leak water. That's yeah, rehabilitation of existing hanger that should finish this week.

Dave said any other questions for Jason or Conan? You guys have anything else you want to share?

Jason Clearwaters said I guess just throw it out there, is there a county mechanism to frontload this short of a formal loan outside the county? Is there a funding pot of money that could frontload this if it were to be reimbursed within 2 years?

Dave said I'm going to have to refer you back to the county commissioners on that one.

Jason Clearwaters said okay. That's fine.

Tom Chalfant said it's a possibility with Windfarm.

Jason Clearwaters said between the reimbursement from the FA and even if you wanted to push the first couple years of rent, you could pay it back a 100%, hopefully, within 24 to 30 months, and then being seeing that profit thereon.

Tom Chalfant said it seems like a good investment.

Jason Clearwaters said okay. Well, we'll get with the commissioners as well and see if we can move this forward faster than 2025, 26.

Bev said thank you, the information was valuable.

Jason Clearwaters said thank you.

Conan Wallace said thank you.

Other Business:

Minutes of October 3, 2023 – November 8, 2023 and November 17, 2023

Dave said we'll go down to other business. Minutes of October 3rd, November 8th and November 17th.

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

Resolution 2023-27 Transfer of Real Estate

Dave said okay the next thing we have before us is the resolution 2023-27, transfer of real estate. Does anybody want to step forward and speak on that behalf?

Brent Brumfield said good morning. My name is Brent Brumfield. This is my wife, Carrie. We started a camp 17 some years ago on our farm here in Randolph County, and maybe that was an inadequate thing. We were young and silly, and just thought we could do it. And quickly, we started renting campgrounds at other places because there was no facility here close and our farm was not really adequate to do it. And we've always wanted a home for it permanently. And we started developing a property down on Arba Pike, and quickly, the people of the county said hey, we've got this facility. And we rented it this year, as you all know. And we're thankful for that privilege. But we want, we're looking for it to be a permanent thing. So, that's why we're here today. Do you have any questions for us or, I'll turn it over to her to see what she wants to say?

Carrie Brumfield said well I don't know what I'm going to add to that but I did find the airport thing interesting. Our son learned to fly at the airport, and he has just gotten his airline license, and he is a pilot for FedEx now. And so, he got his start at the Randolph County Airport. So, we are appreciative of the airport. So, I hope they get the hanger, because he flies in here once-in-

awhile. And that's nice. Him and his wife are both pilots. And we appreciate that. I guess, do you have any questions for us?

Missy said I've had a question from a couple of schools wanting to know, they used to do outdoor education, they started doing it, it was an overnight one, so they started doing it at Camp Yale, and it was a day camp. Would you still allow the schools to come in and do outdoor education?

Carrie Brumfield said so, we did have someone from the school contact us this year.

Missy said yeah, I gave them your contact. I hope you didn't mind.

Carrie Brumfield said oh no, no, that was good. We did get back with them and we gave them my husband's phone number. We haven't heard back from them yet. We have not ruled out the schools using it. The activities back through there do need some repair. So, it is not really ready for the type of things that they were doing. And we do hope to get the trails open, like on a Saturday throughout the year. Honestly, we got ahold of the property at the end of May. And so, we threw a calendar together really quickly, just to be able to use it this year. I think for the amount of time we had and for the upkeep that needed to be done to the facilities, the property, we had a pretty busy calendar. But, we hope for that calendar to grow. We have not started on this year's calendar yet because we wanted to make sure the ink was dry on everything we were doing before we said we were definitely doing all these things. We are looking into insurance right now to be able to cover the public to be able to come in and do things. So far, we've been covered under the church insurance for the camp and stuff, but when you open up to the public to be even bigger, we just have some things we're working on. But we've definitely not ruled out the schools doing that.

Brent Brumfield said we would love to be able to see that happen honestly. And some of it's going to depend on, do you know are they providing any staffing for that when they do that, or would all the staffing be required of us? Do you have any?

Missy said no, they do it all. It's just that they, the way they, they used to go to overnight camp. And they taught kids that hadn't had the opportunity you know, to even fish or walk a trail and then they changed it to just a day camp, because you can imagine what it would be like to take your whole 5th grade class.

Carrie Brumfield said we know what it's like.

Brent Brumfield said we know what it's like, yeah.

Carrie Brumfield said yeah. Take a hundred kids to someplace far away. It's not easy.

Missy said wouldn't reiterate it and go back to it, but I thought it was a good program.

Carrie Brumfield said we are definitely willing to talk with them. Some of it would be just staffing you know, and so, if they can help provide some staff, that would definitely help in the decisions.

Missy said and they may not want to even go back and do it again. They're doing some other things.

Carrie Brumfield said yeah, we are open to different ideas for the community that could help though. We are not in any way.

Brent Brumfield said we do realize that we can't physically utilize the facility to the maximum amount by ourselves. So, we want to be able to rent this facility out to other people to defray our costs and so forth, and that's part of our vision for it, is to have other groups to come in. So, regardless of whether it's a school or not, possibly other churches who are looking for a church camp or whatever. You know, we don't want to just be our place and not be used for other things.

Carrie Brumfield said yeah, we've had some contact with Harrisville congregation and their youth camp who oversees all their youth camps for the congregational Christian has contacted us and wondered how soon we would have a place ready that could be rentable for their overnight camps that they do. We're not ready for that yet, but we are working on it. We've done quite a bit out there just this summer, and it not even, you know, just in a few months, if you've been out there. I think I've taken some of you tours, and we would like for it to be a place that can be used by many people.

Tom Chalfant said I assume you're okay with all the covenants that have been placed on it?

Brent Brumfield said yes. We've, yeah, we've been working with Mr. Cook and Mr. Cockerill and yes, we're in agreement with the things that have been placed there.

Tom Chalfant said do we need a motion?

Dave said well if there're no other questions, we will need to pass this resolution.

RESOLUTION 2023-27

A RESOLUTION FOR THE TRANSFER OF REAL ESTATE RANDOLPH COUNTY, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Council ("Council"), must approve certain transfers of real estate pursuant to IC 36-1-11-3.

WHEREAS, Randolph County obtained certain real estate from The Randolph County Young Men's Christian Association, Inc. ("YMCA") on January 31, 2022, which deed is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", consisting of approximately 29 acres located at 2000 S Hwy 27, Winchester, IN 47394.

WHEREAS, Open Arms House of Worship Church, Inc. ("Open Arms") desires to obtain a portion of the real estate which shall be surveyed, and the surveyed legal description shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Real Estate".

WHEREAS, Open Arms desires to operate a religious and educational camp on the Real Estate. IC 36-1-11 et al does not apply to this transfer since Open Arms is an Indiana not-for-profit Corporation created for religious, educational, charitable and/ or recreational purposes and is exempt from federal income tax, see IC 36-1-11.1(b) and IC 36-1-11-5.6.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council that:

1. The Randolph County Commissioners are empowered to transfer the Real Estate for no consideration to Open Arms, plus the costs of appraisal fees, title insurance, recording fees, survey costs and any other fees or costs associated with the transfer.

2. The Commissioners are fully empowered to negotiate the transfer of the Real Estate.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Tom Kerns made motion to approve. Todd seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Missy said one other question, I'm not sure I still have his card but, the environmental science at IU is very interested in getting with you about bringing some college students in to do environmental studies on the pond.

Carrie Brumfield said okay.

Resolution 2023-28 Transfer of funds to Rainy day

Dave said okay the next item of business, we have Resolution 2023-28, transfer of funds to rainy day. This is for \$250,000 from County general fund and \$250,000 from county renewable energy fund. So, a total of \$500,000 will be transferred to the rainy day.

Tom Kerns said have the commissioners approved this?

Dave said yes.

RESOLUTION 2023-28

A RESOLUTION FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Council has established a Rainy Day Find to receive transfers of unused and unencumbered funds in accordance with IC 36-1-8-5;

WHEREAS, pursuant to IC 36-1-8-5.1, the fiscal body of a subdivision may at any time, by ordinance or resolution, transfer any unused or unencumbered funds "raised by general or special tax levy on all the taxable property of a political subdivision" or "any other funding source not otherwise prohibited by law" to its Rainy-Day Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Council wishes to transfer unused and unencumbered funds in the amount of \$250,000 from the County General Fund and \$250,000 from the County Renewable Energy Fund to the County Rainy Day Fund.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Randolph County Council, being the fiscal body for Randolph County, that the amount of \$250,000 from the County General Fund and \$250,000 from the County Renewable Energy Fund shall be transferred to the County Rainy Day Fund and that the County Auditor is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action necessary to effectuate such transfer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Randolph County Council hereby determines that this transfer and use of the funds helps to satisfy the needs of the County and are consistent with the purposes of the County.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Tom Chalfant made motion to approve. Mike seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2023-27 Health Department Salary amendment

Dave said okay, the next item we have on the agenda is the ordinance 2023-27, ordinance to amend salary ordinance 2023-23 amending Randolph County's Health department budget, who you heard earlier that about the health department clinic nurse starting earlier, in December.

Laura said these are January salaries, because you guys changed their salaries after the budget hearings.

Tom Kerns said wouldn't we be able to do that without an ordinance to change that for her to start early? And advertising, you can get all that done?

Laura said well we did advertise the additional appropriation.

Meeks said and they've hired somebody.

Laura said we did advertise for the hiring.

Tom Kerns said so all that's been done?

Laura said yeah. Yeah, we've already done that. They went through interviews. I think she said she interviewed like six people.

Tom Kerns said just adding to the line.

Laura said yeah, which is the additional.

Dave said okay. I stand corrected. This is for the adjustments for the public health coordinator nurse, sanitarian, school liaison.

Todd said so this isn't for the additional, it would have been six weeks?

Laura said no.

Dave said no, this is not.

Laura said no, this is where when, during the budget hearings, remember.

Todd said we did it after?

Laura said yeah. Then you went and changed their salaries to.

Todd said okay.

Laura said and this won't be effective until January. We've just got to get it in place so we can pay them correctly in January.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-27
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2023-23
AMENDING RANDOLPH COUNTY'S HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET

WHEREAS: There has been a correction to Ordinance No. 2023-23 with regard to the Randolph County's Health Department Budget and it is necessary to amend the 2024 Salary Ordinance and to change the following pay in the Salary Ordinance effective beginning paid date of January 12, 2024 pay as follows:

HEALTH DEPARTMENT (1159-0301)

COORDINATOR/REGISTRAR

\$1721.30 BI-WEEKLY

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

\$2233.70 BI-WEEKLY

SANITARIAN

\$1838.90 BI-WEEKLY

LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE (1161)

SCHOOL LIAISON

\$2153.90 BI-WEEKLY

CLINIC NURSE

\$1969.80

IT IS THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF RANDOLPH COUNTY INDIANA THAT:

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 2023-23, 2024 Salary Ordinance pertaining to Randolph County's HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET shall be amended to read as follows:

HEALTH DEPARTMENT (1159-0301)

COORDINATOR/REGISTRAR

\$1721.30 BI-WEEKLY

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

\$2233.70 BI-WEEKLY

SANITARIAN

\$1838.90 BI-WEEKLY

LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE (1161)

SCHOOL LIAISON

\$2153.90 BI-WEEKLY

CLINIC NURSE

\$1969.80

Bev moved that council pass ordinance 2023-27 after the first reading. Mike seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Bev moved that the rules be suspended and have the second and third reading by title only and adopted the same day. Mike seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Bev moved that council adopt ordinance 2023-27. Mike seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2023-28 Highway Department Salary amendment

Dave said the next item we have is the Ordinance 2023-28, highway department salary amendment. This is for the highway engineer.

Missy said which allows him to go part-time, correct?

Dave said yes, part-time.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-28

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND 2024 SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2023-23
AMENDING RANDOLPH COUNTY'S HIGHWAY ADMIN BUDGET

WHEREAS: There has been a correction to Ordinance No. 2023-23 with regard to the Randolph County's Highway Department Budget and it is necessary to amend the 2024 Salary Ordinance and to add the following pay in the Salary Ordinance effective beginning paid date of January 12, 2024 pay as follows:

HIGHWAY ADMIN (1176-0201)

HIGHWAY ENGINEER - PART TIME

\$62.50 PER HOUR

IT IS THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF RANDOLPH COUNTY INDIANA THAT:

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 2023-23, 2024 Salary Ordinance pertaining to Randolph County's HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET shall be amended to read as follows:

HIGHWAY ADMIN (1176-0201)

HIGHWAY ENGINEER - PART TIME

\$62.50 PER HOUR

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

Bev moved that the rules be suspended and have the second and third reading by title only and adopted the same day. Todd seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Bev moved that council adopt ordinance 2023-28. Missy seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2023-29 Board of Aviation Salary amendment

Dave said okay, the next item we have is Ordinance 2023-29, board of aviation salary amendment. It's for 2024.

Laura said this is correcting for next year so we don't have the same issue that we had this year.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-29

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND 2024 SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2023-23
AMENDING RANDOLPH COUNTY'S BOARD OF AVIATION BUDGET

WHEREAS: There has been a correction to Ordinance No. 2023-23 with regard to the Randolph County's Board of Aviation Budget and it is necessary to amend the 2024 Salary Ordinance and to change the following pay in the Salary Ordinance effective beginning paid date of January 12, 2024 pay as follows:

BOARD OF AVIATION (1001-0037)

AIRPORT MANAGER

\$1651.20 BI-WEEKLY

IT IS THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF RANDOLPH COUNTY INDIANA THAT:

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 2023-23, 2024 Salary Ordinance pertaining to Randolph County’s BOARD OF AVIATION BUDGET shall be amended to read as follows:

BOARD OF AVIATION (1001-0037)

AIRPORT MANAGER

\$1651.20 BI-WEEKLY

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

Bev moved the rules be suspended and have the second and third reading by title only and adopted the same day. Mike seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Bev moved that council adopt Ordinance 2023-29. Mike seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Winchester Library Board Appointment

Dave said okay, the next item on our agenda is the Winchester library board appointment of Dawn Keys to replace John Waltz’s remaining term.

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

2024 Council meeting Schedule and attendance schedule for Commissioner’s meetings

Dave said I take it you guys have seen the agenda for 2024’s schedule for the council meeting and attendance for commissioner’s meetings. Laura had sent those out to us.

Additional Appropriations:

Commissioner’s

Employment separation payout	\$10,000.00
Care patients/inmates	\$25,000.00

Dave said now down to additional appropriations. Under commissioners we have two items, employment separation payout and care patients and inmates.

Tom Kerns made motion to approve. Mike seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Airport

Airport manager	\$5,170.64
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Dave said next item we have is additional appropriation for the airport manager. Do I have a motion?

Mike made motion to approve. Dave seconded the motion. 4 aye votes. 3 nay votes (Tom C., Dave L. and Tom K).

Missy said for a minute. I think I need more clarification on what this is. I thought I had it straight, but what is this \$5,100?

Laura said my office made an error and they calculated the pay rate, his hourly rate as if he was a 70-hour employee, and did not catch that until last month when we would run out money in that pay line, because we budget just enough to pay their salary for the year. So, this is covering the salary from here until the rest of the year back down to the salary he should have been at through the year.

Missy said so our alternative if we would have voted no on that, would have been?

Laura said then his pay would have stopped, because there's no money to pay him. We would not have paid him for the rest of the year, which means he probably wouldn't work for the rest of the year either.

Tom Chalfant said or we could, we could have done anything up to, or you know, we could have done a lot of things and not continued his whole salary, whatever.

Tom Kerns said it's basically vote for a retroactive raise for him for 2023.

Laura said kind of more of a bonus because his pay is going back down.

Missy said I guess that's where I'm at, I'm going, what is our alternative, and then I, if he was aware, which he would.

Laura said well and I don't know if he was aware.

Missy said no, yeah.

Laura said I did send him an email because Meeks said I should.

Missy said yeah, and perhaps he didn't.

Laura said and explained the situation, and told him if he had any questions or concerns to get with me. I've not heard from him. Basically, what we did was not really recommended. It was just state board said this is what you can do to correct the error. This is what we're going to look at.

Missy said and I guess my other question is, we paid, when we do the salary ordinances, we give them a yearly amount that we're going to pay them.

Laura said no we don't.

Missy said no we don't?

Laura said we do them bi-weekly. And by-weekly showed what it should have been. But when my staff calculated that down to an hourly rate, put it in the system, they calculated it as if he worked 70 hours, and he worked 80. So, it made his pay, hourly rate, higher than what it should have been. And we did not catch that. So, I mean, ultimately, it's my office's fault that it happened.

Missy said no. I don't want to put fault on, because you know, most people, everybody has a lot to do, I mean, there's a lot of stuff in there and figure it out.

Laura said there's a lot, and we have a lot of different, I mean the highway is hourly.

Tom Chalfant said yeah, businesses pay a wage, and then that's it, we put a salary line out there and then we pay a wage.

Missy said yeah, that's my point.

Bev said it's not an easy process. I feel bad for the office that underwent, and yes, you know we've talked about this before, and that airport manager should have stepped up and said something. He surely realized something was not right. But, by the same token, in order to make this right for this year.

Health Department

Clinic Nurse	\$5,908.00
SS	\$366.00
Perf	\$650.00
Medicare	\$86.00

Dave said next on our additional appropriations, the health department, the clinic nurse, this is what we heard earlier. It's around \$7,500.00 or so.

Bev made motion to approve. Tom Kerns seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

ARPA

Comp/Video Equip	\$23,940.00
New Vehicle	\$29,727.35

Dave said okay the next item we have on our additional appropriations are ARPA for computer video equipment and new vehicle.

Laura said it's not really a vehicle. I know it's the line it comes out of, but it's the cot loading system for the new ambulance, is what that is. It's just the line we're paying it out of.

Dave said yeah. The new vehicle loading system is \$29,727.35, and the replacing exterior jail cameras is \$23,940.00.

Tom Kerns made motion to approve. Mike seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

<u>Transfers:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Extension		
\$1200.00	General	Travel/Mileage
911		
\$7960.00	Part time	Service contracts
Probation		
\$580.00	Postage	Office Supplies
\$178.00	Attend meetings	Office Supplies
\$100.00	Repairs	Office Supplies
\$24.00	Travel/mileage	Office Supplies

Dave said okay, the next item, we have three transfers. Extension office from general to travel/mileage, 911 from part time to service and Probation, office, postage to office supplies, attend meetings to office supplies, repairs to office supplies and travel/mileage for probation. Entertain a motion to approve all three of these transfers.

Tom Chalfant made motion to approve. Missy seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

David Lenkensdofer

Dave said did everybody get an email from Chris Shaneyfelt about the, I think it was for the maintenance.

Tom Chalfant said do you know what the original was supposed to be? I was thinking it was not going to be a lot of additional cost with that emergency system. Where's this coming from?

Laura said his email here explains. I think he has some of it budgeted.

Missy said he didn't mention how much he had budgeted and what he was wanting.

Laura said I thought it said that in there, does it not?

Todd said when we talked about this at budget time, remember, he said there was a \$150,000 quote for this and we discussed not doing that and leaving the \$50,000-line item in there, and just covering repairs. It feels like according to the email we didn't have that conversation that we're going back to I can cover this, but I can't cover that.

Meeks said the email actually had that right, from 2024. It says I have \$50,000 in J&K service line. He has \$50,000, right. He said therefore, I can cover the 2024 cost for quotes, two quotes for \$39,000. We can take the remaining \$18,800 and apply it to the third quote and then he still needs \$106,000.

Todd said right, so as we discussed, the \$50,000.00 was supposed to go not to a \$150,000.00 service contract, but just be there to repair as they broke. But if I understood it correctly, we had an abundance of radios.

Tom Kerns said instead of doing the service contract.

Todd said yeah. And when, I worked for a company before that had a radio system like this and we just got gouged. On the service contract, you felt like you kind of got a bait and switch there. You bought an expensive system and now you need maintenance for it. And, rarely, would we use the maintenance agreement, so, I thought we agreed already to take a chance for a year on this. But, I'm not going to, also, when I read this, I thought, where, I don't have these quotes, so I'm not really sure how it got divided up into three different. And I maybe come to the wrong conclusion, but this felt like we were going back to what we decided not to do.

Tom Chalfant said well and next year, if we self-insure and they come back with these quotes, they might want to recoup the loss of this year.

Todd said how long does it take until you've paid for it all over again? You might as well just.

Tom Chalfant said yeah. Yeah, service contracts are quite lucrative. Unfortunately, the way things are built anymore, it's almost a necessity to buy service contracts. Things just don't last.

Dave said I guess we have two options, either let it stay like we've talked about, back in the budget, or in January, he really should have been here to discuss it.

Tom Chalfant said I assume these contracts expire at the end of the year?

Laura said all I know is what it says here. I haven't talked to Chris. And I know he has kind of been covered up trying to cover the shifts over there.

Dave said what's your wishes?

Todd said my wish is personally, to not act on this but to have further discussion about it.

Dave said okay. You want to table it then until our January meeting. Okay. What else have you got for us?

Laura said that's all I got.

Dave said that's all. This is pretty good. Tom, do you have anything for the Council?

Tom Kerns said I do not.

Dave said I heard earlier your dinner went quite well in Union City.

Tom Kerns said it did.

Dave said that was a good thing.

Tom Kerns said it was a very nice evening, a good community evening.

Dave said okay. Todd, do you have anything for the council?

Todd said no.

Dave said Mike? Tom? Bev, do you have anything for the council?

Bev said no.

Dave said this is our last meeting for the year.

Bev said I wish everybody a pleasant holiday. Nothing eventful.

Dave said Missy, anything?

Missy said no.

Dave said I just got a few things real quick. State Route 32 will be closed starting January 3rd for 6 months at the White River Bridge. That's between 4 and 500 East. They're getting ready to replace that bridge.

Tom Chalfant said they we're supposed to do it in May, they budgeted it so it can't pass, anyway, it got.

Dave said yeah, a six-month process. I think six months to build that new bridge there.

Tom Chalfant said which, if you don't mind, I, it's going to cost the county more because in January a lot of corn moves to Cardinal Ethanol so, that's going to route trucks on county roads, hopefully, we won't have freezing and thawing issues going on when those trucks are on our roads. It's going to cost the county more road costs because of this.

Dave said there'll be a state highway detour.

Bev said they'll have their detour, the state highway. But, we know that the county, we know what the locals do.

Dave said I don't know if they're going to use any county roads to offset.

Tom Kerns said it doesn't matter if they do or not, they will.

Dave said Union City Pike will get a lot of traffic.

Todd said does it make sense to delay the project until after the busy flow?

Tom Chalfant said well originally, they were going to do it in October of last, a year ago. And then we had to put it into this past spring, and then cost overrun, so it got delayed until January.

Dave said just for your information, another item I had, ICCA, Indiana County Council Association president has accepted a new job as controller for the state of Indiana. So, they'll be looking for a new, Anton Neff will be moving up to the president of the County Council Association. They'll be looking for a new executive assistant. And don't forget the lights at Union City Park. They're in full swing right now, beautiful. Art, do you have anything for us?

Art Moystner said I just want to update a couple of things, and then I would like some guidance from council. I'd sent an email at the end of November regarding the Axon system, the body camera system for the officers and in the cars and such. I'd sent out the email that had the price comparisons, that if we wait, what we were going to do. But I know it's kind of time-consuming to put that in there, and I'm not sure if you guys have the appetite that you want to try to extend it now, or whether it's something you want to wait. I know, from my perspective, I go out of office January 1, 2027. My contracts currently run until April of 27 with one of them. The other one ends in November of 26. So, if push comes to shove, I'll ask for a one-year extension. It'll get it past my time. But, if you guys would look at that email, there was a price comparison that they sent out with that. And obviously, the numbers for that was a 10-year contract. You can also do a 5-year contract, which would cut those numbers basically in half. So, I just, I wanted that on your radar to look at because I think that's a substantial savings three years down the road. So, I want you to be aware of that. The other thing is I wanted to put on your radar, our population in the jail is down, which brings the commissary fund down, so there might be some additional appropriations that I need to ask for next year with regard to a new vehicle because we usually use three in a rotation. I'm not sure I'm going to be able to pick up that third one. The way it's looking at right now, no. And there were some contracts that the fees had went up that, at the time we were doing budgets, I wasn't aware of the increase, but I had to scramble to find some money this year to pay off a couple of contracts, so I'm going to come back with an additional appropriation for that. So, just wanted that on your radar before we go into next year. Wanted to share with you that the officers that we had off on admin leave are back to work. They've been released. So, that was good news. Other than that, we're doing a lot of work at the jail with some of the funding that the commissioners have worked with me on. We're going to continue to try to do that. I want that building to last awhile. So, we're trying to get the upgrades in there necessary to do that. There might be some contract things that I come back to you for. I'm asking for an upgrade for Spillman, other than the ARPA from the commissioners. It'll make the officers' jobs easier, better, safer. So, those are some of the things that we're doing. Other than that, I wanted to put those items on your radar. Unless you have questions for me, that's all I have today.

Tom Chalfant said how much is your jail population down?

Art Moystner said when I took over five years ago, my population was over 110. I'm averaging anywhere from 62 to 85 currently, and that kind of ebbs and flows. We're on the low end of that

right now, which ultimately saves us money in meals and some of the other stuff, but obviously, there's less going into commissary with that.

Tom Chalfant said my next question is are you comfortable, I mean, could you contract out to house prisoners for a stay of other counties? Is that a Catch 22?

Art Moystner said I think we've done that before. I think sometimes that works out well for you. I would share with you that surrounding counties, we still hold for. I actually have one that we've held for a considerable time for Delaware County that they're paying us to hold, due to some circumstances they had. We were happy to do that. They do the same thing for us. But as far as trying to contract and bring them in, the kick you get into is unless you do some type of contract where you negotiate a price, the state of Indiana pays \$37.50 per day to hold inmates. That fee went up a couple years ago I think if I remember right, Dave, from \$35. It was \$35 for as long as I can remember. And I can tell you it costs us probably over \$55.00 a day to have an inmate housed in our facility. I've never done that study, and it's not my area of expertise.

Tom Chalfant said I wouldn't recommend state.

Art Moystner said so they, there are some things others are doing, but no, I'm not real excited to do that. I know some of the other things, I've talked to Jake, we're trying to get somebody to come in. It's a company that's a little larger than Salyer Taylor. Jakes on board with trying to bring them in, that the county would contract so many hours per year, and they would do some stuff. I know we need to look at some of the infrastructure within the building such as showers, bathroom facilities, things like that. All that stuff in that jail is 30 years old. So, it probably needs upgraded, and we're trying to do that the best we can with the funds we have. So, we'll continue down that path.

Dave said you know when we first did the, when they first built that jail, they were paying \$35.00 then. And it paid half of the jail payment every year, the bond payment.

Art Moystner said we're a little behind on that.

Missy said so how do we make, how do we draw that to the attention of the state, that they need to change it?

Art Moystner said oh, the sheriff's association has been on that for several years now. And the State Legislature would have to change what their pay, but.

Tom Chalfant said has the committee chair been in there a long time?

Art Moystner said which committee chair?

Tom Chalfant said well the one that oversees fees for the staff and everything.

Art Moystner said I'm not sure who it is. I know we go through, we have a specific person with our association that lobbies for us. And we've talked about that for a long time. But again, and

Dave and I have talked several times about some of the things the fees for handguns. They did a grant, or they did a payout this year for us to make up that money, but at some point, the state will stop paying that. So, when they dropped those fees, we've lost those. And we get a lot of unfunded mandates or we get changes that reduces the funding we get with no way to make that funding up.

Tom Chalfant said yeah, there's no rhyme or reason the state is flush with cash and yet they still are stingy in some areas and very extravagant in others. It's, who knows?

Art Moystner said you're preaching to the choir. So, that's all I have unless anybody has questions for me. I would welcome any of you to come over and see some of the upgrades that we've done. The external camera systems, the cameras are wonderful with the view we have. The commissioners just recently approved the interior camera upgrade that we're going to get that fixed. We're looking at some of the other stuff inside. So, we're making good progress on that. So, I'd welcome any of you to come over. But if you have and questions, I'll answer those. If not, I'll let you, I'll get out of your way.

Todd said on this \$300,000.00 potential savings, that's been presented to the commissioners then, I just read the commissioners and seen this as a budget item going forward. But I'm not sure what that means.

Art Moystner said what the commissioners are thinking instead of an upfront payment and taking it out of ARPA funds, that the council looks at that as a yearly payment. I know with the quotes that I've sent, this set of quotes that I sent, it shows a payoff with a one-time sum. So, we just pay it up front. They will also do it on a 5-year contract to where we pay each year. I would have to go back and look at the exact figures for that. But you're talking probably in the neighborhood, and don't hold me to these figures, but you're talking somewhere between 43 and \$53,000.00 for your first year, and then going up a couple thousand dollars each year for 5 years. And that would be the payout to get us to the total of what it would be. So, you could either pay it in one lump sum or they do the 5-year contract. And they would do the 5-year contract that would take us out to 2031. And we would start, we could start paying that either next year or the following year, however I could get that worked out with them to where you would have that payment.

Todd said is this something you've already committed to buy?

Art Moystner said we already have those cameras. I have a 5-year contract now that will end in, at the end of 26 and beginning of 27.

Todd said what does this give us the right to do? Does it provide upgrades, updates?

Art Moystner said this is complete upgrades. When we use cartridges for taser training that we're required to do every year, those cartridges are replaced automatically. If we have any on-duty deployment of tasers, those cartridges are replaced automatically. We are waiting right now for a new body camera. Right now, we are using the body camera three. They have a body camera four that's coming out. We will get that upgrade as part of our current contract. At the

end of the 5 years, we will get new in car cameras if an upgrade is out. We get all the software and everything else that comes with it, plus we get unlimited cloud-based storage. So, it's a really neat system. There are some things that we use for citizens evidence that I actually have on my phone that I can send you an email, you send me the video by an email link, and it's automatically put into the cloud system and tied to that specific case.

Todd said so the advantage to them is that they lock us in for a certain number of years, right?

Art Moystner said correct.

Todd said so, if we're going to stick with this company that long, why wouldn't we want to up front, I mean, I don't know what \$300,000 is a percentage of what total payment?

Art Moystner said I know the last contract we got, which was about two years ago if I remember correctly, so we have about three years left on it. The last contract we got was two years ago and I believe we paid, and it's two separate contracts, so, it's the body camera system that comes with the taser, so, it's a more expensive contract, and then there are thirteen in car units, the dash cameras. So, with the two contracts, we paid \$298,000 two years ago for this service to last five years.

Todd said so \$300,000 for five years?

Art Moystner said correct.

Todd said and the going forward contract, this is 2024 beyond or we get it to another year?

Art Moystner said we have three years left on the one contract, so, it takes us to 2026, the end of 2026, beginning of 2027. So, you're looking at something that would extend us, with the current figures, would extend us to 2031.

Todd said how long is this offer on the table for?

Art Moystner said I think they do a 30-day net, but I'm sure they will, they extended me a few months the last time also when we were looking at.

Tom Chalfant said the only risk if this company goes bankrupt, we're out the money, there's no transfer, there's no backup is there?

Art Moystner said I don't disagree with you. That is correct. But I can tell you this is a very big company that's been around for a very long time. They are the ones most law enforcement is going to, is the Axon System. And they are throughout the world. There're law enforcement agencies in other countries that are using these also.

Todd said well the \$300,000 was the most, the 10-year, you could at least do five and save roughly half of that.

Art Moystner said either way you're looking at it because they're putting it as a 10-year and all they're doing is extending our current 5-year, another five years, is what they're doing. And then they're comparing for their benefit, that we would come back in 26 and do a 10-year contract from 26 onto 2036. So, your current figures are only extending our contract 5 years.

Todd said well I don't know who decides that and how that get's proposed, how do you think that would be something that we would want to take a look at doing. I know you have to pay more up front, but why wouldn't you think forward in the situation that we're in right now?

Art Moystner said I would also share with you that we've had some form of a camera in existence at the sheriff's office since the 1990s, because I used to have a VHS set in the back of my car. I can tell you that I've never disciplined and officer or had discipline upon myself based on the officer's conduct on video. But it sure has saved us in some complaints, even myself back in the late 90s.

Dave said okay. Any other questions for Art? Okay Art. Thanks for sharing.

Art Moystner said thank you. I appreciate it.

Citizen Comments (3-minute limit)

Dave said anybody from the audience want to speak?

Adjournment

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

Reviewed and accepted this 3 day of January, 2024.

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