

Randolph County Council

February 7, 2023

The Randolph County Council met for its regular meeting at 9:00 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 and Beverly Fields. Also present was County Auditor Laura J Martin.

Council President David Lenkensdofer presided.

Pledge of Allegiance

David Daly – Appointment of second investigator

David Daly said I'm coming before you this morning just to get your approval for the appointment of Robin Peterson as a second investigator. My office is run with two investigators going back to 2010. My investigators, I have a chief investigator, Kelly Smithson, who does what most people would think an investigator does, and that's follow up with police work, and do investigations, and fill in the gaps, and things of that nature. But also, our investigators sign off on all of our legal pleadings that we file with the courts, the charging information, the probable cause affidavits. And sometimes Kelly's not available or he's on vacation, or he's out of the office. So, since 2010, with the council's approval, I've been operating with two investigators. Statute requires that you folks authorize or approve the appointment of someone as an investigator in my office. My second investigator has been Annette Randal, but she just retired. So, I'm moving Robin Peterson into the second investigator's spot. There's no additional compensation. Her salary stays the same as it is. It's just authorizes her as an investigator to sign off on things for me. So, that's what I'm here for, just to ask you if you would approve that.

David said okay. Any questions for David.

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

Rhoda Davis – Community Corrections grant application and salary ordinance amendment 2023-06

Rhoda Davis said good morning. For those of you who don't know me, I am Rhoda Davis. I worked at Community Corrections for about twenty years, and Robin Vickery retired the end of December. And so, I have taken on that temporary director's position. I am here today to, I know Tom has spent a lot of years on our board, and I appreciate his service. I'm coming for

approval to write the grant for 2024. There are no changes. I've looked back the last few years. It's the same amount requested, the \$218,700.

David said are there any questions for Rhoda.

Todd said no I read the document and it made sense.

David said I'd entertain a motion to approve.

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

Rhoda Davis said the next thing is I have a, we lost a case manager in January as well. And I have a new person starting on Thursday. Back in 2014 the advisory board passed adjustments for salaries as in the tier, there was a tier on that. And so, we have a new person starting. He does have some experience. So, I wanted to start him out at that second-year tier of 94.4 percent of the salary. I believe Laura ran that. It was about \$1464.34 every two weeks, which would be lower than the \$1550.20. So just wanting approval him to start at that rate.

David said okay. Any questions for Rhoda to hire this individual. So, we'll have to go through the ordinance protocol. I'd entertain a motion to pass 2023-06 by title only.

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

David said okay. Somebody want to suspend the rules.

Beverly made motion the rules be suspended and have the second and third reading by title only and adopted same day.

Tom Chalfant seconded the motion.

David said it's been moved and seconded that the rules be suspended and have the seconded and third reading by title only and adopted the same day.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Beverly said I move that the council adopt Ordinance 2023-06.

Tom Chalfant seconded the motion.

David said it's been moved and seconded that we adopt Ordinance 2023-06. All in favor.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike Haffner Salary Ordinance amendment 2023-03 & 2023-04

David said okay you are coming before us on some salary ordinance amendments.

Mike Haffner said yes.

David said we're going to start out with 2023-03.

Mike Haffner said okay. Basically, at budget time, we were a little unclear of bridge techs and everything. And with Mr. Copeland coming on board, and theoretically, the two people that held that position is no longer there. So, them positions was empty anyway. And Joe and I just decided things has changed so we no longer need them positions. But, operators, when I came in, you know, over six years ago, we've always had four operator positions. And before Paula left and Jessica Olson got looking at the paperwork, and basically, we haven't been in compliance, according to the salary ordinance, because when they added the bridge techs, they actually dropped two operators. And we've had three and four on their payroll, which hadn't, so, we're just basically, cleaning up document mistakes. Nobody's getting promoted into a higher paid position. Then the truck driver position, we really don't have a full-time steering wheel job. That was always used as an entry level basic beginning until they were trained to operate more equipment. So, eventually, basically, when we hire people, they'll be moved into the driver operator line. Driver and driver operator get paid out of the same line anyway. So, we're basically just meeting the requirements of salary ordinances and cleaning up oversights that's happened in the last several years, and bringing it back into what we currently have today.

David said when did you find this out Mike, that you're paying, incorrectly according to your budget.

Mike Haffner said basically, it was late August. It was right, I think Paula left and Jessica had questions, and there was confusion, because there was like two different paper works on file, and Paula said that she was thinking this was the most recent. I would say that would be late July, August area is when, and then the more studying we've done, and then Jessica just thought it was very important to not go through a whole year. You know, she didn't want to wait until next budget time to straighten the matter up, you know.

David said I guess I'm all about, that's why they have a budget. Just that we, everything gets said and done in that budget.

Mike Haffner said yes.

David said and it wasn't questioned in the budget about two techs or two drivers or four drivers, or, I guess I'm a little concerned about changing in midstream. But I'll let some of these other guys respond to that. Anybody have any questions for Mike?

Todd said is it that you're taking two bridge techs and moving them to the equipment operators, and that changes the pay?

Mike Haffner said there's no, right now we have three operators. And we've always had four, and I need the four. But, basically, there hadn't been any personnel in that bridge tech line since

about July of last year. We've just never filled it because we just, there's no longer any need of it. Now we can basically, leave it on record, but that line, right now, is at zero because there's no employee in that line. But theoretically, the way the salary ordinance reads right now, we're only able to put two operators. But we've had three on the payroll for several years, three and four. So, I guess, if we're not going to change the salary ordinance, then I've got to basically, demote somebody and take that money away from them just to be in compliance.

David said and that's all this one deals with is the techs and the drivers.

Laura said it takes Bridge techs to zero which he didn't have any anyway. Changes that to zero. And there was three there, moves them down here. He's only paying eight out of this line now, which it was at. So, he would have three openings for, that's truck driver, part-time equipment operator, that puts that one at 11.

Mike Haffner said yeah, the truck driver, part-time operator.

Laura said bridge tech, there were two. He's moving them here, but he's already paying four out of this line. Part-time snow removal driver, was at one and we are moving it to here. So, that would put the part-time people making this, all of them. So you only have a couple that you bring in for part-time, a couple people for part-time?

Mike Haffner said I've got two but I only plan on using one if we have anymore snow events. I was able to hire.

Laura said so those part-time people would be at this instead of this.

Mike Haffner said I was able to hire more manpower.

David said so, basically, we're raising every position and he's asking to change, according to the budget.

Todd said what I can see is the final result, but I can't see what it was before. So, I don't know what, where they moved from to get to this spot. So that's what you're going over, right?

Laura said right. So, on the highway maintenance repair, truck driver trainees, that was already at zero. And he doesn't have any anyway. So, that doesn't really change. He just wanted to do away with that, which we didn't have any in there anyway. So, truck drivers was at three. And we're moving those three down to truck driver and part-time equipment operator, which makes that instead of 8, which is what is what he's got in there now, 11. So he would have three openings he could fill there. And that's based off of looking at your payroll. Then bridge techs, he had two. He did not fill those two. He has four equipment operators. So, he's moving those two down there because that was at two. So, if you move those two down there, that's at four, which is how many he has in that line getting paid out of that line already. So that's where that error was that he's talking about. Part-time snow removal drivers, he had one. He's wanting to make that part-time CDL drivers. That way he can use them for more than just snow removal. Does that explain it the way you explained it to me?

Mike said the way I understood it, the part-time CDL driver from the part-time snow removal, he's the only one that's actually getting any raise out of it.

Laura said because that's going from 19.48 to 20.48.

Mike Haffner said yes, yeah.

David said except for the budget, it's the line item he's asked for will increase because the budget is lower than what was requested.

Beverly said I personally have a problem. I mean there's a reason we go through budget. And how many months was there between the time that we, we never heard a thing. There was never anything done prior to, or even just subsequent to the time, or during the time we were addressing the budget. And I think it just really needs to be, that needed to be made a heck of a lot more of a priority at that time, and not wait until January to do that.

David said or February, yeah.

Beverly said I mean, I don't like the fact that people are in positions, are assigned in different positions than what they are doing. I don't like that. The other thing is it's kind of a mixed-up mess. Do we fix it now, or do we fix it at budget time?

Tom Kerns said I agree with you, but I also think we almost have to fix it now because we can't lower salaries of guys that are doing the jobs now. And that's what we would be doing. I agree a hundred percent with what you are saying, but, I'm at the point where we pretty much have to fix it because we can't reduce salaries for guys that are doing the operation, the job of an operator now. Take them to a lower their salary because that's what's, that's my opinion.

Tom Chalfant said I agree with those comments and I guess I would move that we pass the salary ordinance so that we can make everyone in compliance so hopefully, the State Board of Accounts will not get mad at us.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-03

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2022-31 AMENDING RANDOLPH COUNTY'S HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR BUDGET

WHEREAS: There has been a change in the 2023 Salary Ordinance with regard to the Randolph County Highway Maintenance and Repair Budget and it is necessary to amend the 2023 Salary Ordinance No. 2022-31 effective pay date February 24, 2023 as follows:

HIGHWAY AND MAINTENANCE REPAIR
TRUCK DRIVERS TRAINEES (0)
\$18.48 PER HOUR

TRUCK DRIVERS (0)

\$19.48 PER HOUR

TRUCK DRIVERS & PART-TIME EQUIPMENT OPERATORS (11)

\$20.48 PER HOUR

BRIDGE TECH (0)

\$19.48 PER HOUR

EQUIPMENT OPERATORS (4)

\$21.73 PER HOUR

PART TIME SNOW REMOVAL DRIVERS (0)

\$19.48 PER HOUR

PART TIME CDL DRIVERS

\$20.48 PER HOUR

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

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 2022-31, 2023 Salary Ordinance pertaining to Randolph County's HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR BUDGET shall be amended to read as follows:

HIGHWAY AND MAINTENANCE REPAIR

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TRUCK DRIVERS & PART-TIME EQUIPMENT OPERATORS (11)

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BRIDGE TECH (0)

\$19.48 PER HOUR

EQUIPMENT OPERATORS (4)

\$21.73 PER HOUR

PART TIME SNOW REMOVAL DRIVERS (0)

\$19.48 PER HOUR

PART TIME CDL DRIVERS

\$20.48 PER HOUR

Tom Chalfant made motion to approve. Mike seconded the motion.

David said okay. We're going to go through ordinance 2023-03, after the first reading I have a motion and a second. All in favor.

Five aye votes.

David said all opposed same sign.

Beverly said aye.

David said I think Mike, you need to be a little more careful about how you pay your employees and your staffing. It needs to be to the budget. And if it's anything other than that, you need to get to us right away.

Mike Haffner said we thought we was in compliance, but we later found out when Paula left because the one salary ordinance still had the four operators. And then the later one, I don't know how it got dropped down to two, because that was never in any of the talks. So, the problem was basically, when they added the two bridge techs, somehow, two operators got dropped and we were not aware of that.

David said so, we'll move it on to the next meeting. The other one's 2023-04, an ordinance to amend salary ordinance 2022-31 amending the Randolph County Highway administration budget.

Mike Haffner said okay, basically, that one, we definitely need that line set up so we can pay out of it. And then Jessica and I's basically, so much more is known about this position now, and then theoretically, when we originally budgeted it we you know, the minimum standard or minimum wage has been increased. And basically, this position, we're just saying due to the job description and the performance of this individual, it merits more than the part-time basic wage in the county.

Beverly said just to clarify, this is a position a secretarial position, is this correct.

Mike Haffner said this is a secretary position, yes.

Beverly said okay.

Mike Haffner said it's already been established in the budget and everything. But, there was never a line set up so we're just basically asking it to be reviewed, like Jessica explained to you.

Laura said so basically, she's been paid out of their part-time line at \$15.00 an hour. She's working full time, and he wants to bump her up to \$17.50 an hour.

Mike Haffner said that's negotiable. I'm just, I'm just kind of.

Laura said and pay her out of secretarial line.

Tom Chalfant said and you see her potential to possibly take over Jessica's position.

Mike Haffner said it would definitely do it more than a minimum standard.

Tom Chalfant said do you have a plan, now is Lonnie still the ERC?

Mike Haffner said that, he is still the ERC, but Jessica Olsen has got her ERC, so she's in training to actually take that position over from Lonnie.

Tom Chalfant said okay but there's hopefully, a succession plan with all of these people that they're going, that continuity, everybody's, they're going, all the things we have to do we'll get done.

Mike Haffner said our secretary is filling in for Jessica Olsen. She's capable of, I mean, all the duties, and even when there was a leave of absence, she was doing all that. And then, like now, I've got Jessica down in training in a seminar in Indianapolis so this position helps free up to be able to do other things that need to be required. So, we're just basically asking this position to be re-evaluated because we, you know, the duties and responsibilities bring, and then you know, we'll, we can tweak it more during budget time. That's normally when we try to adjust wages during budget.

David said what do you guys think?

Mike said budget time.

David said that's how I'd look at. It's still a budget item. And these are raises. These are actual raises.

Laura said I will say that I did, because I had a conversation with Jessica, so I did three, I did a separate one where it doesn't change her pay, but it moves her to the correct line. So, if you want to just do that, we can do that. Or we can do it, I mean it's up to you guys. I just wanted you to know I did an ordinance that way too just in case.

Tom Kerns said so we do not have a full-time position available for that according to the salary ordinance. She's just part-time.

Laura said yeah. She's been paid out of part-time line. So, what this other ordinance does, I've got one for going from 15 to 17.50, which is what he requested. Then I also did one just moving her from the part-time line to the secretarial line with no raise, still at \$15.00.

Tom Kerns said so she's working full-time with benefits.

Laura said yes.

Tom Kerns said already.

Laura said yes. That was all approved last year.

Tom Chalfant said and will that line run out of money before budget time, the part-time.

Laura said I don't know how much he's got in that line.

Tom Chalfant said will you run out of money for her position in the part-time line before budget time.

Mike Haffner said no. Not, well, if it stays at the \$15.00 an hour, there's enough money in that line to carry her through the whole next year, because that's what was budgeted. But if you're just saying during budget time, that's in July, so even the hired wage, there would still be money left. And then theoretically, we, we're still low manpower, so we have means to transfer money around within our own budget to cover it.

Tom Kerns said I still think if you have the, if you wrote it so that it goes to the full-time position with the same salary, I think we should pass that to clean it up so we're not paying a full-time person out of a part-time line.

Laura said and we do have, and the commissioners passed yesterday, and additional appropriation to fund that secretarial line for you guys to pass today if you decide to go that way.

Tom Kerns said we already passed it. She's full time. Give him the, she should be paid out of the right line.

Tom Chalfant said how long has she been working for you now?

Mike Haffner said probably nine months or better. She was part-time for several months before.

Tom Chalfant said I wouldn't be opposed to maybe going \$16.00 an hour just to help her feel like she's being rewarded.

Laura said we cannot do that today because I don't have any paperwork for that. I'm just saying it can't be done today.

Tom Chalfant said okay.

David said any other questions.

Beverly said I'm in agreement. We need to move it to the right line, the correct line for sure.

Tom Kerns said and the one ordinance you have written there.

Laura said after having some discussions, I went ahead and wrote up one that's taking her from part-time line at \$15.00 an hour, that zeros that out, putting her in the secretary position at \$15.00 per hour.

Beverly said what number is that?

Laura said it's the same number, 2023-04, because I didn't want to waste a number. So just whatever you guys decided we would have it.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-04

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2022-31
AMENDING RANDOLPH COUNTY'S HIGHWAY ADMIN. BUDGET

WHEREAS: There has been a change in the 2023 Salary Ordinance with regard to the Randolph County Highway Admin and it is necessary to amend the 2023 Salary Ordinance No. 2022-31 effective pay date February 24, 2023 as follows:

HIGHWAY ADMIN

ASSISTANT CLERICAL BOOKKEEPER

PART TIME (0)

\$15.00 PER HOUR

SECRETARY (1)

\$15.00 PER HOUR

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

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 2022-31, 2023 Salary Ordinance pertaining to Randolph County's HIGHWAY ADMIN BUDGET shall be amended to read as follows:

HIGHWAY ADMIN

ASSISTANT CLERICAL BOOKKEEPER

PART TIME (0)

\$15.00 PER HOUR

SECRETARY (1)

\$15.00 PER HOUR

Tom Kerns said I would move to approve ordinance 2023-04 after the first reading as stated with the salary staying the same.

David said okay just change line items.

Tom Kerns said all we're doing is just change line items.

David said okay we have a motion on 2023-04.

Beverly seconded the motion.

David said so a motion and second that we pass 2023-04 by title only. All in favor.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

David said somebody like to suspend the rules?

Tom Chalfant made a motion to suspend the rules and have the second and third reading by title only and adopt the same day.

Beverly seconded the motion.

David said the rules be suspended and have a second and third reading by title only and adopted the same day. All in favor.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Tom Kerns said I move we adopt ordinance 2023-04.

Tom Chalfant seconded the motion.

David said a motion and second to adopt ordinance 2023-04. All in favor.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

David said Joe we're going to deviate from the business for just a second here. I've got two ordinances we need to get passed. I have to leave at 10:00 for a legislative committee at Indianapolis, and Bev will take over when I leave.

Randolph County investment Ordinance 2023-05

David said we have Ordinance 2023-05. It's adopting the Randolph County Investment policy. Authorizing the investment of public funds, investing more than two years and not more than five years. I'd entertain a motion to approve.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-05

ADOPTING RANDOLPH COUNTY, COUNTY INVESTMENT POLICY

**AUTHORIZING THE INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS
IN INVESTMENTS LASTING MORE THAN TWO (2) YEARS AND NOT MORE THAN
(5) YEARS PURSUANT TO IC 5-13-9-5.7**

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Randolph County to invest public funds in a manner which will provide the highest investment return with the maximum security while meeting the daily cash flow demands of the County and conforming to all state and local statutes governing the investments of public funds; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 5-13-9-5.7 (a)(5) authorizes the fiscal body of a political subdivision to adopt and investment policy authorizing the investment of public funds of the political subdivision for more than (2) year and not more than five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code limits the total investments lasting more than 2 years and not more than five (5) years to not more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the total portfolio of public funds invested by the political subdivision, including balances in transaction accounts; and WHEREAS, the Randolph County Board of Finance, on January 16th 2023 adopted a Randolph County Investment Policy, in the form attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A, authorizing investments lasting more than two (2) years and not more than five (5) years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the County Council of Randolph County Indiana, hereby, adopts the Randolph County Investment Policy attached hereto as Exhibit A, and approves the investment of Randolph County public funds by the Randolph County Treasurer in investments lasting more than two (2) years and not more than five (5) years, so long as the total amount of such investments outstanding does not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the total portfolio of public funds invested by Randolph County, including balances in transaction accounts.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance and the authority to make investments lasting more than two (2) years and not more than five (5) years shall expire on ____ February 7 ____, 2027 ____ (4 years from this date), in accordance with IC 5-13-9-5.7(a)(6).

Beverly said I move that the council pass the ordinance 2023-05 after the first reading.

Tom Chalfant seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Beverly said I'd move that the rules be suspended and have the second and third reading by title only and adopted the same day.

Tom Chalfant seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Beverly said I move that the council adopt ordinance 2023-05.

Tom Chalfant seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Assessor Salary Ordinance amendment 2023-07

David said the next ordinance I have in front of me is 2023-07. It's an ordinance to amend the salary ordinance number 2022-31. This is for the county assessor.

Beverly said it's for the chief deputy, correct?

Laura said funding the chief deputy.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-07
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2022-31

WHEREAS: There have been changes in the 2023 Salary Ordinance with regard to County Assessor. It is necessary to amend the 2023 Salary Ordinance and to change the following salary to the Salary Ordinance effective the paid date of March 10, 2023 as follows:

COUNTY ASSESSOR
CHIEF DEPUTY
1224.31 PER PAY

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

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 2022-31, 2023 Salary Ordinance pertaining to Randolph County Assessor shall be amended to read as follows:

COUNTY ASSESSOR
CHIEF DEPUTY
1224.31 PER PAY

Beverly said I move that council pass ordinance 2023-07 after the first reading.

Tom Chalfant seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Beverly said I move that the rules be suspended and have the second and third reading by title only and adopted the same day.

Tom Chalfant seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Beverly said I move that the council adopt ordinance 2023-07.

Tom Chalfant seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Laura said Meeks, on ordinance 2023-03, which is a salary ordinance amendment, we did the first reading and had one nay vote.

Meeks said then you have to stop if you have a nay vote.

Laura said so they can't suspend.

Meeks said you cannot suspend the rules after that.

David said so it takes six doesn't it.

Meeks said any negative vote on one of the those. You have to have unanimous to suspend the rules.

Laura said okay. That was our question.

Joe Copeland - Updated Bridge plan, Federal Grants applied for in November and January

Joe Copeland said I'm here to update you on the bridge schedule. We've applied for some additional Federal funding for some bridges, and expanded the schedule. This includes our latest Federal aid applications. Those Federal aid applications are, and it was done in, applied for in November. Bridge 212 on county road 250 North over at Union City, bridge 308 on Short Street. Bridge 114 is non-select historic bridge. And bridge 284 on 750 West, and that is non-selected historic also. I had to give a presentation in January to INDOT on these three structures. The indication I got from INDOT is they're probably going to approve three of the four. There's one they're not going to approve. Of course, they have more applications than they have money as usual. And the reason is there's a historic bridge analysis that is usually done. We did it for bridge 114, but we didn't do it for 284 because we wanted the state help pay for that. And I think they're going to reject it because of that. Once they do the final, I'll check it and see exactly where we stand. Last month, January, the state came out with a new program. I've never seen it before. They're giving out money, 80/20 for bridge maintenance. And I say bridge maintenance, preservation is a different deal. And a lot of it is bridge deck overlays, maintaining and replacing joints, doing work on the substructure to help prevent anymore deterioration. So, the thing that we went after was bridge deck overlays. And we submitted eight bridges for that. And it's on page 2 of the report. I had no indication how many are, how much money did we give out. I heard some counties did, some counties did not. Total amount, I have the bridge numbers on me. It's 39, 72, 124, 151, 153, 186, 205 and 231. They're all in need of deck repair and overlay. So, you have several, and there's even more that I could put on there. And we're going to try to do one this year starting here shortly, north of 32, west of Winchester. So, I wanted to update you on those. And if you have any questions, the numbers are here. The question now is we just have so much in cum bridge to spend, so we're going to be, have to look for money elsewhere. The question is how much. And that's what I'm working on now. Mike and I are going to get together and figure out by the next commissioners meeting how much do

we need and ask them where can we get the additional funding to make it happen. We started the year out; the cash balance of bridge was almost 1.6 million. So, that's, with this schedule, I mean it'll be going quick.

David said now Joe on your second page there where it says total expense per year, that's pretty much what it's going to take per year to.

Joe Copeland said yeah, the total net cost is after, because we, some of this, it's weird, because some of this money we get reimbursed for. The Federal money, is the design, we pay the money and we get reimbursed 80% back. Same way with the inspection. But the construction, we have to pay our share, 20% right up front before they'll actually give a notice to proceed with the contract. And then Community Crossings is different. They send us the money once we get under contract. And then we use that money then to pay the contractors. But they only pay for construction. They do not pay for design and they do not pay for inspections. They're all a little different.

David said well it looks like over the next six years it's around 24 million dollars, according to that expense line. That's total dollars to do those projects.

Joe Copeland said yeah, accumulated cost is almost 12 million for everything.

David said net.

Joe Copeland said so, I've taken out the 80% funding.

David said the total is around 24 million I think, is that correct.

Joe Copeland said yeah, you have to add all of those up.

Tom Chalfant said pretty good bang for the buck though.

David said yes, it is.

Joe Copeland said is it's there, take advantage of it. We're using, we have three projects starting here soon. And they're on bridge 162, 174 and 175. The second, third and fourth one on the list. And that's a bridge deck overlay and repair with some substructure work. And that's being paid with the Community Crossings matching grant funds. My understanding is Mr. Wickersham has signed that contract with INDOT that I have not seen, I've not seen money and I've not seen the contract, I've not, you know, we need, I need something in writing. I've already asked him about it.

David said I like this type of reports Joe. Keeps us informed of where we're at and where we're going.

Joe Copeland said there's more to come.

David said anybody have any questions of Joe while he's here.

Todd said so the green is the Community Crossings matching grant.

Joe Copeland said yes.

Todd said and the blue is the Federal 80%.

Joe Copeland said yes. And the yellow is our 20% match for the construction, for federal aid.

Todd said and is there a map anywhere that we could go look at that's available just so we could kind of get a picture in our heads.

Joe Copeland said of all of these around?

Todd said yes.

Joe Copeland said I'll put one together.

Todd said alright thank you.

Joe Copeland said no problem.

Tom Chalfant said there is, the map back there has numbers on it, Todd with the bridges, 220 bridges. It's hard to keep it straight.

Mike Haffner said we've got thumb drives of all the bridges that if you guys want that, I can give you a thumb drive and it has all the information on it as well.

Todd said that's probably more than I would need.

Mike Haffner said I'll bring that to the next meeting or get them to you.

Joe Copeland said I intend to give the map showing the ones were looking at federal aid, the ones we're looking local, and the ones we're looking for Community Crossings.

David said that would be great.

Bev said that would be helpful.

Joe Copeland said so you know which ones are which.

David said anything else. Okay thanks Joe. Thanks Mike.

Grace Minkis, EDPR – Riverstart IV

Grace Minkis said we are here to give an update on Riverstart IV and then just kind of discuss Riverstart III progress, and some new faces. Amy Kurt, our director.

Amy Kurt said I'm the director of development for EDP Renewables Eastern Region, which covers basically everything east of the Mississippi and Canada. I love coming to Randolph County because we have such a long and great history with you with starting with Headwaters I back in 2013, 2014, Riverstart I a few years ago, now Riverstart III, Headwaters II, can't forget that. And hopefully, later this year we'll be breaking ground on Riverstart IV, which we also know it's confusing, will be our third, Solar Park in Randolph County. I'm here because I know you probably had the most experience working at least in the last couple of years with Chris Beasley. He was our project manager on both of these projects. He just recently left the company and is headed out west for new adventures, which we're very excited for him. But in the meantime, I wanted to make sure that you knew who to contact from our company for anything. As you know, Grace will continue to lead our project management efforts on Riverstart III. Austin Kertch is our project developer who will continue to be working on Riverstart IV. And we are working internally on figuring out who the new project manager will be to work with Austin on Riverstart IV. We are working internally on figuring out who the new project manager will be to work with Austin on Riverstart IV. But in the meantime, you've got me. Also wanted to just note Andy Fahl has joined our team as an outreach consultant. So, Andy will be attending meetings, will be representing us at public and community events. And will be helping to liaison between us and the communities in the county. So, if you ever can't reach any of us, I hope you can reach Andy because he is, we know here at present and available. So, with that, I will thank you again for our long-standing relationship. We need, in order to build renewable energy projects, we have to have good strong relationships with the communities and the counties and the local governments, the landowners, and all the stakeholders involved in the projects. And that is truly one of the reasons that we have had such great success in working with you in Randolph County and being able to build multiple phases of these projects. So, thank you. Riverstart IV is a fantastic project. We are working to finalize the engineering and design for this project right now. And we hope to formalize the permits that typically go through the county by this May. So that would include the Economic Development Agreement, the Road Use Agreement and the Decommissioning Agreement, and then Meeks, chime in here. I believe there might be some other.

Meeks said the tax abatements that you guys approve.

Amy Kurt said great. And that kind of goes hand in hand with economic development agreements.

Meeks said correct.

Amy Kurt said so, we are hoping, these are pretty, at this point, pretty standard. I don't think there are really any significant changes besides the money amounts based on the capital investment from this project versus Riverstart III. So, I think that negotiation over the agreements, which I think was a little bit more involved for Riverstart III, will be much easier this time around because it's basically a copy and paste, with just updating the numbers based on this new project. Some of the, our goal and our hope, but of course, this is flexible, but this

would really fit our project timeline well, is for us to work through these negotiations with Baker Tilly, who is the consultant who has helped your team in the past, over this month and into next month, and then bring forward a proposal, kind of final agreements to your April meetings. And then have those formally signed or voted on in May. That would be the goal of our timing. And that would fit well with starting construction in the fall of this year to complete construction by the end of 2024, so that we would be bringing this project on by the end of 2024. And I believe that means the Economic Development payments would kick in, I think it would be 2025, if we complete construction end of 2024.

Tom Chalfant said you can see we're spending a lot of money.

Amy Kurt said I see that there is a lot of bridgework happening. And it's a good thing that you have a lot of existing operating projects that are already contributing to support Riverstart projects. So, I'll just pause there and see if you have any questions about Riverstart IV and then Grace can talk about Riverstart III.

Andy said Amy this was brought up yesterday at the commissioners meeting. I thought it was helpful for you guys. Riverstart I was 200 megawatts, Riverstart III is 100, IV comes in at 150. It's kind of in the middle of what you have now, just to give you an idea what's happening.

David said any other questions for Amy before we switch over to Grace.

Bev said one question. There's a huge, there's been, down by the landfill, and on State Road One where all of that is being constructed and all, that whole base is there. Does that cover just one of the Riverstart projects or will that encompass a couple of the projects.

Grace said the laydown yard at the corner of 600 and 1?

Bev said exactly.

Grace said yeah, that's for Riverstart III. I can go into updates on that project now. David, I know you have to get out of here at 10:00, so I'll go through my bullet points quickly. So, the laydown yard which Bev just mentioned is complete and fully operating. We have our contractor, and EDP folks and trailers on that site, as well as construction crews coming in and out. Currently, we're just working on civil work, pile driving, so there is some steel in the ground, and access roads. Most of the construction has just been north of 700, in between 600 and 700 there. We are slowly working down south to US 36, which is the two square miles that the project will be in. Substation construction will begin in March, and that's just east of the, State Road One. As far as all the traffic on the laydown yard, because that's where the entrance exit is on State Road One. Our site team noted that they saw some speeding on State Road One. We were able to work with county police and state. So, we have off duty deputies that are hired locally patrolling the area part-time during the week. And then we also have notified state police and they've said that they can uptick their patrol in that area as well. So far, since the police presence, our site team said that they felt like it's been productive. And then as far as just keeping in the community and folks in the Modoc area involved and updated on what's going on, we do have an E newsletter. So, I've got as many emails as I can. There's an option to sign up at

the town fire department. We go to there monthly meetings so folks can sign up that way. And we send out updates about construction there as well. Those are the updates for our Riverstart III construction. Construction should end near the end of this year.

Amy said I just wanted to add that so the laydown yard that you had commented on is just temporary. That is for the construction of this project and at the end of Riverstart III that gravel will be removed and that land will be restored.

Tom Chalfant said this is sort of a technical question, but the first solar farm looked like the piles were like 16, 18, foot long that you drove into the ground, about four foot sticking up. The next solar farm, looks like the panels are like 12 feet long. So, they're not going as deep in the ground. Do you know why?

Grace said I don't know the technical answer for the distance of the piles that we chose. It could be just due to using different arrays. Do you have the speculation?

Amy said there's a lot of different reasons, but we do geotechnical boring around each of the sites, and take the depth of the different soil profiles into consideration, in addition to the weight of the panels. And that's why we have a whole engineering team and external engineering firms that come in and tell us exactly how long.

Tom Chalfant said yeah, it's based on soil.

Amy said I don't know who long they will get for Riverstart IV. It's a topic of much debate amongst the engineers.

David said anybody have questions for the EDPR team.

Meeks said I just have one thing. I know we have a couple new people on the council. So, the Economic Development agreement, the Decommissioning agreement and the Road Use agreement, that's the commissioners' decision, so the commissioners enter into those agreements with whoever. But in the Economic Development agreement, there's economic development payments. And that's based on the tax abatement. And the tax abatement is what you guys approve. So, those kind of go hand in hand. If you don't approve the abatement, then the commissioners enter into an agreement based on an approved abatement, well that doesn't fly right? So, that's where you guys kind of come in. And to do a tax abatement, there's a preliminary and a resolution. So, at one meeting you would approve a preliminary resolution with those numbers, and then at the next meeting, before you can finalize that, you would have to have a public hearing. The public could come in and make their comments. And then you approve or disapprove at that final one. So, it's really two approval processes for you guys. So, we really have to have those tax abatements. If you are looking at May, April, we'd have to have the numbers by April. So, after April meeting, we'd have those numbers. Just to let you know how that process works.

David said any other questions? Well thanks so much for coming in. I know Tom and I have been very grateful that EDPR has been part of the Randolph County scene for almost ten years

now. It's been very rewarding for all of us. Thanks so much. Bev would you like to take over. I've got to get on the road.

Daniel Baker -RCU, Winchester Speedway project

Daniel Baker said good morning. Alright, this morning, it's kind of stinks that Mr. Lenkensdofer is leaving because he's been a very huge proponent of this project. But it's all good. This morning I just wanted to present you guys a huge project that we have going on in the community. This project has been started by the tourism commission. It started back in July of 2022 when Fox Sports came in and did a documentary on the race track. They are going to be airing that documentary in the June time frame. I'm hoping you guys all received the packets. If not, I have some extras if you need one. I do need to make an update on the budget section because fortunately, yesterday the commissioners did allocate \$50,000.00 of EDIT funds towards this project. So, the budget piece needs to be updated to a total, so far of \$125,000.00 from an income for the sign and we are still looking at around needing \$22,422.00 for it. So, before we get into that though, I just wanted to make sure you had that update while we go through this. So, Fox Sports, in the packet you would have seen a rating of 1 to 1.5. I wanted to explain that at kind of an eye level, what I know. Unfortunately, the producer couldn't come. He was going to be here, but the flights delayed him and got too expensive. So, 1 to 1.5 is a percentage of all households in the nation. So, you're talking about a hundred fifteen to a hundred and twenty million households. So, 1 to 1.5 households, is around 1.2 to 1.7 million households will be viewing this documentary. That's a major opportunity for Randolph County to be showcased at a national level with the Winchester Speedway. They, Fox Sports will also be coming in over the next few months to do additional filming and additional stuff are going to happen at Speedway. So, we have a community led effort to help the Speedway do some revitalization efforts. One of those, as you will see in the packet, is to modernize their sign. But we also want to keep the history of the sign. So, it would be as, in the packet, you can see that sign that we have and it's going to be a digital billboard, if you will. So, we want to do a digital sign out there. We have, we are in the works. We're working with the BZA. We have a permit variance hearing on the 21st. We have a very short window to get this construction and to get the sign ordered. So, that's why we were in front of the commissioners yesterday, and you guys this morning. And there's, this product is a multifaceted project. It's not just the sign that we're working on. We're also working on some murals. So, what we want to do in the Speedway, we want to do is create a mural out of the existing sign. So, we're going to take the existing sign, potentially put it on the back of the bleachers and we're going to have muralists come in and do murals of that. We're also looking at a mural under the, what is it called, the tunnel. I'm sorry, I did this yesterday at the commissioners meeting too, introduced introductions so, Larry Boos is from the Speedway. We have Jim Martin from Main Streets, and then we also have Scottie Harvey from Tourism. And I'm Dan Baker, if you don't know me, from Randolph County United. I will get that someday. I probably, I don't know, Mike had to call me out on it yesterday too. Anyway, so, the mural project is a multifaceted project where it's not just bringing in professional muralists, we're also looking at bringing in all five schools into this project. So, we've started conversations with all five superintendents to potentially have students involved in the overall project, because we want our students to be connected to the race track. The race track has been around for about 110, 108 years, somewhere around there. And it's been a big part of our community for a really long time. And so, we saw this project as an opportunity, not only to showcase Randolph County with Fox Sports, but also to help the

students be connected with the race track. So, if they're part of this mural project, later in life, they'll come back and say hey, I helped with that, I was a part of this. So, give them that, I don't know, that pride for Randolph County, what is the goal here. Also, we're working with a team committee that we put together of elected officials, Tourism commission, Main Street, Winchester Main Streets, honestly, some county council members, Missy and David are on this committee, Mayor McCoy has been on this as well, and hopefully, I'm not missing any others. Oh, we do have some local design, designers and some marketing folks that have been on this project as well. So, it's a big community led effort that we have undertaken in a very short window. So, I'm going to pause there. I talk really fast, but I'm going to pause there and open it up for any questions that you guys may have.

Bev said I just want to say that I read the whole thing when it came with your email, and I'm excited. I'm excited about the exposure with potential gains for Randolph County.

Tom Chalfant said who will own the sign.

Dan Baker said so at the end, the Speedway will end up owning the sign. They will maintain it, and they've already, in here, we've put some costs together how much that would be to maintain it. So, potentially, you're talking about an increase in land value and other things as well.

Tom Chalfant said yeah, I just, where do we stop with tax payers' monies, buying private assets. And what's the future of Speedway. I mean we're sort of partnering, and I guess I don't want to be partnering the fact, you know, that money after every late, do we, what are the books. I mean do we, does he make money at the race track, is, how much money has he spent at the race track. Is it profitable. What's the future of racing. You know, are there, the demographics, needs testing. It seems like young people are not interested in cars like people of my generation. So, anyway, what's the end game, what's the future of the race track. I know it brings a lot of money in. And they have what, three or four races a year. And I assume the race are only held that often because it's hard to schedule enough races to get the crowd that you want. Anyway, I mean, taxpayers, I mean, the owner of the race track is probably wealthier than the majority of the people in the county, and people are going to say why am I subsidizing the Winchester Speedway, can I get a free ticket. Being a devil's advocate, do you have any answers for any of those things?

Dan Baker said yes. I don't want to speak for the speedway.

Larry said I think to answer your question, we all know that Charlie Shaw, the owner, is getting up in age, and his goal as mentioned yesterday, is trying to put together a team to protect the facility to keep it ongoing, rather than developed into other interests. To answer your question about the community, yes, we currently only have approximate, right now we're at four competitive events. But we're looking at opening up the facility to the community with other events. We have the motor madness car show which comes in and contributes to a local charity. And there's other things that can be done. It's quite a few acres sitting out there only being utilized a few days of the year. So, the signage and the whole project is going to bring together the community and the race track.

Tom Chalfant said the sign will be out front.

Larry said this is looking to replace the existing white monstrosity.

Tom Chalfant said well I didn't know if could it be used by the community.

Dan Baker said so it will also be used by the Tourism on events, by RCU as well, and then whoever else wants to be posting events for it.

Larry said making use of it. I think it's five by ten portion of the sign. It's actually an electronic message center that could be changed as often as needed, the current software.

Jim said and if you don't mind, that's where Winchester Main Street comes in on this is we don't necessarily have any skin out there in the race track. But at the same time, we see the huge economic financial gain of Winchester and the surrounding communities have for the race track. I think, being from Randolph County, I certainly take the race track for granted. But they do really pour into our community financially, and just bringing outsiders in like Fox News. I mean, I'm not in a position to bring Fox News in to Randolph County, but thankfully, we have a citizen, Charlie Shaw, that has taken the risk on by investing into the race track. And for that gain, we're getting a great amount of exposure here like Beverly mentioned. Randolph County, this is an opportunity for Randolph County, and I don't see it as just Charlie Shaw owning the race track. Charlie is going to die one day. It's a Winchester Speedway. That's what we want to come around as a community to promote it because in the end, we're all going to gain out of this investment.

Tom Chalfant said but if Charlie dies, he doesn't get it sold, what happens? I mean, what happens to that \$130,000.00 sign. I mean, just as a taxpayer, what's going to happen to all that. And is this sign, can it be rented by people and generate income, and if so, can that asset be, can that income be shared by the people that put money into the sign.

Dan Baker said yes. So, right now, there's some state ordinances that we have to go through from advertising perspective. I just got an email five minutes before I got here from Deborah Johnting about the, that we haven't been able to review that advertising piece. There's a goal to offer the advertising, but I think we can have a further discussion on this sharing of resources, if you will.

Tom Kerns said what do you use by tourism and you guys for the sign for advertising. Are we, is tourism going to pay the race track anything for that use in the future. Or is that, how's that, how's that going to work, since this, once it's in their ownership.

Dan Baker said so it's our understanding that we'll be able to use it, unless that decision has been made otherwise. But we'll be able to use it whenever we need it.

Todd said as you drive from west to east, it's the first sign right, it's the one by the entrance?

Dan said yeah, so there's a white one right now. It's actually, it's that one we haven't been in. I don't want to interrupt you too much, but to just give you some clarity here, is that's actually currently in INDOT's right-of-way because it's right under the power lines. So, at some point, INDOT may come and say you need to move that sign anyway.

Todd said and then you get a little farther, there's that kind of empty sign that's right up by the woods. Is that going away or staying there.

Daniel said I think it's on your property still, but there's an agreement with a billboard company.

Todd said I wonder whose property that was on.

Larry said it's an outdoor advertising company that does have a lease agreement for that. I believe it goes for another four more years.

Scottie said and this is also a double-sided sign, so it will be seen as you're coming into Winchester and as you're leaving Winchester.

Todd said in off season, is there, or even during season, is there a thought to set aside a certain, a window of time on that for any community use, or any way to give back with that sign?

Daniel said I don't think we have come up with that exact plan, but we can.

Todd said it's a big, it's obviously going to be lit up I assume, year around.

Daniel said yeah, it's going to be lit up year-round, and the goal is for us to be able to utilize it during the off season. So, we just haven't come up with a specific time.

Tom Kerns said yeah, I don't know how you would coordinate that with the community, but I would think there would be some opportunity there for making public aware of certain events if you could coordinate that.

Larry said in essence again, it will be an information center as well as a promotional piece.

Todd said but since we're talking about some public investment in that would be a way to, not only give back to the race track, but give back through some other opportunities to promote, since it's digital and it doesn't really cost anything to, other than then you know, the coordination and the creation of the content.

Tom Kerns said along those lines, it would be nice to see some type of community agreement written up for the use of the sign as far as the receiving taxpayer dollars.

Bev said good ideas. We thank you and so are you here today to get approval of the \$50,000?

Dan Baker said so that's where protocol is. I can't ask for approval from the tourism commission. I do have the tourism minutes that they voted on it. But unfortunately, Cheryl Prescott had to go out of town. She wasn't able to make it today. So, I don't know what the precedent is for that. So, I'm still newer to this, tourism commissioner.

Meeks said the commissioners approved the EDIT.

Dan Baker said the EDIT funds were, I'm sorry, the EDIT funds were approved, but the county council would still have to approve the tourism's \$50,000.00 that they allocated.

Meeks said you wouldn't approve that, just the appropriation.

Laura said which we don't have at this point.

Tom Kerns said we'd have to do that next month.

Bev said okay so that goes to the next meeting.

Laura said yeah, that would probably go to the next.

Meeks said you would only have really, if you wanted to add money, it would be from probably Windfarm. That's the only thing I can think.

Tom Kerns said yeah, the EDIT dollars, we'd have no say on. If the commissioners approved, it's approved.

Bev said good. Anything else.

Dan Baker said no. That'll be it.

Bev said okay thank you.

Dan Baker said you're welcome. Thank you.

Other Business:

Report from Commissioners

Mike Wickersham said I don't know what the reason is, but this is the first time in my time as a Commissioner that the council agenda pretty much mirrored the commissioners agenda. You've got an ex commissioner on your council, we have an ex councilman on our commission. So, I really have no report. I'm here to answer any questions anybody might have.

Bev said anybody have any questions?

Mike Wickersham said I will say, the Speedway, we did approve \$50,000.00. We matched the tourism. And I took the opinion that it's percentage-wise, a lot of tourism percentage. They bring 24,500 fans to the county. Those people spend money. And then they leave. They don't really set up household. They

don't go to our schools. They don't buy real estate. But the sign will increase the assessed valuation out there. And I asked the question yesterday, I think the Speedway intends to sell advertisements on that sign. It's a 5 by 10 Led sign, and if tourism wants to, I'm sure they'll allow tourism to use it. I don't know what that financial relationship would be. The impression I got yesterday was that it would be an advertising vehicle and income produced. And then Charlie indicated he wanted to expand the races, wanted to expand the races to 8 or 9 events. I don't know if that's possible or not, but that's what he'd like to try to do. And so, that's where we came in.

Bev said good. Thank you.

Minutes November 9, December 6, 2022 & January 4, 2023

Bev said minutes, November 9 and December 6, January 4th. Has everyone had an opportunity to read those minutes? That needs approval. I need a motion for approval please.

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

Sheriff's Contract

Art Moystner said I know in the past few years, I've had the president of the commissioners, president of the council and myself have all signed the contract. I know the contract is an agreement that involves all three.

Laura said so, basically, the amounts on the contract is off the salary ordinance.

Tom Chalfant said I move that the president would sign this contract with the sheriff. Tom Kerns seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Alcohol Beverage & Tobacco Commission appointment

Bev said alright. Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco Commission appointment.

Laura said so, last time, I hadn't updated the list. So, you guys did not approve that because we couldn't remember who it was. It is Clyde Shaffer. We did that last year.

Tom Chalfant said is there any problem with him having an alcohol permit in another county.

Laura said no we've already checked into all that. He actually had to fill an application out and send it through the state to get appointed. And he did all that. Everything was approved then. So, we just need to reappoint him if that's your choice.

Tom Kerns said does Clyde want to do it again? Clyde's fine to do it?

Laura said as far as I know. I mean he went through all the steps toward the end of the year to do it because the opening came up like toward the end of the year. And so, he went through all the steps with the state to do it. So, I'm assuming he would be fine with going on. I've not heard otherwise.

Tom Kern said I'll move we approve Clyde Shaffer for the alcohol and beverage commission. Tom

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

appointment to the Economic Development

Laura said Cheryl Prescott is now our Economic Development board member appointment, and she has agreed to stay on if you choose.

Tom Chalfant made motion to approve the appointment of Cheryl Prescott. Mike seconded motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Appointment to Funders Forum Board

Laura said and appointment to the forum of funders, Dave said if none of the rest of you want it, he would be glad to do it.

Bev said any others? Do we have a motion to appoint?

Tom Kerns said I move we appoint Dave. Tom Chalfant seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Farmland Public Library Appointment

Laura said okay and then the last one is Farmland Public Library, and I didn't realize until after the appointments that we did that that one had expired. I talked to Farmland. They're okay with Judy staying on. Judy Engle and I have the paperwork here, but I put, I didn't realize Dave was leaving, so I have it all for him to sign. I can get him.

Bev said do you want to do it next month?

Laura said well we can approve it and I can have him stop and sign it if you guys are okay with that.

Tom Chalfant said I move we appoint Judy Engle to the Farmland library board.

Mike said I'll second. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Encumbrances

Bev said encumbrances.

Laura said I think you all received those via email. So, for you guys, what that is if you don't know, is that if somebody had already ordered and have an invoice for supplies, the invoices for last year, they could use last year's funding for that. So, this is then using last year's budget for invoices that they didn't have to pay before the end of the year.

Todd said does that continue on for a certain amount of time or is this?

Laura said no, it's the only one. We do it once a year.

Todd made motion to approve the list of encumbrances. Tom Chalfant seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-03

Bev said okay Resolution number 2023-03, resolution, a joint resolution of the county commissioners and the county council of Randolph County Indiana authorizing loans to the city of Union City for the Union City housing project and related matters.

Meeks said so what this is, is you approved it last year, and you paid the loan last year. But then Union City asked for a one-year deferral on the loan to become part of that housing project, housing hub, what is that, I, so, this is only amending it, extending it one year.

Laura said yeah, they'll still make all the payments. It's just they're not going to make a payment this year.

RESOLUTION No. 2023-03

RESOLUTION A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF RANDOLPH COUNTY INDIANA, AUTHORIZING LOANS TO THE CITY OF UNION CITY FOR THE UNION CITY HOUSING PROJECT AND RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, Randolph County, Indiana (the "County") recognizes the need to assist with the funding of the Union City Housing Project for the City of Union City, Indiana ("Union City"); and

WHEREAS, the County desires to provide an interest-free loan in the amount of \$350,000 (the "Union City Loan") to Union City to assistance with a portion of the funding for the Union City Housing Project which is estimated to be approximately \$1.7 million (the "Union City Project").

WHEREAS, the County signed Resolution 2022-10 loaning the funds to Union City with the first payment to be made on or before January, 2023. Union City has requested from the County that the first payment be made on or before January, 2024 and the County has agreed to extend the loan and accept the first payment on or before January, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commissioners and the County Council of Randolph County, Indiana that:

1. The County approves the Union City Loan in the amount of \$350,000 at 0.00% interest. The repayment terms of the Union City Loan are that Union City shall repay \$50,000.00 per year from its Economic Development Income Tax funds for a period of 7 years, to be repaid by January 31st of each year there is money still owed beginning in 2024.
2. The President of the Commissioners, County Council and/or the Auditor of the County is authorized to execute and administer any documents related to the Union City Loan, as may be applicable.

Tom Kerns made motion to approve Resolution 2023-03. Tom Chalfant seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Additional Appropriations:

Assessor	\$31,832.00
EDIT	
Housing Resource Hub	\$34,000.00
Façade matching grant – Lash	\$20,000.00
RC Promise	\$10,000.00
Achieva Resources	\$5,000.00
Highway	
Cum Bridge	\$776,500.00
Cum Bridge	\$697,200.00
Secretary	\$36,400.00
Randolph Drug Free	
Prevention Education	\$1831.29
Treatment	\$1831.27
Criminal Justice	\$1831.27
Discretionary Fund	\$1831.28
Health Department	
Coordinator Registrar	\$5,000.00
Public Health Nurse	\$5,000.00
Clinic Nurse	\$5,000.00
Clinic Nurse/School Liaison	\$15,000.00
Social Security	\$2,195.00
Perf	\$4,130.00
Group Insurance	\$10,805.00
Medicare	\$520.00
Contracted Work	\$26,000.00
Other	\$36,350.00
ARPA	
Taser’s (additional funds)	\$4,209.31

Bev said in the additional appropriations, are there any questions regarding what’s listed here?
Hearing no questions.

Tom Chalfant said I move approval of the additional appropriations as presented.

Bev said approving them all. We've got a motion. Do we have a second?

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

Laura Martin – Area Planning appointmet

Laura said I have one more thing that's not on the agenda. I just want to bring up that you guys appointed Abby Journey to the, it's a member appointment to the Area Planning. And Deborah sent me paperwork for you guys to sign. You already did the appointment. I just need signatures on this. You did the appointment on January 4th. I wrote it down so I wouldn't forget.

Tom Chalfant said that's our citizen appointee?

Laura said yes.

Bev said anything else from anybody?

Art Moystner, Sheriff

Art Moystner said do you guys have any questions for the email I'd sent out regarding the building?

Mike said did they get it fixed?

Art Moystner said no. They're out there working on it right now. There are some pretty significant repairs that are going to be made to the basement at the one end. I ordered some new things this morning. I hadn't been out in the street yet. But we've got lines that run down the front of the building, two that we meet with the city system on East Street. I didn't realize that until this morning because I thought the city's system ran in front of us. So, I've got some estimates that I'll be giving to the commissioners later on to try to do some stuff outside of the building to make access a little easier so we not asking to do our cleanout inside the building.

Tom Kerns said so, while we have all these problems in inspecting, any other lines they can inspect while they're into it.

Art Moystner said they're bringing cameras in. I'm going to do some checking or some of the other areas.

Tom Chalfant said that, I just thought about that Cornerstone that Bud Harris bought to our attention, did anything going to get done with that?

Art Moystner said I have not been able to move it yet.

Tom Chalfant said okay. But you are going to move it or set it up right?

Art Moystner said I'm going to move it over closer to the flag pole is what I would like to do, but I might have to wait until better weather. I'd like to at least get some corners to set down so that

we can, I think we ought to put it on a foundation. I think it's big enough and old enough I need to pull a concrete pad out there and then set it on top of that concrete pad. But I do have the name of the chemical that we need to use to treat it. And it would be the same as the stones they treat in Arlington.

Bev said thank you.

Art Moystner said you're welcome.

Citizen Comments (3-minute limit)

Bev said any other questions?

Adjournment

Bev said do I have a motion for adjournment.

Tom Chalfant made motion to adjourn. Tom Kerns seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Reviewed and accepted this 4 day of April, 2023.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COUNCIL

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ATTESTED: Laura J Martin
Laura J Martin, Auditor