

Randolph County Council

May 6, 2026

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

Greg said sorry we are getting a little late start, our computer is not working.

Prayer / Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner's update

Greg said commissioner's update. Missy got the short straw again.

Missy Williams said I want to start out by, I have been told, I have this short video, an aerial of the flooding that comes from the south at the wedding venue and has forced its way up, and I'm to ask for permission to be able to email that to each of you if you'd like to see it.

Greg said does anyone here have any opinion on it, yay or nay? It doesn't, that's fine with me.

Missy said okay, it's something that's come up, and it doesn't affect me at all, but it does some of the businesses around there. Yesterday, we had a fairly long meeting.

Greg said Monday.

Missy said Monday. Jaquelyn Peed asked to have access to the cameras and she would be the only one that we granted access to in that office. And that way, she could see what's going on if she needs to. Darrin James came in he's done a great job of getting quotes on the coolers on the new facilities going in. And, if you haven't been over there to see it, it's come along really good, and you ought to stop by there. Gary Thomas, originally, I had said I would seek some bids on the camera system, what needs to be additional here in the courthouse, but as I talked to two different companies, prices were really high. And so, I've contacted Gary Thomas, and asked him, if you already have cameras here, why don't we just add on to those cameras rather than say we need to find a company that may want to re-do it? So, that's the way we're going to go with that if you guys approve of it. And then Perry Knox was in. That's the gentleman from SJCA, and he does a lot of our engineering work on roads, bridges and all those types of things. So, he gave us a little update and he was asking for access to our GIS system. Usually, there is a fee for that, but we approved no fee, because he's going to be working on projects for us. And then we don't know that we'll go to fruition. As an example, what can be done about the mass flooding that's along Huntsville road? They're building new houses along there and I think there are some fear from buyers that they see all this water standing on the golf course and so, I think it's a good thing, so we approved that. And other than that, that was about it.

Greg said did you guys do anything as far as Camp Trinity is concerned?

Missy Williams said we did the meeting before last, approving them to go ahead and dig a pond.

Greg said okay.

Missy Williams said and, that project has been a little, not the pond, but the whole aspect of it has been a little confusing, you know, they're just using that camp. We still have the ownership of everything that is out at Camp Trinity now. If you haven't been out there.

Meeks said well it's deeded to them.

Missy Williams said right. Its deeded to them.

Meeks said it would revert back to us if they don't use it for a specific reason.

Missy Williams said they'll have some things coming up. I've only been out there twice, but it's pretty impressive particularly for youth of the entire area. And it's open for people to go back there and use it. You have to go through them and get permission and you know, it's got to be for a specific reason like Meeks just said. Anything else?

Scott said is there a concern about liability?

Meeks said that's why they own it.

Scott said the county?

Meeks said if it's needed, there's a reversionary clause that says that it reverts back to the county exactly like what we do with ones that owned it in the past.

Missy said they've done a lot to the buildings. A huge, a worship area. So, they've definitely put some money into it.

Scott said and it was mentioned, wondered what kind of liability was.

Meeks said none. They own it.

Missy Williams said I think they're not paying anything.

Meeks said no, they're not paying anything.

Missy Williams said yeah. Everybody, anybody could have come in and say I want it. No one did.

Meeks said the 4-H. 4-H was a long-term lease. That's a little different. Lots of people get that confused. 4-H is a long-term lease, but I don't remember when that was, 2018 or something. They don't operate, they can't put housing on it.

Missy Williams said and the last thing I have, have we set up for another joint meeting? I really get a lot out of that joint meeting with council when we sit down together for a meeting.

Greg said to my knowledge, nothing has ever been said or done.

Missy Williams said I would just like to see where everybody is at, and any projects we can think of. The airport is kind of, I am not going to attend those meetings anymore. It really doesn't have anything to do with us. And quite honestly, when I go in there I sit down and am told to move to the back corner. Sounds childish, but just the same old thing over and over again, so.

Greg said they don't intend to make you feel welcome, I'll put it that way.

Missy Williams said yeah.

Greg said that's fine, okay. Yeah, as far as commissioner, joint council, commissioner meeting.

Missy Williams said I really appreciated that.

Greg said just have to get it scheduled.

Laura said you need to have an agenda. I mean, you can't just have a meeting to have a meeting.

Missy Williams said yeah.

Todd said we can review the 7 or 8 projects we have.

Missy Williams said yes.

David said throw a couple dates out and see if we can get it set.

Missy Williams said any other questions? Thanks a lot.

Darin James, Coroner – Equipment quotes

Greg said Darin James, coroner.

Darin James said I met with most of you guys but I'm here today to try to figure out what we need to do if there's, a lot of money that needs to be spent for the coolers and such for the new coroner's office. You guys have got a, I think you've got a list.

Greg said I didn't look at my computer last evening, before we come.

Laura said I don't remember, Darin.

Darin James said okay, it's no problem. I can just go through it.

Greg said go through it, if you would.

Darin James said so, to build, what we're responsible for, is the coolers, the things that go with the coolers, the autopsy sink, the table, and office furniture, we have to purchase. And what I've gathered so far, I'll go down the list. We went with 2-3 tiered coolers, that will be 6 body cooler. That price is \$18,332.52, and that's for both of them.

Greg said now that's \$18,000 buys both of them or \$18,000 apiece?

Darin James said no, 9,166.26 apiece. The next thing, you have to have the trays that go with it, 6 stainless steel trays for a total, \$1,855.56. Also, with this system, it uses a low profile lift, which is electric, battery operated, I should say, lift that the trays will go on and then you move the bodies from the lift into the coolers to a roller system. That lift is \$5,926.26. When we started this project, the commissioners preferred to make this space into where an autopsy can be performed if we needed to have a travelling pathologist come in, which is being more common these days. We currently go to Ball Hospital, and for all our autopsies I will continue to go to Ball Hospital until I get kicked out of there. And, I really like that, the place. I like the pathologist. I've been very comfortable with her. She does a great job and it's, really, she's the cheapest around. And so, until we need to have a travelling pathologist, I won't be bringing one in, not saying the next coroner won't, but when I'm here, I won't. But, they want it set up to be able to perform that autopsy in that building. So, to do that, you have to have an autopsy table, so, \$2,695.00. You also, along with it, you have to have an autopsy sink for the table to go up to and have all the sprayers and such for an autopsy, \$16,500.00 is the cost of that sink. The office furniture, altogether, which is all the filing cabinets, one desk, and a cabinet that we use to place our, the little evidence that we do have on cases, will go in that cabinet. Equals out to \$8,750.00. And shipping for all the coolers, the sink, the office furniture, equals out, it was estimated, equals out to \$4,000.00 for shipping. The coolers and such will come out of, they'll be coming out of north Tennessee, and shipped here. And then I put a, initially put a 10% overhead on it. The commissioners would like me to up that overhead a little bit, so, I went up to 20% overhead, to \$9,158.90. So, the total that I'm asking is \$70,218.24. I can make adjustments, if needed, but that's what I've come up with.

Greg said if you would please give me the price on the two coolers again, if you would Darin.

Darin James said do you want the individual price?

Greg said no, just the together.

Darin James said \$18,332.52.

Scott said and what was the total amount?

Darin James said 70,218.24 not to exceed that. That's what I'm asking.

Todd said when we set an estimate on this overall project of \$500,000, did it include these kinds of things?

Darin James said not to my knowledge, it did. When we initially talked about this project, I had everything quoted out at that time. Matter of fact, this is the third time I've thrown this stuff out. And prices have went up. There's no doubt. And the coolers that we priced prior to, which it was in that pack, the one cooler that we priced through Mopec was, I believe, \$83,000.00. I decided not to go with that cooler because one the price, it just didn't make sense to me. It was \$19,000.00 just to have it installed. These coolers here are two different coolers. They're a plug and play it's really what we use now at the hospital. And we've had those coolers at the hospital for, I've been at the office since 2007, so, we've had them since then. Never had an issue with them per say. Inside of them they had plywood planking on. I didn't really like that. They did break. This will not have that. It has a roller system in it and it's all stainless steel. So, I don't think we'll have that problem. As far as where the refrigeration goes, have not had any problems out of them. I think these coolers that I've looked at are ready to go. Just my opinion.

Larry said to Todd's point Darin, do we know, like he said, the total was 500,000, that was in to it, so that leaves 430, do you think, do you think or do we know if the rest of the project can come in with 430 to keep it up around 5?

Greg said Jake, can you address that any?

Scott said I'd like to know where we're at on it, because you know, I would assume with the additional for the coolers, including the coolers, would be.

Greg said maybe Jake could enlighten us a little.

Jake Donham said so, actually I had this conversation with the auditor's office, with Danita this morning on all these projects, and we'd really need to sit down and go over each individual project say like, coroner's office, building package, what all's in that package, is this in it, I have no idea. Commissioners kind of, they approved all that. I don't know if this is part of it or not. If this is not, what are we paying it out of? And do we create line items and numbers so we know where it goes when it comes in. So, we need to sit down and Missy may be right on that joint meeting, is to figure out each individual project, what's in it and what's not, so we know where to pay it out of. And the total of each project, because I've got stuff going on in the security side and I was going to go in and ask where are we going to pay that out of? I don't know what that magic number is. We have a short deadline on the security side of it. I'd rather we would pay that invoice right now. Rather than have a short timeline so, to speed up process.

Greg said I was going to say I understood from the, I listened to your presentation at the Commissioners meeting, and yeah, we've got to make a decision for you right now.

Beverly said I said we do, we do because the next meeting is June.

Darin said their plan on a completion date is August 1st. These coolers don't necessarily need to be installed because they just actually width of the door and they just roll inside the doors and that's not a big deal, they'll go in there, they'll come in and out after this project is built. But obviously you can't have an office without some type of furniture. The sink is really important because they need to know where the water lines and such.

Jake Donham said everything that Dairn proposed today the builder will need to know as soon as possible so they can start building.

Greg said do you have the measurement for that stuff to get them right now?

Darin James said that's what I working on, going back to the measurements of that sink. That's my biggest concern right now. Right now, they have the drain in, no water lines. The drain is where it needs to be.

Jake said on the other side of that they are getting ready to build walls and water lines and electrical in the walls, they need to know.

Greg said the outlets and all that.

Todd said Thor Construction, I assume they're going to need a contract.

Laura said you got one today. Wasn't it like 430 something?

Todd said if it's 430, we're still under that hundred thousand dollar mark for this equipment.

Laura said yeah, right. You just got the first one today. I believe it was 430 something. I don't remember the exact amount.

Todd made a motion to approve the expenditures as presented. Mike seconded the motion.

Greg said it's been so moved and seconded to approve the equipment list that Darin has presented to the council of \$70,218.24. All in favor?

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Greg said you can get that stuff ordered.

Darin James said I'll get it taken care of.

Greg said thank you sir.

Darin James said thank you.

Bill Ingles, Protection Plus – Courthouse security

Greg said Mr. Ingles, Protection Plus, courthouse security.

Bill Ingles said morning council. My name is Bill Ingles. I'm the operations director for Protection Plus. With me is Ashley Davis. She is our security coordinator. Just a little bit about Protection Plus. We've been in business since 1988. We are a certified company. Our owner is retired from the Marion County sheriff department and her husband is retired IPD. They started this company in 1988. I joined the company in 2002. I've been in law enforcement for about 25 years and took over as the operations director in 22 overseeing all of our projects. I know that you met with some of the commissioners and a couple of months ago to review a security plan for the building and I submitted a packet of what we feel is the best option to get a program started here at this facility. If you looked through the packet, first couple pages identify our staff and others of our upper management, and there's a quote in there for staffing. We recommend that staffing the project with one civilian individual and one off-duty law enforcement officer. One of them will operate, we will have a weapon protection system with a unit that people will walk through. You guys are probably familiar with metal detectors. This is just a more advanced unit. It speeds up the process and it's more accurate. And then also, we'll have the x-ray unit, the x-ray unit checking boxes that come in and backpacks and briefcases, anything like that. And we're going to also submit the equipment rental, price it in there and then also just a couple basic diagrams of what we're kind of anticipating on set up being until there progress. So, once that's complete, that would change but to get started, we can look at the diagram, two ways and we look for you guys to, along with commissioners, to identify the policy procedures that we are here to work with you guys and provide security.

Greg said so, this quote here, your annual cost of \$220,968, is that for staffing?

Bill Ingles said the staffing. The staffing is key. The annual estimated cost for them, holidays, depending on number of meetings, things like that, security is here for that, and what's going on. So, yeah, rough, rough estimate is \$220,968. And I know the commissioners, this proposal was put together based on the two-year agreement. When we spoke with the commissioners, I think they were wanting to put maybe for a three-year agreement, and we agreed then to put the pricing, it would be good for three years.

Larry said so, the staffing is 220 and then the equipment is 27, so.

Greg said that's on the rental.

Larry said we're talking about 250 a year, 247?

Bill Ingles said yeah.

Greg said the 247 for.

Bill Ingles said all together.

Greg said the whole deal.

Bill Ingles said yeah.

Greg said okay.

Bill Ingles said I realize that we are based out of Indianapolis, but currently, we have several officers in this area, both from the Randolph County Sheriff's department, Winchester PD, Ridgeville, Parker City. I think we have officers from all of those that are currently work with us. Our goal is to bring local officers and the civilian staff to staff this. The way I look at that is we're going to be your informational booth for your government building here. The people, as soon as they walk in, our staff is going to be the first people they meet. So, we want to have local people in there that know the community and are able to provide the residents here with the service.

Todd said what about after hour meetings and stuff, will there be security for those?

Bill Ingles said when I spoke with the commissioners, I think it is going to be on a case-by-case basis.

Greg said the commissioners had the idea that you know, if it's just a 5 or 6-person meeting, they wouldn't fool with it. If it was a public meeting that they expected a lot of people, then they would pay them the extra money for the security. And one thing that we'd take into consideration, and you can correct me if I'm telling it wrong, if they hire them guys and they're here for an hour, they get paid for 4. Is that correct?

Bill Ingles said yeah. There's a 4-hour shift minimum.

Greg said yeah. So, that led into the decision sometimes to maybe not have them.

Bill Ingles said but I will say that, with that though, if there is a hearing or a meeting you know, depending on we haven't been given hours of operation yet, but if it's a meeting that started at 5 o'clock and we were scheduled in at 4:30 and it's only an hour meeting or what not, our officer would just stay, or our staff would just stay over and you'd only be charged that additional time frame. It's only, the 4-hour minimum comes into play is when it's a one off event where we have the staff after hours or you know, it's a weekend or something take place.

Greg said anybody else got questions?

Larry said okay. We know we're setting in about 247. This might be a question for Jake if you know. Do we know an estimated cost to redo the doors in the front?

Jake Donham said so, the commissioners approved that with the doors at the last meeting, Monday. It was 22, 23,000. I don't know for sure.

Greg said tell us where the doors are.

Jake Donham said down at the main lobby, the glass enclosed the current doors would be emergency egress only so, you can get out those doors. I'm having them go to the east and west side of those doors so when you come in go to the left, when you go out you go to the left. So, we have traffic flow.

Greg said as Jake said the position would be a left hand. When you come in, you'll use the left-hand side of the stairs to access. If you're coming out, you'll use your left-hand side of the stairs to leave.

Bill Ingles said as part we'll bring the intensive area. You've probably seen one. They snap together. You can whip them up and let people out or what not. They're just temporary devices to create a line for traffic coming in. We'll also provide what's needed for people as they're going through the weapons protection. And we're also providing hand wands just in case there's a power issue or something like that, also for medical. Some people that they had a pacemaker or something, don't like going through weapons detecting, so, we'll hand wand those people so they can go around. We will definitely provide what's needed to get set up.

Greg said go ahead Larry.

Larry said thanks for the quote. Down the road, there'll be some special, one example, would have been yesterday with election day. The courthouse was closed, but you don't want people going up and there will obviously be some situations that we'll have.

Jake Donham said obviously these are question for the Commissioner's at their next meeting. It's going to happen pretty quick, a short time period.

Greg said while council's here, I want you to expand a little bit more on what like, we're going to have cameras at the entrants and exit of floor one.

Jake Donham said I met with Leap yesterday and went through the building to decide where the initial camera's will go. It is just adding to the system we have and locations that we don't have sight of now. They are also going to give us pricing on a monitor for security to see the camera's.

Greg said so, we've got that to pay for too, and then the commissioners talked about it and I agreed with it myself, you guys can have your own opinion. Tell them something about what you're thinking about the bottom of the stairs on that east, west side, Jake.

Jake Donham said on the east and west side, the stairs, some sort of blockage or signage, like yesterday when I was here the amount of people coming up to those east and west doors to find out their locked. So, we need to have some sort of devise at the bottom of the stairs. I think we add some sort of spring gate with magnetic holding so it's easily breakable in case of a mass exit if need be. Signage is going to be very important.

Greg said so, as I understand it from the commissioners right now, just for everybody's information, everybody is going to go through the security, other than the attorneys and judges maybe.

Jake Donham said yeah, that's something the commissioners need to decide.

Greg said yeah, they need to get that decided too. I don't know why we're jacking around so long, but that's their deal. And yeah, as far as the money being spent, we've got Protection Plus to deal with, we've got the extra cameras to deal with, we've got the gates, whatever you're talking about putting at the bottom of the stairs, which I think is a great idea. There's no sense in people crawling all the way up the stairs to find they can't get in. But those doors, all of that stuff is going to be fire code. You just walk out the door and get out of here on a fire alarm. And then talk a little bit about Jake, while we're on the subject, the protection of the judges, the courtrooms.

Jake Donham said yeah, Jack Hinty actually yesterday got the bullet proof on the judges benches that was requested.

Greg said so, all this, is there a special thing set up Laura, for security expenditures?

Laura said it's going to come out of Special Lit is what I understand.

Greg said Lit, okay.

Laura said in all the discussions, that's what has been said so. But, as far as a specific line for that, no.

Greg said Gary was talking to me about putting it under security, and I didn't know if we had a separate line for that.

Laura said no, it's going to come out of Special Lit. Well, if that's how you guys vote to do it. It's up to you, but that's what's been discussed.

Greg said other questions? This is all a learning process for all of us. So, ask anything you think of while we're got them in here to answer.

Bill Ingles said we know it's going to be a learning curve for everybody. So, our staff is going to be with it. Ashley and myself plan on being on site, probably the whole first week to make sure you work out all the kinks and you get things flowing smooth here so that, we know, there will be things come up and we will address it and move forward. But all the equipment is all mobile and is easily moved. So, it's not a big deal if we find a hiccup. You're not talking additional expense or anything like that. It's all a learning process.

Greg said yes, Missy.

Missy Williams said rather than keep kicking the ball down the road can we have a joint meeting to discuss some of these things?

Greg said yeah, we got the cover knocked off the ball already from kicking it so much.

Scott said are you thinking May?

Missy Williams said I'm thinking sooner is better than later. Would a Saturday work better than evenings.

Scott said I like evenings.

Missy Williams said how about June 11, 12 or 13th.

David said what would our agenda be?

Laura said right now I put just project update and funding.

Greg said yes.

Laura said I mean just based off of what you guys were talking today, that's what I wrote down.

David said what are we discussing now?

Greg said right now you're discussing this security project.

David said right, but are we committed to that policy?

Greg said that would be up to the commissioners, the policy.

Meeks said well you guys just have to fund it.

Missy Williams said I still want to know.

Meeks said it might easier for you guys to commit to the funding. Commissioner's need to come up with the policy. I would think that the policy would look very similar to Wayne County's.

Bill Ingles said absolutely. We want the direction to come from you guys so it's not our staff making decisions and having that policy in place could be consistency to everybody and there will be no questions asked. Those questions are something that we've got to have answered. Even for us, I'm okay doing a soft opening just to see a flow of it, you know, if it's, if it takes a leap for us to, some people may not go through the security screening that day because of whatever reason, using another door or what have you. I would just like to have that policy in place so that our staff is not the one getting into an argument with somebody that just don't want to go through the screening process.

Greg said I'm just trying to put the information out that was talked about in the commissioners. The only thing we're worried about is the money. In the contract, for a 3-year contract was how much?

Bill Ingles said I don't have the total on the 3-year total added up. It's going to be that times 3, those quotes that are in front of you.

Todd said if we get a couple months into it and see that it's working out well to have the option to convert it to a three.

Meeks said the contract is subject to the annual appropriation of the county council.

Greg said anyone else? So, we need to make a vote?

Laura said yes.

Greg said on the per year or the total fee of the contract? So, that would be around \$247,000.00 for this year.

Bill Ingles said I would say it would probably less than that. This year because we're not starting until June. And my numbers are based on a 12-month year.

Greg said okay, yes.

Larry made a motion to approve the funding for Protection Plus for the rest of this year and 2027 will be a budgetary item. Dave seconded the motion.

Greg said it's been so moved and seconded to accept the contract for Protection Plus to have security for the year 2026 and become a budget item later in the year. Everyone in favor?

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Bill Ingles said sounds good. I can definitely send an email out. I think you're on the email Greg as well, it includes the informational side of it.

Greg said that would be great.

Bill Ingles to just get some questions answered so that we have some preliminary policy for two years, get started on June 1st.

Greg said one thing we talked about when we walk through, Bill, that I'd like to go over just to get the word out, there's not many people in here, but as people go through the check point, we talked about like having a cell phone in a different pocket and all the change in one pocket, not having everything concentrated so that your system sets off. If you've got it separated out where it's not such a dense mass, then it helps the flow a lot better.

Bill Ingles said yeah, it's like when you hear metal detector, you think that stand tall and have the top over it and you've gone through those. Those you had to digress all the metal out of your pockets in order to enter. The new technology, which is what we're bringing in with the change of units. So, like if you have cell phone and car keys in your pocket, you're going to be able to walk through keeping those items in your pocket. You're not going to have to slip it in the, every single thing in your pocket. If you put, you know, if you have two cell phones is a common one, you've got two different cell phones in the same pocket, that's enough to give an indication or report on where at that point, we'd have to have you divest the items before moving forward. But a little bit of pocket change, your wallet, your car keys and a cell phone, normally, if they're separated amongst your pockets, they will go through fine. So, that makes for a less intrusive process. Those are the reasons why, I mean, right now, we have no idea what's coming in and out of this building. So, one of my reasons to at least have a law enforcement officer present at the entries because of that. That very reason right there. And you're going to run across items, whether it be guns, knives, narcotics, all of those things that are going to have to be addressed by law enforcement, professional versus just a civilian guard running equipment down there. So, we would put staff in, put a law enforcement officer that would qualified to do whatever is needed, detain an individual if that's the case, as well. And one other thing that I mentioned as well, I know we talked about it earlier, you know, we understand we're not talking high volume of traffic here, coming in and out, so there is going to be down times for our staff. I believe some of our staff is to sit down there and don't blank stare at the equipment. We want them to be visible around the property as well. So, you know, we'll make it a schedule to learn the routine of the building and learning busy times and things like that. Our staff will then go and do perimeter checks around, just being visible.

Greg said very good.

Jake Donham said one thing you mentioned is something as simple as, what's going to be the policy if someone does come in with a pocket knife, will we hold that pocket knife for that person or do we make them take it back to their vehicle. Just things like that is going to pop up throughout this whole process.

Meeks said some counties have lockers.

Jake said I'd rather not have lockers.

Meeks said then their going back to their vehicle.

Bill Ingles said yeah, I agree. I don't want our staff being responsible.

Jake Donham said well that's why I said that. Is that our policy or your policy?

Bill Ingles said yeah, I would hope that that would be a master policy, presented to us by the commissioners.

Greg said I was going to say, you'll have to present it to the commissioners. Our only commissioner left.

Bill Ingles said prohibited items, basically, list the prohibited items in that email. Even consider, I know you'd have to consider briefcases and things like that for attorneys doing official business. But, a patron just visiting or going to an office here, is there, what's the need for a large backpack? So, you know, even, depending on the size of the bags. I know you probably want the ladies to be able to carry their purses and things in here with no problem, but, large bags, probably be something to discuss as well. Yeah, that's probably the max size I would consider doing that, you know, allowing women, anything bigger, I don't know what the purpose would be for someone to have that in here, unless it's you know, a special occasion.

Greg said that could be accommodated though, couldn't it?

Bill Ingles said yeah, you're going to have those. But yeah, I just think overall, as you're making a policy procedure anymore, any of the other businesses that you know, we provide security at, those are the things that they're going through, the smaller backpacks and there's nothing larger than small backpack. And there's nothing larger than a small backpack. So, just things to think about when making your prohibited items list of things.

Greg said and one other thing I'll bring up to council, the commissioners want this whole project to start June 1. Just so that everybody knows that that's when security will start. Any other questions for Bill and his assistant?

Beverly said one more.

Greg said yes?

Beverly said do you have other counties that you provide security for?

Bill Ingles said well we provide, we don't have any other courthouses here. We have a courthouse in Lawrence, Indiana, just outside of Indianapolis. But, we provide security services all over central Indiana. And we have, we do a lot of large venues, we have Lucas stadium and Indiana Convention Center, and the Ft. Wayne coliseum and the ball park up there, parking and a soccer stadium that they just opened there too. We do a lot of larger venues and we also do a lot of corporations. We do a lot with Citizens Energy Group, we do all their security, their headquarters and all their buildings. And then we do some, we had a job, we're doing projects just south of Terra Haute. So, these stretch pretty far east and west and as north as Ft. Wayne. So, we have over 500 employees.

Beverly said will they be local people?

Bill Ingles said absolutely. Absolutely, yeah. Honestly, I've heard that on you know, like I said, we have 10 or 12 officers from this area that have been working for me for 10, 12 years. And I rely on them to, you know, they've been good at word of mouth, because some of the local residents that may be interested in doing that and knowing the officers have reached out to me, so I don't think filling the officer position is going to be a problem at all. My goal is to have 2 or 3 consistent ones in here so that they're familiar with the process and you guys are familiar with the face, and that just makes for smooth operation. Same thing with the civilian position. We have approval to get started from the first, you know, we're going to be taking applications, if you guys know anybody that's interested, we're looking for a couple solid people that, you know, have an interest in security and that would be capable of running the equipment. It's not difficult to learn, but there is a training process that goes along with it, that we'd have to get you up and certified to run. So, yeah, our whole goal is to bring in local people to run this like I said earlier. They're going to be your billboard. They're your information booth, to every resident coming in here. So, we want them to be familiar with the county just as much as anybody else.

Beverly said okay, thank you.

Greg said anyone else got a question for Bill?

Bill Ingles said Ashley is a local resident of Randolph County, so, she would be probably the project manager for us and would be on site regularly to make sure things are running smooth and you know, quick response to our management team if there's an issue.

Ashley Davis said I'm just in Albany, so I'm very close.

Bill Ingles said well I appreciate you guys having us. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out and

Greg said appreciate that. Thank you.

Other Business:

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff – Axon interpretation

Greg said okay, Art Moystner.

Art Moystner said morning. Art Moystner, Sheriff of Randolph County. Only thing I've got today is the Axon translated. I'm talking about it. It's been used both on the road in process. To share with you the experiences we've had this far. It was used on the road for some traffic stops. We did get into one situation where the language used did not translate. I think it's one of those things it learns as it goes. It helped the officers out. It cost \$7600.00 per year. It is one of those things that if you guys wanted to add that to Axon contract.

Greg said now you say that Axon contract is 10 years?

Art Moystner said yes.

Greg said does that lock that price in that way?

Art Moystner said it would.

Greg said it would.

Beverly said how much was it?

Art Moystner said 7600.

Greg said and you say you think you'd get it covered this year out of your fund?

Art Moystner said I think I can cover \$7600.

Todd said just to be clear in my motion, I understand that you can pay for it out these funds this year?

Greg said yeah.

Todd said and it will be included the budget.

Greg said yeah, make it a line item.

Art Moystner said I will do that and then I'll bring it to you guys, the budget hearings are in August. I will have that added.

Greg said make your motion again Todd, please.

Todd said I made the motion that we add the Axon interpretation function to the 10 year contract that we currently have with Axon.

Dave seconded the motion.

Greg said so, it's been so moved and seconded to add the Axon interpretation equipment to the 10-year current Axon contract. All in favor?

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Art Moystner said that's all I had. Thank you.

Minutes of April 7, 2027

Greg said next on the agenda is Minutes of the April 7th meeting.

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

Approval to fund Baker Tilly to complete a 2027 Comprehensive Financial Plan

Greg said approval to fund Baker Tilly to complete a 2027 comprehensive financial plan.

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

Ridgeville Public Library board appointment

Greg said Ridgeville Public Library board appointment. Okay, it's public library board member and it's, the lady's name is Kay Shawver who we're appointing to the Ridgeville Public library. Do I hear a motion?

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

Transfers:

Child Advocate
\$500.00

From

Equipment

To

Coordinator fee

\$500.00
\$499.00

Equipment
Advertising

Office Supplies
Coordinator fee

Todd made a motion to approve the transfer for the Child Advocate. Mike seconded the motion.

Greg said heard a motion and it was seconded to do the transfers as printed on their agenda sheet. All in favor?

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Additional Appropriations:

Special LIT	2025 Jail bond	\$240,719.72
Riverstart	Bridge 303	\$50,000.00
Riverstart	Bridge 68	\$70,000.00
Riverstart	Bridge 85	\$1,066,000.00
Riverstart	Bridge 114	\$220,000.00
Riverstart	Bridge 5	\$50,000.00
Riverstart	Bridge 212	\$175,000.00
Riverstart	5 Bridge bundle	\$150,000.00
Land fill host	Road Projects	\$600,000.00
Wheel tax	Road Projects	\$600,000.00
EDIT	UC Park	\$40,000.00
EDIT	Albany	\$50,000.00
EDIT	Lifestream	\$22,250.00
EDIT	Radio Encryption	\$10,000.00
General	Probation-overtime	\$3,000.00

Laura said these additional, you can since we're doing them all on one sheet, you can approve them all at once if you'd like, or you can do them individually. But you're going to sign one sheet.

Todd said I make the motion that we make the following additional appropriations, Special LIT, 2025 jail bond, \$240,719.72. Riverstart, bridge 303, \$50,000.00. Riverstart, bridge 68, \$70,000.00. Riverstart, bridge 85, \$1,066,000.00. Riverstart, bridge \$114,220,000. Riverstart, bridge 5, \$50,000. Riverstart, bridge 212, \$175,000. Riverstart 5 bridge bundle, \$150,000. Landfill host, road projects, \$600,000. Wheel tax, road projects, \$600,000. EDIT to UC Park, \$40,000. EDIT to Albany, \$50,000. EDIT to Lifestream, \$22,250. EDIT to Radio encryption, \$10,000. General fund to Probation-overtime, \$3,000.

Mike seconded the motion.

Greg said it's been so moved and seconded to approve the additional appropriations as written on the agenda. All in favor?

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments (3 minutes)

Greg said anyone left out there, there doesn't look like there's going to be much citizen comment today. Hearing none, we'll go on around the table. Scott?

Scott Fisher – Solar committee update and RCU update

Scott said Solar committee has met a couple of times since our last meeting. I look for them to wrap that up before next month. I think there'll be 2 or 3 changes. I don't know that the Commissioners will accept them. We should know 30 days from now if they will change things or not. On a separate note, in my roll on the RCU board we will combine some committees there are several committees under RCU and we haven't done a lot over the last couple years and so we are going to combine them and get more active on the economic development side of it.

Greg said okay. Todd have you got something?

Todd Holaday – Health Insurance update

Todd said I wanted to give an update on the insurance meeting. Our annual expenses, approximately 3 million, which is about 90% of expected claims. Keep in mind we are mostly self-paid claims. The expected increase across the sort of network for the county has been as high as 13%. Our increase came in at about 8 ½%. I feel like probably the 8 1/2 % was good negotiations on his part. He did say though that it should be generous because we wanted to make sure we got plenty in there to cover any more than expected claims. So, what we budget, what we set aside is if there's a surplus that cash that we fund, it carries forwarded to the next year.

Greg said when is the start and ending date of this?

Todd said July 1st. We have a rough idea to what our costs are. We have 150 employees that average \$2,000.00 per month cost for a total of about \$230,000.00 a month in claims. Any questions on the insurance?

Dave said when it comes to budget. We are going to budget for \$3 million?

Todd said yes, we are going to budget like \$3.2 million. That's 8 ½ % over the premium. And then we need to have a salary committee meeting and a joint meeting has been proposed. I would propose that we circulate May 12th at 7 o'clock for the joint meeting and 6 o'clock.

Laura said 6 o'clock on that same day?

Todd said uh huh.

Laura said okay.

Todd said May 11th or May 12th. We'll look at the calendars and see. I'm okay with doing it further out but Missy was hoping to do something as soon as possible.

Laura said Nikki and I are at conference that week.

Todd said how about the 26th? That's a Tuesday.

Larry said 14th of May works for me.

Todd said what about the 28th?

Larry said 28th works for me.

Laura said so you could do it after that, I guess. You were talking about doing the joint at 7, so, you would probably be able to do that on the 28th.

Todd said let's shoot for that. Let's just try to do it after, we'll see if we can work it in.

Larry said the salary committee after the joint meeting.

Greg said that joint session may be a long one. All the stuff we have to talk about.

Todd said 6 o'clock is an executive meeting that's already on the agenda for Commissioners. It's for commissioners only. So, we're proposing that the 7 o'clock we have this joint meeting, and then if we have time afterwards, we'll have a salary committee meeting.

Greg said you could meet at 6 o'clock, I imagine.

Laura said Missy's on it. And she'll be in the executive session. That's why he said they couldn't do it by 6.

Greg said oh, that's right. Yeah, that's not going to work.

Todd said let's just get it on the books and we'll adjust to a plan that works.

Laura said send out the email and then if somebody wants a different time.

Greg said alright. Done, Todd?

Todd said yes.

Greg said Mr. Mike, you got anything?

Mike said no I haven't.

Todd said we need to vote on that on that meeting date?

Greg said okay.

Laura said 28th at 7.

Greg said make the motion someone.

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

Greg said it's been so moved and seconded to meet May the 28th at 7:00 p.m. for a joint county commissioner and county council meeting. All in favor?

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Greg said Laura?

Laura Martin – Abatement compliance statements

Laura said I have two and these are both from Steven and Charity Cox on their abatement at the wedding venue here in Winchester. It's their compliance statement for the year of 24 and 25 because we did not get it. And those require council approval and signature.

Greg said compliance for what?

Laura said their abatement. Council gave them an abatement and this is for their, they have to fill out these forms for compliance.

Scott said I'm not familiar with the abatement.

Todd said that was before you guys' time.

Scott said do you know the number?

Laura said I don't remember what it is, Scott.

Todd said it was a 5 year.

Laura said was it a 5 year? I don't know if it tells on here.

David said what's the form number?

Laura said it is form CF1. You've signed them in the past as president.

Meeks said it's so confusing Scott.

Scott said but, it's just a 5 year.

Greg said we've got these sheets here, compliance statement of benefits, real estate improvement for the year 2024 and the year 2025, for Steven and Charity Cox. Need a motion for that?

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

Greg said do you have anything else, Laura?

Laura said no, that's it. Thank you.

Greg said Larry?

Larry said I don't have anything.

Greg said Beverly.

Beverly said nothing.

Greg said David?

David said County Council conference is June 12 and 13th. I can't go this year.

Greg said I think I'll try to go.

Laura said yeah, they're going to talk about the new LIT structure and do some training on that. So, if anybody can go, it would probably be a really good meeting to go to. I cannot go. I have graduation or I would go and sit through the training. I think Nikki is going to go on Saturday. I feel like this training series that AIC has got going on is a really good training series, and Nikki's doing it, I'm doing it, other than I cannot do that day, that Saturday, so. Nikki said she would go and sit through it, so. I just feel like it would be really good for you guys to, because ultimately, it's going to come down to this body's decisions.

Greg said yeah, this body is going to come, yeah, we're going to be in the hot seat more and more.

Laura said right.

Greg said Meeks.

Meeks said I just want to tell everybody I will probably not be here for you next meeting.

Greg Cheesman – update

Greg said just to give Council an update and Art you can correct me if I'm telling it wrong. I took time and went through the walk through at the jail with the contractors to look over the jail renovation project. It's a lot of timing issues that they have to deal with as far as getting one place emptied out so the contractors can refurbish that area and then move on to the next area and so forth and so on. I think they'll get that worked out fine. The engineer on the job told me that he's given 282 working days to complete the project once it starts and they are aiming on starting in a month or month and a half.

Art said June 15th.

Greg said that's when they are going to start and 282 working days if nobody has trouble getting the equipment that they requested to fix it up. They are going to redo a lot of the plumbing or all the plumbing.

Art the domestics.

Greg said all the domestic plumbing and heating and air. Major work. There's a 1200 gallon tank down in that basement that's got to come out there some way, either in pieces or knock walls out. I don't know how their going to do it but it's got to come out of there to be replaced by a 250 gallon tank. I spoke to Tony some after the walk through and he seems to be very adamant that, I asking him about cost over runs on a project that big and he said that's a bad word to me and he said the contractors will come to me with needing a change order and he said I tell them let's relook at it try to figure out another way to do it without changing the cost structure. I really like to hear that.

Todd said like you said projects that go on that long, how many people talk and ask for changes along the way. We need to make sure that doesn't happen.

Greg said he is also the project manager and Jake's past experience with him has been that this guy gives him a weekly report of the progress. So, the county is going to be in the know of how it's coming along or if there is a hiccup of some kind. It was very interesting to me, it was very eye opening.

Todd said can they also give updates to the Council since it's such a long project.

Greg said I would assume that they could.

Todd said so we can hear that we're on target and on budget. Just to keep them accountable. I just don't want to wait until the end of the project to find out...

Greg said it's going to be a year project at least. We went through a lot of the jail, we were even up on the roof.

Todd said I would feel more comfortable if we had the person in charge of this project coming in to make sure we are on target, on budget.

Greg said I will check to see if that is possible or if they are going to check with the Commissioner's anyway. One body or the other. I will see what I can get figured out. Anything to add to that Art?

Art said no sir.

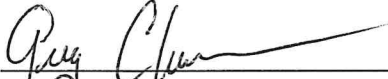
Greg said I just wanted to give a rough sketch of what is going on, all the money that's being spent. One other thing I wanted mention. I know nothing about it money wise or anything else but the same day I did the walk through at the jail they were also having, I guess you would call it a walk through but it's just wide open space, but they were having the contractor meeting out at the county highway for the new building out there. So, the bids for that should be coming to the Commissioner's and us here soon.

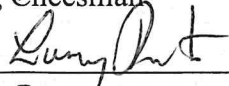
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Adjournment

Dave made a motion to adjourn. Mike seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

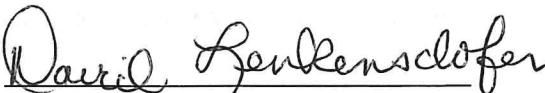
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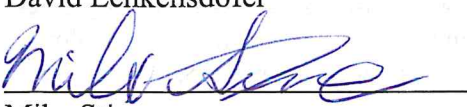


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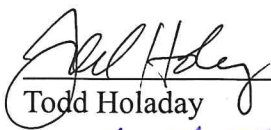
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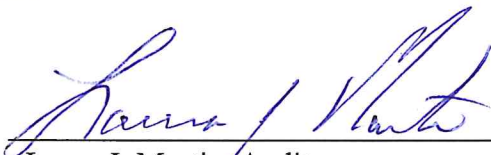
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Laura J. Martin, Auditor

