

Randolph County Council

June 2, 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, Scott Fisher and Larry Preston. Also present was Randolph County Auditor Laura Martin, Sheriff Art Moystner and County Attorney Meeks Cockerill.

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner's update

Missy Williams said Barry Ritter, we have signed the agreement with his company and have a contract now that they will be bringing in workers for our dispatch center, which I am glad to see that. I had a few questions about things that were happening as far as hiring staff and what procedures we are going with over there. Got answers but not necessarily answers that I think we want. I think we need to make sure we have an environment where people want to work in that facility. That's my concern. Also, the HVAC in the jail did a walk through and as of June 16th, that project should start and kind of get going. Had some grant applications through Randolph County which we approved. We were asked about putting Christmas lights, what she meant, Tammy Pegg was putting something around the sidewalk, and it was a lot. We voted that down. I don't think that's a good idea and I don't think anybody else did. The candles, my thought was somebody could throw it in a cedar bush out there and start a fire. We didn't have any problem with the trees last year. In fact, it was really pretty inside the courthouse, but we're not willing to step outside the courthouse to do any of that. Other than that, it was just simple reports. So, that's really about the highlights, unless you have any questions. I kind of condensed that. It was a long meeting.

Greg said and to just add to what Missy talked about I've got the scope of the work order here from Resq911 that's coming in so, if anybody wants to read it here.

Todd said yeah, sure. And the highway barn was.

Missy said yes.

Todd said was kind of set a certain dollar amount, wasn't it?

Greg said yes.

Missy said yes.

Greg said yeah, we'll talk about that when we get down to it.

Missy said so I'm going to make that brief unless anybody else has any questions. Several are on here already. Thanks.

Greg said thank you, Missy. Beth, your turn.

Beth Krieg – Grant Application

Beth Krieg said good morning.

Greg said go ahead.

Beth Krieg said okay, I'm just asking to go ahead with the grant for directory of Randolph County been doing this for a while to get extra some funds to help with the expense of our drug testing probation department. Typically ask for \$2,600.00 which is the amount for 100 oral fluid drug tests. I won't get that much because it depends on what's available. So, it just helps us so that we're not using our probation user fees as much so. It's a pass-through grant.

Greg said I didn't hear you. Did you say you won't get that much or you don't need that much?

Beth Krieg said no, because there's not. There will be other agencies within the county that will ask for funds, law enforcement, schools. So, usually, what ends up happening is once we get through the presentations, whatever amount is available to disburse out with those that have asked, it's just divided up evenly. So, it really depends on how many other agencies or entities request funding. I know there's more this year to disburse out then there has been previous couple of years because the court orders were coming through in Superior Court to release some of those funds. So, a drug test, it cost us \$26.00 a drug test. So, that's a 100 screens. It's expensive.

Greg said okay. So, you need a motion for the request for a grant application.

Beth Krieg said yeah.

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

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Beth Krieg said thank you.

Other Business:

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

Greg said down to other business. Art.

Art Moystner said I do not have anything today. Thank you.

Greg said anybody got anything for Art? Okay, move on.

Baker Tilly Comprehensive Financial Plan Agreement

Greg said the Baker Tilly Comprehensive Financial Plan Agreement.

Laura said so, I assume commissioners need to sign this, but I just wanted to make sure you guys approved it before I had it signed. So, I'll have them sign it at their next meeting if you guys approve going forward. And the cost I believe was \$30,000.

Greg said that's what I remembered. Did everyone hear that?

Laura said not to exceed \$30,000.

Greg said huh?

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

Baker Tilly MUST agreement

Greg said okay the Baker Tilly MUST agreement.

Laura said so, I don't know if, I know Greg and I have talked about this. So, MUST is, stands for Municipal Unit Strategic Task Force, and it's something the governor, due to the LIT changes is putting out there that we can convene a MUST committee and it would be apprised of one councilman or the person of the council's choice. So, you can appoint someone other than a councilman. And then a city and town clerk from each of our cities and towns in the county. So, and that's to help get the LIT structure set up for going forward. Baker Tilly is offering to manage that MUST committee for us. And just because of all the changes in everything, I would recommend it. And it is not to exceed \$30,000 on that one also. So, if you decide you want to do this, we have to start the committee by October 1st and then we have to have a report to the state by the end of the year. I don't know the exact date, but anyway, Baker Tilly will manage this committee if we want them to. So, it's totally up to you guys if you want to do it going forward.

Greg said I'll just add a little bit to this, what Laura and I talked. We do this, get the MUST committee started this fall, and get the numbers for this year, then know next year it doesn't apply for next year yet. And then next fall we'll have the numbers again, so we'll have two years of numbers to get kind of an average to go by for when it actually counts.

Mike said I think it would be a good idea.

Greg said yeah. And then with Baker Tilly there are going to be a million questions that none of us are going to be able to answer because we don't know the ins and outs of it either. That's the thought process I had on it anyway. Totally open to hear anybody else that, other people's opinion.

Laura said I will say that also, that AIC has had a, not Baker Tilly, but another firm similar to this, create a spread sheet that you can plug in like how much each city and town normally get from LIT currently, and then come up with the percentages on this spread sheet. It'll create the percentages to make them whole. And then we can adjust those percentages up or down, how we

need to, to get to the point where we need to be for our LIT rate. Fantastic spread sheet. I mean, I've seen the preview. Nikki and I went to conference and they presented it and I'm sure they'll present it at council's conference. But they're only going to let the auditors have this because it's a proprietary spread sheet so they don't want it like, they don't want me giving it to my financial consultant. We can come up with the numbers and give to the financial consultant to use, but they're not going to be able to use this spread sheet.

David said sounds like a great spread sheet.

Greg said yes.

Laura said it is. It's great. And they're still fine tuning it, and they're supposed to have it out before the MUST committee has to, and so Dave Bottorf from AIC is recommending that us not start a MUST committee until like late August, early September. And that way we can have more accurate numbers to plug into this spread sheet. And we can get the numbers from Gateway, so we don't have to depend on the cities and towns to give us the right numbers. We can pull their numbers from Gateway, plug them in and come up with these percents. It'll make it so much easier for council going forward, to create the LIT rates for each city and town, because it's going to fall on you guys to do that.

David said now, if the townships aren't updated, how does that play in?

Laura said the townships are on that spread sheet also.

David said I know, but, there're two townships in Randolph County that are not up to date on Gateway.

Laura said oh, I see what you're saying in there. We'll just have to figure out best we can what their numbers should be or would be.

David said they have a prior year, so, they'll have to probably use that.

Laura said yeah. Hopefully, by then they'll have them, but if they don't, we'll do the best we can to come up with a close number for them. But, I don't know, just what Nikki and I seen of it, and I actually seen it at a board meeting prior to our conference. And I think it's a great tool going forward, to help Council.

Greg said now is there going to be a cost attached to that?

Laura said no. No, AIC paid for it and that's why they want it to be proprietary, is because they paid for this and they don't want us sharing it with outside people that can duplicate it and sell it or whatever.

David said it makes sense.

Greg said very understandable.

Laura said yeah. So, anyway, that's what I know about it.

Bev said and so we should, do we need to dedicate somebody to that committee at this time or?

Laura said you don't yet. When it gets closer to time, you can decide who you want, whether you want to appoint one of you, if you want to appoint the auditor, however you guys, whoever your appointment would be to do it. The auditor is not a position on the MUST committee. It's only one council or the person of their selection and the city and town clerk treasurers.

Greg said it's not really a public meeting is it?

Laura said it's a committee so, I don't, we'd refer to Meeks on that. I feel like committees are public but not that the people can speak, but if they want to be there, I don't know how they cannot be. What do you think?

Meeks said the committee probably is.

Greg said okay. Back to the Baker Tilly and MUST agreement. Has anybody else got anymore discussion or questions about that at this time?

Larry said is the LIT funding going to come under the council control in 2028?

Laura said 28 pay 29.

Greg said 28 budget?

Laura said so, you'll have to decide at budget time in 28.

Larry said 28?

Laura said well actually, before budget time because the LIT rate is going to be set by you, and it's going to be set by you for us and all the cities and towns, the townships, everybody.

Larry said in the budget 2028.

Laura said well, it'll be prior to the budget.

Larry said yeah.

Laura said there's actually dates that you have to hit, like public hearings. Don't know what those dates are right at the moment. But I feel like it starts maybe in May to get those. We've done it before. I just don't remember. And then beginning in 28 pay 29, you're going to have to reset these rates every year unless that legislation changes. So, there's going to be a lot to it and I feel like a lot falling on you guys. So, this is just a way to get it organized and try to come up with these rates. You know, you don't want every city and town coming in here at your budget hearings or prior to, saying I want, we're allowed 2.9 percent. You know, if they come in and

say I want 9 percent, that leaves 2 percent for everybody else. So, this will give you a way to come up with some accurate numbers rather than just taking people's word for it.

Greg said and to my knowledge, as of right now, every town in the county, other than maybe Winchester, will have to come before council for their.

Laura said in Winchester, it will be their choice.

Greg said yeah, but Winchester will have the choice whether to come to the council or do their own thing.

Laura said yes.

Greg said okay. And I don't know, I've never been told, nobody I've asked, I wondered what the length of time is if Winchester so decided to come before council, is that going to be a two-year thing, a three-year thing?

Laura said it will be an annual.

Greg said annual. But will it be forever? Can they go back to being on their own, is what I'm asking?

Laura said oh, okay, I see what you're saying. And I don't know that. That might be a question for you to ask at your conference or Jamie at AIC.

Greg said okay, I will ask her.

Laura said she's really up on this. She's the one who'll probably do your training at your conference. She did ours. And so, I would ask her that.

Greg said because that would be very hard on council to come up with yearly budgets, if they could just go back and forth.

Laura said yeah, I would ask Jamie that. I don't know the answer to that.

Greg said okay. It won't affect you I know, David, because you're grinning too much.

David said I understand it though, it's going to be a challenge for whoever is going to go forward.

Greg said but by starting this, I was thinking, being the middle to the end of September to get a MUST meeting here in this county, and like I said, get the numbers this year through the town or through Gateway, but mainly, the towns are as green on this as the rest of us as far as learning. So, this first session will be a whale of a learning session for us all. And then the next year, gather up another set of numbers, then that'll give us two years of data to go by to come up with a final figure when we need it.

Laura said so, we can do the MUST without Baker Tilly. I just feel like having their guidance might be helpful.

Scott said I think this first year, I think we really, really need their guidance.

Mike said I do too.

David said it's a must.

Greg said I need a motion.

Mike said I make a motion to approve the Baker Tilly MUST agreement.

Scott said I'll second.

Greg said Mike made the motion and Scott seconded it to accept the Baker Tilly MUST agreement for no more than \$30,000.00. All in favor?

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Additional Appropriations:

Child Advocate Coordinator \$ 21,326.00

Greg said on to additional appropriations. Child advocate coordinator \$21,326.00. What is that, Laura?

Laura said this is grant money that they get in and we appropriate it as we get it in. So, you'll see that several times throughout the year.

Greg said okay.

Laura said we don't appropriate it until we get it.

Greg said okay. Do I hear a motion?

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

Bev said I do have a question.

Greg said yes?

Bev said isn't this something that usually comes through the courts? I mean, the child advocate?

Laura said the child advocate works under Circuit Court.

Bev said Circuit, yes.

Laura said uh huh.

Bev said okay. I mean, I remember Judge Toney, I thought coming in and talking to us about it.

Laura said you don't sign anything until you get all of them. And then once you got them all approved, you just have to sign one sheet.

Greg said okay.

Child Advocate Training \$ 475.00

Greg said the next one is the child advocate training \$475.00.

Laura said same. It goes with that other one. It's just money that got.

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

General K9 Training \$ 2000.00

Greg said alright, the next is general K9 training \$2,000.00. Any questions? Need a motion.

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

LIT- Morgue \$ 70,218.24

Greg said LIT Morgue \$70,218.24 for equipment.

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

LIT- CH 2nd FL \$500,000.00

Greg said LIT for the courthouse second floor \$500,000.00. If that's not enough when that comes in, Laura and I spoke a minute ago that we can pass another appropriation to fill in the extra amount for the second because there's not been any bids let out on that or anything yet.

Laura said well, and I'm guessing we're going to owe Maze for doing the designing. So, that's why we wanted to just do that whole amount at once.

Greg said yeah, yes. But we're going to need to get some money available to pay Maze here soon.

Larry said so far, we have Maze doing design, but we don't have no quote on how much it's going to cost?

Greg said that is correct.

Larry said but we're pretty confident it's going to cost at least 500,000?

Greg said yes.

Laura said yeah, I would say yes, based off of what I'm hearing, yes.

Greg said I'd say a little more.

Laura said but we can always do an additional appropriation later if it's going to be more, but we'll have money available to start paying when the project starts. And, like I said, Maze has already done a design, so I'm guessing we'll get a bill from them fairly soon.

Larry said do we have a scope anywhere that says that this includes the clerk's office and second floor and everything?

Laura said Jake has a design in the basement that shows all of it.

Larry said does he?

Laura said yeah.

Meeks said there's a contract.

Greg said come on up Jake, please.

Jake Donham said Jack Donham, Randolph County building coordinator. I just sent an email out this morning to Maze Design to see where we're at with this project. Right now, we just have preliminary drawings, sketches, and some guesses of what it might cost. The ball's in his court. He's kind of waiting, I'm not sure what he's waiting on, but we're waiting on him to provide us more information. Everything right now is just ballpark figures, nothing is set in stone. The holdup on it was kind of decide do we do full HVAC or do we leave what we have, and use cubicles. So, some preliminary numbers came in rough guess of new HVAC for that entire facility and doing a complete buildout from floor to ceiling. But, that's probably two months ago when I heard that, and I haven't heard anything else. But as soon as I get some information from Maze, I can pass it along. But it does include the clerk's office and the second-floor room underneath us as a combined to make the move with community correction, probation.

Larry said I was just thinking if we approve money for that amount and we get through the process a little bit and you see something that's out of whack, that we'll be able to adjust what we need.

Jake Donham said but yeah, so, once we get a preliminary number from him of what it's going to cost, yeah, then we can have a definite. I mean, everybody right now is kind of hoping it's 500 or less, but we're not sure, especially the way the economy is and the way things are going up and never coming down.

Scott said I'm not opposed to approving this appropriation, but I would like an update before we go bidding it out. I mean, I don't want to find out it's a million, two, million five.

Jake Donham said well absolutely. Yes, absolutely.

Scott said I mean we agreed to do this on the assumption you know, it was going to be under 5.

Jake Donham said I agree a 100 percent.

Scott said I really don't want to just let it run and find out we got to put another million dollars with it.

Jake Donham said right, yeah. That's, yeah, we're kind of waiting to see what he comes up with, because no idea what it's going to cost.

Scott said so, we can approve this so that there will be funding to pay Maze Design when they give us a bill, but I mean, I guess I would like to request.

Todd said when you say we have no idea what it's going to cost, we've talked to Maze, right and said this is about what we want this to come out to, so he's designing something that should fit within the?

Jake Donham said I wish it worked that way, but it doesn't. You can tell him you want it to cost this, but at the end of the day.

Todd said well I mean, part of the design, you know, working with the designer is to tell him what the scope is and what you're, you know, what you're trying to hit, and he can make adjustments. You know that, I mean, I just.

Jake Donham said right. So, there're too many what ifs on this project. If we just do cubicles and leave our HVAC, well was our HVAC going to cost 50,000 or 250,000? We didn't know. And so, they got some rough numbers of what the HVAC might cost, and I think it came in at 50 or 60,000. And so, that was a useable number, I mean, pretty, you know, lower than what we anticipated. And then the rest of the buildout possibly might cost you know, 4 to 5, I don't know. I can't throw numbers out there.

Todd said the reason I was saying this, I just want to make sure the designer has some understanding what our expectations are so that he's you know, trying to work within that number.

Jake Donham said right.

Todd said because we had a situation in other instances with the airport building for example. We keep throwing out a number but the person that's doing the design doesn't seem to ever hear that number and we get plans that are.

Jake Donham said right. Well I think this was presented to the architect, or Maze, I think it was just what is this going to cost? We wanted to know initial cost. We didn't want to know, I don't, we never threw a number out to them what we want to spend. We just want to know, this is what we want, what's it going to cost? So, that's the number he's going to give us. That's the way this works, as far as, so I don't know how he, yeah, I don't know how it was conveyed to Maze I

guess, but I'm pretty sure that's how it was. He knows that we're looking at our most cost effective. That's why we looked at doing the cubicles versus total buildout on the HVAC. Well we just don't know until he gets us something.

Todd said alright.

Jake Donham said he presents it and you know, has a projected number, then we'll know what we're dealing with.

Meeks said I will say one thing Todd. I think the commissioners are wanting to be cost effective on this thing. I think that was related to them.

Laura said and there's other, there's other approval processes that have to go through before we're going to pay this money out. Really, we're just, because we have to pay Maze for their services already, why do more than one appropriation if we don't have to. We have to pay to advertise these. So, we just put what we thought the project was going to be in this appropriation.

Todd said right. I don't know enough about it.

Laura said we can go less. But I don't know what Maze is charging.

Todd said I just, I've had, had experiences with people who were designers, the architects or whatever, and if they don't have some guidelines, they'll just do whatever, you know, they'll make this project go through a cycle of design, this design then that, and then you spend a lot more on design than you'd need to if you had just said oh, I didn't know up front that you were trying to you know, be more cost effective or less. But I know that generally, Randolph County Commissioners are very conservative and you know, the idea has been conveyed that we're trying to do this most efficiently as we can. That's fine. We'll just have to wait and see I guess, what that comes out to be. \$500,000, a 100,000, whatever. We can, this isn't money spent. It's money appropriated.

Laura said and we've used Maze for several projects and they've been reasonable. I feel like if we couldn't trust them, we probably wouldn't be using them.

Todd said right.

Scott said engineers' fees are based on the value of the project. So, basically, they don't give you a set number. They're, they get paid on a certain percent of what the project comes in at. So, if that project comes in at a million dollars, they're going to get twice as much as what they would at a half million dollars.

Todd said that's not great.

Scott said so, that's just how it is. And I think Dave Inderstrodt will tell you that his fee is based on a certain percent of what the project cost. So, I mean I think we really need.

Jake said Dave Inderstrod, so the projects we've done under Maze Design, they'll shoot us a number and then present the project. And we tell them yes or no. So, we say we don't want all that, so he'll take it out. So, I mean, that's our decision how we want to build this project, but they're going to throw all the bells and whistles at it to give us all the options there are. And then it's our decision, do we want this? Do we need the Cadillac or do we need the Chevette? And we pick it apart. I mean, so, whatever he comes out with a number, if he says it's 2 million dollars, well that's not feasible. We'll have to strip it down. So, we're not dedicated to any number until he gives us one and then we decide that's what we want to do. We've got to start somewhere. So, he's going to design it and we're going to okay it or deny it. But we're waiting on that stage for him to get that documentation to us.

Scott said I'll make a motion to approve this \$500,000 so that we have the funding to pay him. But I think we need to relay to him that 500,000 is the figure we want to be around.

Jake Donham said right.

Todd said or less.

Larry said second.

Greg said Scott's moved and Larry's seconded to approve the \$500,000.00 for the second-floor construction out of LIT. All in favor?

All aye votes. Motion carried.

LIT- Security \$ 200,000.00

Greg said okay, the security, which we've all experience once or twice already. \$200,000.00 to come out of LIT to pay them for that downstairs. Anybody have any discussions on that?

David said I show we're right now about 274,000.

Laura said we can't go up this so, you can either approve it 200, don't approve it and we'll have to re-advertise it at the higher rate, but we'll not be able to pay them any until we that approval. We're already halfway through the year. Are you counting that?

Meeks said I thought it was a yearly contract.

Laura said yeah.

David said it is. Are we just approving it?

Laura said and I don't know why it's 200,000. I didn't come up with this number myself, but.

David said yeah, because I show.

Laura said I'm just saying that we've advertised 200,000. We cannot go more than that.

David said okay.

Laura said you can either approve that or deny it. But if you deny it, we cannot pay security anything until we get another month down the road.

David said no, we need to start paying them.

Laura said yeah, I'm just telling you what the process is.

David said okay, but I'm just saying that, the contract, annual contract is 220.

Laura said but we're halfway through the year already. So, we'll.

Greg said I would think the 200 would cover it.

Laura said we'll budget in this August, we'll budget for 2026

David said just remember we got, I've got an estimate of \$23,000.00 to redo that front door area too. 200 may cover it. It may not. But, I understand the process too.

Larry said I believe the doors are yet to be determined.

Missy Williams said yeah, we haven't decided anything yet.

Greg said Jake, give us some update.

Jake Donham said so, actually, it's going to be a lot more than your figure there because we're still looking at other things to add for security. And I don't know if you want to fund it all out of the same line or not, but we're looking at some cameras, some extra monitoring, the doors, I'm not sure what you approved that, it's already been approved, or I hope so, because I sent off the quote and signed, and they were looking at office notification as well. So, there's going to be a lot of other things come up other than just Security Plus for the security plan, unless you want to fund it out of something else. That's up to you guys. But there's got go be more stuff coming as soon as we start getting some quotes from LEAP and some of the other vendors that was requested, if they go through with it, I mean.

Greg said you also have what you did to the judges' rooms up there to put on that too, don't you?

Jake Donham said yeah, yep. I think I might have paid that out of my building maintenance. I can't remember. I'd have to double check.

Greg said okay.

Todd said some of those things that you're talking about are one-time costs, all of them, and the contract is an annual contract so, we're going to have ongoing, so, I think, we're definitely going

to want to make a motion to approve the \$200,000, then we'll see what happens, but, you're right, maybe half of the contract isn't going to be all spent, obviously with the.

Jake Donham said hopefully, before budget hearings, we'll have some more definite numbers so you can have a solid number, go in the next year what to budget for. But, I don't know if we'll have them in time with, get the quotes in and see what's going to cost and so forth. Some of the stuff probably will have annual licensing and stuff like that on the IT side, depending on which direction we go. Then do we sign up with the maintenance on it and all that stuff. You know, there's all kinds of bells and whistles they throw in there. They still want paid every year.

Scott said so, are you saying we can't do a second appropriation if we approve?

Laura said we can if we need to, do a second one.

Scott said okay.

Laura said so, I think probably in, like I said, I didn't come up with the number so I don't know exactly how it was computed, but I'm thinking probably we're looking at half of the contract, because it's an annual contract. We've started halfway through the year. It's going to be half the contract, which was I think 2 something wasn't it?

David said 220 plus the x-ray.

Todd said would be 7, 7 out of 12 months. It would be a little bit more than half.

Laura said well yeah. But anyway, and then we'll still have some there for some of this extra, not that it's enough. But, if it's not enough, we can, when we start seeing that it's not going to be enough, we can do another additional.

David said the contract is for 251.

Laura said so, that's a 125 for, well would be like Todd said, it's a little more than half because it's 7 months, but, anyway.

Todd said 150 just for that part, 146.

Laura said yeah. So, I'm guessing we will have to do more, but this will get us started, get us money to pay them.

Scott said this will give you money to start paying them.

Todd said it's actually good because what we had thought we were doing to do, is spend \$200,000.00 just in capital costs and you know, buying equipment and so on. And then another 200,000 annually to staff it. So, we're actually coming in a little lower than what we originally thought by outsourcing this and them providing the equipment.

Jake Donham said you're welcome.

Bev said I agree with that. I think that's what I understood as well.

Jake Donham said some of the confusion, I didn't mean to interrupt, but.

Greg said no, go ahead.

Jake Donham said so, you're saying like the 200,000 number, generated for security and then this project was this amount, I think those numbers are coming from the spread sheet that was made a few months back where we had 8 or 10 projects. So, they developed a spread sheet and just threw a number on there. And that's not the number that's, you know, set in stone. That was just somebody's education guess what they wanted to spend or need to spend, and I don't know who came up with that or who made that. But I keep hearing those same numbers come up and it's from that spread sheet. So, I think that's where some of the confusion on where this project was only supposed to cost this. Well that was just that spread sheet number, projected number.

David said and that spread sheet was pure estimate.

Jake Donham said sure, yeah. So, it could be less, could be more, I guess, always. But I think that's where some of those numbers are coming from.

Bev said which sounds accurate and I think it's necessary that some of the people, some of the project get paid for.

Todd made a motion to approve \$200,000 for security. Mike seconded the motion.

Greg said it's been so moved and seconded to pay for this, \$200,00.00 out of LIT for security. All in favor?

All aye votes. Motion carried.

LIT- HWY Garage \$ 1,000,000.00

Greg said alright, on to the LIT fund for highway garage and we have it down as a million dollars, but that quote has come in has been signed by the commissioners, so we can lower that to what it actually is, can't we Laura?

Laura said yes.

Greg said or close to it?

Scott said well I think you better allow some money to pay for the first engineering bill or something, shouldn't you?

Laura said well, so was the engineering, the Maze, did Maze do this one I believe too.

Scott said yes.

Laura said I don't know if that's.

Mike said

Laura said yeah, so that would be over and a top the bid then, right, is what you're saying?

Scott said right, yeah. Well my thought was.

Laura said the bid was at?

Scott said the bid was 575,576, something like that.

Missy Williams said 570 is what we had yesterday.

Laura said okay. So, maybe go 7?

Scott said I think so.

Laura said and that way we have plenty.

Scott said that way, if we've got some incidentals.

Laura said if we don't use it, it goes back.

Scott said right. That way if it got some incidentals. You've got some dollars to cover that and you've got money to pay Dave Inderstrodt.

Laura said yeah.

Todd said is that a motion?

Scott said yeah. I make a motion to approve this additional at \$700,000.

Todd said second.

Greg said it's been so moved and seconded from Scott and Todd to change the numbers 1 million to \$700,000.00 for the highway garage out of LIT. All in favor?

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Laura said in looking at this, I'm guessing that Jake's right, all these numbers probably all came from that estimated spread sheet, originally.

David said it has.

Laura said and we were just appropriating what we.

Todd said but we originally in the spread sheet, estimated a lot less didn't we?

Larry said yeah, originally, Dave helped us with a spread sheet, so they didn't go through that.

David said and we wanted to know where we're at because of the one project at the airport that got messed up.

Scott said and even if we ask engineers, they're going to give us an estimated figure and they miss it as well.

Todd said so this, we're going to look at the spread sheets next month to see where LIT is, right, because now we'll see the appropriated amount shown on that spread sheet?

Laura said you do those spread sheets and I don't know what numbers you use. Do you add what's been appropriated when you do that? I mean, do you subtract it from the, I haven't seen the spread sheet for a while, so I didn't remember what it was.

Nikki Clevenger said it should yes, because there's one column that is unexpended. And so, that's anything that's promised out.

Laura said okay.

Transfer of Funds

<u>Amount:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
\$4000.00	SWMD 490	SWMD 362

Greg said moving on to transfer of funds, the amount is \$4,000.00 and what's SWMD?

Laura said solid waste.

Greg said okay. Moving \$4,000.00 from account SWMD 490 to SWMD 362.

Laura said I don't know what those accounts are. They have their own funding.

Nikki Clevenger said yeah, they have their own funding so I'm not sure what they're moving. It only said that on the form. It should be in the back pack.

Todd said I move to approve the transfer of \$4,000.00 from the one solid waste account to the other.

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

Next meeting date: July 7, 2026

Greg said moving on, the next meeting date is going to be July the 7th, next month, and there're no department heads in here so, but I'll make them, I guess, Ed's here. So, he's department head. But I'll make the announcement anyway. It's budget time and the 12th of June is the last day for the department heads to get their stuff turned into the auditor's office for their budgets. I just wanted to make that announcement.

Citizen Comments (3 minutes)

Greg said citizens comments. Is there anyone out there in the vast audience we have that needs to make a comment at this time?

Greg said so, hearing nothing from the citizens. Meeks, do you have anything for us?

Meeks said no.

Greg said David?

David said just one thing. I attended the playground paradise grand opening and they awarded the county council and county commissioner a certificate of donation.

Greg said okay.

David said very nice. It's very nice over there.

Greg said okay. Yes.

David said I'll turn those into the auditor.

Greg said it's neat to see those kids kind of make their presentations, very well organized.

Bev said oh, that was, that was great.

Greg said know what they're talking about, and it was very pleasant.

David said done their homework.

Bev said yes. Education in work.

Greg said Beverly, do you have anything for us?

Bev said I do not.

Greg said Larry?

Larry said I just want to say thanks to Jake and everybody on the security committee to prove that we can have a project and it went in in a timely manner. Obviously, we've got to do some

adjustments, but is a project that we've waited on for 20 or 30 years and I'd like to commend the people for getting it in place.

Greg said thank you. Very good. I don't have anything to add to this meeting. Laura?

Laura said Resq911. You need to know that county council is going to fund that. That's why you wanted me to bring that, right?

Greg said yes. I'm glad you. I should have

Laura said well, it wasn't on the agenda because the commissioners approved it yesterday. But, pending council funding it.

Greg said we've got to fund it right this moment?

Laura said yeah.

Greg said yeah, I'm sorry, I forgot. I didn't have that written down on here. I should have written it down. The Resq911. Yesterday a presentation was made to the county commissioners for \$296,000.00 for 6 months of work to man the 911 center and keep it operating smoothly so the citizenry out there can call, make their calls, do whatever they, and the 911 center will accept the calls and get transferred to the EMS or Sheriff's Department, whatever they need, whatever direction it needs to go. So, that will keep operating smoothly for this county until we can get things sorted out and maybe get people hired and get back on our feet, and get working again come the first of the year.

Missy Williams said may I come forward?

Greg said yes, yes, absolutely.

Missy Williams said thanks. Missy Williams, county commissioner. We learned the night before last that another employee resigned, and so, we actually have one employee left. And so, Barry Ritter's group is coming in and they're going to man the stations. And it's much more expensive, of course, to do that than it is to have our own people. But we do not give them, Barry Ritter's organization, his business does not get the insurance. We need to figure out some way that we are going to make that, I believe, we need to make sure that we can't continue long term working with Barry Ritter's group. They're outstanding. Not that, it's just the cost that it's going to involve. We need to get to the bottom of why we have so many, in my opinion, we need to get to the bottom why we have so many people resign. We rehire, they resign.

Scott said you need, Missy, the commissioners need to do a total overhaul of the 911 system.

Greg said but just to add on to what we're talking about the time, this Resq911 is my understanding, they don't, they don't intend to ever sign up for a year to year thing.

Missy Williams said no.

Greg said this is just a, it's called Rescue because they only sign like 6 or 9-month contracts. They will come in, man this thing, operate it and let the county have time to get their feet underneath and get the stuff done they need to so they can go back operating their own 911 center. They're not, Resq911 is not interested in doing a 5-year contract.

Todd said to your point, I don't think they manage it. I don't think they take it over.

Greg said no.

Todd said they just supply staff.

Scott said they supply staff.

Todd said so, it's still managed by us.

Greg said but I think they can manage if they have to.

Todd said well that's not what this contract is though.

Greg said yeah.

Todd said as far as I can read it.

Greg said right. But you're right. They want your people in there to help them.

Meeks said the contract is to put a person in that seat for whatever time period.

Todd said and do what they're told to do.

Meeks said and do what they're supposed to do. And we have to manage it and that's why we got the Barry Ritter, and his group is supposed to help us.

Laura said yeah, we've already done a consulting agreement with Barry Ritter.

Meeks said right and we've done the consulting, and

Laura said so they're working on the fix, what we need to do to fix it.

Meeks said this is to be temporary.

Laura said this is to cover dispatchers until we get to that point.

Todd said so, I wasn't aware of that. So, we've dated, we've had another contract besides this one with Barry Ritter, got two, maybe.

Laura said yeah. This isn't Barry Ritter. This is a company that he has brought forth to help us until he can analyze and try to.

Missy Williams said right, yes.

Meeks said this is not Barry's company.

Greg said yeah, this is not Barry's company.

Todd said okay.

Laura said so, it's kind of two different things going on, yeah.

Todd said two things going on?

Laura said yeah, exactly.

Mike said so, when will this start?

Laura said probably immediately.

Missy Williams said it already has I think.

Laura said okay.

Meeks said well it hasn't started because we have to get the contract approved.

Laura said yeah, we haven't signed the contract. We have to get funding.

Meeks said Commissioners have not signed the contract.

Missy Williams said okay.

Laura said that's why we're like they're, they need to fund it.

Missy said okay. My understanding was that.

Meeks said you guys approved it, but subject to the funding of the contract.

Missy Williams said right.

Laura said correct.

Greg said and then also, we were, Gary said yesterday that we were waiting on you to review the contract to see what.

Meeks said there were two or three things I was going to send out after we got the approval. I didn't know if the commissioners wanted to do it or not.

Greg said okay.

Meeks said they were minor details in the contract.

Laura said so, I think it's going to go forward once we get, Meeks works the contract and Council say yes, we'll fund it or not.

Mike said I think we have to.

Missy Williams said we approved funding, and did you just approve the funding, or are you going to? No?

Mike said we haven't yet.

Laura said you haven't approved the funding. You can't.

Greg said we haven't approved the funding yet.

Missy Williams said we haven't approved it? I thought we did yesterday.

Laura said no, you cannot. They have to.

Meeks said yeah, they have to. You approved the contract.

Missy Williams said okay, the contract.

Greg said you approved the contract, yeah.

Scott said so, we've got one employee. I mean, how is, how is, things operate now?

Missy Williams said that's what, I was sent an email from Mr. Shaneyfelt, all of us were, that another one quit, so we now have one employee.

Mike said I think that last one, work until the 5th maybe, wasn't it?

Missy Williams said pardon?

Mike said the last one is working until the 5th, wasn't it?

Missy Williams said yeah, I think so. But turned the resignation in.

Mike said yeah.

Missy Williams said just wanted to let you know that.

Laura said and Greg and I talked yesterday regarding this funding. We feel like we should appropriate this out of County General.

Greg said yeah.

Laura said and then because I gave Gary Friend some numbers of salary amounts that have not been used over there because they haven't had people in those positions. But to come up with an accurate number and then not knowing, going forward, who we're going to hire to get in those positions and pay for, we don't have an exact number what's going to be left. But if we go ahead and appropriate the whole amount out of County General, whatever isn't spent in those salary lines will go back to County General at the end of the year anyway. So, it's a wash you know, as far as trying to transfer money here and there. This is the cleanest way. We'll just do an appropriation for next month for you guys to approve for the whole amount, if you approve this. And then, you know, whatever is left in those salary lines will just go back at the end of the year.

Greg said well, I'm glad you brought that up, Laura. Because the reason I wanted, we talked about it yesterday during the commissioner's meeting, Gary talked about certain amounts of money coming from insurance and wages that will not be used, and so forth, but he didn't have any number and I knew as council, we would want a definite number to vote on. And so, and a way to fund it. So, as Laura said, we'll get it all out of County General and then whatever monies are not used by 911, it'll go back to the General Fund, then that way, like she said, this will make a clean sweep of the thing. So, go ahead now Scott.

Scott said I'll make a motion to approve \$296,000 from county general to fund the Resq911 contract.

Mike said I'll second.

Greg said it's been so moved and seconded to approve the \$296,000.00 to pay Resq911. All in favor?

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Todd said what's the, this is different. What is the proposed dollar amount in the Barry Ritter consulting contract? Do we know?

Laura said I believe.

Greg said it was 18, wasn't it?

Laura said well, there was a contract and I think it was like 30 and then we added an exhibit B, which was 18.

Greg said oh, okay.

Todd said so, it's going to be like 50,000?

Laura said I would say about \$48,000. And I'd have to look for exactly, to make sure. That's what I remember, is that it's around that, yes.

Todd said thank you.

Greg said okay. Sorry, I got out of, I didn't have that written down to keep that in order.

Greg said anyone else got anything, Laura had that, and it's Mike's turn. Mike, you have anything?

Mike said nope.

Greg said Todd?

Todd said a couple things. Have we set August dates for our budget meetings yet?

Greg said not that I'm aware of.

Laura said no.

Todd said as soon as we can, that would be good, because I'd like to get it on our calendars, I think. Secondly, I just, on the 911 thing, I admire how quickly you know, commissioners got a solution in place and thankful it was able to be worked out. Just looking at the numbers, we're going to be paying for these same people, about 2 ½ times what we would be paying for an internal resource. And we're still going to hire those internal resources while we pay these people. So, we're going to spend about \$300,000.00 more for 6 months and another \$50,000.00 in consulting fees. That's about 5% of our annual payroll. That would be a pretty good raise, you know, for our budget. So, this is a pretty expensive collapse, and I know there's a lot going in to working on this, but we've got to come up with something over these next 6 months or we'll be right back where we were again. And I know this problem has been going on for some time. I'm not trying to, I'm just pointing out the financial impact of it is not small. And the cost of having these extra resources is more than just the cost of them because we're, you know, starting from zero basically, you know, trying to bring in new staff, get them trained, get them certified, and we're in a horrible cycle, and it's costing us a lot more than the actual pay for these, for the staff. So, you know, we have had some discussions about are we where we where we should be with these different positions and Gary asked us to check with Barry, you know, Barry Ritter, to make sure when we put our budget proposal together that we are right in the ballpark with our wages. Definitely want to be. Thought we were, because we've been asking over the last couple of years to make sure that we were up enough, up there enough to hire and retain. I don't feel like, I feel like we've been doing that for a couple years now and I don't think our problem has been what we pay.

Bev said I agree.

Todd said I'm just putting that out there.

Scott said I guess I would like to get an update from Barry Ritter. Is that a possibility that he can come to our July meeting and give us an update on what some of our problems are and whether the wages need to go higher.

Greg said I don't know that he could talk about our problems. The only thing he could talk to us about is wages.

Scott said because Todd's right. We've definitely got a problem.

Greg said I don't think anything could be said about that until the commissioners make up their mind.

Scott said we, we need to know what the problem is. We can't just keep throwing money at it again in 6 months. We've got to solve the problem.

Greg said but I don't think Barry is at that point yet, to have the problem to have his recommendation as to what it's going to take.

Bev said not enough experience with our staff.

Greg said he's got to go through his process first before we can get to the point of.

Todd said I would think for \$50,000.00, it's a pretty intensive look.

Greg said yes, it will be. It will be.

Todd said that's the goal is for that consulting.

Greg said I spoke to a couple other people about, well, Delaware County for one, that they had 911 problems over there a few years back and Barry was called then and got that problem solved and turned around and they've not had any trouble since. So, he's highly regarded as to what he does from what I can tell, and I think he'll get, I think he'll help this county get on the right tract.

David said I believe Barry was the state director of Indiana for a period of time.

Laura said I think you're right.

David said so, he does know.

Bev said good experience.

Greg said and he currently has, is sitting in the same position as we are. He's on county council in Wayne County, so he knows about the budget. So, just to give you a little background.

Todd said that's all I have.

Greg said okay. Scott?

Scott said I don't really have anything. I do want to say thanks Jake, for going above and beyond with all these projects we've got going on. I know you're getting bounced from the jail to the courthouse to the highway garage and you've done a great job.

Jake Donham said thank you.

Scott said this security deal has been long overdue and I think you did a great job of getting it implemented with no real issues.

Jake Donham said thank you, very appreciated.

Scott said I know that the jail had a lot of issues as well, the building, and I just think you've done a great job. And we really appreciate Jake going above and beyond in doing everything that was needed.

Jake Donham said thank you.

Scott said that's all I have.

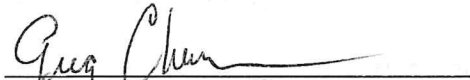
Greg said last chance. Anyone else?

Adjournment

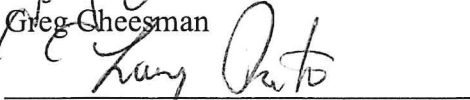
Greg said hearing nothing, like a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

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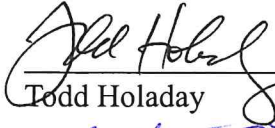
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