# Randolph County Council

June 4, 2024

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

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Council President David Lenkensdofer presided.

Pledge of Allegiance

## Public Hearing - UG Winchester Biogas LLC abatement

David said this is a public hearing. I'd entertain a motion to open that public hearing.

Tom Chalfant made motion to open the public hearing. Missy seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

David said the public hearing is for EG Winchester Biogas LLC abatement. Is there anybody, come on up. And I'll ask anybody in the audience if they would like to speak also.

David said would you like to sign your name and maybe an address?

Dave Rosinski said, I'm hopefully a familiar face by now. You know, definitely appreciate your guys' consideration of this. I think, remind me here the way we left it last month, was two proposals that we were looking at, a 5 and a 10-year? Did that end up getting listed?

David said we have resolution.

Meeks said really, this is the public hearing part so you just come and talk about the project and then we let anybody else talk and then, in our regular meeting, they can discuss that.

Dave Rosinski said and then we talk about that? Okay, cool. I guess I'll just do a really quick overview, especially if there is anybody here that wasn't here for one of the previous overviews. So, basically, my name is Dave Rosinski. I'm just here today in support of a project that we are hoping to start here in a couple months at the Union Go Dairy. It's a set of digesters that we would add to the process of the existing dairy, the manure basically, goes into a lagoon. We would add two digesters that capture the gas that normally would be emitted from the lagoon into the air and put that gas to work. So, we would compress it, put it into a pipeline in Ohio. We actually would be trucking the gas once every 3 to 4 days. In this particular business

arrangement, the Winchester Biogas LLC is our company's holding company, so it's IGS energy. It's an IGS energy company. The farmer does not have ownership in the company and we have a land lease arrangement with the farmer. So, the actual proposed application today is really for our company, not for the farmer, just lease land, take ownership of the manure, process it and then get it back to them.

David said okay. Anything else for us?

Meeks said you need to see if anybody else wants to talk.

Dave Rosinski alright. Thanks.

David said thanks. Anybody would like to speak on behalf of or against this project? Seeing none, I guess, entertain a motion to close the public hearing.

Tom Chalfant made motion to close the public hearing. Missy seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

David said now we'll go into the regular meeting.

#### Resolution 2024-11 UG Winchester Biogas LLC Abatement

David said first item on our agenda is the Resolution for UC Winchester Biogas LLC abatement. Are there any questions or concerns about this? Does the council have any questions?

Bev said is this a 5-year or a 10-year abatement?

David said I think that's what we need to decide.

Bev said okay.

Meeks said now you would come up. Well, you had the public hearing. The public hearing part is for anybody that wants to speak.

Tom Chalfant said and I think you said all of your projects are 10-year except one?

Dave Rosinski said we have one. That's right. There was one that was a 5-year, most of which that we do in Indiana are 10-year. Yeah, and again, certainly, 10-year would be very much appreciated. It's a newer technology. These farms are smaller than most being done, so, we do have a little more exposure than maybe some other larger projects that you guys might have heard of. But certainly, appreciative of anything that's passed today.

Missy said would we abate 6 million or 7 million dollars? I've seen both those figures in.

Dave Rosinski said so, we estimate it's, do you mean the construction cost or the total cost?

Missy said yeah.

Dave Rosinski said we estimate it's going to be north of 7 million.

David said and this is a graduated percent over 10-year or 5-year.

Meeks said the 10-year would be a 100, the first, 90, 80, 70, 60. And then the 5-year is a 100, 80, 60, 40, 20. Or, you can do anything you want. That statute allows for, but that's the traditional one.

Todd said Meeks, can you remind me on the way the personal property tax schedule works. If you depreciate that down every year.

Meeks said so, it there's a million dollars' worth of assets, they can depreciate that, however they depreciate it on their depreciation schedule, right. But they cannot go less than a third. So, that million dollars will always be assessed the 300 thousand dollars.

Todd said general equipment is 5 years or 7 years?

Meeks said well farm equipment, if you're a farmer, it's usually 7 years. There like, there are certain equipment that could be 5 years. Cows are 3 years. So, residential, well commercial real estate is 39 ½ years.

Todd said right.

Meeks said but 7 years generally, 7 years is generally the equipment.

Todd said I was thinking commercial or general purpose is 5, office equipment is 7.

Meeks said I know almost all farm equipment is 7. I can tell you that. I always have to look it up, the specific one, so.

Todd said so, it reaches the 30% level pretty quick?

Meeks said you're going to reach that probably within, well, for sure, within the 10 years. Pretty sure within the, probably in year 4 or 5.

David said one question I've had. Is the, what happens if the company decides not to do this any longer? How does it affect this?

Meeks said well if the equipment is there, you're still going to get assessed. So, it, I mean, we assess the equipment if it's there or not. So, if the equipment is there, and they put it on their assessment, when they file it with the assessor's office, it's going to get taxed. If they're not using it, you're still, I guess there might be some sort of obsolescence, but they'd have to come and say, I'm going to defer to Bev on that one.

Bev said well yeah, it's, I mean, if it's being used, that's one thing. If it's not being used, there will be a depreciation on that. I don't know what the percentages are anymore.

Tom Chalfant said don't they have to come and request obsolescence?

Bev said yes, an owner can do that. That's my understanding that I remember.

Meeks said I would be very surprised if there's obsolescence in the first 7 years here or 10 years. That's usually for super old equipment. But if they don't, if in year 8, they take all their equipment out and go to Delaware County, well they don't, the equipment is not here, and you don't have an abatement but you don't have any taxes either. But you can't, but they couldn't get, since it was depreciated, since you already did this in Randolph County, you can't go to a different Indiana County and do the same thing with the same equipment. You only get one time. Now you can take equipment from Ohio and bring it to Indiana and get it. But you cannot take it within the state.

Dave Rosinski said and I will say too, like, the way that we're understanding from our tax folks is that the vast majority is not, everything we're installing is considered equipment. Some of this is equipment that we think of that like you can train in, other things would be like the digester itself, which is made of concrete, which is, practically speaking, you're not, we'll never move it.

Dave said okay. Any more questions from the council? Which direction would you like to go, 5 year or 10 year?

Tom Chalfant said I guess I'm okay with the 10 year.

Dave said okay. Everybody okay with that? Okay. Let's work off the 10-year resolution. Before me, I have resolution number 2024-09. It's a confirmatory resolution of the county council of Randolph County, Indiana, setting forth final action in determining qualifications for an economic revitalization area has been met. This is in reference to UG Winchester Biogas LLC abatement. Entertain a motion to approve.

Bev said I make a motion to approve the resolution 2024-09 for a 10-year abatement with Randolph County.

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

Dave said there's only one signature on this, so, I'll sign it. Thanks for coming in.

Dave Rosinski said alright. Thank you so much. Really appreciate it guys.

### Commissioner's update

David said Mike, would you like to come up and address?

Mike Wickersham said as you all know, we met yesterday. First item on our agenda if you hadn't seen it, was open bids for the Farmland project. And key word there is, we had bids. We

had two. Thor Construction out of Richmond, and Apex Ag Solution, which is a local company that I understand owns a construction company in Richmond, as well. And they both bid. And the bids were very close with approximate bid of \$450,000.00. We've not approved those bids. We took them under advisement and are going to look at them and reconsider them at our next meeting. In addition to that, the Farmland ambulance center, we need to go through a BZA hearing. So, we have a BZA hearing on June 18th, 2024. And if you're in support of this building, I would ask you all to come out and support us at the BZA. If you're not, just stay home, so. June 18<sup>th</sup>. We also heard from Chris Burton, our Ertel representative and our health care insurance renewal. We currently, we're paying a maximum expenditure of about 3.8 6 million dollars. The expected expenditure was about 2.9 million dollars. And right now, with our policy ending at the end of June, we're even less than that expected expenditure, but United Health Care came back to us with a quote of a 10.5% increase in total cost to the county expected in maximum. So, Chris took us a different direction. The Jefferson health plan, which is a conglomerate cooperative of municipalities and counties throughout Ohio mostly. They do have some public entities in Indiana. And it's going to save us, over the United Health plan quite a bit of money. The total increase to Jefferson Health plan is a 2% increase over what we're expected to pay this year. So, that would be a maximum of 4.46, 3.46 million and an expected of 2.9 million. So, we signed an agreement with Jefferson Health Plan yesterday and agreed to have them become our health care provider. And I'm not on the plan, but from the benefits that I looked through, looked like the employees were going to get a better opportunity and more benefits. I think, a little less deductible and some other benefits. So, that, we did that and that's effective July 1st. We heard from the 4-H capital campaign, Future Needs committee, and I believe they're here this morning to talk to you folks as well. They came to us yesterday and had a shortfall in their capital campaign for the building of the kitchen and the show ring. Their shortfall due to increased cost of construction as well as they just weren't able to raise enough money. They were short one million dollars. We considered that and we considered that the asset of the 4-H grounds out there, and how it is a true county asset throughout the county, and how it is really not our building directly, but I'm not sure how it would pan out if it was ever abandoned, whose building it would be and how that would work. But we decided yesterday to grant them a million dollars from Renewable Energy funds. And that will allow them to start that project this year after the fair and complete it by next year before the fair. And the show ring and the kitchen will all be done. Our concern was that if we just funded half of it, then it would be two years of fair disruption and there was a real question, and you'll hear from them later, that they could raise the rest of the money. They feel like they've exhausted their effort in raising money. So, we have the Renewable Funds. It's a county-wide project and it's one, other than highways, bridges and drains, that we really, in our local buildings it's one that we felt needed our support, so we offered them a million dollars. Also, the airport board presented to us with Jason Clearwater, they ran into increased on their T-hanger, which I think you recall, we loaned them 460 some thousand dollars to build the T-hanger, and they were going to pay that off over the next two fiscal years. And they ran short and needed another \$181,685.00 and they came to us to see if we could increase that loan to cover that. That would have taken them into fiscal year, all of fiscal year 26 and fiscal year 27, using their Federal grant money. So, we decided just to give them an EDIT grant of \$181,685.00 so they could get that project on the way, and then they'll pay the original loan off earlier. They'll be able to accrue some money for future projects. So, we thought that was a good decision. And I believe that's all I have. Have any questions for me?

David said Mike, on the airport, the EDIT, is that that's not a loan?

Mike said that's a grant.

David said grant, okay.

Mike said again, it's a county asset. We felt like it was, and it does have some economic development results. So, it's an economic development project. Any questions?

David said any questions for Mike?

Mike said thank you.

David said thanks for coming in.

### Eric Devon - Purchase of Vehicles

David said Eric, come on up.

Eric Devon said good morning.

David said I assume you're here for the vehicles?

Eric Devon said yes.

David said I think we all received an email with the amounts from Laura, three different.

Eric Devon said yeah. I submitted three different quotes. One from Jeep, one from Ford and one from Kia. I based those off of the value for money we're getting with the vehicles, and the warranties. Overall, the Kia has the best options, the best value for money, the best overall warranty. They have a 5-year, 60,000-mile warranty with theirs. Their spacious, they're fuel efficient. I mean, ideally the types of vehicle we wanted.

David said I noticed the Kia was the most recent one of all of them.

Eric Devon said yeah.

David said best overall. So, if you have any questions for Eric on the vehicles we had him to go back and review. I think he was here once before.

Missy said how many are we talking about Eric?

Eric Devon said two.

Missy said and would that be replacing yours or would that be two in addition to what you have? How many cars do you have currently? Eric Devon said no.

Missy said do you need, I noticed on here it's 4-wheel drive, all-wheel drive. Is that enough for you in case you have to get out someplace and you might?

Eric Devon said I can, I think my vehicle now has all-wheel drive, and it, very, very rarely do you go that far off the road.

Missy said and the other one, are those parked there at night?

Eric Devon said both of them would be, there would be, there would be an occasion like, especially, Tammy has a lot of conferences. She lives in Union City, so there may be an instance here and there where she'll take it home for the night and then drive to like, her conference, wherever it is, for the night. But that's going to be the exception more than a rule. The vehicle I have will be parked every night. There's no reason for me to take it anywhere except work.

Sherri Thompson said the reason that we felt like we needed two of that size is because if Eric is mainly using his, Tammy, she has things like mannequins and things for CPR and stuff like that, that she would need to haul.

Eric Devon said vaccine clinics. We have tables and coolers.

David said what's everybody's thoughts here?

Sherri Thompson said I don't know if you remember, but we had asked to take that out of the money that was brought in for the COVID vaccines.

Bev said so, there is enough money in that fund?

Sherri Thompson said yes. They brought in, well it went to the General, I think the General fund, but we brought in 101 thousand for the vaccines during COVID.

Eric Devon said and we're looking at right around \$70,000 for both vehicles.

Tom Chalfant said and those weren't the wholesale government prices?

Eric Devon said they gave me a discount, but I mean, it wasn't a wholesale.

Sherri Thompson said and he did look at the fleet vehicles. And there really weren't good choices at that, in those.

Eric Devon said from the fleet vehicles I saw, it was more for emergency, that type of thing, and the state employees had a program through there, where they could get vehicles, but I really didn't see anything concerning like, local government.

Tom Chalfant said I guess this is maybe a side vote, but I think the commissioner left, but it's not really their job to go out and find vehicles. It would be good for the commissioners if all the vehicles we have, have somebody know how to do that, go find sources anyway. Be good for the commissioners to oversee all the vehicles we own rather than making these people go out to do something they're not accustomed to.

David said I think Eric has probably done a pretty good job of evaluating the choices.

Tom Chalfant said extra work for him that he has to go out and do.

Missy said I'd like to make a motion that we approve both of those vehicles with the understanding that they're go be used for business only.

Eric Devon said absolutely.

Missy said I know you don't. I'm just saying that to specify that.

David said out of the General fund?

Missy said yes, which would be out of their COVID money that's appropriated into the General fund.

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

David said guess you got to go get two new vehicles.

Eric Devon said thank you very much everybody. I appreciate it.

### **Greg Beumer – 4-H Future Needs**

David said okay. Greg.

Greg Beumer said members of the council, good morning. I am going to begin by introducing Roger Gough and Mike Reed. Roger is chairman of our Future Needs Committee and he's going to begin our presentation.

Roger Gough said like Greg said, we're both with the future needs committee on the capital campaign. Just kind of give you a recap of what the capital campaign is, consists of two projects. The first project is the dining room, kitchen and bathrooms that will be attached to the Best Way Center. The second project is the new show arena with the bathrooms and showers and concession stand, altogether. We did get some final bids in on both projects. And to do both projects, the bid came in at a little over 2.8 million dollars to be able to do both projects. We have raised a little over 1.8 million dollars in our fundraising. In you guys' package, you'll see, I won't go through all that, but it'll show you the breakdown on how we raised our money and stuff. When we started the project, it was out goal to do both projects at the same time. And that's still where we're at today. We want to do both of them at the same time. We are on track with breaking ground this fall right after the fair for the kitchen, dining room and bathrooms.

Today, we're here seeking assistance to be able to secure funds to complete the show arena, bathrooms and showers and concession stand. We're, the deficit of the project is we're right at a million dollars to be able to complete both projects at the same time. So, I'm open for any questions you've got for the project.

Tom Chalfant said I just made a little side note that when does the naming rights for the Best Way Center expire, do you know?

Roger Gough said four or five years on that.

Tom Chalfant said you haven't discussed probably the new price for those naming rights?

Roger Gough said no, we haven't. To be honest with you, we've been strictly focused on this project and it's, you know, we've been working on this for a little over four years. And this is where we're at today, and I mean that's basically, what we've been working on really hard. Also keeping other things going at the fair with the different buildings and stuff.

Todd said after these projects are completed, do you anticipate any big projects in the next 5 to 10 years?

Roger Gough said I don't, I mean, for what we're looking at, I can't say we're looking at any big projects. We might, after we get this one going, we're looking at maybe in four years or so, that we would probably start another fundraiser down the road for maybe a new horse arena that's not enclosed, but covered, because that seems to be a problem down the road for the horse and pony. But that, I mean, we're just taking one step at a time and that's where we're at. But like right now, I mean we, we have a lot of different sponsors, building sponsors. We have camping and stuff that kind of brings in money to kind of help maintain the rest of the buildings that we have and stuff.

David said I have two questions. Did Best Way contribute? I didn't see a list in here.

Roger Gough said they contributed.

David said besides their name on building?

Roger Gough said yeah. They gave us money for the project, yes.

David said do you know how much that was?

Roger Gough said they don't want that to be really public knowledge.

Tom Chalfant said can that be withheld, I guess?

David said I don't know. And the other question I have, did you guys apply for the READI 2.0?

Roger Gough said Greg will answer that question.

Greg Beumer said no, we did not. Randolph County had a pretty significant number of applicants for that funding. And we just did not feel that it would be right that we hadn't even started construction or spent any of the money we received from the first READI round. We just thought that would maybe look a little disingenuous.

David said okay. That's all the questions I had.

Missy said I'm just going to throw in there that and had really good questions by the commissioners yesterday about what, you know, get out there and do more, and they will I'm sure. I did a little with this group and the fundraising was non-stop. I mean, they were going to people all the time, giving presentations and driving around in the country. You know, I went some south in Modoc and you know, you get talking to people and two hours later, you're finally leaving. You don't, you might have got some money, you might not have got some money. I think they've exhausted their, I personally think right now, with the tornado, with everything else, people are kind of tapped out on giving money. And I think if they see some action take place, I think they're going to say yes, it is going to happen, it's not going to be 10 years down the line or whatever. I think it's the best thing for our community. They're so many kinds that are involved, and adults out there. You've had career fairs out there that Randolph County United has done. You had, I mean, it's limitless, unless you're out there a lot, and, which I'm not, but I drive by there some, and go out some. There's limitless on how many activities are taking place in that. And let me tell you, I go to the bathroom before I leave home because I don't want to use those restrooms out there. And particularly, for handicapped people. We have handicapped restrooms, they're terrible. I mean, it's, I think we can do better. I make a motion that we follow in the commissioners' footsteps and appropriate that one million dollars so they can complete the first, at least the first phase, what phase, well I don't know first phase, whatever you call it. And put that motion on the floor.

Bev seconded the motion.

David said it's been moved and a second, we approve the one million dollars. Is there any discussion?

Tom Chalfant said I'm in favor of the first phase especially fixing up Husted Hall, the Best Way Center, the restrooms, all that, but I'm just concerned about going out another million for the show arena. That's not as high a priority I don't think, as remodeling the kitchen and area, of course, that's a matter of opinion, of showing animals but anyway, I'm just concerned for our economy and where we're headed as to, you know, there's no projects now. It might save money compared to future cost. But yeah, I'm just worried that our economy is not really, as I see signs of change in construction, I think maybe construction might even get cheaper in the future, in spite of government inflation. But I'm in favor of the 1.8 million for the Best Way Center, the restrooms, kitchen, and so forth. But yeah, I have concerns you know, with the Best Way Center and I think it's sort of a catch 22. I mean, you've got a 100 thousand dollars for the kitchen, 100 thousand dollars for the dining room, and 25 for the outside dining, and Best Way is paying 80 thousand for another 5 years for it to be named the Best Way Center. So, it's really a

little inconsistent that they're, and I don't know what they donated otherwise. So, that's a concern I have is going out, to go ahead and try to complete both projects now.

Missy said I don't know about construction in the future but I don't think it's going to get much cheaper. Looking at Forbes, it doesn't say, it doesn't indicate that. Simply because of the hurricanes in Florida, we've seen insurance prices go up, and in fact, are finding some people uninsurable because of those. I guess I think you've done a great job doing the fundraising. Let's, people want to see something. I'm not criticizing because there hasn't been anything done. I'm just saying people are going, if you see something for sure happening out there, I'd feel better about it. And then, I think some other people will come forward to do some small donations. People are hurting with this tornado right now. Some people aren't getting, some people aren't getting the insurance that they thought they would, and that's corporations and businesses and individuals. So, I understand what you're saying Tom. It's just taking a crystal ball and saying oh, let's just look in the future. Then, if it doesn't, if it doesn't come down, then we'll have to go get more money just to get the initial things that you want to get going, going. I have this feeling too, that once people see that, that some of those, at least in Greenville, years ago, when I was working for Greg, I went over there and just asked them some things around Greenville. The Darke County fair people, I talked to them. When they started doing some of their reconstruction, and they've had some re-construction like you guys are going to do, like other groups, said, horse and pony, or whoever else came in and said well, can we do our own fundraising along with you guys? Can we do something because we want to have a nice arena. So, they really saw it grow because of the, what was happening other groups wanted to, whether it was the rabbits or whatever. So, I just remember talking to them quite a bit. But I don't know.

Todd said my opinion is that you know, I'd trust the commissioners on this, but I feel like just in the last, you've caught up quite a bit from maybe some COVID years and now we're spending a lot of money, and I don't know if there's going to be new headwinds, new projects to keep contributing towards this down the road, and at some point you know, it's going to be 900 thousand dollars that we're going to have to decide if we can do this or we can't. It, I see 900 thousand dollars on our agenda for that trail on the south side of the county, that I'm just not totally sure it's a great investment for the amount of money it is. I think the trails are good, but the amount of money. I keep seeing a million dollars, a million dollars, a million dollars, and at some point, we're going, I'm not sure that the money coming in is going to be so easy for us to approve these things. I'd like to see it slow down. And that's why I'm asking what's coming up in 4 years, 5 years, in 10 years, because I just don't think it's a sustainable level of spending money out of the, especially the windfarm money that it has a, does have an end you know, at some point. But I, I've heard everything that's, I agree with Tom, it seems like a lot of money to spend on a single purpose building, but I'm going to trust what the commissioners' will is on this and go with this. But, at some point, I want to see fewer requests for these kinds of projects so that we can focus more on the bridges and the things that need to be repaired. Infrastructurewise aren't as attractive project as a you know, a trail or a building. So, that's my fear. But I'm going to go along with this.

David said and I agree with you Todd, on that. It's concerning to me going forward that you know, we're sitting at the county with 500 million dollars in assets that we have to control in roads, bridges and drainage.

Tom Chalfant said at the minimum.

David said at the minimum. And it takes about 18 ½ million dollars a year to meet those demands, we're only right now, meeting those by about half. And whoever is sitting in these chairs going forward, they're going to have big decisions in the years to come. But I'm like Tom, I think this, or Todd, I think this is a good project. One note, though, those buildings are owned by 4-H Incorporated. The ground is owned by Randolph County. So, Mr. Wickersham made a comment this morning about the asset. There're two ways to look at assets, either materialistic or helping people. And this one is definitely helping people. So, do I have any other questions? I have a motion and a second on the floor. I guess, all in favor?

6 aye votes. 1 nay vote (Tom Chalfant). Motion carried.

Greg Beumer said thank you very much. And, to clarify, Missy, your motion was to approve the exact amount approved by the commissioners?

Missy said yes.

Greg Beumer said thank you.

David said hey Greg, one quick question. Do you know what, Greg Fisher was on our plan for capital improvement for Losantville?

Greg Beumer said I do not know. I wondered the same thing.

David said okay. That's all I needed.

### Greg Fisher – Capital Improvement Plan

Not here

#### Other Business:

## Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

David said okay. Sheriff.

Art Moystner said morning. I just have some quick updates that I want to keep everybody in the loop on. We had, we have three new vehicles, which is normal rotation. We bought one of the vehicles, I think I advised all you guys due to the tornado. I had difficulty in finding one. I found one. We are going to have a bit of a shortfall in that. I haven't had a chance to sit down and put all those figures together, but I will send you guys an email at some point and put an additional appropriation into, in for you guys for vehicles. I know we had an insurance check, but I think that's going to be a little short for the new vehicle. So, I'll get those numbers and get those to you. But I wanted to bring you up to speed, let you know that was coming so you weren't, I didn't catch you surprised with the email or whatever. The other thing I wanted to tell you is Argo has been in the building, which is who the commissioners have hired to look at the jail assess and see how we want to move forward in getting the upgrades into the jail and

modernizing some of the stuff and the issues we're having within the jail. So, they were in. We spent a full day. It sounds like the timeline on it is going to come up to where it could possibly go out for bid as early as this fall and see where we move forward with that. But I wanted to keep both the commissioners and the council in the loop where we were at in that process. So, as it moves forward and I hear things, I'll report that back to you. Everything else at the jail seems to be going well. I had, when they did their walk through, there were some issues with the trees or the root system, so, we have the sidewalk issue over there. They told me some of the roots are getting into the retaining wall for the basement ramp. I think Gary Friend is going to talk to an arborist and see what kind of options we would have for taking care of that. I know I commented about whether they wanted to take the trees down, leave the trees, how we wanted to do that. Gary wasn't in favor of taking the trees down, but we'll see what happens when we have somebody else come in and talk about the building versus the trees and see where we're at. So, other than that, I would entertain any questions that anyone would have. I just wanted to keep you guys up to speed where we were at.

David said okay. I did speak to one of the commissioners yesterday about your building, and what they're thinking, this one commissioner, it's not entirely. But the ARPA monies that are left, they're going to dedicate so many dollars to the ambulance building in Farmland, and the balance to the jail. I think there's about 1.6, that sound right, I don't have my updated sheet, but million left, and that would take care of about half I think, of your problems there at the jail.

Art Moystner said it would, and to share with the council, I think the building's been taken care of relatively well over the years. And the issue that we've ran into with the building is structurally, we're good, but the internal systems, we've had for 30 years, and we're at the point where we just can't get parts anymore. So, as the systems start to break, we're not able to replace the pieces that are broken. So, we're looking at having to upgrade a lot of the infrastructure inside the jail. So, I guess I just want to share that because that sounds like a large figure when you start investing it in one building. But that's the reason we're doing that.

David said so much cheaper than building a new one.

Art Moystner said it is.

David said okay. Anything else for Art?

Art Moystner said thank you.

David said thanks for coming in.

## Minutes of April 2, 2024

David said okay, next on the agenda, minutes of April 2, 2024, minutes.

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

## Winchester Public Library appointment

David said next item we have on the agenda is the Winchester public library appointment and they have recommended Dawn Keys to fill that position.

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

### Withdraw support for US Aggregate road project

David said next item on the agenda is a withdrawal of support for US Aggregate road project. We need to vote on this to withdraw it.

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

Tom Chalfant said I might give an explanation if anybody is interested. The, they're still working on the road. They're going to try to straighten the road out there on 800 East and go behind the, straighten it out so there's no curve, so, then actually hit Highway 1, maybe 100 yards north so it'll be away from the hill, which is a big concern, safety concern, and US Aggregates is going to be opening that quarry a lot sooner, or using it a lot more than anticipated because the Ridgeville quarry hit a mud vein. So, they're not going to have near the limestone they thought available. So, they're working with the landowner, the county I think is, Gary told me, to try to straighten the road going east to Highway 1, which would alleviate the safety concern of pulling out on that road, and trying to get a bridge in the road, that's probably the best alternative, it's the most expensive, and most long-term. But this would be a short-term fix hopefully, will solve the problem.

David said for clarification, you said 800 East. Did you mean West?

Tom Chalfant said 800 West, 800 North, sorry. 800 North, west of Highway 1. Yeah, right. 800 North, west of 1.

David said okay. Thanks Tom.

### Randolph County Financial spreadsheet review

David said we had a discussion here a few months ago about the Randolph County financial spreadsheet review that I put together. I thought we'd talk about it at this meeting since everybody is here. And we'll just start right at the top. Number one, it was intended for items that the county council is responsible for. I don't know if there're any others that you'd like to see added to this list. But this is the majority of them. Now, I'd like to note that this is as of March 17, 2024. I'll probably try to update this about every three to four months to see where we're at. If not any additions to that, let's go on to number two, the wind and solar projects.

Todd said the one thing I had written down is an addition to it just as, and maybe it doesn't fit, but it would be the amount of annual income from county investments, which I think is about a million two, currently. These are mostly sources of cash, right?

David said yep it is. It's pretty much all we deal with. It's a good point. I'll add that to it. Are there any others pertaining to that? The other one is number two, is the wind solar projects. It lists the projects by number, if it's wind or solar, that date complete, and the balance of the amount of that fund.

Todd said what does that balance represent, particular date and what was remaining in that account at that time?

David said exactly. And the last couple, well, all of them had, all but one I think, has been money paid into already, into those accounts. And that's why it's so important that we update this about every three or four months to see our continuous balance going forward. And that doesn't include the solar farm project, number 4950. It's yet to be added. I don't think the agreements have been worked out yet.

Tom Chalfant said they've been struggling to get that one off the ground. There are just a lot of issues. They have a lot more projects they'd like to do. As Todd said, they might not make it to finish.

Todd said and then the new wind project on the west side, is that on here?

Tom Chalfant said on Stoney Creek?

David said it is not.

Todd said so, that will be an additional line item?

David said yeah. I know at one time, about two years ago, they had committed to about 7 different projects, and you see there're 5 listed, so there're 2 more. That doesn't mean that they won't commit to more projects. But it's, at that point, that's where we're at.

Bev said aren't they going door-to-door trying to find locations for turbines up in Green township area?

Mike said yes and talked to landowners about running their lines through their property and stuff like that.

Bev said I thought I'd heard some people talking.

Mike said yeah, believe me, I got some phone calls from people that were ticked off.

David said about the windfarm? And you know, percentages tell you that's going to happen. Okay, the next item is three, the assets. These are all estimates. Currently, the county has 866 miles of roads and 208 bridges.

Tom Chalfant said these came from Joe, right?

David said they did.

Tom Chalfant said we used to have 220, and we went down to 16. I don't know how they got it down some more.

David said I think they went to a smaller length.

Tom Chalfant said well you can't go under 20 feet. But there are a few on the line they apparently changed.

David said but you can see the numbers there, and we estimate it 200 thousand dollars a mile for asphalt. So, you can see that's a big number. But it takes 11.5 million dollars annual replacement. We're nowhere near that.

Tom Chalfant said so, how do we get a million dollars in a trail?

Mike said asphalt.

Tom Chalfant said 10 foot wide, okay.

David said and the bridges, that's a rough estimate at \$350,000. And those figures are going up as we speak.

Tom Chalfant said this bridge just north of the jail, or south of the jail, was 3 ½ million.

David said that's a Federal aid project.

Tom Chalfant said yeah, we're only 20% on that so, yeah, that's, anyway.

David said yeah. Federal aid always quite a bit more. It's a rough estimate on pipes, tile, box beams, etc. at a 150 million, so that's about 3 million a year that we need.

Todd said has Joe ever since I've been here I haven't heard and maybe he's not the right person, but I'd assume he is, given us sort of a state of the drainage needs being addressed. Are we in decent shape?

Tom Chalfant said well not drainage. I mean, that would be Ed. Ed can tell you about drainage.

Todd said okay.

David said Joe has presented to the county council before different reports that he's put together and they're very good. And maybe we need to have him, request him to do that again.

Bev said yeah, the one I have is I think, 2, maybe 3 years old.

David said about 3 years probably.

Bev said that might be a good agenda item for him at the next meeting, and have him bring updated maps, because really have been handy.

David said yeah, very good, very well presented.

Tom Chalfant said yeah, he's been a real asset to the county too.

Missy said boy, he has.

David said and the last on that list is the buildings, you can see, and these are like I say, all estimates, to maintain. Total of assets of about 487 million dollars we're in control of. And our annual replacement is based on so many per year per item, line item. We're about 18.8 million. We're nowhere near that figure. And it's like we talked earlier about the million dollars to the 4-H, I'm not against it. It's just where do we start balancing the county's needs.

Tom Chalfant said well when we approved the communications project, we had no way, nobody talked to us about maintaining. Once we build it, it'll take care of itself. Well, guess what, it cost more to maintain then to build it.

Tom Kerns said there's going to be a lot of rent out of that.

Tom Chalfant said yeah, rent, yeah.

Tom Kerns said off the towers.

David said line-item number four, it's about 2 ½ pages long and deals with a lot of different accounts. Sherrie sends out an excellent report every month to us and I would advise to always look at that. It's a tremendous amount wealth of knowledge for financial. Some of these, I pulled from Danita also. And like I said, it needs to probably be updated every three or four months just to keep us abreast of what we're looking at. I'd like to know that one account there, 1112 Lit economic development, special project, and 1114, Lit special purpose, those are some bonds. 1114 the bonds, and I set a maturity on each one. We have one coming due in 2025 at the old hospital. That will be paid off. I do know there's some interest in building a new airport terminal. So, we may want to take a look in 2025 where we're at with the special purpose, or the special projects Lit, which is 1112, and maybe potentially buying that with a bond. You have something Tom? You're thinking.

Tom Kerns said I, what's the, if we, on a bond like that, can we do them for just like 5 years or we're taking out for the 20 some years, what's the limits on all that? Is there any?

Meeks said we'd have to look at those bonds.

Tom Kerns said then my other question is, the reason I was thinking short term, it's, flipping these bonds so we don't affect our rates coming in, whether we could do highway projects with bonds like that if we would pick a section each time, and look at highway projects?

Meeks said you can bond the highway projects. I know you can bond them.

Tom Kerns said I wouldn't want to bond them long term because you know.

Meeks said they bonded Greenville Avenue. Winchester bonded Greenville Avenue. And we put up Greenville Avenue as the collateral. I, it was complicated. You got people from Indy to do it. So, I know you can do it, but you have to have revenue. I mean Greenville Avenue doesn't produce revenue. So, you'll have to have the revenue to pay it.

Tom Kerns said you know, since we've got a lot of our big projects taken care of, I was just looking going forward, to maintain that rate that we have and we have a lot of highway work and road work that needs done, whether we could pick sections?

Meeks said probably the bridges.

Tom Kerns said bridges would be easier.

Meeks said would be probably easier to do it with that.

Tom Chalfant said about 70 years on a bridge.

David said about 70.

Meeks said we don't have to bond it for 70 years.

David said years ago when I worked with Baker Tilly, they recommended 20-year bonds, and there was an out clause to pay off early. Now, but since that's been adjusted to, I think, you have to at least go 10 years on the bond.

Meeks said it was 7 or 10 the last couple.

Tom Kerns said didn't we do this just 8 years on this building?

Meeks said I want to say 8, yeah, that's what I'd say. This building was 8 or 9 years. But actually, it was like, but we didn't have to fund it the 8<sup>th</sup> year. We had the money coming in on the 7<sup>th</sup> year.

David said but you funded it with property tax, and I don't advise.

Meeks said there was a property tax back up. It was really bad, the first 2 to 3 years because that property tax rate kept like bouncing like way up, and then we had to, they couldn't figure it out, until there was enough reserve in there, that we could.

Tom Kerns said yep. Yeah, it was a mess.

Tom Chalfant said I think Dave brings up the airport. I guess talked to the commissioners you know, there's just not enough money to do everything we want to do. You're going to have to decide and you know, that's the thing, trying to guess the future and what's going to happen. I know drones are taking over. Right now, the airport is very busy during July and August, flying on, crop dusting, and that's going to change. I mean, farmers are going to have their drones and they can do it themselves rather than hiring commercial pilots, which with all the windmills around is going to become more difficult. So, that' something, and we'll find out today. A couple weeks ago, Cardinal Ethanol had a group from the Kansas outside of Wichita, anyway, they flew in on a King Air that they flew Versailles, Ohio, because they didn't think, they didn't know they could rent a car locally to drive 3 miles to Cardinal Ethanol. So, they're coming back today, and hopefully, that's been fixed. But again, somehow, we need to promote it, we buy a courtesy vehicle, you know, you can rent cars. But hopefully, our tourism, somebody will get that information out there. So, anyway, choosing where to spend your assets is going to be a big for you.

Meeks said I know the jail is doing that, well figuring it out. And I would suspect of the 92 counties, by the time we're talking the next 5 years, 90 percent of them will have a new jail, with all of those new rules coming out. And I really think Art's is going to be, have to have a lot of money put into it.

Tom Chalfant said we have put a lot of money into it.

Meeks said well I don't think you understand the type of money I think you're going to have to put into it.

Tom Chalfant said but again, get ready for more regulations.

Meeks said I mean with all the cases coming out. I don't know.

David said I hope the State and Federal support it because this county cannot afford a 40-million-dollar jail.

Tom Chalfant said where does the State and Federal get their money?

David said yeah. I know. We might as well pick it from other states.

Tom Chalfant said we keep on donating, Dave.

Meeks said but you guys are getting your study so, you'll know that in the next month or so.

Tom Kerns said but we do really have to look at that bond coming off next year.

David said you do.

Tom Kerns said that's really important to start now planning for that.

David said it is.

Tom Kerns said we've been talking about that one for a few years.

David said the balance of this item number 4 is pretty much accounts, and if you just want to go through it on your own and get in your mind, for example, in one account 1186, Rainy Day is at 1.6. I hope to put another 500 in it this year, 250 from General and 250 from the wind farm. I think our goal is like 3.1 or 3.2. Sounds like today, it should be up around 3.5 with the insurance being at 3.46 million. We just need to. Okay. Let's go to item number 5, with the townships. As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, this gives you an idea of where our townships stand in Randolph County. Most counties don't deal into the townships like I do because they're really a big asset to the county trying to do special projects going forward so, we've got several, with over \$250,000 in their balance. Union is at \$510,000. A lot of these budgets are in the 50 to 60-thousand-dollar range per year.

Tom Chalfant said and you look at some of the State Board of Accounts because, Stoney Creek had a new trustee and had sort of been inactive, and they tried to cut, I think either was 60 or 70% Stoney Creek township budget just because they had no trustee for a while. And so, the state looks at these balances too.

David said these numbers are right off the State website Gateway. These aren't numbers that are fabricated. They're actual numbers based on December 31<sup>st</sup>. And I do it every year.

Todd said where are these cash accounts maintained at? Individually or collectively here?

David said those are individual townships that control their own monies.

Todd said so, the CDs or whatever that they put these in, they're all, they can't take advantage of the county level investment program?

Tom Chalfant said they could if we'd make it available to them, I'm assuming, to even know about it.

David said if State would make it available to them.

Tom Chalfant said probably they have their own funds for, hopefully, they have, each township has the opportunity to go into a bigger investment pool or something.

Todd said I mean our county advisory boards don't, they probably don't give.

David said okay. The bond, I just wanted to bring that up. That's always in the back of my mind for review. Number 6, the benefits for the county currently. I know the salary committee is currently working. That's number 7. That shows the annual increases since 2015. And the last one I show, number 8, cities and towns, against this is out of Gateway. December 31<sup>st</sup>. These are their balances. At the year end, it shows the receipts and disbursements for the year.

Todd said on number 6, we were talking about that at the salary committee last week. The vacation, holiday, sick and personal. Can we add on this to serve as a, you know, something to keep on our mind, the carryover, the number of hours or days that an individual is allowed to carry forward into another year?

David said I think, isn't that determined by the county commissioners individually? It's a good idea.

Todd said it's in the policy, I believe. Didn't you find that Bev?

Bev said yeah. We've got a new, I've got a copy of the policy book, not with me, but we've been using it along with everything else we're discussing in the salary committee.

David said okay, sure.

Todd said there were like 60 days I think, you could accumulate and cap that, or something like that?

Bev said I don't remember offhand exactly what that was. I mean, but, I do have a small report from the salary committee when we're done and you can touch on some of this.

Todd said okay.

David said I know you two are on the salary committee.

Bev said yep.

David said do you have another meeting yet?

Bev said yes.

David said or are you done?

Bev said no.

Mike said until June 1st.

Bev said after the Tilly report, Baker Tilly report.

David said okay.

Bev said yeah, when we should have our final numbers by then too.

David said okay. Great. I didn't know if there are any other questions you want to ask about this. I'll try to keep it updated every 3 or 4 months to see where we're at financially, the position of the county.

Todd said the acronym LIT is it local income tax?

David said it is.

Bev said just a, go ahead.

Tom Chalfant said well I was just going to say, has Ridgeville always been reported. I think they had a change in town clerk.

David said there wasn't any report as of December 31st of last year.

Tom Chalfant said well had they been before then do you remember, before that?

David said they have.

Tom Chalfant said especially since we gave them all that money for that water tower that they didn't apply for grants for this year.

David said okay. Go ahead.

Bev said whenever you're ready for the salary committee report.

David said we can do that now if you want.

Bev said okay. One of the things early on we discussed and decided is we really need to get a handle on that comp time issue that we've been having and getting control of that as much as possible. And one of the means for doing that is we are figuring everything this year, two thirds of the employees are the 40-hour work week, and we're actually considering all the courthouse and anybody else who is not on that, going to a 40-hour workweek with a paid lunch hour. So, we have a lot of different numbers this year that we're working with. But that would be one step in completing the process to be able to go to combining all the benefits, combining your personal days and going to a pto system. And that would be sometime next year to do that. So, there have been a lot of things discussed and we've got a lot of different numbers and we've been working very closely with Danita. Trying to figure out how much this year there will be, you know, we're figuring that there will be a raise. And the concept is just a little bit hard to understand sometimes because what it amounts to is yes, they'll be getting a raise, but it's going to, because of the paid lunch hour, they will be paid on a 5 extra hours, 10 extra hours per twoweek pay period, 260 hours over the course of a year. So, at the end of the year, you're getting, you're seeing that there's a raise. But as Danita has pointed out, the hourly factor is, there's not a raise with the hourly. I mean, that's just the way it's looked at.

David said right, but the bottom line, they're getting a lot more.

Bev said they're getting a lot more money, but you have to look at the whole picture.

David said that's got a value.

Bev said yes.

David said a huge value.

Bev said yes. And it will be up to the, you know, we had decided and talked about it, it's really up to department heads to manage the payroll side. It's and there will have to be, there will probably be these guidelines and some things that have to be changed within the handbook. Sometimes you'd like to see something done, but you can't do it unless you have the rules and know what you can do. And like I said for 2024, going into 2025, we will have the salary, that's what we are working with, the 40-hour workweek with paid lunch. So, and then anything beyond that will try to focus in next year.

Missy said you mean the courthouse would be open from 8 to 5?

Bev said no, it's not 8 to 5, it would still be 8 to 4. So, they're not working anymore hours, but it's a paid lunch. They won't be clocking in and out. You know, just one, you know clock in once a day and out, and they don't clock in and out for lunch like they do now, so. It's just what we're looking at to try to get ahold of comp time and managing it at each level.

David said okay. It'll be interesting to look at the final when you guys get there.

Bev said well then that's one reason too we're waiting for the Tilly report to see where we stand on our final numbers as to what we are going to do.

David said we should have that next week.

Bev said yep.

David said okay. Thanks Bev.

Bev said you're welcome.

### **Additional Appropriations:**

### Commissioner's

Office Supplies

\$10,000.00

David said okay, let's go down to additional appropriations, commissioner's office supplies, \$10,000.

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

#### EDIT

**RC Promise** 

\$15,000.00

David said alright the next item I have is from the EDIT, Randolph County promise of 15,000.

Tom Chalfant said now, is this the emergency? something about an emergency.

David said well, I think what it is, it says here commissioners allowed \$25,000 per year for 2024 through 2028. I think it was only \$10,000 they were given before, and now it's up to 25.

Tom Chalfant said oh,

Meeks said it was \$10,000 for the next 5 years, but then they went, they did not do the state, they went outside the state because the state was giving them too many rules. So, then, they decided to go 25 for the next.

David said through 28.

Meeks said through 28, yeah. I didn't know if it was 3 or 4 years out.

Tom Chalfant said that's in EDIT.

Meeks said EDIT. 10 was already appropriated in the prior EDIT plan. The additional 15 was for the, to get, and I don't know what other people probably would know better why they had to leave the state, but it was some sort of issue.

David said entertain a motion to approve.

Missy said I'm all for this program. Don't get me wrong, because I think some, for many families, they don't go through, there's been a lot of problems with the state paying and all that, so it's now actually going to be, the money is going to be here in Randolph County as far as banking. I'm not so sure that, and I will approve this for now. But I think the Community Foundation needs to fund this themselves after this appropriation has gone through. If they want to have this program, it's to pay the stipend for the person who runs the promise program that's now called Randolph County Promise again. It's been back and forth with IYI, Indiana Youth Institution, been a nightmare.

Tom Chalfant said so this \$15,000 is a stipend?

Missy said it's for, to help run the program. So, it's, yeah, I'm sure, it's to pay the person. It's too, for, you know.

Tom Chalfant said they're not all volunteers?

Missy said no, no. There's one person who has to head it up and they communicate with the schools and when it first started, in fact there're high schooler's pictures of high school students around the county, how many from each school that started with this when it first began. And so, they've became, some of them have accumulated some money that will be used to pay any kind of post education. I mean, vocational, you know, college, whatever it may be. But, with COVID and everything else, they decreased so much. There weren't very many kids involved in

it. And then with the problem with IYI and how you enroll kids, it was a mess. But I'll make a motion to approve this for the next 3 years. Right? Am I correct on that?

Meeks said it's for this one. It's for this one.

Missy said just for this one, this year, yeah.

Meeks said this is just for the, yeah. The commissioners next year, can decide whichever, EDIT.

Missy said it's a really good program. I just, maybe it ought to be where they control it by themselves and not come asking for financial help.

David said so, I've got a motion on the floor to approve. Do I have a second?

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

#### Cum Cap

Bldg. Maintenance

\$20,000.00

David said next item we have on the agenda is for Cum Cap for building maintenance of \$20,000.00.

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

#### Auditor's Plat book

**Book binding** 

\$10,335.00

David said next item we have is the Auditor's plat book for book binding of \$10,335.00.

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

#### **NLT Vision Trail**

Phase 1

\$909,700.00

David said okay. The next item I have is the NLT vision trail, phase 1 at \$909,700.00

Tom Chalfant said but what's NLT stand for again?

Todd said I just looked it up. It's Next Level Trail, a state acronym.

David said entertain a motion to approve. We approved in the meetings before to go ahead with this project.

Mike made motion to approve. Missy seconded the motion. 4 aye votes. 3 nay votes (Tom Kerns, Tom Chalfant and Todd Holaday). Motion carried.

Tom Chalfant said this gets us to Modoc, right?

Todd said and then it stops, right?

Tom Chalfant said well it could go on to Lynn, you know, because that's already done.

Sherrie Timmons said this just gets us to Losantville.

Todd said so, it gets us to Losantville, Tom.

Sherrie Timmons said yeah, it's from Henry County to Losantville.

Tom Chalfant said the county, so.

Todd said which is a very small part of Randolph County. I mean, we're just a mile from the.

Sherrie Timmons said 4.3 miles.

Tom Chalfant said I thought that took it to Modoc.

Sherrie Timmons said huh uh.

Tom Chalfant said well they're using a road in Henry.

Meeks said I thought it went to Modoc. I'm pretty sure it goes to Modoc. I'm pretty sure it's To Modoc. If you're convinced it's only to Losantville, I'm not going to argue. But I'm pretty sure it to Modoc.

David said it's only 4.3 miles.

Tom Chalfant said it goes to the, well that would go to Modoc.

David said it would head towards Modoc but didn't actually just go into Modoc.

Tom Chalfant said well it goes, it goes outside, south, but yeah, it gets there, I think. But anyway, it's a lot of money for a 10-foot-wide bike trail.

#### **ARPA**

Equipment (Jail)

\$39,054.63

David said okay, the last I have here is the ARPA monies for equipment at the jail, \$39,054.

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

**Transfer** 

From

To

\$909,700.00

Headwater's II

**NLT Vision Trail Phase 1** 

David said and, on the transfers, we have a transfer of \$909,700 to Headwater's II to NLT Vision Trail Phase 1. Entertain a motion for the transfer.

Missy made motion to approve. Bev seconded the motion. 4 aye votes. 3 nay votes (Tom Chalfant, Tom Chalfant and Todd Holaday). Motion carried.

## Citizen Comments (3 minutes)

David said anybody from the citizens want to comment? I think we ran everybody off, so. If not, I'll wait until we get signed and then we'll go around the council.

Meeks said while that's going around Dave, I'll just interject.

David said okay.

Meeks said before Thor construction and the Apex are at the Auditor's office and they need to see the plans. They will be considering it in two weeks and it's around \$435,000.

David said and the way I understand it, Meeks, it's coming from ARPA?

Meeks said that's correct. I think that's what the plan is, unless the plan change. But I just wanted to, Mike didn't say the plans were available, but they're available for the public too. I mean, for really anybody that wants to see them. The public can get it too.

David said okay. Let's go around the county council. Tom, do you have anything today?

Tom Kerns said I do not. The big thing I wanted to discuss before was, and we already brought it up, the bond coming off the old hospital. And that's something that we need to discuss all year this year. Everybody must be thinking about figuring out what's going on next year, be planning for that because that takes some time.

David said we may even talk to Baker Tilly when they're here Thursday night, get some ideas from them. That's where I've always learned over the years, they're a very valuable resource. Anything else?

Tom Kerns said that's it.

David said Todd?

Todd said this Saturday is the fly-in at the airport, and they're going to set up Friday afternoon at 12, lunch time if anybody wants to help. The B57, can't think of the, it's a B, anyway, the plane they are going to have is a World War II plane, had some maintenance issues and is grounded at another place for a while, but they're bringing in another plane that is also a twin engine plane that was historically significant. And it was sort of a model that was used to demonstrate all kinds of lights on airplanes. Those things lit up like a Christmas tree, had all kinds of different, different kinds of lights on the wing tips and it's painted up. It'll be an interesting airplane to see. So, that should be a fun day out at the airport. And they explained to me at the last meeting that their first round of bids, they only had one bidder and he came in, they came in high. But when they went back to those parties and explained that they could pre-purchase and store the steel on site in the other hanger, that that was how they got several more bids and the price then

became more in line with their original quote. I did not have the same number up as Mike presented this morning, but in the end, the way it was explained to me is, again, this is money that's going to get paid back. It's just a front, front ended loan so that the grants have time over the next 3 years to pay it back.

Tom Chalfant said we just have to pay our 5% and the rest of it to get started, then they reimburse us so.

David said yeah, we're still obligated for 5%. Anything else, Todd?

Todd said no, that's it.

David said Mike?

Mike said nothing.

David said Missy?

Missy said no, don't have anything.

David said Bev?

Bev said nothing more.

Tom Chalfant said well I'd like to commend our surveyor. Last week, on the jobsite, he used some lifesaving skills to help on the job.

David said very good. I'd just like to share also; June 8<sup>th</sup> is the fly-in and the Union City Lyons Club will be serving the breakfast. Please come out. Anything else to come before this body?

## Adjournment

David said entertain a motion to adjourn.

Tom Chalfant made motion to adjourn. Mike seconded. All aye votes. Meeting adjourned.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COUNCIL

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ATTESTED:

Laura J Martin, Auditor

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