

Randolph County Council

August 5, 2025

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 David Lenkensdofer, Beverly Fields, Mike Stine, Todd Holaday, Greg Cheesman, Scott Fisher and Larry Preston. Also present was Randolph County Auditor Laura Martin, Sheriff Art Moystner and County Attorney Meeks Cockerill.

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner's update

David said Missy, would you like to come on up with commissioners' update?

Missy Williams said I'm going to pass my iPad around. You may come to a grand son picture, so you can go by that. I'm going to start out just a little bit about blight and some things we talked about yesterday. And these are obviously, situations in Winchester, but it kind of goes everywhere just like that. So, very quickly, we had a very quick approval of vacating a street in Harrisville. So, that was done, and that's finally taken care of. Dave Lenkensdofer came in and updated us on wanting to put another \$250,000 in Rainy Day, and we thought that was a great idea. So, in the Windfarm, you know, 75% of that usually goes to bridges in the county. So, there was a little update and that's always helpful. Ed Thornburg came and did a utility agreement with us that's on 900 South and Highway 36. And just to throw it in there really quick, you know, with the road construction on the bridge down there, there was, I don't know if any of you got phone calls, I didn't get phone calls, people just stopped at my house. I was out working in the yard, so they'd come back from church on 27 and lots of issues taking the back roads. Semis had been going on them. One was stuck on it, I guess, sometime on Saturday. So, that is an INDOT project. Their signage is, they have to put that up. But I know that our county highway guys and everybody else got together and I think they've remedied most of that. Still trying to find a route where you can, but that's been a little bit of a problem. Some of it has to do with layoffs at the Greenfield INDOT area, their offices there from the cuts in government. Ed came in, Ed Thornburg came in and did a little utility update that's on the 900 South, 36 also. Chris Shaneyfelt came and asked for a modified pay period just for the EMS.

Laura said no, it's for the whole county.

Missy said for the whole county, sorry, for the whole county. And we approved that. They work 12-hour shifts and trying to get that to work out. So, we got that approved. Deb Johnting came and explained the solar ordinance and that's a little bit long, so if you want to look on there, that might be better to do. And then we had an update from Dan Baker of Journey Home. We had several questions. A question that I had was that I had heard from some people that there are

children in the building during school times and even not during school, the school year, just younger children. And so, that was a concern I've heard twice in the last month. Nothing that has happened, but just a little uncomfortable that younger children are in the facility for Head Start and then the Journey Home. And Dan did a whole update on that. And we posed some questions to him on how many times people are being called maintenance-wise to the Journey Home. I did, I had that question. Do you have your own maintenance person who can take care of those and quit calling him out. There was some question a couple Saturdays ago on some trash, plywood, and things that was put in the dumpster, whether that was from the Journey Home. They did a big cleanout because they were going to have an inspection, which that's always going to happen. Had some questions there. And I think most of you know that there are some questions on if that's the right location for the Journey Home to take you know, take up, not that we need the building, but there're some questions there from citizens and from some of the elected officials I know, also. I attended with Steve Shoemaker last week, the meeting and this particular time, it was held down in Connersville. And it was our, the consortium, that we are involved where we all put a little bit of money, I have personally not gotten much out of that at all. So, we'll discuss that later on. It's really regional. So, Steve Shoemaker and I have met once and we've talked a little bit in the future about a blight elimination program. And I spoke with the commissioners yesterday. It is getting very out of, you all drive around, you see the photos that I'm sending around to you. I got a call from 2 citizens who wanted to, wanted me to come over and I actually walked over there. It's all over everywhere. There's a burned-out house in Modoc that I've heard from 2 different groups from, what's going to happen with this house? I just happened to be at the Modoc diner, so that's why they asked me. Well, the owner didn't have insurance and they're gone now. So, you know, who's going to tear it down? And it's a problem. Some of those houses, those are all in Winchester. So, as I was walking, just a route, and a lady had called me and said you know, I've got this house next door, and the people who own that house own several houses that are about like that, and the junkyard back behind it. And that's on the route to the Beeson Park club house, which is used by the city, obviously, the people in the city of Winchester, but also, I think, all of Randolph County, if you need a meeting place for a wedding reception, you know, whatever you're doing. And I just feel like, it was kind of a pet peeve of mine before, and I just think we're going to have to do something about blight. It may cost us some money. But, I've contacted Jacob Sipe, who was with the Indiana Housing Community Development Authority, he is not there any longer. But he has been snatched up. I know he had several counties and cities wanting him. And he is now with Columbus. He's a development, redevelopment commission of Columbus, and he is willing to talk to us about how we get funding, how he did, the Women's rehab facility, he came up with funding for us for the City when I was on the City Council. That was an amazing project. We paid, but it went into the community foundation and then the community foundation could re-appropriate it back to the city of Winchester or really, all of Randolph County. So, I'm going to make a trip down there and hoping that Steve Shoemaker will meet me down there, that we can sit down and get some ideas. How do we get funding? How do we get moving? But blight is a problem. And it's a dangerous problem. The lady who lives just right across the alley from some of those, that one house that you saw, the junkyard is the same family owns that, and it's just in the back of there. And it's been there since probably the 1960s I would say. But there're skunks that have invaded that house. And so, as a neighbor to it, it's really an issue now. And let alone with the danger of it just being there. I think that, Deb Johnting came in and explained again, the solar ordinance and that was passed, the new solar, a few changes on that. And everything else we just, Sheriff

Moystner and some claims that were paid down from there. So, any questions? Or Dave, or any of you who attended, or Scott, any new?

Scott said I'd like to touch on your blight situation. It is a problem in all the communities. I think one of the first steps would be to find a way for these communities to be able to get possession of these properties. I understand we've got to have funding to get them cleaned up, but in a lot of cases, these communities don't get the opportunities to purchase these properties. You know, they sell at tax sales to people in California and Florida who buy them for a 100 or \$200.00 and don't do anything with them. And then the community, even if they had the funds can't clean them up because they can't get possession. We've got to find a way for those communities to have first chance of purchasing those properties.

Missy said I agree with you. Mayor McCoy has talked about that before because he's wanted to buy them and they were gone.

Scott said I know of one in Losantville that could have gotten cleaned up last year free of charge and given back to the community, but somebody in California owned it.

Missy said well Steve Shoemaker has show me there is one gentleman who has bought, I use that word loosely, that gentleman, but there's one man who has bought I think he said 12 properties over there. And he hasn't cleaned any of them up. And he has 16 different LLCs listed in his name in the city of Union City after he bought these 12.

Scott said so the first step would be to make sure the communities got the chance to purchase these you know, before these LLCs get the chance to purchase them. And I'm sure we'll find the funds to clean them up if we can get them in the possession of the cities.

Missy said I agree. And I don't think, some of them could be rehabbed possibly, I don't know. But sometimes a teardown is the only thing that can be done.

Scott said there is a big chunk of them.

Missy said yeah, could be rehabbed.

Scott said and then the next step is, you're going to have to find the person that's going to be responsible for condemning them, whether it's the Health Department or whether it's a structural engineer, but, I think some of them you may have to condemn them in order to get possession of the properties.

Missy said yeah. And Joe Copeland helped a little bit on some incite with that. He did feel like it had to be an engineer if we had to make that determination. It couldn't just, our county Health Department can't go in and say yeah, we're going to condemn this. But it's not just a problem in Randolph County. It's a problem everywhere, and I said, I think I asked Meeks one time, why do they buy all these up? Because they take them off on their taxes. I mean, they depreciate them on their taxes for their businesses and therefore it's, and they don't do anything, so it's an easy way to make money. I mean, someone has bought this house down just where the Roots Hair

Salon is, it's across the street, and they're trying to rehab that. They thought they could. And then I heard yesterday they were going, I don't know, they didn't tell us it looked this bad. We were told it was, and they bought it sight unseen. And they have really cleaned it up. But I don't think it's anything you can rehab. And it's about, I think it's close to 13 feet to the other house. So, if it would catch on fire, it, you know, and so the neighbors next door, they finally put a for sale sign in their yard, said we're done, we're not going to live, they're going to have a tough time selling that house with the other one beside it. But it is better than what it was before. They've cleaned it out. Anything else I'm missing? You guys were there. So, let me know if I need to.

Larry said I agree with Scott, Missy, and you know, both you and I have been on City Council before and went through this, if we have a known process that we can follow, it'll step, step, step, and you know, when we were on City Council, we actually got like a package deal from a local contractor that would tear down 3 or 4, and that would lessen your, yeah, if we had a process we could follow, we could certainly move it down the road.

Scott said we have to be able to get possession of those.

Missy said yeah.

David said and I think Meeks, yesterday, highlighted that the processes should be probably followed, and maybe if you could form a committee they can get that process set up.

Missy said would that be a committee of council and commissioners, and one commissioner and or?

David said I'd say just about anybody that, just a small committee.

Missy said yeah. I think you need somebody who's got, knows about tearing down or demolition maybe on that committee also that, you know, we've got the Randolph County Nursing Home out there. I was walking the other day and I decided to walk back up in there. There were some kids, kind of messing around on bikes. They weren't in the building or anything, but you could get in that building. That's again, what are they going to do with that? They say they're not going to rehab that building and Pine Knoll is adding a huge addition on to theirs. So, I mean, how long does, how long does a house sit before we can go in there and condemn it or before you know, it's not a problem anymore? Anybody else have any updates that I have missed? Okay. Thanks.

David said okay, thanks, Missy.

Hugh Caperton -Vault

David said okay, next on the agenda is Hugh Caperton, of Vault.

Hugh Caperton said good morning. Thank you all very much for the audience this morning. It is Hugh Caperton. I do work for Vault 4401. Mr. Davis from Cardinal and I are here today

representing our joint venture, One Carbon Partnership. Appreciate the time. Wanted to offer the council an update on our project, how we're progressing, how things are progressing at the state level and also speak about tax abatement. It's a topic that we've talked to a few individuals about whether ourselves or through our various advisors, our project progress this morning. We had a pretty significant milestone as we were working through our Federal permitting process. We achieved technical review completion at the EPA in July. Where does that put our Federal permit at this point? We are in draft permit phase right now. That process continues to be ongoing. But it was a significant milestone for the project and wanted to update at the Federal level factually, where we are today at the State level. And I think something that's important is that the State has progressed their permanent rules associated with legislation. House Bill 1209 passed in 2022. The state has progressed their permanent rules to the point where they are now with the attorney general's office. We anticipate those going to the governor's desk in the next 40 days and should be signed off on by October, November, finally, as it relates to tax abatement. There's been a lot of changes at the state level I think since January and I think that's impacting counties. We understand that to be impacting counties and how they look at their budgets going forward under a new administration. And we have been keen to pursue a tax abatement as One Carbon Partnership. We are here today as directors of One Carbon Partnership, myself and Mr. Davis, to tell the county that we will not be pursuing that tax abatement. And we felt it was important to come in today and update on the project, state level progress on rules associated with legislation passed in 2022, but also recognize and inform that we will not be pursuing a tax abatement. We understand from Vault's work across the state of Indiana, that county budgets are going to be impacted. And as directors of One Carbon Partnership and our board of One Carbon Partnership, we made the decision to not pursue that tax abatement. I'm glad to answer, Rob and I are glad to answer any questions that you might have. I think I told Laura on Thursday, Friday last week, we would try to be brief today, but appreciate the audience and are glad to answer any questions.

Greg said yeah, have you guys started any construction yet?

Hugh Caperton said we have not.

Greg said do you have to wait for the federal end of it to be completed before you really can start?

Hugh Caperton said so, we would not have to wait for the federal, the federal permit will allow us to inject CO2.

Greg said okay.

Hugh Caperton said we would have to file a state permit to do construction to develop our well site, or develop the compressor pad, but we do not require a federal permit to actually develop the wells or commence construction on location.

Greg said have you done the permit then, applied for the permit with the state?

Hugh Caperton said we are working through what they call a GST permit at the state. That's the acronym. Mr. Davis sometimes gets upset with me for using acronyms, so, it's a geologic stratigraphic test well permit. GST sounds a little easier. We're working through that. That will be submitted shortly to the state and then we'll have a sight permit as well. So, we are working through that process. I think it is fair to say right now we are still probably a year, maybe slightly under 9 months to a year from having a federal permit to inject. That is estimated.

Rob Davis said it bears noting though that while we haven't actually started construction, it's about 20 million dollars' worth of equipment that's purchased, and in a warehouse waiting to be installed. So, it's not like we haven't done anything. We can get the equipment and things coming. We just can't actually build the building until we have the permits.

Greg said I was just kind of fishing for a timeline, with your best estimate. I know you couldn't pinpoint it.

David said have you had any remonstrance yet with anybody?

Hugh Caperton said Mr. Friend, I learned a new word about every day. From remonstrance, I, from the tone and.....

Rob Davis said you should put the right name up there shouldn't you?

Hugh Caperton said if you wonder if there's honesty in the room this morning, I just, I learned a new word. We, as One Carbon Partnership, have been speaking with land owners and stakeholders for 3 plus years?

Rob Davis said yeah.

Hugh Caperton said we've done public open houses for the last 2 years. The last one as recently as last May. Is everybody for this project? No, they are not. We have within the area of folks directly involved in the project, over 98% voluntary participation today. In the broader area, we have over 96 ½% voluntary participation today. I believe that Cardinal standing and how they have operated within Randolph County has been significant to that. I believe that, I would like to believe our engagement as Vault, has been significant to that. So, I cannot say that we have not had folks that have said I'm not for this project, but I think we have seen overwhelming support from those that are directly involved in the project.

David said I do know there's a petition out there to try and stop it right now. Don't know where it's going, but, just information for now.

Hugh Caperton said and I think it's important as we look at not only this project, but other project throughout the state. We have, in some form or fashion over the last 3 plus years, our engagement at the county level to the individual landowner level, we are 3 years into a permitting process. That is extensive. Arguably the most stringent permitting process for any type of well federally. We will have a state permitting process as well. It is important for our partnership to do this right. I think that has been shown by the support. We've focused on

education and information, so, I think we, as a partnership, have done quite a bit on our engagement. I also always like to remind too, that this is a heavily regulated process that we are now 3 years into as well.

David said any other questions for Hugh and Mr. Davis there? I guess that's all for today. Thanks for coming in.

Laura Martin - The county fiscal body shall review at its first meeting in August the estimated property tax levy limits and the estimated reductions due to circuit breakers.

David said okay, the next one on the agenda is Mrs. Laura Martin.

Laura said I just distributed to you the calculation of estimated maximum levy that I'm required to give to you the first meeting in August, and I emailed that to you and also gave you hard copies, and that's off the DLGF website so you can google in, get that there too. But by code, and I also gave you a copy of the code, I'm required to give that to you so, there you go.

David said okay. Thank you.

Laura said you're welcome.

David said I think the maximum growth quotient is about 4% this year.

Laura said 4%.

Other Business:

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

David said okay. Sheriff.

Art Moystner said the only thing I have this morning is a quick update. We've had to pivot on the drone that you guys had approved us, the money you had approved to purchase about a year ago. Some of you were here yesterday and I told you then we're having to pivot to a different vendor and a different drone. So, I'm going to work with Laura's office to get that check back in and get a new one for the new drone. If there's any price difference, if we need help, I'll come talk to you, but I think we've got that covered. So, I just wanted to make you aware when you see that change take place. So, do you guys have any questions for me today?

Larry said what Art, I've seen different drones and we went to southern Indiana the other day and I had seen a person on the side of the road, and the guy was sitting on top of a van operating this drone, and that drone was probably huge as this room. How, what physical, is the one that you're looking at?

Art Moystner said you're about a third to half the size of this table.

Larry said the desk?

Art Moystner said yeah.

Larry said okay. So, they're pretty mobile?

Art Moystner said yes. It's a very needed asset for our agency.

David said yeah, I agree with that.

Art Moystner said does anybody else have anything? Thank you.

Minutes May 19th joint meeting

David said okay, next item is Minutes of the May 19th joint meeting. Entertain a motion.

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

Minutes June 3, 2025 regular meeting

David said next item on the agenda is the minutes of the June 3, 2025 regular meeting. Entertain a motion.

Greg made a motion to approve. Scott seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

APC/BZA attendance

David said next item is the APC/BZA attendance.

Laura said I emailed these to all of you but I have a hard copy if anyone wants to see it.

Additional Appropriations:

Headwater's II

Rural Alliance Zone 32 **\$229,130.00**

David said we'll go now to additional appropriations, Headwater's II, Rural Alliance Zone 32, \$229,130.00. That's already agreed to and commissioners did ask that yesterday.

Greg said where was that at David?

David said the Rural Alliance Zone, RAZ?

Greg said yeah.

Larry said that's the schools.

Greg said oh, that's the schools?

David said yeah.

Todd said is this the second of the two payments?

Laura said it is.

David said it was our hope and intent that they would, the schools would take over after. Entertain a motion to approve?

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

Losantville \$175,000.00

David said okay the next one we have additional appropriations from Headwater's II is the town of Losantville, \$175,000.00. Entertain a motion.

Scott said David, I'm going to abstain on this one here.

David said okay. We'll get a motion and a second on the floor then we'll get your abstention.

Larry said and that was through a grant, right?

Laura said it's the Headwaters so, it was approved to give them for this project? So, yeah, it's a grant not a loan.

Larry made a motion to approve. Bev seconded the motion. 6 aye votes. 1 abstention (Scott). Motion carried.

Windfarm

Hwy Department **\$406,568.00**

David said the next additional appropriation we have is from Windfarm monies to the highway department of \$406,568.00. Entertain a motion.

Greg said does anybody know what that was used for? Was it equipment or?

David said it says highway department SJCA task order number 8.

Laura said and I think it's the new road.

Scott said that's the engineer for the new road.

Greg said oh, okay.

Laura said thanks Scott.

Greg said okay, yeah.

David said good question.

Greg said I had the plan development and then construction phase services.

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

CCMG

Hwy Department **\$587,987.50**

David said okay the next item for additional appropriation is the Community Crossing Matching Grant for highway department for \$587,987.50. It's for road projects.

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

Opioid Restricted

Jay County Drug Prevention \$10,000.00

David said next one we have additional appropriation is the Opioid restricted, Jay County Drug Prevention of 10,000. Entertain a motion.

Greg made a motion. Todd seconded the motion. 6 aye votes. 1 nay vote(Larry). Motion carried.

EMS

Equipment **\$57,567.16**

David said next one we have, additional appropriations is the EMS equipment of 57,567.16. Brad, would you like to explain what that's for?

Brad Mullen said lease agreement for the Lucas devices, 3 cardiac monitors, 2 Lucas devices, 2 cots and 2 load systems. They agreed to make the first payment and then I'm putting in the budget to take the rest of the payments to take the rest of the payments, a 5-year lease.

David said okay. Any questions for Brad on that? He'll be coming up at budget hearing for the balance.

Greg said you say it will be a 5-year lease?

Brad Mullen said yeah.

Greg said okay.

David said 5 years after this initial?

Brad Mullen said no, we've already made one payment. This will be the 2nd payment and then we'll make the next 3.

David said okay.

Brad Mullen said and then after that, we'd have to talk about you know, getting another one, plus it has a maintenance agreement. That's anything's broken, they have to come down in a timely manner to fix it. And we've had some issues where some stuff had been broken. They came down within the next day, it's fixed. And there're no extra fees to it. And everything's covered. It gets kind of expensive when you, something breaks down or something like that.

David said okay. Thank, Brad. Entertain a motion to approve.

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

<u>Transfers</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
<u>Building Commission</u>		
\$1,500.00	Contractual	Office Supplies

David said now we're going to transfers. Building commission, \$1,500.00 from contractual to office supplies.

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

<u>Circuit Court</u>		
\$1,000.00	Guardian Ad Litem	Equipment

David said and the other transfer is to Circuit Court and it's for \$1,000.00. It's from guardian ad litem to equipment.

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

Citizen Comments (3 minutes)
David said that was our last item. Any citizens' comment? Anybody like to speak before the County Council?

Meeks said I do have one thing.

David said okay, go ahead.

Meeks said we talked about this at the commissioner meeting yesterday. Judge Dowling wants to get a courthouse security committee meeting for security here. The commissioners voted as referring to secure this building, do the whole building and not just the 3rd floor. It's up to the judges if they could just do the third floor and not the rest of the building. But I think it would make no sense not to do the whole thing if you're going to have to spend, it's going to be mandated to do the third floor, then you might as well do the whole thing. So, essentially, what I'm asking for, Missy's going to go to a meeting next week with Judge Dowling and Judge Toney, and I think Art's going to be there, and myself, and wanted to see if a council member would like to join on there. And it would be at noon on Tuesday.

David said up here?

Meeks said up here, in one of the judge's chambers. I don't know which. I assume Superior Court.

Scott said I am out of town next Tuesday.

David said Larry has expressed an interest in doing that if it's okay with everybody else?

Larry said I can unless somebody just wants to do it.

Meeks said so, I would just say I think every county but 5 counties have some sort of security. Richmond has it, Muncie, Henry County, even Jay and Blackford have it. And according to the judge, the Blackford County judge, Judge Bade, got a bunch of grants and things to get the equipment. I think that's not going to be a problem, it's the funding in the extra personnel it's going to take.

Greg said is that for both buildings?

Meeks said no, it will just be here.

Greg said just be here, okay.

Meeks said and you know, I had an argument with Bud Carpenter ten years ago, he said it can't happen here. It already did. It happened in the RCCFO building 15/20 years ago.

Dave said I was Commissioner then.

Meeks said yeah, I mean, don't say it can't happen here. It has. People are pretty passionate when they go to court and you know, making sure it's secure would be probably something that, the liability of it, I can't imagine if something would happen.

David said okay. Does that need to be a motion?

Meeks said I think you just move to have Larry serve.

David said entertain a motion to have Larry Preston be our representative for the courthouse security?

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

David said okay. Anything else Meeks?

Meeks said I don't have anything else. Meeting on a week from today.

David said Scott, do you have anything for the County Council today?

Scott said I do not.

David said okay. Todd? Mike? Larry?

Larry said about the only thing I was going to ask, maybe somebody else knows or Meeks might know, it seems like the RCU is trying to head up the Brownsfield committee. Are they under the same process maybe a commissioner and council? Do we know?

Meeks said I know nothing.

Scott said I was included in an email yes, they are. It seems like they were asking for it if I recall.

Larry said I fired back with an email saying when was the meeting and then they fired back saying that you know, give me a little survey to fill out, but I didn't do any of that.

David said yeah, Sydnee, the RCU director has sent an email out on Wednesday July 30th.

Larry said I didn't know if we wanted to think about it or act on it or seek more information?

David said we really need to know what the time frame is.

Larry said yeah.

David said I'll reach out to Sydnee.

Larry said thank you.

David said she was just in here too a few minutes ago.

Scott said they will be having their monthly meeting. They didn't have one in July. If I'm not mistaken, should be the 19th of August should be their monthly meeting.

David said that's the day of our budget hearing.

Scott said their meeting isn't until evening, 6:00 p.m.

Larry said that's the RCU meeting, Scott?

Scott said that's the RCU meeting.

Larry said okay.

David said Scott sits on the board.

Scott said but we have not discussed that. Like I said, we did not meet in July because of the 4-H fair, but I did see the email where they were going to try to put a group committee together.

David said Bev, do you have anything?

Bev said I have nothing. Thank you.

David said Greg?

Greg said the only thing I've got is, I've not forgot, the last meeting you signed a paper for the methane thing out at the dairy. I told you I'd check on that and see how it's working and all that. I spoke to Tony at the fair, but I told him I would be out there, but I haven't gone there yet. I will be.

David said I do have a few things. The budget hearing is August 19th and 20th. We got our books today and I would encourage each and everyone of you to go through each line item by line in each department. There is an agenda for the when the personnel will be in your book, and that's the order that we'll take it in. So, if you have any questions, I'll be here after the meeting.

Greg said what time does the meeting start?

David said 8:30.

Greg said both days?

David said yep.

Greg said okay.

David said it'll be interesting to see what direction they're going. Like Missy said, I brought up yesterday about the \$250,000.00 Windfarm monies to the, the match that was the General Fund to put in our Rainy Day account. Were still about a million dollars short of where we need to be. So, this will make it one year closer if we agree to it by the year end. We'll know more after the budget hearing where we're at, what we can do out of the General Fund. Another item I brought up was about the county barns, the old county barns and they're going to get a list of items that sort of needs fixing out there. I think everything is out of there, isn't it, Missy?

Missy Williams said there was some lumber in there.

Greg said Jay said he didn't know where that went to. He said it's got a tag on it, but he had no idea who it belonged to or where it goes to, is what I understood.

David said okay. Another thing I brought up is nothing new that I haven't discussed in the last 3 or 4 years, is the Windfarm monies dedication. I'd like to see we dedicate 75% of that to roads, bridges and drainage, and then the 25% that's left, that would be special projects would be okay. But I think we really need to concentrate on the roads, bridges and drainage as the original intent of those monies.

Scott said I agree with you, but I do know the special project monies helps these communities get a lot of grants. That special projects money has helped make a lot of projects happen throughout the county.

David said I agree.

Scott said being able to use that for matching funds, is the key.

Todd said speaking of that, what happened to the Lynn project that was on the agenda a couple months ago and then we didn't...

Laura said they said they got funding otherwise.

David said I think 25% of the Windfarm monies would cover a lot of special projects.

Scott said yes.

David said and I agree. That's why I'm not asking for the 100% percent.

Todd said would you say in the past it's been about that, 75, 25?

David said it's been about 50/50 I think. Nikola sent out a report, a monthly report just recently, that shows where those monies have gone from day one.

Scott said and I think you're right, it has been about 50/50 in the past.

Greg said the donation to the fair was a huge amount.

Todd said yeah. So is the one to the 32, RAZ.

David said other than that, I don't have anything else.

Missy Williams said hey Dave, can I say something?

David said sure.

Missy said I would like to request that we have another joint meeting between the council and the commissioners just to get on the same page with everybody together and can speak up, you know, just where are we going, let's plan a little for the future, instead of always you know, reactive. I don't know if you guys would agree to that or not. And it could be, it would be an evening meeting.

David said yeah. I don't have a problem with a joint meeting probably September, October time frame.

Missy said yeah.

Todd said the return report from the Baker Tilly. It might be a good idea to time it around that, right?

David said okay. Anything else?

Adjournment

David said entertain a motion to adjourn.

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

Reviewed and accepted this 3 day of September, 2025

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