

Randolph County Council

March 5, 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 County Auditor Laura J Martin.

Council President David Lenkensdofer presided.

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner's update

Dave said first item we have on our agenda is Commissioner Wickersham.

Mike Wickersham said we had a long agenda yesterday. And as you may or may not know, one of the reasons why we had to cancel our meeting in mid-February, so, we didn't have a mid-February meeting. But one of the things we dealt with yesterday was the pay and hours of work at the E911 Communications Center. Mindy came and asked to changed their work week from a 40 to an 80-hour work week, which would allow them to spread their 12-hour shifts better over a two-week period instead of a one-week period. We decided that it would be best for the county, it would be best for the citizens, and it would be best for the communicators over there that if we left them at a 40-hour week, but we paid them overtime when they earned their overtime. Basically, eliminating comp time going forward, because they can't use their comp time up because we don't have the staff for them to be able to take time off. So, and it would be an incentive, I think, to maybe hire new employees, keep the employees we have. I think it would be cleaner for the Auditor's office in preparing payroll. And I think the service to the county would be greater. So, we're recommending that we just, and I think we're kind of, we are doing that now in kind of a blended fashion. But I think we're recommending that we just turn it over and pay overtime as they earn overtime. And Chris wasn't there, and I haven't had an opportunity to talk to Chris, but I don't know how you feel about that, Chris.

Chris Shaneyfelt said the 80-hour schedule, the way that we were kind of creating it, and the way that we were going to create the shifts would have allowed us greater flexibility in eliminating comp time. The way that we're scheduled now, because of our staff shortages, over the two-week period, it shows that we have 84 hours, which would be 4 hours of comp time. But, because of the way we work, you have a long week and a short week, so, in fact, we're in one week, we're having 20 hours of overtime, and then the second week, we're 16 hours short. So, it

creates a headache for them because one time you do the time and a half, that's 30 hours, and then they're pulling 16 back, which is 14 hours of comp time. But it's creating a, I guess a budgetary nightmare or headache for Laura and her staff. And when I researched going to 80, because we are a government agency, and because you guys have traditionally paid comp time, the way I kind of understood the FLSA, is that the county could grant us to have an 80-hour pay period as opposed to a 40. And with that 80-hour pay period, it gives us a lot more flexibility, plus you don't have that overtime in that one week, and the shortness in the other. So, that's why we recommended going to 80. There are other counties around us that are doing 80-hour pay periods. But it's a little confusing on whether we're allowed to do that or not because traditionally, when you look at FLSA it says that only the medical field can do 80-hours. But, there's that little caveat that's in there but, with the government agencies and that comp-time thing, that it sounds like that we can do that. Either way is fine. I know I've got one staff member that's got comp on her books that she's wanting to use because she's needing to have knee replacement surgery. So, she was kind of counting on that. But we've got to eliminate the issue of doing it both ways and the headache that it's creating for her. And I don't know how to do that with our shortages as it is. We were up to the full staff training four people. We've lost two of those. One, with Wayne County to be an employee there. The other one just turned in her time because of family issues that she's having. And she plans on leaving the county. So, we're down two positions again. So, every time we think we're getting ahead, we're falling behind again. So, either way, we just got to try to find out a way to make it work so that it's now causing Laura's staff a major headache.

Mike Wickersham said as of yesterday, we decided on the 40-hour week and the time and a half be paid, the overtime be paid as earned. And unfortunately, you weren't there yesterday.

Chris Shaneyfelt said I know. I didn't get back until like 9:00 o'clock.

Mike Wickersham said Mindy kind of, she thought that would be a good idea. So, we were listening to the department at that time, and I guess I would say to Chris and I can say this later, but if he wants to pursue the 80 hours, then I would recommend he come to our next meeting and see that. But, for now, we've decided that we'd like the council to authorize the payment of overtime as it's earned.

Dave said is this, would this just be on an interim basis or would it be?

Mike Wickersham said well I would say it's going to go forward until such time as we're fully staffed and don't have any, I guess, don't have a lot of overtime or they can use the comp time.

Tom Chalfant said has there been any projection on how much more money this is going to cost annually?

Mike Wickersham said no, that would be the council's I guess, authority and responsibility to look at that. So, we just spend the money. We don't find where it comes from. I think it's important, and I think the county is well enough financially, that we can afford to do that, and it's not like we are wasting money. These folks are earning their money and they're doing a great service for the county. And I think to say, well, we'll give you 8 hours, but we can't tell

you when you're going to use it, and if you don't use it by your vacation time, you're going to lose your 8 hours. And I just think that's unfair.

Meeks said to interject, Laura and I talked and I talked to the sheriff after the meeting. We sent an email to our consultant because of how, we're just wanting to make sure it's proper because there were some questions about the 40, then there is a 16, and then there's overtime, and it's on part of it, so we just wanted to make sure we're within the overtime rules. So, I will tell you, it's not up in the air. We need to make sure we're doing this properly.

Tom Kerns said are they going to respond back.

Meeks said I asked Laura to send it. We'll see how much they like Laura. They were pretty good.

Laura said I cc'd Chris on it.

Meeks said I assume we'll get something today or tomorrow.

Laura said yeah, they're usually pretty quick in responding. We're in the middle of a pay period now, so we're not going to make a change this week. So, we'll wait until the beginning of a pay period to make any change.

Tom Kerns said so, in any of your questions, are you checking on whether we legally can even do the 80-hour week?

Laura said well, I didn't question the 80-hours because the commissioners didn't act like they wanted to go that route. What I questioned was because I was told we couldn't. So, if they work a short week and a long week, I don't see where it's not okay if we're paying, so it's a two-week period and we're paying, I'm just using this number as an example because it's easy, but 36 hours this week they work, they work 44 this week. Well if we pay that 4 hours extra there at time and a half, I don't see how that's illegal.

Tom Kerns said yeah, right.

Laura said but then they're just getting 2 hours of extra pay that week, that pay period. I don't see that that's illegal, but it was questioned to me that it might be, so I just sent that to Meeks and he asked me to send it to our consultant. So, I did that, to make sure that we're within our legalities to do it.

Chris Shaneyfelt said I think where a lot of the confusion always comes in is sometimes the way you read the policy or the ordinances, that you have to work that 40 hours in a pay period, but the pay period is a week. So, if you don't, then you're short and you're not getting all the money that you are supposed to have, but again, it's a 2-week cycle, so, I don't know how it wouldn't work out, because they're still putting their 80 hours in that pay period. So, anything above time and a half would be anything above 40.

Meeks said the issue is, it's the first responder part of it, right, because most people have to be paid within that 7-day cycle. So, that's what I was wondering. If you worked that 36, you pay the 36, you pay the 44. We're not averaging that 80 over two weeks, rather 36 one week, 44 the next week. That's the question.

Mike Wickersham said I don't see how we can avoid paying that 4 extra hours overtime when they work over 40.

Meeks said well it's because they're first responders, because they're first responders. But they have different rules.

Chris Shaneyfelt said and the way you look at it when you look at the police side of the first responder or the fire side of the first responder, FSLA, we would have to dedicate a majority of our time to that service, which we don't. We're civilian public safety. We're not law enforcement. We're not fire, so, to fall under the 171 hours in a 28-day pay period, we would have to be spending most of our time doing law enforcement. And we don't. We don't arrest people. We don't serve papers and that kind of stuff. And the same would be under fire fighting, you know. We don't drive trucks and put out fires, and all that. And that's the only two things that are really listed in the Public Safety side is fire and law. So, it's just very open.

Dave said so, I guess hearing that, we probably should wait until Meeks finds out.

Meeks said well, we want to check that out. We want to make sure we're doing this right. And this all came up like yesterday at the meeting.

Mike Wickersham said I'm just sharing what we decided, that's all, I'm not telling you what to do. I'm just sharing what we decided.

Chris Shaneyfelt said we were tasked by the commissioners to try to find a solution by the first of this month. And that's just what we were doing. We were presenting an option, weigh it out, and then go from there, because I have no idea. I was hoping to be back in my office doing EMA stuff a long time ago. And unfortunately, it's not working out that well. So, that's just where we're at. We're trying to help you guys, as well.

Todd said can we ask the 80-hour question, we well, then?

Laura said yeah, I can send that. I didn't, the commissioners didn't act like they wanted to do that.

Meeks said let me follow up. We'll do some follow ups.

Mike Wickersham said so, for your information, the Health Department is changing its hours. They're going to be open from 10 to 6 on Tuesday and Thursday, 8 to 4 Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We heard a presentation from Watch Communication to expand high speed internet throughout the county. They're proposing that they would build out from a communication, I guess, radio for better transmitter on the Winchester tower and a Farmland tower that would

enhance the internet service throughout those communities, and say there is a potential of 8400 locations that could be served. They would, they're seeking a grant of \$328,000.00 from the county. \$240,000 of that, \$40,000 would enhance those two locations. And \$88,000 would put in a microwave system at the tower in Winchester to both service the 4-H ground and service the Winchester Speedway with high speed internet. So, we questioned them, and I should take the opportunity right now, I'm not going to get into a lot of details, because I didn't really have an opportunity to review their proposal because I didn't get it until yesterday morning, but a nice article in the Winchester News Gazette this morning that covers our meeting yesterday. So, if you feel like I've left anything out, go ahead and read that article. It's a pretty good article. I didn't get my notes from the article. I had my notes before that. Anyway, so, we took that under advisement and I challenged them to look at their coverage by using our emergency towers. You know, we put 3 new emergency towers up that are 350-foot tall. One is at the highway department, one is at Deerfield and one is down west of Lynn. And we've not had one provider interested in locating any system on those towers, which, I don't know if you recall, but back when we began this project, we were promised that oh, we'd have them lined up at our door. So, Watch is the first one we've had opportunity to directly talk to. So, they're going to investigate that and come back to us with what that might do for the whole project as far as their proposal. We questioned at length on the new Indiana Broadband connectivity for rural America and they said basically, this would be a project for it, but we wouldn't see the benefit of that program for 4 years. They indicated that as soon as we authorized this grant for them to do that, they could have this done in 3 to 4 months, depending upon getting the location on the towers of their transmitters. So, it would be spending money now to get service now that we wouldn't have to spend later if we wanted to wait 4 years on the service.

Tom Chalfant said but they would be charging customers for that internet service.

Mike Wickersham said oh yeah, it's billed out for them. It'll be their customers and they kind of indicated that they're going to, they would discount that. They would discount that. And that, I should say that that proposal came from the county technology committee. I don't know if anybody here sits on that committee or not. Gary Girton wasn't at our meeting, but so, he didn't have an opportunity to chime in, but, so, they were recommending that we do this. Of course, when you help one, what about the others, and there's, and we help this part of the county, but we don't help that part of the county. There're a lot of issues there that need to be developed. So, then we decided to do a request for proposal to build out an ambulance station in Farmland, and see if we can get that built with kind of a design build opportunity so we don't have to go through the architect engineering stage and all that. We also received the retirement notice of our EMS director, Duane Petry. He's decided to leave us as of April 1st. And we decided to advertise on a site that Duane gave us that advertises to EMS directors and departments. We decided we needed to buy 5 more chairs for this room of this nature. And we had a long discussion about buying all new chairs, and replacing the fabric with a candy stripe fabric, red and white. But we decided that, I think Laura picked the color that we're going to go with, so we have 5 new chairs on order. And for your information, we've advertised for the replacement of the highway superintendent who is retiring April 12th, and we've received 64 applicants for that job. So, we're going to meet a week from Friday to hopefully, bring that number down to about a reasonable number to interview and then hopefully, be able to hire at least by the, not to hire,

but hiring by the first meeting in April. So, that way they give them two weeks to work with Mike in the highway department. I'll answer any questions you might have.

Dave said any questions for Mike while he's here? Okay. Thanks Mike.

Jessica Olson and Jay Long – Use of CCMG and Windfarm balance to pay state

Jessica Olson said good morning. Sorry Mike was not able to be here this morning. So, you get us. Hated to cause, I think I caused some confusion in regards to the transfer that we were asking for. It is not something that the council has to sign exactly, because it is a transfer between the same series of numbers. So, it's a 3,000 series to a 3,000 series. So, the document I sent to Laura doesn't really have a place for anybody to sign. But, because it's Wind Farm, because it's the Wind Farm fund, that's why we wanted it to come to you guys and ask. What we're asking for is there is a remaining appropriation balance in bridge 173, which is complete. We do not owe any other monies on it. And it's \$20,950.06 and we are asking if we can transfer that over to bridge 308, which is Short Street. It has received the federal grant. However, it was also agreed that all the engineering was to be paid out of the Wind Farm fund. So, that's why we are asking permission to transfer that over to bridge 308. So, that's that one. And the second thing that we're asking for is there is a remaining cash balance in the last Community Crossings grant which were the three Windsor bridges, 162, 174 and 175. We are going to owe money back to the state in the amount of \$30,497.28. The reason for that is those two bridges, 162 and 174 came in under bid. So, the state pays you via what the bid is, but if final bills actually come in lower than that, then the state wants their money back. So, we would like to use that remaining cash balance \$23,570.52 as part of that pay back amount, and then MVH will pay the remaining balance back to the state. So, those are our two requests.

Dave said any questions for Jessica?

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

Dave said anything else?

Jessica Olson said that is it. Thank you very much.

Ted Hurley, J&K Communications – Maintenance Contracts

Dave said okay, Ted.

Ted Hurley said thank you. Well I'm here to discuss the service contract and public safety system, and I apologize. I guess I didn't do a very good job of filling out the proposal last month for you guys. So, I redid it and gave it to Chris and explained exactly what we're going to do for the service contract. The warranty ran out since last November. And I was supposed to renew it last November. I talked them in until January, okay. And then the contract would start. Well we still don't have a service contract on the system. So, J&K has basically, been watching it right at the moment. I have talked to Z, there's a Z-tron contract, which is the consoles at dispatch. There's equipment out at each tower and there's a microwave system that needs to be covered. So, what I'm going to present to you is the contract and remind everybody there's

about 2.1 million dollars' worth of equipment out there on this contract. And it's going to cost \$156,473 this year to cover all three of those units. The contract is a 5-year contract on the microwave, and 5-year contract on Z-tron. That's about all the further they will go out. So, it's guaranteed, the pricing. But for the backbone, where really all the money is at, it's a 10-year contract. If I don't get okayed for this and you guys decide to do it later, it's already a 4% increase this year. So, you're going to save 4% this year if I can get this thing done. So, basically, what the contract covers is everything but the lightning damage. If you get hit by lightning, the insurance is going to have to pay for it, 24/7. So, a person calls at 2 o'clock in the morning and we have to come and fix it, okay. So, that's why I'm here for. If we do time and material it's going to be a lot of money. We have a \$50,000.00 repeater we have to send in right now to get repaired. We have not done that because we've been sitting off to the side to get under the contract, okay. So, we get the contract, we can send that repeater and get it fixed under these contracts. So, basically a lot of the contract is software. And as you guys know, software updates you have to have. If we don't get under the contract, then they're a little slower on doing a firmer upgrade and so forth. We have to have these firmer upgrades in case we find a bug and stuff in the system. Or, the other thing you get out of the contract is you get new features into the system, such as if there's a new feature that the law needs, you'll get it automatically under the contract. So, I guess I'm here to answer questions. But it's a service contract on the 91 system is what it is. And it's not cheap.

Dave said no, not at all.

Chris said and he mentioned the repeater that's out. We also, they're installing a new. It's like a router switch that I told them to go ahead install under the funds that I had in my repair and maintenance line under the county budget. And that was \$12,826.48. It went down probably a month ago. And there was not a spare here. So, I told them to order a new one and that's being installed today. So, you're basically right now, we're at \$62,000 if you'd look at it, what I've got here.

Dave said the questions I've got, there're three different contracts here. And the first one is for \$97,919. Explain what that is.

Ted Hurley said give me the quote number, would you please?

Dave said quote number 57253.

Ted Hurley said yeah, that is on the microwave system. That's a 5-year contract, and if you go to the end of it, it tells you how much it is a year. It's \$19,390 a year. Go to page two. If you see at the top, it says maintenance contract 2024 is \$19,390. Next year it's the same, next year it's the same, next year is the same and then it goes up a \$1,000.00 in 2028. It's a yearly contract, but it's locked in so it doesn't get an increase.

Dave said okay. The next quote I have is a 57198.

Ted Hurley said okay, that's the big one. It's \$125,293 this year. That's 2024, then it goes on down 2025, 26, 27, goes clear out to 2023, 33, I'm sorry.

Dave said and that's 1.436 million?

Ted Hurley said right.

Dave said it's a 10-year commitment?

Ted Hurley said and that's covering, basically the 2 million-dollar investment you guys have, at the towers.

Dave said okay. So, does this contract cover the first contract or are they separate?

Ted Hurley said they're all separate.

Dave said so, we're looking at a total of about 2 million dollars?

Ted Hurley said no.

Dave said 1436.

Ted Hurley said oh, I see what you're saying.

Dave said about \$1.6 million dollars for all the contracts?

Ted Hurley said I didn't even add them up. How much did you say?

Dave said about 1.6 for everything.

Todd said one is five years and the other is ten, right? So, it's more like per year, it's about \$150,000 I think, right?

Ted Hurley said yeah, that's what it is.

Todd said I'm not sure why the one is.

Ted Hurley said well that's true.

Todd said why is one 5 and the other 10?

Ted Hurley said that's typically the, that equipment you replace every 10 years. And the other one, you get 10, usually 20 years on the backbone.

Todd said so the one that's, you're saying on the microwave that the 5-year maintenance contract you typically get 10 years on that?

Ted Hurley said yes.

Todd said and the towers, it's a 10-year contract, you typically get.

Ted Hurley said get 20, yeah.

Todd said and how old is, the warranty was a what, one-year warranty or what was it?

Ted Hurley said it was a 2-year warranty. So, the systems two, three, you know, it's going on it's third year. But you are right, two of them are five years, so it's not like you know.

Todd said what if we went year-to-year? What happens to the cost?

Ted Hurley said it goes up more.

Todd said there's no?

Ted Hurley said they won't lock it in. That's what I'm trying to do is lock it, you pay by the year that locks it in.

Todd said with a 3% escalator every year?

Ted Hurley said every year is what they figure. So, if I don't go with this contract, that we negotiated with them last November, the first payment is going to be more than a \$125,000. It's going to be 3% more already.

Todd said do they offer any, I mean, this sort of feel like there's not a lot of opportunities to look elsewhere.

Ted Hurley said and we're locked in too, the vendor.

Todd said do they offer any opportunity for the customer to take some risks, you know, to cover materials or anything like that?

Ted Hurley said no, other than just do it time and material. You could pay, you know, as you go.

Todd said yeah. So, if we went time and material, what's your experience on that?

Ted Hurley said on past contracts, typically, 6% of the contract is labor, is what it is. The rest of it is hardware and software. If you go time and material, we are required to come down here twice a year to go through everything. That's about a \$10,000.00 labor fee.

Todd said each time or?

Ted Hurley said no, for the whole year.

Todd said for the whole year.

Ted Hurley said if we find anything wrong, then you have to pay for it.

Todd said right.

Ted Hurley said under the contract, if we find anything wrong, they have to pay for it. Then the overnight stuff, that's not cheap. The overnight stuff is 4, 5, 600 bucks just to do it. So, I just thought, nothing is cheap and we're kind of bound by the manufacturer okay. And I just pass along with it. We have Grant County, they have the same problem. But they, we have 5 Systems right now. And I just can drag it anymore.

Todd said I mean I was, you know, the percentage of the price of the maintenance compared to the cost of the system which is about 6, 7%, that doesn't seem too far out of line. You know, normally maintenance contracts are 10%. So, I'm not to, I was glad to hear that number because I was, that was my biggest concern that we were buying it all over again. I kind of, you know, I don't, I sort of feel like I'm just kind of getting dropped into this as a fairly new council member, so I don't have a lot of history on this, but since it's sort of a monopoly or duopoly or whatever, vendors out there, we have to kind of lean somewhat on the decision that was made a couple years ago to put in place what was put in place, whether it's too much or too little or just right, you know. I don't know. But it's, I want to hear that, from your experience, you think this is the right way to go for us to go with this maintenance contract.

Ted Hurley said in public safety, it does several things. Number one, you know what the cost is going to be every year. Number two, you know it'll be up to snuff every year, no matter what, okay. If you go time and material, Chris may say well I have the funds to come down here and go through it once. Well, that's not the way it works, especially with public safety. We just out that the system works a lot better under a service contract, puts it our responsibility then to make sure the thing is working. Then you can come back and say Ted, what's going on here? We've had a service contract, we've been doing this for 48 years, okay. And you are right, there're not a lot of vendors out there anymore. I've been doing this for 38 years and when I first started, there were like 6 different companies. We're down to two now basically, that does this. And it's turned into a software system rather than a hardware system. And the other thing that would probably shock you too, is you know, your old system, what did you have in it, maybe \$20,000.00 in repeaters? Now you've got 2 million. I mean, that's a heck of a jump. But you are right. I usually figure 10% for service contract a year. So, you take 10% of 2.1, that should have been 200 and some thousand a year.

Todd said those are all the questions I had.

Chris Shaneyfelt said when I made the recommendation at the council meeting, you know at budget time, it's just like, you know, you don't, you base it off what you know, which what I knew was Motorola and the analog system. And you know, just looking, a switch, a computer switch, you know, I mean you can go and look at the name of it and see there're a ton of different prices on it. And you know, it ranges anywhere from 3 to \$4,000.00 up to the amount that they show here. And I don't know which switch it needs. That's not my, it's not my area of expertise. So, you just kind of have to rely on what you're being told and when Ted quoted me

the price I said now does that include them coming down and installing it and all that, and it was just the cost of the router. So, then when I had him give me the cost of the time and labor, as well, said you're looking at just under \$13,000.00 for one piece of equipment plus the \$50,000 on the other. The thing I like budgetary-wise is if we do this, then we know what the costs are. And it's locked. We don't have to worry about it for about you know, another five years on the minor items and then the 10-years on the backbone portion of it. So, I mean, but that's up to you guys. It creates, to me, it almost creates a little more stress if we burn through it. I mean, I'm already, we're three months into this and I've already wiped out for a few thousand, which is more than I spent at all with the Motorola system. I was spending \$3,000.00 maybe, a year on Motorola. But we didn't have computer switches. Everything was just analog.

Tom Kerns said lightning damage isn't covered. What's your experience of?

Ted Hurley said you'll get hit by lightning probably once every 10 years someplace.

Tom Kerns said someplace, and what kind of damage, what kind of expense?

Ted Hurley said it could range, anywhere from just replacing the antenna, which is probably about a \$5,000.00. If it hits any of the repeaters, you're looking right at \$50,000 to replace, and you have 5 each site, I forget now. So, there's quite a few out there. But we, but through the years, we've been able to ground it better. So, lightning hasn't been as likely. But, that would be the only thing above this would be lightning damage.

Dave said any other questions? Any ideas?

Bev said so what is the bottom line numbers that we're looking at?

Ted Hurley said I thought you had a copy of it.

Tom Kerns said \$156,473 a year.

Dave said it averages \$156,473 per year. Two 5-year contracts, there's one 10-year contract.

Tom Kerns said and I assume after 5 years, we would.

Ted Hurley said renew it.

Tom Kerns said renew the other additional.

Dave said is that in your budget, Chris? I take that as a no.

Chris Shaneyfelt said you created my budget, sir. No.

Dave said a little humor here.

Tom Chalfant said where are we going to get the money?

Dave said have to come from General Fund that's what we've got control of.

Tom Chalfant said well in the end, it's all the same so. We're going to increase, we're going to have to increase some revenue stream somewhere.

Tom Kerns said we want it out of the General Fund anyways in the long run. We don't want to take it out of somewhere where the funds are going to eventually dry up.

Dave said General Fund could too. Well not dry up, but reduced drastically.

Tom Kerns said well it could too.

Dave said what are your wishes? Is there a motion to approve all three agreements?

Missy said my question is on the 10-year agreement, will equipment change drastically in those 10 years?

Ted Hurley said no. Now what they'll do is, at that 10 years, if you want another 10 years, they'll do a refresh in that contract and that replaces the common parts that need to be, that are obsolete. And that's the other reason you want a contract. If it becomes obsolete, they have to replace it, like your routers and stuff.

Missy said that answers my question.

Ted Hurley said and talking about the routers, yeah, you can buy them anywhere, but then have to be specked out and programmed to work with the system. So, that's catch 22.

Bev said well there's no doubt that it's important to have this system and have it workable. And the number that I was given here, I mean, I've got other numbers, but is \$156,473 per year, now is that?

Ted Hurley said I was able to lock it in for 5 years and 10 years. That's the reason to do it. Yeah. That's the main reason to do it, to lock it in, because it's always going to go up.

Bev said that's making more sense.

Todd said well, the alternatives are to, I think, have a contract or time and materials. I've done both in my life, with equipment in the medical field, and we have saved some money by going time and materials. But we've had poor service on that equipment as a result, waited longer, had to fight more to get pieces of equipment, going longer without refreshes. I mean, I feel like we're sort of in the, in a place personally, where we don't, where the two choices, that the contract is probably the better choice, just because then we don't have to be fighting this all the time, because if we don't go this route, we're going to have discussion after discussion after discussion I think.

Chris Shaneyfelt said well I would also think that if we have a piece go down, and I don't have the money in the budget to pay for it, then I've got to come in here and try to explain or beg and you know, ultimately, you know.

Todd and in the end, we end up doing exactly what, because there're not a lot of choices in vendors anyway. I think you know, you just kind of, what has to happen is, we need to start investing on these major systems you've kind of got to know what you're getting into. If we have that 10-year opportunity to refresh, maybe we have to take a look at, whoever is here at that time, has to take a look at what right sizing is. I was just doing the math just for fun on what this adds to our average hour of communication based off of statistics you provide each month, is about \$450.00 per hour that we paid just for the maintenance contract. It would be interesting to add up all the costs that are associated with you know, an hour of time on the radio system, you know, talk about persons and everything else. That's why I kind of hate the idea of going back to the overtime. I hate paying overtime if we don't have to. It's just extra money for nothing. So, I would, and that's a small piece of the overall cost. But, at some point, it just, you have to have this system in place. But the cost of it is so high. This is one area though that I don't really see, I was hoping to find an opportunity, but I don't really see one. I think the time and materials route, is just going to be a mistake personally.

Bev said appreciate hearing your experience, because that's really helpful and not a whole lot of options here. And there's a need.

Tom Kerns said I think if it wasn't emergency service communication, then we might look into time and materials, but being emergency service communication, that, like you said, if it's down, we want them on top of it. And it's worth paying the extra to have them on top of it if it goes down.

Chris Shaneyfelt said and I will just throw this out there, they'll call me in the morning, at night, whenever, and tell me that there's something wrong with the system and that they have to come and fix it or they'll be down in the morning to fix it. And we don't notice that the things are down here. So, they're catching things through their operation center in Ft. Wayne or Columbia City that you know, otherwise, we wouldn't know until we were off line.

Ted Hurley said we monitor every day. We have a big screen up there. We know whose talking when, when something goes wrong.

Chris Shaneyfelt said there's peace of mind in that, just knowing that there's something wrong, then the reason we picked up on this router issue because the south tower had an issue, and we thought it was the generator. And they spent time going back through their analytics and found it was the router. So, and you know, they've been able to fix that and I haven't had to worry about it. So, there's peace of mind in that.

Tom Kern said I'll make a motion to approve it under General Fund, out of General Fund.

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

Tom Kerns said so, we'll just increase Chris' line?

Laura said we'll do an additional appropriation to pay that.

Ted Hurley said thank you. I know it's a hard decision.

Bev said well we have to think of everybody we represent. And I don't think there's a person out there who wouldn't want to have 911 services available. It only takes one call when they need it.

Chris Shaneyfelt said I think they already signed your contracts for you.

Ted Hurley said I'm going to get them ordered today.

Todd said thanks for coming in.

Ted Hurley said I've been in the south, so. I can't believe I didn't do my contract better the first time I gave it to you. But thank you guys. We appreciate your business. You've been easy to work with. We're proud to be your vendor. We really are, okay. And we'll be here.

Dave said alright thanks.

Other Business:

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

Dave said sheriff, you're up next.

Art Moystner said morning. I don't have a lot for you. I wanted to kind of update everyone. I received notice that we have one of our road officers, I believe his last working day will be March 17th. So, he's going to be leaving us. I've been told we'll have another one probably, the end of March or sometime in April that will also be leaving. So, we're going to be down two road positions. I actually have interviews with the merit board tonight for some new applicants. I think we had advertised for about six weeks. I believe I received five applications over that period, so, we'll see how they turn out. We'll start getting a feel for that starting tonight. Wanted to share with you that we have, well, one of the applications is actually coming out of the jail possibly too. Out of the jail, which will open up those spots. We've had an open jail position. You guys had given me a new one at the first of the year. We haven't been able to fill that but I think we've had an opening since probably, October, that we filled and somebody else would leave, and then we'd fill them, somebody else would leave. So, I wanted to kind of let you guys know that we're still having the turnover issues that we've been having for the past few years. So, beyond that, I have a couple appropriations, or additional appropriations that I've asked for that you have on there, and I would welcome or answer any questions that you would have on those. Other than that, I don't think I have anything for you unless you have questions for me.

Bev said one question.

Art Moystner said yes ma'am.

Bev said what kind of population do you have, average?

Art Moystner said I think the last time I looked, we were at 70. So, I've been running anywhere from, I think we were down to 52 or 53 at one point in time, within the last 6 weeks, and then we've been up as high as almost 80. So, it varies. One of the things I would share with you is when the population is down like it is, that affects the commissary fund, and the funding available to help supplement some of the items that we've historically done over the years, which is one of the reasons I'm asking for additional appropriations in a couple of areas, is that funding is not there this year.

Bev said and as I understand it, you know longer house people from other areas, other counties or the state or whatever, or do you?

Art Moystner said we don't routinely house for other people. I do have inmates that I'm holding for both Wayne County and Delaware County under special circumstances. The sheriff had contacted me that they did not want those inmates in their population for specific reasons, that is somebody would like to ask me after the meeting, I'd be glad to share. But, we are holding those and they reciprocate. I know recently, I had sent an inmate to Wayne County because they were better equipped to deal with a need that inmate had. So, we do what we can with that. But we have a pretty good relationship with the surrounding sheriffs' office and sheriffs. So, we do that back and forth. But to routinely hold for other places, I do not.

Bev said okay. Thank you.

Art Moystner said does anybody else have questions?

Dave said I personally, took a tour, what was it 10 days ago or so, of the jail and I'd encourage everyone of you to go over, go through and see what it's all about. See all the updates that's been going on.

Art Moystner said the staff does a really good job. I'm very blessed to have a good staff. And like I'd stated before, I'd like to get with the committee, with the commissioners and council so that we can talk about, not only in my office and my employees, but within the county to see what we can do to start doing that. I know that one of the employees that's leaving specifically said the reason he's leaving is pay and benefits. And I don't think we've touched our benefits. They haven't changed for county employees since before I started in 88. So, I think that's something that we really need to address at some point, so we can keep good people working in the county.

Dave said okay. Thanks sheriff.

William Greer, Parker City town Council

Dave said Will Greer. Would you like to come on up and bring whoever?

William Greer said I don't want to take up much of your time. I just wanted to come and give you guys an update as to what I came in and asked for about the shelters and everything. And I've got pictures I've shown to Laura and Mike over there. But just wanted on behalf of Parker, thank each and every one of you guys for helping us with this. All the shelters have been built. The restrooms are not finished yet. And the parks in total fruition. This warm winter we've had, every day it gets over 50, there's probably at least between 20 to 60 kids down there. I was down there Sunday getting goose bumps and watching them all play. This is just great. And then we've had some people from the nursing home come down and sit and watch too in their wheelchairs. But I don't know if you guys wanted to pass it around. Here's the restrooms half built there, it's been plumbed but not finished. And I'm planning on a like a ribbon cutting in the spring. And I'd love to let you guys know when that's going to happen, going to invite the Braggs who donated us some land, and then I'm going to, hopefully, maybe you guys would want to come over and take a look at what you guys did, helped me do. I just wanted to say thanks basically.

Bev said thank you.

Dave said thanks.

William Greer said yeah, thanks, thank you very much. And as far as the seats go, I'm loving the gold still. But anyway, I just wanted to come and say thanks and hopefully you guys come to Parker and check it out when they come. I've been told everything is going to be completed by April. I gave them all a deadline of April 1st and been on everybody all winter. They've been working in the winter to get this stuff done for our, we're planning an eclipse festival, three-day festival for the eclipse over there too so. If you guys get a chance, come and check that out if you can.

Tom Chalfant said almost four minutes or something?

William Greer said four minutes, yeah, 3 minutes and 53 seconds. But we've got a three-day, we're having a planned event for Saturday, Sunday and the Monday of the bands. Bands playing at the pavilion. We're going to have stuff then on down at the park for kids, bouncy houses.

Missy said a great excuse to have a festival almost isn't it? A great one.

William Greer said a big festival. We don't know if we're going to get a 100 or we're going to get 10,000. We don't know what's going to happen, but we're going to be ready for it.

Mike said didn't they move that up to the ball diamonds?

William Greer said we moved it, we're having both sides. There's going to be some, downtown is going to be more of a kid, like we'll have more bouncy houses and some crafts and we're going to have an alien dress up contest, a parade. And at the park, we're going to have, up at the north park where the pavilion is, we'll have bands, cornhole tournament. Probably better viewing. I think most of the viewing will be up there because it's really wide open for a great

view of the thing. We're selling glasses at church and hats and coasters. All kinds of merchandise. We got our own postmark. The U.S. postal service granted us the use of one postmark one day only then they'll retire it. It's going to say Parker City, darker in Parker, that's our slogan. That's pretty neat. Then we've got post cards to hand out. Anyway, thank you for everything guys. I just wanted to update you and let you know what's going on and hopefully you guys will come over and check it out.

Dave said thanks.

Randolph County Financial Spreadsheet

Dave said next thing I have is a Randolph County financial spreadsheet. I'd put together a spreadsheet based off of several different things. One being, there're 9 items that first 9 items there, are what I think are critical for the county council. I didn't know if you guys wanted to add anything to that or take away. This is a very preliminary thing. Next item in a group is the Wind Solar projects, I've listed individually. And all this information comes monthly to you guys from Sherrie. She does an excellent job on making sure that we get the correct information and monthly report. And please review that monthly, because it really tells the story. The next thing I have is a list of assets. This is what I have figured the total assets for the county. If there's anything missing, please let me know. That's why it's so critical. We're up to \$475,000,000.00 in assets that we basically oversee from the financial side, not so much from a construction or management side, but from financial. I think it's very important that going forward, when we spend money, we really need to take all this into consideration because I've divided it down. It's about 9 million dollars a year we need to cover our assets to make sure we have enough money to do the roads, bridges and the drainage and anything else that might come up. We're currently, I think, we're only spending about 3 1/2 million so, we're really at a huge deficit right now in trying to maintain what we actually own.

Todd said is the tower and what we just talked about on here? The 2.1 million communication towers, are they on here?

Dave said no they're not. That's a good point. Like I say, this is very preliminary.

Tom Chalfant said I would say the bridges and drains, also.

Dave said well the roads I estimated at \$200,000 per mile, and then the bridge, their average is about 350. That came from the highway, Joe Copeland. So, with all the information he's had over the years. I'll add the towers. The last major thing is the monthly reports from Sherrie and Danita also helps a little on this because when I went to the General Fund, I thought there were only two or three items that actually come into it. There's like 17 different items that come into the General Fund. That's, you know, after all these years at the county council, even amazes me. So, I've listed those and with the dollar amounts. And Danita has the ledger to back all this information up. Then I just went through what I took off the monthly reports, the different account numbers that we sort of have the oversight for financial and, you can see that there's quite a few dollars that we're actually responsible for, have the oversight of. We don't, EDIT funds, we know the commissioners have the control of that, but we still have to approve the EDIT funds for payment. What I didn't put on here, and I'm going to put on also, I also monitor

the townships at year end. And they're usually on Gateway by I think around the 1st of March, 1st of April. And I'm going to add to this report the 11 townships because they usually control about 11 million dollars, or I'm sorry, 2 million dollars in balances at year end. So, and there are some townships that are pretty healthy. Three or \$400,000 dollars in their account when their budget is only about 50 or 60. So, I just always like to watch that in case there's a question that they're wanting any additional monies, we can say hey, you know, can we partnership somehow and you work out of your township budget. But, I felt this is important because it gives a good idea, especially with new county council people coming in next year. I will not be here. Tom will not be here. So, lose a lot of experience and hopefully we can learn from this, all of us. Are there any questions on this?

Todd said on the 9 critical things that, just at a glance, I don't understand what those fully imply. So, will we go over those at some point.

Dave said we can go over them right now if you want.

Todd said well I don't know if you have time. If you could run through them, yeah, that would be great.

Dave said well we all know the annual budget is our main thrust.

Bev said right up in the front.

Dave said the financial plan, I'm very big on, and going forward, people need to review that probably every 2 to 3 years.

Todd said does that end in 23, the one that we had?

Dave said I think it goes through 24.

Laura said 4, I think. And then they're working on the new one.

Bev said the new one, yeah.

Dave said the fund accounts, that's that monthly report that comes out from Sherrie. The Wind Farms, they are listed here showing that, and Sherrie also supplies that as a monthly report.

Todd said so, you're saying these are the critical reports that we need to watch, not the critical issues we need to think about.

Dave said right. All financial, not so much management. It's pretty much self-explanatory. The ARPA monies, we all know that commissioner funded. She also supplies a very detailed listing where that monies go, in case somebody asks you. And Shannon does the payroll, Danita does the claims.

Todd said I mean, the one thing that I would like to see more often is, as far as like, you know, sort of a financial picture is on your sources of income, the interest on investments is significant on 1 ½ million dollars. And I know, maybe once since I've been here, somebody just came in and reported on where we were at some point in that, but isn't there about like 30 million, something like that that's?

Dave said invested?

Todd said yeah. I would just like to see it more often.

Laura said the treasurer does the investment report.

Todd said how long our commitments are on those rates. Rates right now are static. They're not starting to drop. But at some point, that number is going to start to come down, and it would be nice to have an idea as to a projection as to what that is going to do, based off of what we have commitments and so on. I don't know if this is.

Laura said I would probably recommend that you talk to the treasurer because she's in charge of the investments. I know pretty much the lump of that is in Trust Indiana, and that's, she can change that at any time. That's not a, she doesn't have to leave it there for a year or two years or anything. It can come in and out as needed.

Todd said I was just, you know, all these other reports come to us and I would like something that comes to us on that.

Laura said yeah, I would talk to her.

Todd said to ask her to set something up?

Laura said yeah.

Dave said okay. Anything else on that? Like I say, please give me, if there's something I've missed.

Todd said now I don't see on your assets, does that include the airport as well?

Dave said it does not. We'll be up to about 500 million now.

Bev said I think so. That's a big asset.

Dave said like I said, I can't, that's why we're all here.

Bev said yeah, that's fine. I mean, this is a great quick look.

Todd said yeah, I like it.

Laura said on the assets, did you talk to Danita because she does have a spreadsheet on those?

Dave said it said all the detailed assets too?

Laura said yeah, I think so.

Dave said yeah, I just put an estimate of about 15%. I'm going to go back and talk to Danita on some of this stuff anyhow, because, I need to know personally.

Bev said this is great. And as you adjust it, it'll be great to share copies.

Dave said yeah. I'll probably be going to the commissioners' next meeting and presenting this also, just to see what their ideas are and see where we're needing to go forward with.

Tom Kerns said thanks for putting it together, Dave.

Dave said you're welcome.

Additional Appropriations:

Drug Free Community (tabled from February 6, 2024)

Prevention Education	\$2211.65
Treatment	\$2211.62
Criminal Justice	\$2211.62
Discretionary fund	\$2211.62

Dave said let's go to Additional Appropriations. Drug Free Community.

Missy said yeah, I have some questions on that one. Just where does the money go?

Laura said did Bob send you, I thought he sent you an email?

Missy said he did, yeah. And no, but the email didn't, I mean, I'm not questioning something is going wrong here. I'm just questioning why it's going through one person, they facilitating putting it through another person. If they could come, and my take back on this is the person who is kind of having to lead this, really, if I could get somebody else to do this and the money, the 2211 for discretionary fund, how they get paid, that money could be disbursed into going to other agencies. You know, like the prevention education, treatment, the criminal justice, whatever. I haven't got an answer on that yet. I mean, I talked to Dave Reese quite a bit and said you know, I mean, I'm just not against you, I'm not against, I mean, I'm all for this getting the money to come in, but where's, who's it, I guess my bottom line is who is it helping? I mean, who is seeing a benefit from this?

Laura said I know some of it goes to probation. They give them a grant for drug testing.

Missy said yeah, yeah. So, they get a grant to give grants to other people?

Laura said the money comes from the court.

Missy said right.

Laura said yeah. So, and it's went way down because the courts do a lot of pre-trial diversions.

Missy said right. Yeah, yeah, I found that out.

Laura said and the money doesn't go and come in if they're doing pre-trial diversions.

Missy said yeah, so, I'm fine, yeah. I'm fine with this. I just had some questions. Is it getting to the people who need help with drug addiction or trying to recover from drug addiction, I guess?

Laura said yeah, and I don't think they really bring in enough to help a lot of people.

Missy said no, no, they don't.

Laura said but they did come to, was it, did they come here?

Missy said yeah.

Laura said in our, or did they go to commissioners?

Missy said who are you talking about?

Laura said David. I think they went to commissioners.

Missy said he went to the commissioners.

Laura said David and Bob came and were asking for some of the opioid money that we got as a settlement, you know, a couple years ago. And we get it every year. And that money is just sitting there. Nobody has used. They came and asked for some of that to try to get something going for drug addiction.

Missy said yeah, yeah, and that's what I think, people need help. I mean, once they get in that position, they need some help to get out of there. You know, it's not the jail's position to rehabilitate those people. I mean they try, that's what they're trying to do. But once they walk out of there, where's the help at, or is there any? And so, you're back where, kind of back falling into the same thing you were. But anyway, no, I'm fine with it now.

Tom Kerns said where is that opioid money sitting?

Laura said in our funds. I mean, it's probably invested, but I mean, you know, we just deposit it.

Tom Kerns said so we have 100% control over that?

Laura said yes.

Todd said a couple of years ago there was a billboard on 32 that discussed how many drug related deaths there had been in the county. Do you remember that? It was pretty impactful. Did that come from the prevention education?

Missy said I don't know.

Todd said I mean, prevention is always better than.

Missy said for sure.

Todd said would be nice if there was some sort of ongoing annual campaign to educate with that.

Dave said okay. I'd entertain a motion I guess, to approve this additional.

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

Health Department (tabled from February 6, 2024)

Registration/Conference	\$1785.00
Office Supplies	\$12004.00
Enviro Health care	\$211.00
Travel/Mileage	\$2000.00
Clinic Supplies	\$31135.00

Dave said Sherri Thompson come on up because I think there are some questions on the second additional appropriation.

Sherri Thompson said I do have some paperwork here that will, can show you how it goes out you know, in certain funds. So, I'll go ahead. This is the 1151 fund. That, again, that's the new. When the state sent out their budget, we were told to split up our money of where it should go. So, if you look at both pages, it shows you that. It shows that it's not just in a, listed as clinic supplies, it's also, diabetic supplies, environmental supplies, so it's all kind of broke down. And you can also see some of the money that we spend monthly. For instance, the Mitchell and McCormick, that jumped \$50.00 this year per month. So, that was some of that.

Missy said what is that?

Sherri Thompson said that is our billing, the billing system that we have.

Dave said can I make a recommendation?

Sherri Thompson said sure.

Dave said on your spreadsheet here, it doesn't show what the amount is, has the invoice number, and then it, like under clinic supplies, it just decreases. I guess I want to know how much that actual invoice is for.

Sherri Thompson said uh, yeah. If you, I know it's broken into the two sheets. But, if you look, it shows each thing, but there's also a total at the end that also shows.

Missy said so I don't get, for the second page it says stop smoking supplies. Is that all stop smoking supplies on there?

Sherri Thompson said that's the amount so far that was put to that. Now, that's just in that one area. We have other areas that we have stop smoking supplies in. See if I've got all that.

Tom Chalfant said now people just come in and request this and you give them?

Sherri Thompson said they are going to do an educational program so that you know, they'll do some speaking, things like that. They're going to target the schools, also with the vaping there. So, it's not just supplies that we'll have on hand. It's also, you know, printing and the educational things also. Same with the diabetic supplies. We'd like to have diabetic supplies there that we can give out along with a class if they don't have insurance or they have you know, no way to get those types of supplies. They'd be like the glucose monitor, the testing strips, you know, alcohol pads, that type of thing.

Tom Chalfant said but not insulin?

Sherri Thompson said no, no. No medications. We don't do any of that. I do also know that there was a question about well, maybe you don't want to move to that yet, about the other fund too. And that one is the school liaison fund. I don't know if you want to move to that now or if you want to ask more?

Tom Chalfant said last time we asked about office supplies, I mean, what, \$12,000.00 to office supplies. Well that's you say that's part of these clinic supplies?

Sherri Thompson said yes. That's part of that. The other thing, if you look at, you may not have this. There's also another form here that already shows what we. It shows \$2,900.00 but that includes \$350.00 set up fee and you know, all of the programs that you need to put on it and that type of thing. So, that's what's already been spent, or that we need to pay for this year.

Missy said I'm lost. I must be the only who doesn't understand this so. I see your first page there, clinic supplies, but I really have no idea what those clinic supplies are.

Sherri Thompson said that's okay, so if you look down at Mitchell and McCormick, that is a monthly fee.

Missy said for what?

Sherri Thompson said claims, for billing.

Missy said for billing. Okay.

Sherri Thompson said steri-cycle. That is to destroy meds and sharps.

Missy said it would be great for me if there was a column that told what those things were.

Sherri Thompson said told everything. I can do that.

Bev said well, just like on your second page, you've got expenses that are being paid, but you don't have any explanation.

Tom Kerns said the first and second page continues onto the spreadsheet. So, the columns line up going across.

Missy said yeah, but like the 250, what was that? What claims?

Sherri Thompson said all medical claims that we have to put through insurance, except for we have one called vaxcare and that's private insurance. This is to bill Medicaid and Part BFC.

Bev said so, like when I go in and get a vaccination for whatever it might be, you take my card, and then you submit for reimbursement to Medicare or whatever it may be?

Sherri Thompson said yes, and it depends you know, what type of insurance you have on which type of stock that you get as far as your immunization. You know, if you have insurance, private insurance, it will go through vaxcare. So, we pay them. We do a lot of that. And then the other is, it's more Medicaid, Medicare, you know, that type of thing, you'll get a, out of the VFC program. A lot of times if people don't have the money to pay for that vaccine or whatever, we have them sign a hardship form and it can come out of the VFC program.

Laura said I didn't realize that these were actually connected across it.

Sherri Thompson said yeah, that's all one spreadsheet. And it's done that way just so I can watch all the money going out at once. Again, if I've got to flip through 15 different pages or 15, I've already got so many tabs that we have you know, so I just put them all together on that one.

Missy said so most of what you see come through, does it either come through you know, Medicaid or people pay?

Sherri Thompson said yeah, we do a lot of VFC, more than we do Vax.

Missy said and so, people get receipts if they pay cash, they get a receipt from that?

Sherri Thompson said uh huh.

Laura said this is how much they got budgeted I think, for each of those categories. Am I right there?

Sherri Thompson said yes. Each category has their budget there, and then, because we have so many sections to that with the state, that's why it's broke down like that.

Dave said okay. Let's get on the first additional appropriation Health Department. Any questions on that one?

Missy said so how many, I mean, I know, so, it would be nice to get like a just a mini report for me, once in a while, on like, where did you go, and who attended and what the cost was. I'm just curious.

Sherri Thompson said as far as?

Missy said like when you go to registration conferences, whatever.

Sherri Thompson said yeah, I have all of that of course, in my, but I can put it in there if you'd like.

Missy said and so, the total travel mileage, is that for a month or so far this year?

Sherri Thompson said it should be so far this year.

Missy said so, who all drives? I mean that's 181 miles a day.

Sherri Thompson said you have Eric, Tammy and then Kami who, if they have to drive separately to go to separate places, and then Wendy, of course.

Missy said do they keep a mileage log?

Sherri Thompson said yes. And that is always turned into the Auditor's office, of course, we do that.

Dave said okay. Anymore questions on the first additional for the Health Department? If not, I'd entertain a motion.

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

Health Department

Mobile Phone	\$440.00
Contracted Work	\$37,440.00
Other	\$72,120.00

Dave said okay, the next one on Health Department, there're three items on that. I do know it's been questioned about the other, the \$72,000. There really is no such other. It has to be defined.

Sherri Thompson said I have a running total, I have a running total on from the beginning on to show what that goes on. We never know what we're going to have to purchase.

Dave said right.

Sherri Thompson said because it's used for a lot of hygiene things for the school. But, that is that one fund and everything coming out of it. When we had the back to school event, we had the KIX-96 came out and so, you know, we had to pay that out of there. It would just be very hard to have to try to put a fund for each thing on that. That's why it came out that way or why they decided to set it up that way with the appropriation number.

Dave said and you're requesting \$72,120?

Sherri Thompson said no, no, no, that's our, that's the carried forward, that, I shouldn't say that. Okay, yes, but I think that is with the carried forward from the prior year. The other things that we pay out of that is contract labor, I'm trying to think what else is in there. It should be on the list. I don't have that with me. But there's contract labor, there's travel and then, at one time, we had, well we were paying supplemental income out of that. We were paying Tammy's salary out of that when she was contracted instead of just, instead of being a full-time employee now. So, and as we go, we get money in there quarterly. So, I have to invoice for that quarterly. It's \$27,500 per quarter. So, with that other money that's also a carry over and that is only for the schools.

Missy said is it pretty normal for employees at the health department to purchase things and then get reimbursed for them?

Sherri Thompson said yes.

Missy said without doing a purchase order? I mean without doing?

Sherri Thompson said yes. Yes. They, I mean we may need something, or they may need something at Walmart, they'll run out and purchase it, rather than wait, you know, two weeks to get it if they need it right away. But, we don't do it often, you know, often. We try not to do it as much if we can. I know I needed a, and this has been a few years ago, but I needed a camera and microphones for my computer for a meeting, in two days, and to order that, it might take two or three weeks just to have this meeting. So, I now have it. I just went out and purchased it and then got reimbursed.

Dave said any questions on this second additional appropriation group?

Missy said I have, like I see some of this has just the date and \$102.00. What was it? On the second page down there.

Sherri Thompson said 102.12?

Missy said well it has the entry of August 24th, 2023.

Sherri Thompson said those are her, that's her monthly travel fee.

Missy said it doesn't say travel on those where it did on others.

Sherri Thompson said yeah, it's her, that's what that is.

Dave said well it probably should be spelled out exactly what that is.

Sherri Thompson said and I could do that. I guess it's just I've always taken for granted, I'm the one that sees it, you know, I don't, so, I know what they are. But I can do that if you'd like to see it quarterly or whatever you'd like.

Dave said yeah, I think on a quarterly basis we need to see what's going on.

Sherri Thompson said sure.

Missy said so, is this just a Microsoft XL sheet that you're using?

Sherri Thompson said yes.

Missy said there isn't any budgeting software?

Laura said well their claims all come through my office so, we have all of it in the system.

Missy said yeah, right.

Laura said those are just her tracking for her.

Sherri Thompson said yeah, this is for me.

Missy said the office tracking? I mean, for their office.

Laura said well yeah, for their office, because the actual claims still come through our system like they always, like everything else.

Bev said it seems to me it needs at least, another column in there. And then the column, I mean, because you're telling, who's getting one, you know, or the name of the person, and the amount. But, there should be a column that item, what it, if it's mileage, if it's reimbursed, or whatever it is. That is what's missing here. It just looks like there's lots of money going to an employee for what?

Sherri Thompson said and, and when I do invoice, it's always on the invoice, you know, when they get it, what it's for, who it's to, all of that. This is just my, it was my way of keeping track of it. One of the other things I see on there that Tammy paid for, she paid for to start her training to be an instructor for CPR. So, you know, we don't have a credit card that we can charge those things to, so, we have to pay them up front and they get reimbursed.

Dave said okay, moving forward, any other questions on this? Entertain a motion to approve.

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

Jail

Computer Maintenance Contracts	\$10,000.00
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Dave said next item I have is the Computer Maintenance Contracts for the jail, \$10,000.00.

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

Sheriff

New Vehicles	\$40,000.00
CCD (Pistols)	\$11,135.00

Dave said next item we have is the Sheriff's department for the new vehicles of \$40,000, CCD for pistols for \$11,135.00.

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

E911

Assistant Director Vacation Pay	\$832.80
Telecommunicator Vacation Pay	\$1539.20

Dave said next we have is the E911, Assistant Director Vacation Pay and Telecommunicator Vacation Pay.

Laura said the commissioners, Chris came and ask to pay out to these two peoples' vacation because they couldn't take it off and they were on their deadline. The commissioners approved paying it out. We just need an additional appropriation to cover it.

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

EDIT

Economic Development	\$20,000.00
Legal Fees & Other Service	\$25,000.00
RC Promise	\$10,000.00
Broadband Infrastructure	\$387,625.00

Dave said okay. Do you know what this one's for?

Laura said A couple years back, I think, the EDIT plan, they had approved \$400,000 for broadband infrastructure, and we used \$13,000 some of it to pay Tower King when they did some work for them, and then the balance is that amount, that \$387,000, that's just re-appropriating it for a new EDIT Plan, because we have a new EDIT plan this year.

Dave said okay. So, these will all be on the new EDIT plan?

Laura said yes.

Tom Chalfant said and the others are just line items we just continue?

Laura said yeah, it's just basically because we did a new plan because our plan ran out in 23, so, 24 is a new plan. We tried to add everything into the budget that we knew was going to be there. But, until the commissioners said yeah, we're going to do this. So, we're just appropriating what they agreed to.

Tom Chalfant said now, I understand the director is going to be leaving for 9 months?

Laura said I don't know. That's a commissioner question.

Tom Chalfant said well that's what I heard. I just wondered if his pay could just accrue into the account.

Laura said we don't pay him. Randolph County United pays him. So, I don't know, Tom. I can't answer that.

Tom Chalfant said guess I'd like to know what the plan is.

Laura said yeah, I don't know.

Bev said and who is this we're talking about?

Dave said Dan Baker. I can bring you up to date on that. The way I understand, he'll be gone for around 6 months. He took a voluntary deployment and they're going to pay him 5 hours a week while he's gone. He will be in Hawaii for the next, I think it's starting April 1st for 6 months, and it's all up to the Economic Development Board and commissioners to determine how that's handled. We have nothing in it.

Tom Chalfant said it'd be nice to know. I mean, it is a tax on county.

Dave said it is. It's money.

Tom Chalfant said yeah, money that we could use other places.

Dave said we've already done what we can from this group. So, saying that, entertain a motion to approve the EDIT additional appropriations.

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

Airport – Fly In Breakfast

Misc. Expense	\$2,000.00
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Dave said next one I have is additional appropriation for the fly in breakfast at the airport of \$2,000.

Todd said I was at the board meeting for the airport last month and they're having a B25, which is a dual engine World War II bomber, they'll be flying in on that morning, do a fly over and then landing. And then people can walk through it and then leaving sometime later in the morning. The \$2,000 is part of that cost. Hopefully it gets advertised. It's a cool thing for people to see.

Tom Chalfant said now is this in their budget or is this coming out of ours?

Todd said I believe they're going to try to recoup this.

Dave said they have a ledger account that has \$9,000.00 I think, right now in it. This comes out of that account fund. Why I know it, the Union City Lions club will be doing the breakfast. I think probably some of that is for the food items and whatever. So, entertain a motion.

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

Saratoga Fund

Equipment	\$8,000.00
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Dave said Saratoga Fund.

Bev said I think I heard yesterday, that's what they pay for sheriff's coverage for, I think that was that.

Art Moystner said if I may?

Dave said yes.

Art Moystner said that line is what Saratoga pays us for a contract. We've had that contract for several years. There's no money appropriated in that line currently, so, we wouldn't be able to spend anything out of it. This is an appropriation to make that line available to spend out of.

Dave said okay. Instead of equipment line.

Art Moystner said that's what we use it for is purchasing of equipment.

Dave said okay.

Art Moystner said one of the projects we're looking at is updating the investigator's recording system that is in the basement that we do most of our interviews on for investigations, so, it could be shared with the prosecutor's office so on and so forth. But that's one of the things we're looking at. But right now, that fund, I had no money appropriated that we can use. So, it just opens that money up so that we can use it for equipment.

Dave said okay. Thanks Art.

Missy said so, does each small community have to pay you guys to?

Art Moystner said no, the reason Saratoga does it, is Saratoga does not have a town marshal service anymore, so we provide all of the law enforcement protection there, any of the calls, and we go through there at least once a day and make a pass through. That's something the town board wanted to contract with the county and the sheriff's office. So, we entered that contract with them.

Dave said okay. Entertain a motion on the Saratoga fund for equipment.

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

<u>Transfer's</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
\$440.00	Personal Health care	Mobile phone

Dave said okay. Moving on down to transfer's, this is the Health department for the \$440.00 from personal health to mobile phone.

Missy said tell me, anybody know if it's a year-long?

Laura said the \$440, yes, they get it monthly. They turn in their claim for a monthly stipend. And I think that's for the new lady.

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

Citizen Comments (3 minutes)

Dave said okay. We're down to the citizens comments. Anybody from the citizens want to comment?

David Lenkensdofer-Salary study committee

Dave said okay. One thing I do have here. We need to form the payroll committee. Probably they would start in April. We usually have three members from county council, one member from county commissioner. I would recommend today, that we appoint those three people. I chose not to be on that for this year. So, I'll need three from the rest of you guys, ladies.

Tom Chalfant said there's no payroll for that committee, right?

Dave said there's no payroll. Well, there is, it's

Todd said I'd volunteer if you want.

Dave said Todd.

Bev said I've been on it in the past. I would be on it again.

Dave said Bev. Need one more. Mike. Very good.

Mike said do they meet of an evening?

Dave said they usually meet during the day, morning. I'll get with Mike Wickersham to tell him. I guess the only other thing we've got is entertain a motion to adjourn.

Todd said just have some comments on the.

Dave said oh, I'm sorry. We need to go around.

Todd Holaday – Airport Hanger update

Todd said the, at the airport board meeting, they have received the one grant, I can't remember if it was READI or, any rate, and they're still waiting on another one. But the drawings are going forward on that new hangar. The time line I think they're going to have is probably submitting that for bids later, late summer, early fall, and possible construction in the winter. If not, then early next year.

Dave said so are they assuming to get all the monies for that? Is that what?

Todd said uh huh.

Dave said so, there won't be a bond issuance?

Todd said that was not discussed.

Dave said okay. And why I say that, we have a bond coming in the next year, which will take time if they were thinking bonding.

Tom Chalfant said I know they weren't thinking that. They planned on us doing an advance on the matching grant part.

Todd said through that three-year program.

Dave said okay. I thought that was for the airport hangar. Were you talking hangar or are you talking?

Todd said so, the new hangar that the gentleman came in from the architecture firm, but that's what I'm talking about. There's no proposal yet, for the new terminal.

Dave said okay. That's what I was thinking.

Todd said this was the hangar where they were leasing out a certain number of spots.

Dave said okay. What I'm thinking, I thought they applied for a READI grant for the terminal also.

Todd said so, that one is the one that's still like waiting on state to take a look at, there's like a deadline.

Dave said I think it's supposed to be ordered maybe next month of May.

Todd said yeah. I can't remember if it.

Dave said that's what I was thinking. Okay. Anything else Todd?

Todd said no.

Dave said Tom, do you have anything?

Tom Kerns – bond projects

Tom Kerns said I don't, but since you brought that up, the kind of thing is, that's something that really needs to look at for next year since the old hospital is coming off, whether there're any projects before that goes away that need done.

Dave said that's how that works.

Tom Kerns said I know, otherwise, we have to go back and ask for more, for new money.

Dave said I've already talked to Baker Tilley about that briefly, Jason, and he was going to check into it for us. Mike, you have anything?

Mike said no.

Dave said Tom? Bev?

Bev said no, nothing.

Dave said Missy? Meeks?

Adjournment

Dave said okay now let's entertain a motion to adjourn.

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

Reviewed and accepted this 8 day of May, 2024.

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