

# Randolph County Council

January 5, 2022

The Randolph County Council met for its regular meeting at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners and Council Room of the Courthouse with the following members present: Council President Gary Friend, Tom Kerns, Max Holaday, David Lenkensdofer, Missy Williams and Beverly Fields. Also present was County Auditor Laura J Martin.

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Council President Gary Friend presided.

Pledge of Allegiance

## Selection of officers

Dave made a motion to appoint Gary Friend as president of the County Council for 2022. Missy seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Missy made a motion to appoint Dave Lenkensdofer as President Protem. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion Carried.

## Jane Grove – Full time employee

Gary said after our meeting in December Max asked me to have you come back with all the information the Council needs for a fair assessment of whether we should put on this full-time person. So, you need to explain to us how you can pay for this full-time employee. Then if the Council wants to go for that between now and budget time or if Council wants to say it is a strong consideration at our budget this year. What happens if your office can't sustain the proposal you put forward. Are you willing to tell that employee that this only last as long as this office can afford it?

Missy asked can you tell us how many people you have in there now and how many hours a week they work?

Jane said I have one full-time employee, my Chief Deputy and then I have two part-time people. One works three days a week and one works two days a week. It doesn't work very well. You've got one person that comes in one day a week and does this stuff and then the other person comes in the next day and says well I wasn't here yesterday, I don't know what they did. It makes it hard for me to service the public in a professional manner. It really does. They share a desk, they share a computer, they share a phone. One says I don't have a passcode for the phone because it's her phone. We get the job done. The person that works two days a week, she's not there enough for me to train her to run the office by herself if the other two would happen to be out. It is not enough time for her to be responsible for the money, opening, closing and all. Back to Gary's question, looking at it from your side, it would only be like an additional

\$10,000.00 that you would be paying for the salary because I already have \$20,000.00 to pay the part-time, that's been budgeted. To pay the salary and I pay the health and things, I had those numbers from last year, I don't have them from this year which were probably not much different. I'm getting ready to do a large project but also, I've been budgeting this office for a while, so if I know I'm going to have this much coming out, I'm not going to run my funds short. Knowing that I have to have that.

Gary said the \$45,000.00 from RP doesn't cover the whole expense. There is still \$10,000 expense?

Jane said that I'm asking Council for.

Gary said is there any reason why you can't pay that final \$10,000.00? I think at one time you told us that you could cover paying the whole thing.

Jane said no, I feel that is a good meeting point for us, if you would pay the salary and I would pay the benefits.

Gary said so, it's a \$10,000.00 increase in salary going from part time to full time and then you would cover the benefits out of RP?

Jane said yes, being that you give my no budget. I spend about \$52,000.00 because I pay all my contracts, maintenance, office supplies, everything out of RP.

Gary said you have a pretty simple budget for sure at least from the Council's perspective. What if you cannot afford it? Are you prepared to tell the individual that this is only for as long as this office can sustain it?

Jane said sure, but I think I can avoid that. Knowing I have to budget that amount then I know I'm not going to over spend on something else.

Missy said have you identified which one of those part time workers that you want to take to full time?

Jane said I will offer it to the one that has been there the longest. I don't know whether she will take it or not. If not then I will head hunt.

Gary said you wouldn't offer it to the second one?

Jane said the other wouldn't want full time.

Missy said if they both say no, will you have to replace one of them with a full-time person, if you have to go out and find a new person?

Jane said I would call the one back, only to cover vacation or something. But yes.

Max said are you talking about replacing both part time with one full time?

Jane said yes. I would call one of the part time back on occasion if we would both be out to have two people in there.

Gary said you would need to keep some funds in that line.

Jane said the part time would not be out of general it would be out of RP.

Dave said you mentioned a special project, is that a revenue generating project?

Jane said no, I am back scanning. I had a gentleman come in yesterday and he will be giving me a quote to get some of the things on computer and also on line.

Tom asked what is the revenue that comes into RP a year?

Jane said about \$6,000.00 a month.

Tom asked what have you been spending for contracts and everything out of there?

Jane said I spend about \$52,000.00 out of RP for office expense and maintenance. I built the fund up a little bit so I could do this project.

Gary said that only leaves \$20,000.00 before going into the arears. My issue with that is, when the housing boom slows down and the renewable energy boom slows down, is that going to slow down the intake of funding?

Jane said not really, we've done more documents this year, but we still do an average of about the same number of documents each year. We've done more this year because of the housing but we take in about \$220,000 annually. \$70,000.00 of that goes into county general.

Gary said what about RP, that's what Tom asked I believe?

Jane said we take about \$6,000.00 a month into RP.

Gary said with the cost of insurance that will put you in the negative as far as maintaining. Benefits are close to \$30,000.00 per person, so that will put you \$10,000.00 with this lay out, stepping backwards every year and that's in good times.

Tom said it would be higher than that with a family policy.

Gary said I think that is a family, it's about \$30,000.00. What I'd like to do is, I'd like to monitor your RP and make this a budget issue for 2023. That's where I'm at on it. You've been up here several times and you've put a good case together but I think this is something we need to be sure we can sustain it. It's not fair to put somebody on the payroll and then Council has to come up here and cut them five years down the road.

Jane said I don't think that would happen.

Gary said right now, what you proposed, won't pay for itself. It will take reserves to pay it. Tom's question with \$20,000.00 left over from the \$52,000.00 already appropriated won't cover the insurance, even if we pay the other \$10,000.00 out of county general. I think we need to look at that, can you sustain this. I don't want to put someone on and then have to cut, but I don't want to leave you shorthanded either.

Tom said I don't think this is the right way to fund it, if we put the position in it needs to be funded out of something sustainable. Out of our budget, not her budget. The reserves are there for now but the annual income coming into that account won't sustain it.

Dave said I agree with Tom, I'm on the fence regarding the budget but how do we get through this year?

Gary said I think when we spoke earlier, you will be okay this year, you're just thinking into the future, correct?

Jane said what do you mean?

Gary said your office is going to maintain its professionalism this year. Your going to get everything done.

Jane said we still will, we've been doing it for three years.

Gary said we don't want to use that against you, you have been doing a good job.

Dave said I would like to see us do something this year and then put it in the budget process in August, September time frame?

Gary asked what would you think about doing this year?

Dave said going ahead and getting a full-time person in there. Knowing that, that may not last. I think Jane has said she understands that.

Max said the only other thing I can think of is, what's the possibility of bringing both part time employees in three days a week so you'd have one day that would be an overlap.

Jane said I don't have room for them, I have no where to put them. It's really not a manpower, because three people can totally do the office work. When one's out it makes it a little tough but you work through that because there are vacations and sick time that has to be. So, it's really not a manpower issue. It's a consistency issue and that's what our office is all about is consistency, that it is done, what's put in 100 years ago that the people are searching for now is put in today so the people searching 100 years from now are going to find it. When you got in out in out, it doesn't run smoothly, it's not consistent.

Bev said I do understand the problem with the two-part time. I think that is an issue and on top of that issue is the fact that they both use the same computer, same password, same elements of the office at those times and that bothers me. I would be in favor of doing something quicker rather than later.

Missy said I've had to work with part time people and although they try to do their very best, not near anything is as important as what you are doing there. I'd like to see it put in this year. Knowing that we are going to revisit it at budget time. I don't like the idea of people sharing computers, not in today's age. No matter how secure it is. If either one of those part time workers and it could happen with any of you too, doesn't come in, it could leave you with a gap for two or three days. I'd like to see something done this year. Revisiting it at budget time and reassessing the need for it.

Gary said does somebody want to make a motion? Just be aware depending on how this goes, you can't hire right away, we would need to get a salary ordinance amendment in affect before we could move forward. Is there anyone that would like to make a motion to proceed with Jane's request.

Missy made a motion to proceed with Jane's request for a full-time person. My understanding is that we will go from two part-time employees to one full-time employee for an office staff of three and your office is going to pay the benefits on that person.

Max seconded. 5 aye votes. 1 nay vote, Gary voted nay. Motion carried.

Gary asked would the Auditor's office get a salary ordinance put together for February. There is no reason why you can't hire directly after the salary ordinance is passed.

Jane said thank you.

Gary said my no vote is because I think it should be a budget hearing item.

#### **Mike Haffner – Use of Special LIT for paving equipment**

Mike said we have a little over \$605,000.00 in our Special LIT that we haven't used for several years and I suggested to the Commissioner's yesterday that we potentially use that to buy some paving equipment. A county our size, we are about the only county our size that does not have it. It's going to enhance our bridges, with our engineer wanting to replace some asphalt deck overlays, its very hard to schedule paving companies to come in and do just a small job. It's very expensive and almost impossible to get them to come in when you want them to. There's a lot of headaches with paving, first of all, this is a high skilled operation, there is at least three people on the paver, then you've got a roller operator and then you've got a tack coat distributor in front of the paver. I believe we have enough man power to be able to take on this challenge but in the paving world it's kind of a younger man's game. It's hot, nasty, smelly job. Typically, paving operators, street operators and the driver, they make significant wages. Now, we're not paving like Milestone, we're just going to start out doing a lot of spot stuff but we need

to take a look at wages and how we're going to support that and be able to train people and be able to retain them.

Gary asked is the imminent reason we have to buy it right now, the reason I'm asking the question is for a \$600,000.00 purchase do you have bids on that.

Mike said I am going to get quotes for new versus good used paver, a good used paver is going to run you in that \$175 to \$225,000.00 range a new one the quotes I've been getting is like \$400 to \$425,000.00 a significant difference. Pavers tend to lose value quickly.

Gary said my question is shouldn't we be buying this a head of getting the man power and the staff all lined up.

Mike said I've got the man power already. We kind of looked at this three or four years ago and we just didn't have the man power or the capable man power. I believe we have the capable man power. It comes down to if we're going to do this we potentially need to look at wages for at least the ones that's going to be operating the key factors of it.

Gary said it's my understanding that employees making above the manager out there, right? What do they do when they're not paving? I guess what I'm saying is I'm not opposed to all this but I wonder if we should buy a paver before the salary committee's get together to decide how we're going to fund this perpetually.

Mike said all I'm doing is bringing it to everybody's attention to do research and study. If the Commissioner's was against it, then I wouldn't have pursued it. There's enough out there certainly with the solar and wind mills coming in that we at least need to start looking and okay if we do this then what do we need. I fully understand that there is no way we should buy a paver without the knowledge of pay scales and how many people it will take. I am not here today to ask for the money at all. I'm just asking is this an area if we get all of our ducks in a row and then bring it to the Commissioner's and then bring it to you saying this is what we think we want to do with the labor and this is the pay scale, if we do this, would you support it.

Gary said I would be in support of a plan that proves that we are going to not spend more money just to have a paver or have a paver and never use the paver.

Mike said yesterday, Mr. Kerns and I had a long talk and we talked about some of these issues and training and he brought up a few things and I don't have the answers for it and I don't have the answer for it today but all I'm doing is if we have all the ducks in a row, would you support spending this money and that with equipment, we might be talking 2023 before we can ever get this implemented. I'm not rushing in saying I need to be able to sign a purchase order by next week, first of all everybody I've been talking to. Even if I were to order today, they couldn't guarantee delivery until spring of 2023.

Gary said I miss understood, I thought you wanted us to allow the appropriation.

Mike said no, I wasn't even on the agenda, but I thought courtesy, I wanted to see where the support was.

Gary said I will get the Commissioner's input too. Tom do you want to talk about this?

Tom said my biggest concern when we talked once again was man power and training because running a paver is really specialized. You wouldn't think so but it really is and it's a physical job so having efficient man power, just to bring equipment in but on the other side of it, the small paving companies don't exist anymore and to get companies like Milestone to come in and do these small projects, it would be great if the county could put the program together just because to contract it out sometimes these projects there is just no way.

Gary said my concern is I don't want to have the cart before the horse.

Tom said the biggest thing would be training, employee's training and there are obviously other expenses. Our dump trucks are not currently set up for paving, so there would be some adjustments to trucks and all the way through. But the discussion is starting and that is where it needs to start.

Dave asked do you know if any other counties our size have paving, can we reach out to some.

Mike said basically Wayne County has three pavers, Henry County just bought a brand-new paver, so now they've got two, Grant County, even little Blackford Counties got pavers.

Gary asked Jay?

Mike said Jay County does not have paving because they have a significant amount of gravel roads.

Dave said so there's information out there.

Mike said I've reached out to Wayne and Henry both and they said bring a guy to us, we'll let him ride the paver for a week, we'll help train. There are a lot of plusses in that department but you still first of all our trucks designed with the way our hitches are. I'm not saying we have to change the whole fleet, right now our trucks won't, the hitch interferes, our chip box hitch. So, we would have to go with a different style or a bolt on that we could take off. There're man power issues, there's management issues. I mean our top pay is a few cents away from my assistant manager.

Gary asked who is going to put the plan together?

Mike said Joe Copeland and I are working together to put a plan together.

Gary said hard numbers.

Mike said hard numbers and this is actually what it is going to take. Every aspect from equipment to man power to wages and to purchases.

Gary said the cost of down time has got to be in there too. We get to winter what do they do.

Mike said basically if your running the paving, you're not running the chip seal program, so your going to be sharing a lot of the same similar man power.

Gary asked what about the winter though, is it just going to be the paver wage on the snow plow?

Dave said I would think two different pay scales.

Mike said there's several counties that pay the same wage scale no matter what their doing, year-round. There are other counties that you are only earning that wage scale when you're actually doing that type work. So, maybe that would be if your paving you'd be on this pay scale but if you're not paving you might be on a much lower pay scale.

Max said I have several questions. Do we have a roller?

Mike said we do not, basically the items I'd be looking at is a paver, a roller and possible a skid steerer with a mill head attachment that you have to mill butt joints.

Max said second question, how often in past history how often have you had to do small patching jobs like this?

Mike said I've been here over five years and we've done it each and every year. I spent about \$425,000.00 last year.

Max asked how many times in a year?

Mike said traditionally it's just one time for what we've hired out it might be two to four weeks' worth of work but if we owned our own equipment, we could do it much cheaper. Wayne County using their about \$53,000.00 a mile to pave, right now we're paying about \$180,000.00 a mile to pave.

Max said the hot mix itself that is delivered, would our trucks be doing that?

Mike said we would be using our trucks depending on where we're at we would either go to Portland, Richmond or Muncie. Our trucks would work fine but we have a hitch issue that we'd have to fix or use different trucks to go to the chip box. We've got several tandems in our fleet, not every one of them has to go to our chip box. We could have three or four trucks isolated just to got to the chip box.

Max said I understand we've got equipment but isn't there some modification required to each truck to haul that kind of mix or not?



Mike said no, basically, its just the hitch when you back up to the paver it would hit it. Our trucks would haul asphalt no problem. You use a bio spray so it wouldn't stick and that's both at the plant and locally, that would be you would just take a sprayer and spray off your bed so stuff wouldn't stick. We're also experimenting with what they call pug, its very similar to what cold mix is, it's basically Grant County and Wayne County, they have a portable mixer come right to their plant or their porch and they mix material up and instead of it being hot, it's basically cold patch that your run through a paver and then you roll it in but within one year you have to chip and seal to seal it or it will flake out. Cost wise it's definitely cheaper but by the time you add the expense of whatever you lay within a year you've got to go chip and seal over it. We might be using a combination of both materials. Hot mix is very expensive to purchase and if something happens and your paver goes down then your stuck with several thousand dollars in the back of a truck that is going to turn into a brick pretty quick, so you have to have resources if something would happen you have to make sure somebody else can take that material or if you've ordered it can somebody else because once you've order it, it's yours. Milestone said you won't be using hardly any so if something happens and you need us to go three for four loads somewhere else we'll do that. But that's the fear of pavers and if you're getting used equipment and it breaks down, what do you do with that material.

Max said in my mind this kind of equipment sitting idle could deteriorate quickly, I am not convinced that, that kind of investment at this point for what we're talking about is all that good an idea. The other thing I have is have you even looked having a neighboring county use their equipment come over and do these patches for us. I'm sure they are not using their equipment 100% of the time.

Mike said that type of agreement would be a Meeks question.

Meeks said you would need to talk to them first, you could have an interlocal agreement.

Max said it might make a better use of their equipment.

Mike said I can check to see if they would be willing.

Max said I would rather see us do something like that rather than buy all that equipment our self.

Bev said I think it sounds interesting, the possibility of an interlocal agreement and even if you had an agreement with two or three of the counties so that if at some point if you need something, you have a contact and have an agreement in place and whoever is available might be an idea. What you're really talking about is large patches and then the bridges once they start working on the bridges getting the decks completed.

Mike said he would like to combine two or three bridges at one time so you can just bring an outfit in versus one bridge this month and one bridge that month, try to get two or three prepped and ready to go at one time. Again, this is in the study planning stages, researching every avenue. Basically, this gives me direction on potentially to make the right decision for the county.

Missy said it seems like in the two years I've been here we've talked about not getting enough man power in the highway department. So, your going to add another job which may take a lot of time away and we have a hard time hiring now. I understand we're going to pay them more, I need to see this in writing. Can Scott Fisher's outfit come do that, on a ten-year average, the same price maybe a little higher or cheaper than what you are going to try and get everything set up and go for. It seems like there are a lot of obstacles. A lot of research needs to go into this.

Mike said it is kind of a nightmare but you either try to work something out or you simply don't do it because there's no, it's not like you can call anybody and say hey would you do this. Milestone, E & B, all the big paving firms are booked up solid. Frankly a lot of our bids are higher because why are we giving up 20 miles of road on an interstate to come do your 1 mile. The independents are gone. The cost is not the major factor here it's either we're going to get the job done or not. Again, we need to study every avenue, it just gives me tools to work with, parameters to work around.

Gary said this is one where it's not whether we have the funding or not, it's whether we have the logistics or not.

Missy said I don't know anything about paving but Max didn't Fisher pave all that down there.

Mike said Scott hired E & B.

Gary said this is really a Commissioner avenue. Tom do you want to give your report and weigh in on this too.

#### **Tom Chalfant - Report from Commissioners**

Tom said we talked about this, I talked to Mike about this and with Joe on board, I think that helps. I brought up the issue of pay and hiring somebody and keeping somebody. I think you've exenterated all the issue that can happen because of the politics because of somebody making a lot more money than the other people in the department really creates issues. Those are a lot of the things to think about and talk about. I did after Mike and I talked, I talked to Scott Fisher and he told me he was interested in paving equipment himself, that might take the head ache away form us if we had a local contractor with paving equipment, that's still up in the air. Those are all things that we need to look at and talk about and discuss.

Gary asked are there any other things to report.

Tom said there was really not much, there were three Council members. We renewed most of the appointments, we had a new person, our former Auditor resigned off the airport board so we put Jim Michaels, I think he or somebody in his family has been involved with the airport. Other than that, our appointments stayed the same. The emergency towers are still a concern, we haven't paid those claims, we don't know where we're at on licensing, we have not had very good communication with our general contractor.

Gary said you mentioned their claims yesterday?

Tom said they been on hold for seven or eight months because we don't know, we did pay the electrical contractor, we been told all that work is complete and working but we still don't know if these towers are going to work, we don't know if our equipment is going to be licensed. The north tower has drainage issues we're going to have to address on our own dime. The money we're withholding will hopefully help go toward that. That is still an issue to deal with. We are still in limbo, we are looking at putting a communication tower up around the Purdue Farm. Those are things we're looking at.

Gary asked do you think the Commissioner's would be all right if would put the funding up, getting rid of the white tables and finish this furniture with like furniture. I think we are going to spread out for ever I think and I would like to see.

Tom said I don't know what that would cost to put two more desks, it would look a little nicer.

Gary said it's also pretty handy when everybody is here and you have paper spread out.

Tom said I don't know who furnished it, I guess we should look and see what it would cost to buy a couple more desks.

Gary said what does the Council think, would it be okay.

Dave said it would be fine.

Max said it would be a good idea.

Gary asked does anybody have anything else for Tom?

Dave said Jim Michaels, what the relation to Steve Michaels the employee out there.

Tom said possibly his son or something, the big concern, of course he is not supervising him. The issue was raised that he's also on the Winchester Board of Works and those are two lucrative position but we got an opinion from our legal counsel.

Meeks said it was from the Attorney General.

Dave said is the father son relationship okay?

Tom said apparently as a board member he is not a direct hire, I don't think that was an issue.

Meeks said I didn't know about that.

Tom asked is that a conflict?

Meeks said it depends on who his direct supervisor is. I figured it was Eric. The airport board hires Eric.

Dave said that would be a conflict wouldn't it, he sets the salary.

Meeks said no, we set the salary.

Dave said we set the salary but they propose the salary.

Meeks said they don't set it though.

Dave said you are saying we are okay then?

Meeks said it sounds like it, it depends who is his direct supervisor, it's Eric, right.

**Other Business:**

**Art Moystner – Sheriff's Agreement, Commissary Report, Body camera's, staffing issues**

Gary said your contract is in accordance with the salary ordinance that we have already passed.

Art said it is, I got the number's directly from the Auditor's Office.

Dave made a motion to approve the Sheriff's contract. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Art said I emailed everyone the Commissary report for the last six months of last year. I would share with everyone the care that we ordered last year that we were supposed to have mid-October came in last Friday. We are writing a check this week out of that account, so it will be less, the balance on there by about \$28,000 or \$29,000.00. That is supposed to be picked up later this week and then hopefully the lights will come in soon so we can get that vehicle out on the road. I would share with you that camera grants, I had submitted for a small rural tribal organization for law enforcement for body cameras. That grant was denied. I would also share that the state is supposed to be opening theirs up today or tomorrow through intelligigrants, I'm going to have Chris Shaneyfelt to get that. Without getting on my soap box, the state has earmarked it that if you do not have an existing body camera program they will allocate \$800.00 per officer to those agencies for body camera's. If you do have an existing they will give you \$400.00. I would also share with you that I done the math with the money that the state kept for themselves, which was about \$20 million, that 1200 state troopers which breaks down to about \$16,666.00 per officer. That was their allocation, they allowed them to use that money to put in storage facility, hire techs all kinds of stuff. I would share with you that the state has held us to \$400.00 per officer which doesn't actually even cover the cost of the camera itself let alone the storage. I just wanted to give you that information, I will be putting in for that grant through Intelligigrants to see if we can recoup that. The max amount I can get for us is about \$7,200.00. On that same note we had received yesterday and I didn't get a chance to email it out because it was on my desk this morning an invoice for the body cameras that we have received so far. I had them invoice this at the lower amount based on the five years, so the initial invoice for this is \$36,530.82. I believe in earlier discussion, you talked about taking this out of the ARP funds. I don't know if you want to keep that amount for the time being, we can check on the grant but we will owe four more payments of this nature over the next four years.

Gary asked are you coming to the meeting on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, we will be putting the plan together for ARPA.

Art said I wasn't aware we were having a meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> but yes, I will be here. My question is with this invoice, I don't have a line for it, I'm not sure how to submit it to the Auditor's office as a claim.

Angela said we appropriated ARP last year, even without a plan, so if that is where you want it paid from.

Gary said that is where the Council discussed paying if from, I would send it to the Auditor's office on the pretense that we are going to pay it from ARPA.

Dave said it was a total of \$145,000.00 is that right?

Art said for both project or just the body camera's, because we did the body cameras and we did mobile cameras but we won't have the mobile cameras.

Dave said the \$36,500.00, there are 4 payments, right?

Art said yes, I believe so.

Dave said we just need to know that total number that's needed.

Art said I will email that to you today. The only other thing I would share with you, I had sent you all an email regarding we lost another officer, he went to another agency on January 1<sup>st</sup>. So, that's three that we have turned over in less than a year. This officer did an exit interview with me and I shared that information with the Council and Commissioner's on why he had left. I have had a hiring process open since December 16<sup>th</sup> to date I don't know that I have a qualified applicant for that. I have also got one at the academy currently, so we've got holes that will be filled at times depending or however we have to fill those.

### **Resolution 2022-01**

Gary said Resolution 2022-01 is using the rainy-day funds as bridge funding but to be paid back at the end of the year. Gary read the resolution title.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01**

**RESOLUTION TO BORROW FUNDS FROM THE RANDOLPH COUNTY RAINY DAY  
FUND TO THE RANDOLPH COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY LIT FUND TO BE REPAYED  
BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2022**

**WHEREAS:** it is necessary to borrow monies from the Rainy Day Fund to the Public Safety LIT Fund to be repaid on or before December 31, 2022.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

**BE IT RESOLVED:** by the Council of Randolph County, Indiana, that the County Council authorizes the Randolph County Public Safety LIT Fund to borrow the needed monies from the Rainy Day Fund.

All said sums are to be repaid to the Rainy Day Fund on or before December 31, 2022.

Max made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-01. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Council Appointments**

Gary said Council appointments, does anyone want any changes. The only change that I am aware of is Economic Development. I will be going off Economic Development and of course Tom you are first choice if you want to go on or would you entertain having an appointee from the county.

Tom said I would entertain having an appointee from the county.

Gary asked does anyone else from the Council?

Missy said I would like to see us appoint Cheryl Prescott, she is very interested in serving and is willing to serve.

Gary said I served with Cheryl several years and I think she would be good advocate for the Council. Is there any discussion on that?

Missy made a motion to appoint Cheryl Prescott as the Randolph County Council's appointee to Randolph County United. Max seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary asked does anybody else on this list of Council appointments want to make any changes?

Missy made a motion to pass the list as submitted with the one change of Cheryl Prescott for the Randolph County United Board. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Laura said for the appointments I have a new appointment for Washington Library, what I received doesn't match our list, I called them went over it. They are wanted to put Kay Straley on in place of Kim Slick, I didn't show Kim on my list, so I called them and got that all straightened out, according to them you need to appoint Kay, I will take Kay off of the Commissioner's list, because she wasn't even on the board.

Missy made a motion to amend the list as stated and appoint Kay Straley to the Washington Township Library Board. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary asked anything else?

Tom said Area Planning, it shows Missy, I was on that last year.

Gary said before we go on is there any other corrections to this list?

Missy made a motion to correct the Area Planning appointment, it should be Tom Kerns, not Missy Williams. Max seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Comm Apt.**

Laura said this list includes Max as the appointment for Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission and they have a form that needs completed and I will send it back to them.

**Additional Appropriations:**

General

Baker Tilly	\$20,000.00
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Gary asked what is Baker Tilly doing for us?

Angela said the last bond we did, the Communication bond, we are the custodian of it. We are not the custodian of any of the other bonds that we have. The other bonds, the disclosures that have to be done each year are figured into our payments, since we are the custodians we are responsible for the disclosures so we have to establish a line to pay for the continuing disclosures that Baker Tilly does for us for the bond that we are the custodian of.

Gary said this is for the Communication Towers?

Angela said yes.

Gary asked is that out of Special LIT?

Angela said this is for the bond.

Gary said is the bond coming from Special LIT?

Angela said not right now, but it will be.

Gary asked can we pay this from Special LIT?

Angela said you can, you haven't spent all of your Special LIT, we are paying Highway out of Special LIT.

Gary said Special LIT is in a growth mode right now isn't it?

Angela said yes.

Gary said it's up to the Council but it's a function of bonding that the account could take.

Angela said you've got to finish your communications project, because we don't know how that is going to end and we're finishing that with Special LIT. It's definitely something we can look at. We still have to pay the disclosures that Baker Tilly prepares for us.

Gary said LIT Special purpose right now has \$1.6 million?

Angela said yes.

Gary said is there anything out there that would exhaust that? I don't see how.

Angela said not completely, your highway payment. I need more numbers in front of me, communications and highway.

Gary said putting that line in that particular account is one option. We can pay it out of general too. What is the feeling from Council?

Angela said you would rather pay for Baker Tilly out of LIT?

Gary said I would rather pay for it out of Special LIT because its bond maintenance right.

Angela said it is.

Gary said that account is there for special project bonding.

Missy said it makes sense.

Bev said I think it makes sense too.

Max said yes.

Gary said does someone want to make a motion to create a line in Special LIT.

Angela said I will have to appropriate, you will see it next month. Because we do have some other, you only want bond expenses.

Gary said this one the \$20,000.00 for Baker Tilly.

Angela said I have sinking fund expenses that I cannot pay out of what I collect from the tax payers, those are dealing with bonds. Do you want those paid out of there as well?

Gary said I don't know right now. I will have to have more information on that. When you say sinking fund that can't be paid by the tax payer. All of it is paid by the tax payer one way or another.



Angela said I'll get more information.

General – Extension	
Program Expenses	\$7441.04

Gary said what do we have here?

Laura said that is the \$6,000.00 that was reimbursed from Purdue and you approved their plan that was for more than that, so this is just appropriating the funds for that plan that you've already approved.

Missy made a motion to approve. Dave seconded. All aye votes. Motion carries.

EDIT

Achieva	\$5000.00
Washington Twp. Library	\$13,086.00

Gary said out of EDIT, Washington Township Library is for their roof. Achieva, what exactly is it?

Angela said they help with those with mental health disabilities, help them sign up for programs that would be beneficial to them.

Missy said I would like to have a run down of how many organizations, how many departments, how many offices we have in Randolph County that handle and do this kind of thing and how much overlap is there.

Angela said that information would be on the Annual Financial Report, I have to report non-governmental entities that we give support to. You can look up last years Annual Financial Report and it will have a list of who we give to last year, I don't have this year's done.

Bev made a motion to approve the two items listed to be appropriated out of EDIT. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Highway	
Hwy Engineer – Contract	\$67,000.00

Gary asked this is being funded through which account?

Laura said 1176.

Missy made a motion to approve. Max seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Auditor's Platbook	
Rebinding Books	\$1000.00

Missy made a motion to approve. Dave seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Wheel Tax	
Bridge Repair	\$500,000.00

Gary said this an appropriation to allow the highway engineer to begin bridge repair.

Dave made a motion to approve this additional appropriation as presented. Max seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

<b>Transfers:</b>	<b>From:</b>	<b>To:</b>
\$480.00	Mobile Phone	Office Supplies

Gary said this transfer is for the Veterans office from mobile phone to office supplies.

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

Gary asked was there a mistake in the budget that would cause an early transfer like that?

Angela said they do not wish to use their mobile phones stipend.

Gary said are they here?

Cathy said I am Cathy Shull and I took over while Mike was gone.

Max said thank you.

Cathy said this is Dani Sibert, she's the new VSO.

Missy said why are you not using this?

Cathy said Mike had it set up because he did allow people to call him, I don't care to have people call me on my personal cell phone and Dani is new, we discussed it and she prefers not to have them call her personal phone either. We do have some other things that we'd like to purchase for the office and that was the line we chose to transfer.

Missy said you did a great job, I really appreciate those two veterans that you helped. You don't know how much that meant to them.

### **Missy Williams**

Missy said what would help me a lot in the future is when, I understand sometimes it don't need to be in great detail but sometimes I look on the agenda and say I wonder what they want. It would be nice to have a little summary of what is it that you are going to bring before the council.

Laura said sometimes I don't know.

Missy said it is not you, I think they need to submit a little more, are they just going to give a board report.

Gary said if someone is going to be on our agenda, they need to give us a briefing of what it's about. That's fair.

Laura said a lot of times people will send stuff directly to you, they don't send it to me, so I don't know if they have sent you stuff or not.

Missy said I thought more about the 4-H presentation, I really appreciate in the last couple of meeting and I don't know what the county can do to assist them in moving forward with their building project or

capital campaign but I've had one particular person who I know is in a wheel chair, has been since she was a teenager and says she can go out there but I cannot spend much time at the fairgrounds because there are no handicap toilets for me to use. To defend them, I haven't talked to either one of them since but Mike Reed and Roger Gough, they're not fund raisers, I'm not a fund raiser. How do we assist them somehow? I was talking to the people at Jay County and asked how did you get to where you are today and obviously it's been a long process and they've built on it. Their response to me was if you build an indoor show arena, your going to make money as soon as you get it up and going. That is how they make a lot of their money to maintain that facility. He told me a number, I don't want to repeat it because I'm not sure I'll remember it, how much they bring in and the same thing with Rush County on indoor arenas. People pay to come to that. It just grew from there. They do have a for a small, they have less people than what Randolph County does, their 4-H fairgrounds, it's just how do you get there. Roger and Mike and everybody who's trying to work on that do a great job for the 4-H, it affects so many people. Teaching all those years, I can tell you how many kids who maybe didn't have a niche to fit into and there might have been a kid here on Washington street or down on Elm Street in Farmland or wherever. Whether you're a city kid, farm kid whatever, its there for everybody and they do so much in our schools. Those facilities, the kitchen is terrible.

Gary said they need to tear it down.

Missy said exactly and then go from there. I don't know if we can assist and try to get some major sponsor's together.

Gary said I spoke to them, I went out there when they were inviting people. That's where the READI grant is going to land, where we can probably help there too. The consensus when I was there is the county has a consensus government to help with 4-H but we don't have a plan and we discussed with them about professional fund raising, it may be such a thing that we need to get into that part. But we don't know yet where the READI grant is going to land, if they are going to get any part of it or not. Just because \$15 million was allowed to this region doesn't mean Randolph County will get 15 cents. So, we'll see. My take on it to was to take a track hoe and rip all this off here and leave Husted Hall and the offices of course and start over. It has served its purpose as long as it could. Mike Reed did say they were going to start selling sponsorships to help get some funding.

Missy said again, they all have full time jobs and families and so, it's just finding the time to dedicate fulltime almost to try to get something like that done. Fundraiser's I talked to a couple about that and had one group organization said it was great. Somebody from St Mary's Ohio or something like that but then I've talked to other groups who said, they can alienate your people so bad because they go really hard and heavy and almost shame people into it and it causes some hard feelings. I know that's what Mike and Roger are worried about too, they don't want any bad feelings after all this is over.

Gary said that means you just fire them and get another one.

Dave said that is how we got the YMCA started, is through fund raisers.

Gary said I think our 4-H has a lot of merit.

Missy said that is what those fund raisers do, they know how to do that.

#### **Laura Martin– Arcasearch Quote**

Laura said I sent everybody the Arcasearch quote I got for the transfer and land books in my office. We have no back up for these books, I got the quote and they will come here and set up equipment, do the scanning here. This is a newer company here in Indiana, they just started talking to Indiana Auditor's and

Recorder's. They were at the AIC Conference, is where I talked to them first and they did a demo for me there and then they did a virtual demo in my office. He came here and did an inventory on my books to get this quote. They do have other government entities that they have worked with in other states. This is something I think we should seriously look at and it's something that the ARPA funds would cover, if you decide to add this to the ARPA plan, I thought since we were doing the ARPA plan meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup> I thought I would get this quote to you before that meeting. I sent it to you and the Commissioner's so if any of you have any questions on it. I can either answer or get the answer before Monday night.

Max asked was there a provision or keeping the records up to date?

Laura said right now we do everything electronically.

Missy said you are required to keep these?

Laura said yes, we have searchers looking at these books constantly. That is part of why the funding from ARPA would cover it because people can search these on line with this program. Once he scans them they will be available on line. So, searchers wouldn't even have to come in. I wouldn't want to get rid of the books because it's history, but to have them preserved, backups, everything.

Gary said if they are online you wouldn't even have to get into the books.

#### **David Lenkensdofer – Legislation**

Dave said I will be attending a zoom meeting this afternoon. I am part of the Indiana County Council's legislative body and we are going to be discussing this list of our platform and our concerns, I will get a copy to you guys. There are several concerns there that we are going to present for legislation this year, this is the first time for County Council's in Indiana to do this.

Gary asked will this be on an agenda at the state house at any given time to put it on at a committee hearing?

Dave said they will want people to go to the committee hearing meetings, I think this bill that I talked about this morning HB1002 will be potentially heard next Wednesday even. I will know more after today's meeting.

#### **Tom Kerns – Community Thank you**

Tom said kind of a community thank you and a shout out to the first responders, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day there was a gentleman from Union City that the family was very thankful but the amount of people that gave up their Christmas day, first responders that were on duty and first responders that were off duty from all the surrounding areas and a ton of volunteers were out searching. It shows a lot about the community.

Gary said they even put it on the news.

Art said there were agencies that came from other counties.

Gary said yes, Noblesville.

Tom said everywhere when you were out, there was vehicles, in Ohio, you would see first responder vehicles just driving up and down the road, you know they weren't just out on Christmas morning and in the middle of the night. They started about 2:30 am.

**Citizen Comments** (3-minute limit)

None

**Adjournment**

Max made a motion to adjourn. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Reviewed and accepted this 5 day of April, 2022.

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