

Randolph County Council

January 28, 2021

The Randolph County Council met in a special meeting at 7:00 PM in the Commissioners and Council Room of the Courthouse with the following members present: Council President Gary Friend, Tom Kerns, Max Holaday, David Lenkensdofer and Beverly Fields. Also present was County Auditor Laura J Martin, Chief Deputy Auditor Angela Lowe and County Attorney Meeks Cockerill.

Council President Gary Friend presided.

Pledge of Allegiance

Highway Department – Community Crossings Grant

Gary said we need to deal with the Community Crossings grant, Mike Haffner proposed \$215,000.00 and \$66,000.00 from Cum Bridge. Cum Bridge, is there funds available in Cum Bridge? Is there any reason why we wouldn't just do it all from Wheel tax? Wheel tax is plenty healthy.

Angela said we do have a bridge project, a large one.

Gary said out of Cum Bridge?

Angela said yes.

Gary said then we should just save Cum Bridge and do it under wheel tax.

Angela said it is like a five-year plan and it is very large. This year it will be \$21,000.00 which seem small.

Gary asked does anybody have any comments on the commitments of the funding?

Dave said the only question I have is the Community Crossings grant, did that just come down?

Gary said I don't know.

Dave said normally they don't do that within two or three weeks.

Gary said I will speak to the Commissioner's and I will also speak to Mike Haffner how that can happen so fast. The Council should not be working a meeting out of a meeting one by one. It is not a proper open-door meeting.

Meeks said this is a proper open-door meeting.

Gary said yes, this is.

Laura said did he happen to give you that letter, because he has not given it to me for you to sign tonight.

Meeks said since you voted in a meeting to approve this and then you sign the letter outside of the meeting, that is fine to sign.

Gary said I spoke to Mike Haffner and told him we wouldn't be doing that, if we need to call a special meeting we will, but why we have to, we will figure that one out too. It is never that fast.

Dave said I was doing a little research today and it seems like it might have come down in October or November of last year.

Laura said I remember seeing the notification that the Community Crossing grant was available but as far as the steps he has to take, I couldn't really tell you.

Dave said this is the third strike on this.

Tom made a motion to commit \$281,000.00 from wheel tax as the county match for the Community Crossings grant. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Health Department – Temporary Nurse

Gary said we will have the first reading of Ordinance 2021-02

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-02
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2020-15
AMENDING RANDOLPH COUNTY'S HEALTH FUND BUDGET

WHEREAS: There has been a change in the 2021 Salary Ordinance with regard to the Randolph County's Health Fund Budget and it is necessary to amend the 2021 Salary Ordinance and to add the following pay in the Salary Ordinance effective beginning February 12, 2021 pay as follows:

HEALTH FUND

TEMPORARY PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

\$25.00 PER HOUR

IT IS THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF RANDOLPH COUNTY INDIANA THAT:

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 2020-15, 2021 Salary Ordinance pertaining to Randolph County's HEALTH FUND BUDGET shall be amended to read as follows:

HEALTH FUND

TEMPORARY PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

\$25.00 PER HOUR

Max made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2021-02 as read. Dave seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said the other part of this business is to get some funds into that account. How long is it going to last, we don't know. We have to keep the vaccination going no matter what.

Dave said 90 days sounds good.

Gary said that would be about \$12,000.00.

Max made a motion to move \$12,000.00 out of county general to the Health department to pay the temporary nurse. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Dave Lenkensdofer

Dave said I have another quick question on Community Crossing. Doesn't he have to have a signed document to take with him tomorrow.

Laura said yes, but he has not given me that letter.

Gary said I think you need a signed document when you don't have recorded minutes.

Laura said Jessica said if she didn't have the signed document, she had to have the approved minutes and those won't be done anytime soon. I can skip over and do them but they won't be approved by the Council.

Gary said the Commissioner's passed this, two weeks ago and then the deadline was two weeks later. I don't know all the details on why we are here on the 11th hour.

Max said why isn't he here tonight?

Meeks said I think you ask him to be at your meeting on Tuesday.

Angela said we do have another Community Crossings grant, I don't have any appropriations from the highway but it is \$284,000.00 that is supposed to come out of 1173. I don't have anything saying to don't spend this.

Gary said I am sure we will discuss this on Tuesday.

Adjournment

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

Reviewed and accepted this 2 day of March, 2021.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COUNCIL

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R. Mark Helder

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ATTESTED: *Laura J Martin*
Laura J Martin, Auditor