### Randolph County Council

October 6, 2020

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, Rick Brown, Tom Kerns, Max Holaday, David Lenkensdofer and Missy Williams. Also present was County Auditor Laura J Martin and County Attorney Meeks Cockerill.

Council President Gary Friend presided.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

### Public Hearing-tax rate changes

Gary said we are going to open a public hearing to consider ordinances for tax rate changes.

Meeks said this is a public hearing. Anyone can come up and speak.

Gary said who would like to come up and first discuss the changes to the Ordinance that are being considered by the Randolph County Council today? If you would like to come up, please list your name and address on the paper that is on the table and then feel free to address the Council.

Dave said Gary should you talk about the proposal.

Gary said the proposal at this point that is being considered by public hearing today is a shift of the .5% property tax relief credit to general LIT and the possibility of a .25% increase to LIT. LIT being the local income tax.

Dave said there are two different presentations?

Gary said two different presentation, two different ordinances to consider.

Roland Abrams asked should he speak now or wait until the meeting agenda.

Gary said you can speak both times, you can speak now in the public hearing.

Meeks said you are on the agenda so you can speak during the meeting too.

Roland said he would wait until the agenda then.

Gary said I will hold the public hearing open a minute or so longer and then we will close the

public hearing and move to our general council meeting.

Gary said last call for anybody who would like to come up during the public hearing to address the council. With now one coming at this time I will close the public hearing and we will now open the October County Council meeting.

## Roland Abrams, Randolph Central Superintendent - Regarding LIT changes

Roland said I appreciate this opportunity to speak concerning the LIT tax, clearly as your own estimates project there are a lot of taxing units involved and it clearly addresses the need for a lot of those taxing units. But in terms of the school corporations, it hits us pretty hard and three of us somewhat brutally. My own school corporation the impact of shifting that property tax relief .5% down to zero, the net effect of that is \$183,141.00. Like I told several of your when I called you this week. I can absorb additional circuit breaker losses. The average loss in circuit breaker increase since 2015 for Randolph Central \$43,100.00 annually. That's how much my circuit breaker continues to rise and I can adjust for that as time moves on but to take that on the \$43,000.00 again and another \$183,000 because that property tax relief payment is no longer there, that would be pretty brutal and I don't know that I can, that's going to send me back to the drawing board in a very big way. Obviously that money is going to have an impact on the counties other taxing units as well but for Randolph Central that is two school buses and just to keep my fleet where it is supposed to be in terms of the twelve-year cycle I have to buy two school buses every year. So, this has a very direct impact. I totally understand that the county has to solve their issues. I mean we have to live together, that is the reality of it. But, that kind of a loss instantaneously like that is pretty rough. I would beg you to consider something in between zero and \$183,00.00. Closer to zero I hope. That is the reality of how it is going to affect us. You probably have heard from some of my board members and like I said just the timing of it too, I built my budget already and in place. It looks like schools from what the Governor said schools are still getting the same money per ADM and all that but we are half the state's budget. What is going to happen when the state legislature reconvenes in January we will not go unscathed, we are going to get hit hard in the fall of 2021 and I don't think anybody wonders about that at all. It was mentioned to me that we are some of the largest employers in this county, these five superintendents sitting here. We just beg you to reconsider the approach. I realize that you have to solve your problems. Thank you for listening to me, I appreciate it.

Gary said I personally spoke with one or two of your school board members. I don't have any questions at this time.

### Donnie Bousman, Randolph Southern Superintendent - Regarding LIT changes

Donnie said I would just echo what Roland said, it doesn't affect us like it does him but we have more farm ground than we do homes. I think just from a united front, I think that we need to really when we have legislator's making laws, we need to stand up and take notice. It is affecting us and when you do this for a while and you see that it just keeps going up and you wonder why. My point today would be like Roland said, we all have a budget, we all count every one of those dollars. My biggest concern right now is what is going on at state level is affecting all of our counties and we are not paying attention. I am talking collectively, we are voting for folks and we are not testifying in those subcommittee hearings at the state house and I think that what we have to do. Because now we are faced with this and you guys are faced with

the same thing. If I could say anything about that, for us it may not be two buses but it's a water bill for the month or something so I've got to reallocate some funds somewhere else. But, like I said our circuit breaker losses continue to go up too. It isn't to the impact that some other schools in the county. If I can say anything and I would really ask because I've been to Indy it's a half a day for us to get out there. Sometimes that half a day is worth it, if we can go and testify in a subcommittee hearing. They listen, just like you guys have been contacted over the last couple of weeks, we need to contact those folks. Those laws are having an affect on us. That is really all I have to say today. I don't know if you have any questions for me?

Gary said I can tell you that I have been down to subcommittee meeting and I have testified and I have spoke to our legislator's and the impacts are not seen in our eyes when changes are made.

Donnie said it is frustrating, because these laws go unnoticed and then they have an impact because you guys are the budget side of it and you see what we see and it is frustrating because the average citizen doesn't really see. If the average citizen would see and go testify, I think they would listen because we are voting these folks in office. Like Roland said if you could definitely reconsider how you are doing it but thank you for listening today.

Missy said I just have a statement. I think there are more of us that probably communicate with our legislators than what people know. I do quite often, sometimes we agree and sometimes we do not but we have agreed to disagree and not get upset. I think everybody needs to know that you five do work together, I know that you guys meet, you do talk a lot and I personally really appreciate that. Your points are well taken and I did appreciate talking to several of you this past week to enlighten me a little more plus my fellow council members.

Rick said I would echo a little bit of what Missy said, a lot of times, I rarely get called and unfortunately, I rarely get called on a lot of issues. I should get more phone calls on different things but just you folks reaching out to me and talking to me shows the importance of it and we know how important it is. I just feel like if we had more citizens speaking out or talking to us, we could do more.

Donnie said I do want to reassure you that in the last two or three months, our five superintendents talk all the time, we meet regarding Covid, we meet with Special Education Coop, we meet to try to figure out how we can offer classes, we meet on how we can save funds for all of our schools collectively. Of course, there is a competitiveness, we played volleyball last night, we played Monroe Central, but we do work together.

Gary said if any other superintendent that is here would like to come up and speak, please feel free.

Meeks said Jason Semler is here from Baker Tilly.

Gary asked does anyone have any questions for Jason? Jason do you mind coming up in case we have questions. Okay discussion from the Council on these proposed ordinance changes. I can start of, I looked at it and talked to more than one person for sure. In the beginning I was the speaker of the shift of .5%, I will admit to everybody and then the reports come out and then it

settled in how hard this would be. So, I have reconsidered my position on it, I've looked at it and we also have situation we have to get done in Randolph County. The .5% property tax relief credit was installed a few years ago and .25% of it was mandatory at that time in order to enact emergency service. We went ahead and moved forward with .5% at that time, we had the opportunity to go up a full 1%. If in hind site I think it would have been better to have matched .25% and moved the other .25% to general LIT tax which we did not. Since that time has happened this also affects property tax credits to taxpayers. All taxpayers get the credit but if they have circuit breaker credit they don't get it until the circuit breaker is paid off so to speak and then the get the rest of the credit. So, all the citizens are impacted to a point. After that senate bill 1000 was passed, I am not saying it was wrong and that began to enact itself over four years which started driving circuit breaker's hard, which put us in a bind. Agricultural being 40% of our economy, I'm not saying that was the wrong thing to do. Our growth quotient just to our employees, we get the max tax levy and we haven't passed that on to our employees, our employees are part of our growth quotient. I believe that the impact of shifting .25% from PTRC instead of .5% shifted over would lower the impact to the schools by more than 50% because all five schools put together would have \$349,000.00 give or take if .5% is moved. If .25% is shifted that impact would be \$138,176.00 and each school would save more than 50% of the projected loss. For me, I think the council should consider moving .25% and adding .25%. The state has given us room to work, they know the things were doing, when they make changes it saves money and makes them a better life and then say by the way Randolph County your allowed to raise your income tax another whole percent. That is difficult to tell people that the state moving it one way but you guys can overcome it but you raise the tax. The \$138,176.00 might be off a penny or two, if the Randolph County Council can redefine with the Commissioner's to at least make the schools whole next year on that particular amount of money because their budget is set and so is ours. We know how to do that, I've contacted our attorney, he has some method and manners, one is through EDIT, one is through the windfarm funds that we have and I believe Meeks that rainy day could be used if we found a way to put it back in there. That is just the discussion right now.

Meeks said I would think EDIT or windfarm.

Gary said how the Council could possible do that is the Commissioner's have agreed to help out insurance billing with EDIT funding, if we were to say to the Commissioner's and they were to be agreeable. What if with this new revenue we have we didn't need that \$200,000.00 from EDIT and then they would pickup that loss for the schools for next years budget year. We can move forward from there to see where we are going. That would still leave Randolph County collecting new revenues, probably slightly more than \$900,000.00. That is my proposal for the Council to consider. That would also require another public hearing in ten days on that and we could pass the .25% ordinance and if anybody didn't agree with it and we have to have three consecutive meetings there after we would have to get them scheduled.

Missy said are there any other choices even on more than the .50%. Where in our budget, do we look over our budget again, we cut \$1.2 million in a two-day workshop. Do we look tighter in that budget and see what other cuts we can make? What is your professional opinion by looking over our financial?

Jason Semler said I haven't looked at your budget since you made those cuts of \$1.2 million and that probably wasn't easy to do looking at your budget from the last couple of years because you have made cuts consistently from year to year. I think a combination of cutting which you have done and increasing revenues to get you where you need to be and want to be. I would say and this is for the schools and the county too, my guess is that your circuit breaker is, and I can't remember what you budgeted as the assumed circuit breaker credits would increase but try and be conservative, we won't know what your circuit breaker losses are until next spring. I know for the county the growth wasn't very large, wasn't as large as your maximum levy so, I would definitely anticipate larger circuit breaker losses next year for all the units.

Missy said I hesitate to want to live on that windfarm money because it is not going to be here forever and I would personally hope that we would save some of that for future generations.

Jason said the other think that I would add, again this is for all the units, your 2021 income tax estimates are out and Randolph County did see a healthy increase this year. But, I would not count on that for 2022. I would anticipate that 2022 would be less than what you received this year. Because that is when you will see the hit from the unemployment that has occurred this year. You need to think about your 2021 budget but also 2022, I would definitely think a couple years ahead as your thinking about making your decision now, this is going to impact your balances for 2022 and years to come and whether you are required to use rainy day or your wind farm as well. Even though your numbers look good for 2021, I would anticipate them going down for 2022.

Missy said we don't know what Covid is going to bring, we don't know what it is going to bring in November which was their target date, we don't know what it is going to bring in the spring. Schools don't know what it is going to bring as far students and parents deciding not to return in January for the second semester, home schooling or whatever, that all adds into that and the unknown for them. I guess I really thing schools are important to our communities, when we talk to people who come in, who want to relocate here, the first thing they ask is how are your schools. You want to be able to brag and tell them about all the programs you have and the teachers that you have but we struggle now to hire good mathematics, science and applied specialty teachers and if they don't have the funding to do that, it really affects our future. We want to keep them here, we have to educate them to know that there is a job here for them and we can get them ready to go into the work force. The schools are working on it very hard and I appreciate that. So, eve that 50% concerns me and maybe it is not doable, I don't know, I am just questioning.

Gary said one thing, we should all know and the public should know that Randolph County passed a budget that is not sustainable because we had \$470,000.00 coming in in solar farm permitting fees. Our budget can't last next year as it is without revenue.

Tom said that was going to be my point to begin with. I am thinking along the same line as you are. We did pass an unsustainable budget and also with the employee's wages, we have ignored or pushed them back for ten years and I know the schools have done a pretty good job of taking care of their employee's and we have not taken care of ours for the most part for cost of living increases, even at the minimum. I think we have to do something now, I'm not in favor of

pushing it off a year but I would not oppose potentially adding a half of percent and not doing the transfer. We have a budget that is not sustainable, that is our biggest thing and we have to have a sustainable budget. That is the only reason I was in favor of passing what we did with our budget because we talked about doing something along this line. Going into 2022 we are in a spot of doing away with quite a few employees or we have to bring in extra income. I am open to both ways, I really am.

Dave said what we're talking about is the 2022 budget really today, 2021 is covered. What I am wondering if we do pass an increase, when does that draw start taking affect. Is it January 1, 2022 or is it a monthly draw?

Jason said if you pass by the end of this month, October 31st then the change will become affective and be received January 2021.

Dave said so, you would see a draw in January then?

Jason said yes.

Dave said under the other spectrum on this, I definitely am not in favor of the PTRC monies being used for our budget. One thing that I think we all agreed is that we didn't want to hurt the schools any way shape or form. That is not our goal. We talked about guaranteed monies maybe from EDIT or windfarms, is that correct Meeks?

Meeks said that is what Gary suggested.

Gary said as far as making them whole.

Dave said to supplement that to the schools, is that correct? Covering losses that may occur.

Gary said that is what I was proposing to do for next year. So, their budgets won't be affected next year.

Dave said one other thing that has been brought to light this past week is Covid funding. As a county we are allowed to cash it out. Angela do you know how much? Last I heard it was around \$300,000.00 that we have already spent. I think we are allowed \$810,000.00. The AIC is highly recommending that difference to be put in for 2022. I think that would cover our payroll going forward if the County Commissioner's so choose to do it. It is a Commissioner function and I would highly recommend that they look at that to see if they could use those monies for this shortfall that we are going to experience. If not, we are going to have to do something a little different. That is all I have.

Max said we also have a fleet that we have to maintain and we have deferred purchase of ambulances, sheriff's vehicles for some time. Some where along the line if we keep deferring, we are going to find our selves in a position where we need more than we can ever afford. Like you said every year you need to do something in order to keep your fleet going. We have an obligation in my mind to support all the residents of Randolph County. Tax is never a good

word that anybody likes. Personally, I would not want to use Property tax relief credit to fund our budget. I think we need to look at the other avenues. Yes, we could defer to another year but why put off the inevitable. I say we have an obligation to do what is right for our county.

Rick said when I first ran for Council a few years ago, one of my main things was no tax increase. I was for the shift at the beginning then coming to our attention that is does affect the schools. I would be more open to, there comes a point in time when your up against it and you may have to do something that you said you weren't going to. There may come a point in time that I may have to vote for some kind of tax increase. It is not something I want to do. I was for the shift at first but I may have to be adjustable on this. I want to gather some more information before making a final decision, hear more discussion and it may happen today or it may be another meeting, I don't know.

### Jason Semler and Caitlin Cheek, Baker Tilly LIT changes Ordinance 2020-12 Modifying LIT

Gary said now to the two ordinances. We have the first one that is drafted with a .5% PTRC shift. Is there anybody from the council that wants to make a motion to have the first reading of the adoption of this ordinance by title only. This one here is the adoption of the .25%.

Laura said there is one that is the shift of .5% and adding .25%. Then there is one that is just adding .25%.

Gary said we have ordinance 2020-12. They both say 2020-12.

Laura said because which ever on you decide do adopt, depending on what you choose to do.

Gary said The County Council of Randolph County now modify Local Income Tax Rate imposed in the following way. This ordinance is being considered at this time. The existing is LIT rate 1% Certified shares proposed at 1.75%. Public Safety at .25%, that does not change, economic development .25%, that does not change, property tax relief rate of .5% would be eliminated to zero and special purpose rate .25% does not change. Randolph Counties total tax rate the proposed is 2.5%, the current existing is 2.25%. After all the discussion does anyone want to make a motion by title only on this proposed Ordinance 2020-12. There is no movement of the council to consider this ordinance. We have another ordinance that will now be labeled 2020-12. This one considers Certified shares from 1% increased to 1.25%, Public Safety .25% no change, Economic Development .25%, no change, Property Tax Relief .50%, no change, Special Purpose .25%, no change and total existing tax rate for Randolph County is 2.25% this would increase the LIT rate for Randolph County to 2.5%. Is there any consideration of the Council on this ordinance?

Max said I thought I seen an analysis on that as to the impact of the various units.

Gary said on the 2.25%?

Max said the 2.5% total tax rate.

Gary said there would be no loss impact anywhere on any of the taxing units. It would be an increase basically for Randolph County approximately \$550,000.00 increase in revenue, in that range.

Dave said Jason you didn't run a scenario based on that did you?

Jason said I don't think I did. I it would be basically 1/4 of what I was showing.

Max said the tax rate you are talking about that would change, is the EDIT tax rate?

Gary said LIT, proposed LIT. We have 1% now.

Max said okay, certified shares.

Jason said all the units that receive certified shares now, would see a .25% increase. The counties portion would be a round \$550,000.00.

Gary said there would be no loss to anybody in Randolph County, it would be a strict increase.

Max said the question I have is, does that fund us for a reasonable period of time?

Gary said from my opinion it would get us through next year but we would be sitting back here in October going probably .25% again. We probably need a full .5% to get over this hump. If we do that now, we will have to set another special meeting to do it and have another public hearing.

Tom said another thing we have to look at is not only are we affecting our budget, we are affecting everybody else's budget. I know Union City and Winchester have both looked at emergency service cuts to their budget with where they are at because their budget is getting hit hard. That is one of the reasons I am definitely in favor of adding a minimum of .25% now, knowing that we have to do it again next year. I still don't think we have a choice, I think we have to do this to keep basic services in Randolph County. And to keep basic cost of living for the Randolph County employees and Union City and all the other taxing units that are affected.

Gary said and we are one full percent under what the state allows us to do. So, we are running pretty conservative anyway. Like I said that often times when they change it is going to cause us to have to react too. It is at the will of the Council, we can do a .25% on this particular ordinance by itself today and then look at it again next year and see what it does to our budget. Knowing we could be sitting here in October doing it again. Most likely we should be doing it in August or September if we think we need to do it as we get into our next year's budget hearings.

Rick said if we are looking at the .25%, I just want to get a couple things right in my mind. Does that affect the schools?

Gary said it does not affect them what so ever. They remain whole, where they are right now.

Tom said they also do not receive any additional income.

Gary said no, the only way they get any additional income is through property tax relief credits. This is just certified shares that goes to taxing units on income tax.

Rick said what about .5%?

Gary said if we raised it .5% then Randolph County would receive around \$1.1 million in new monies and cities and towns, libraries and things of that nature would appropriately in their range would get increases. And there would be no affect on schools. Does anyone else have any questions on Ordinance 2020-12? Is there any desire to pass Ordinance 2020-12 on the first reading?

Tom said I will make a motion to pass Ordinance 2020-12 on the first reading by title only. Missy seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said in order to continue with this business today, we have enough members today to suspend the rules. Is there anyone who would like to suspend the rules and continue.

Max made a motion to suspend the rules and the second and third reading by title only and adopt the same day. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Max made a motion that the Council adopt Ordinance 202-12 modifying the certified shares up by .25% to 1.25%. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

# ORDINANCE #\_2020-12 ORDINANCE MODIFYING LOCAL INCOME TAX RATES RANDOLPH COUNTY

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Randolph County, Indiana that a need now exists to modify the local income tax rates imposed in the following way:

Allocation Rate Category	Existing LIT Rate	Duana I Y Ym Y
Certified Shares (IC 6-3.6-6)		Transit March
Public Safety (IC 6-3.6-6)	1.0000%	1.2500%
Economic Development (IC 6-3.6-6)	0.2500%	0.2500%
Proporty T. P. U. C. T. (C. 6-3.6-6)	0.2500%	0.2500%
Property Tax Relief Rate (IC 6-3.6-5)	0.5000%	0.5000%
Special Purpose Rate <sup>2</sup> (IC 6-3.6-7-8.7) Correctional or	0.2500%	0.2500%
Rehabilitation Facilities <sup>3</sup> (IC 6-3.6-6-2.7)	0.0000%	0.000%
Tot	al: 2.2500%	2.5000%

<sup>•</sup> The adoption of the proposed increase of the 2500% Income Tax Rate will increase the total local income tax rate for Randolph County.

The local income tax rates proposed above will become effective on January 1, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a public hearing was held on the proposed local income tax rate modifications on 10/6/2020. Proper notice of the public hearing was provided pursuant to IC 5-3-1.

### Jane Grove - Ordinance 2020-11 & Sworn Statement

Jane said I am here to do our annual ordinance that says that I will pay operating expenses out of the Recorder's perpetuation.

Gary said is this the same thing that we passed last year?

Jane said yes, we have to do it yearly in case I would have to do a project and I wouldn't have enough. My sworn statement says there is enough to pay operating expenses and keep up with technology.

Gary said does anyone have any questions for Jane on Ordinance 2020-11?

Rick made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-11 on the first reading by title only. Missy seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Max made a motion to suspend the rules have second and third reading by title only and adopt the same day. Rick seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Dave made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-11. Max seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

#### **ORDINANCE NUMBER 2020-11**

ORDINANCE APPROVING REQUEST OF RANDOLPH COUNTY RECORDER
TO USE MONIES FROM THE RECORDER'S RECORDS PERPETUATION FUND TO PAY
FOR OPERATING EXPENSES, AND PART TIME CLERICAL SALARY
FOR THE 2021 CALENDAR YEAR

Whereas, pursuant to Indiana Code 36-2-7-10.2(b) Jane A Grove, in her capacity as Randolph County Recorder, presented her sworn statement to the Randolph County Council requesting to pay operating expenses and additional part time position, from the Recorder's Records Perpetuation Fund, for the calendar year 2021; and

Whereas, a copy of the Recorder's sworn statement is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

Whereas, pursuant to Indiana Code 36-2-7-10.2(c), upon receiving the Recorder's sworn statement, the County Council may adopt an ordinance approving the Recorder's request; and

Whereas, the Randolph County Council found that the said affidavit complies with the statutory requirements of IC 36-2-7-10.2 and no reason exists for the request set forth in said affidavit to be denied.

### NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

The Randolph County Council approves the request of Jane A Grove, in her capacity as Randolph County Recorder, to pay the operating expenses of the Randolph County Recorder's Office for the calendar year 2021, in addition to part-time position pay in the amount of \$15,000, from the Recorder's Record Perpetuation Fund.

Gary said do you have anything else.

Jane said just a little update, we have been very busy and for 6-months we have done 400 more documents than we did last year and a little over \$8,000.00 more in revenue. The real estate market is really hopping. Our office has been busy and we have done what we can to try and keep people safe, wiping computer's after each person, because we have people from everywhere. Four from Texas, its been a challenge. We have recorded every day, we rotated staff during the days when we were closed, but we have recorded and been open every day.

### Mike Haffner – Purchase of Emulsion tank

Mike said the emulsion tank for the new highway facility, I would like to trade our old emulsion tank and purchase a new one. I have a quote for trading that tank for \$39,550.00. We are going to use this year's budget, half of it from 1176 equipment purchase, the other half would be 1173 equipment purchase and we have the cash in the line to do so. We have some expense pouring the concrete pad, running the electric and getting a crane to off load it and set it, that would be an additional \$13,000.00. Total you are looking at \$52,550.00 on the whole project.

Gary said that would be a 50/50 split out of your two funds.

Mike said that would be a 50/50 split which would help our state match.

Gary said the bond doesn't have enough to take this in?

Mike said from my understanding, I was told yesterday that it didn't have.

Angela said the bond will not be able to pick this up.

Gary said has the bond picked up the rest of your soft costs?

Mike said yes.

Missy said on that crane to move that, is there anyway we could talk to APEX ag to see if they could do something like that at a much-reduced cost.

Mike said we have approached Cobalt Civil because they want to use a local crane because it would be a lot cheaper.

Missy said that is my question, is this local?

Mike said the concrete the low bid is Tim Johnson out of Jay County and the crane was estimated around \$3,000.00, if he can do it cheaper, the same way with the electricity, it was estimated around \$3,000.00. They \$39,550.00 is an actual quote from Equipment Marketing. Everything else is, the \$3000.00 was estimated on the high side as not to exceed and if it doesn't cost as much then it won't be as much.

Missy said we didn't have anybody local bid to bring the crane in and set that up.

Mike said the crane is Cobalt Civil. They are the ones that off load and stood the old one. Perfectly willing to see if there are any other cranes in the area and have them quote it. These were just estimating for budgeting. I don't know if Culy would have a crane.

Gary said that would be between you and the Commissioner's, it's a good thought and I appreciate the thought but up to you and the Commissioner's to decide.

Mike said it would be better to try and get local it would be a lot cheaper.

Tom said did we just receive one quote on the actual tank itself?

Mike said the electric is just from what was put out at the highway building now. The conduit and all that is already ran.

Tom said the tank itself, the equipment? The price for the tank itself. Does that just come from one vendor?

Mike said yes, Equipment Marketing, they're the only one in this area that have tanks.

Gary said what was the trade in value?

Mike said \$15,000.00.

Tom said I was thinking Road Builders in Union City do this type of thing.

Mike said for the emulsion tanks?

Tom said yes, they do most of the larger ones for the asphalt industry. But yes, they do emulsion tanks.

Mike said send me their contact, I would be more than happy to reach out and talk to them.

Missy said can you do a bid sheet to hand out to several people and they come back and tell you what their price would be?

Mike said depending on the dollar amount. This is under \$50,000.00.

Gary said what is the bid requirements Meeks?

Meeks said \$50,000.00.

Gary said \$50,000.00 per item?

Meeks said after \$150,000.00 you need an architectural design.

Max said what I haven't heard yet, what is wrong with the emulsion tank that we have?

Mike said there is nothing wrong with it, we are still using it. Equipment Marketing, the tanks several years old and if you were to lay that down and transport it and re-erect it, they are saying the heating elements and blankets would need to be changed, some of the electronics would need to be and basically when we did that you were within \$17,000.00 of a brand new one and then you'd have a crane to take it down. So, you would have more money in that, where if you trade it all we need is the crane to install the new one, not to remove the old one. The age of it and having to rebuild it so to speak kind of offsets it wasn't worth spending that much money on an old unit.

Gary said was there input from the Commissioners on that.

Mike said they approved it.

Gary asked Tom Chalfant what his thoughts were.

Tom said we approved it, we thought to have it at the new facility would be better than trying to work out of the old facility, we are trying to clean that up.

Max said aren't we ultimately going to have to move that anyway?

Tom said yes, the old one needs to come down eventually. Like Mike said time we redo the old one we're almost paying money for used one that we could get the new one for.

Gary said this is an equipment purchase out of a line that was already approved by council?

Mike said yes.

Gary said so, it is in the Commissioner's hands, this is just informative, we don't need to approve it.

Mike said here is why I'm bringing it to you. We had the 40% reduction, I said I would freeze that line and now that the money from the state has been coming in, so now we know we have the money. This was a line that we said until we got over the end of the year we wouldn't purchase anything. So, that is why I'm bringing it to you guys.

Gary asked is there any action needed by the Council Meeks?

Meeks said I don't think so.

Mike said the only other thing that we are discussing for next year's budget, again it was introduced to the Commissioner's, they will honor our annual bid both on the purchase of a dump truck and a bed on our annual bid, so if we order more trucks before December 31<sup>st</sup> it is already locked in on the 2020 bid. If I decide to order two more trucks yet this year, they wouldn't come in until next year, we would pay for it out of next year's funds but that price would be locked in. They have not committed themselves for next years pricing, how much percent it is going to go up, both have hinted customary you are looking at maybe a 3% increase but with the Covid, it is the timing. Nothing is being built, everything is delayed. So, they highly recommend that you get your orders in early, so you might get them the following year. We are looking at since we did have a pretty good budget cut from MVH and also help 50/50, only purchasing one through MVH and one through wheels tax. This year we only bought one. If we get in the habit of doing one, we will be back to where we were. I am not saying we need two every year but if our funds can't afford it and again the Commissioner's did not approve this, it was just a discussion. I don't know if I need anything because it is built into our budget next year. To be able to do so.

Gary said not wheel tax though. Wheel tax hasn't been approved. Gary said your equipment lines have been approved for next year by Council for this year but wheel tax has not. Wheel tax has \$381,000.00 in it right now, but it will take Council action to approve an expenditure out of wheel tax.

Mike said I just thought when we approved the budget, it carried over.

Gary said on your equipment line, this is not an equipment line this is a separate entity.

Mike said we are just looking at that.

Gary said the Commissioner's haven't voted on that yet?

Mike said no.

Gary said anything else.

Mike said would you guys be in support of buying one through wheels tax? If the Commissioner's decided to go that route.

Missy said to me it depends on the need of it. What is the age of the fleet and how many miles do they have on them and do we need a new truck?

Mike said I am getting ready to send that out, usually once a year we send a fleet report. Basically, the trucks it would be replacing is 1998 and 2000's. Your looking by next year that you are going to be 21 to 23-year-old trucks that you will be replacing. We would love to be in that 15-year cycle but we find it hard to keep in a 25-year cycle.

Missy said you haven't been able to hire new employees?

Mike said I have hired two new employee's that still leaves us short two. We had one start this week, we will have another one start next week. After that we are hoping to get more applicants. I am hoping through the school next spring be able to utilize our truck driver trainee position and maybe go that route, if we can't find CDL drivers. I am not sure why we are not getting any applicants. I have actually phone interviewed five and talked to two and they just didn't fit what we needed.

Dave said we will just have to look for next year, depending on funding over all, we may not be able to buy a new truck next year. We will just have to take a look and I know I was as big, when I was Commissioner on buying two per year but that's when times were really good and you could afford to do that.

Max said totally off the subject, 1200 W and all the traffic for the new wind farm. The gravel on both sided of the road is down to a place where it is very dangerous. Because the road is narrow and a lot of equipment that is going through there, you are constantly pulling off and it needs to have some grave put there if you can.

Mike said right now Keywit is supposed to be taking care of that. I will pass that along.

Max said it is primarily between US 35 and 700 S. That two-mile stretch is pretty bad.

Gary said I would be in favor pending the Commissioner's approval of buying a truck out of that particular line for wheel tax when we get to that. To answer your question, if we decide we need to buy a truck out of wheel tax then yes, I would.

### <u>Debi Wymer - Request for Grant Application</u>

Gary said I have communicated with Debi on this request, this is a formality for a grant application. I told her to proceed under the authority of the Commissioner's because we were not going to meet in time for her to meet her deadline to get it done. This is a request for grant application for the Health Department for the local health maintenance fund and the local health department trust fund.

Max made a motion to approve both of the request for grant applications for the Health Department and allow the president of the Council to sign. Missy seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said do you want to give us an update on the Covid testing site?

Debi said we are in the little white house in front of the hospital for the Covid testing site. The hospital gave us a lease that the Commissioner's agreed to, it doesn't cost us anything and they agreed to 120 days termination notice, so we have time to find another site.

Gary said this is in leu of the veteran's office?

Debi said yes. We are going to because driving through, it is cold over there with both doors open, its like a wind tunnel through there, so we are going to make a few modifications, just put some partitions in the house so we can actually use the house part for testing unless there are handicapped individuals who can't walk into the house, then they can use the drive through.

Gary said would you know what Randolph County's percentage of positive tests are?

Debi said I don't. I know we have about 8 per day.

Gary said positive?

Debi said yes. Recently.

Missy said that is not just Randolph County, that could be anybody, they could be from other Counties.

Debi said that is true.

Gary said with all Counties coming in, is the funding strictly ours? Is it a free test?

Debi said yes.

Gary said are we reimbursed?

Debi said yes. It is actually a state grant.

Rick said you already received the funds.

Debi said we received \$50,000.000 of it, we have \$100,000.00 for the grant. The state supplied all the equipment supplies, PPE, test kits. All we have to do is pay our employees. They are contract employees. Our clinic nurse Diana, works over there often, Wendy and I are just the back up plan. Hopefully we don't have to go.

### <u>Laura Martin & Debbie Preston – Upgrade to LOW program</u>

Laura said we use LOW for our finances and our taxes and they have an update to the LOW program. Some of this has already been available and I know Jane looked at it when she was treasurer, I looked at its last year but expensive and we knew funding was short, so we didn't ask. Now if we pay for it in 2020, we can get this upgrade and it is Covid reimbursable. The cost of the program upgrade was originally \$25,000.00 but since we are a current customer, we get a \$15,000.00 discount, so its \$10,000.00 for the build, then there is maintenance. On the paper work I sent you the \$4,167.00 you can take away because that is for 2020 and we won't have it ready for 2020. The 2021 maintenance would be \$10,000.00 for the web site and \$3,000.00 for the program. This program will actually benefit the Auditors office, the Treasurer's office and the Assessor's office. Citizens can go on line and print their property cards, their form 11's, they can reprint their tax statements and pay their taxes on it, what would help my office is that they can apply for their tax exemption's on line so they would not have to

come in and searcher's can also search properties and tax liens owed on properties so they would not have to come in. That is why it is Covid reimbursable because it reduces foot traffic for all three of these offices. If we pay for all this in it would be \$23,000.00, the Commissioner's approved it to be paid out of Cum cap which means I need Council approval to pay for it out of Cum Cap and the money will be reimbursed. The only downfall is that the maintenance fees will be continual in future years. This would cover 2021 as long as we pay it in 2020 we can get reimbursed for that maintenance fee. Then in 2022 it would be on us.

Gary said this is being proposed as a Cum Cap expenditure?

Laura said yes.

Dave said I think it is great personally.

Dave mad a motion to approve this expenditure out of Cum Cap. Max seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said I read a report from Chris Shaneyfelt. Are we allowed to get reimbursement for all wages, all wages, not just wages that were, I read it to say all wages are reimbursable in emergency services and personal services?

Angela said that is correct, 911, Health Department, Sheriff.

Gary said is that just wages that you can attach to Covid?

Angela said it is from March the 5<sup>th</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>. It will take Paula hours.

Gary said I don't care, honestly if it takes a week, we need to do it. No disrespect but sometimes it just takes what it takes to get it.

Angela said that will be huge to the county.

Gary said we are going to make this happen.

Angela said yes.

Laura said our office is on board with it, we can get the information together.

Angela said we have \$800,000.00, we have already committed around \$300,000.00.

Gary said the Commissioner's are probably pushing to make sure this happens.

Angela said they have not mentioned that part of it. You have to realize, we have already committed \$230,000 some for the sheriff and we have to save enough to get that money back into general for salaries. I know a lot of people have projects they want to do with Covid, which is great.

Gary said other than County people? Is this strictly for Randolph County or is the County entities?

Angela said its for, like when Jay Randolph was asking, I don't mean to be disrespectful, that would take away from our \$800,000.00. So, we have to get at it now, first come first serve.

Gary said when can we expect this particular project to be submitted.

Laura said I did authorize her to work overtime to get this done. She did say it would take a while.

Dave said I think we have until December 31st.

Laura said yes, it has to be submitted by December 31st.

Bob McCoy said I read through that and its very confusing as to what they are saying. When I initially heard that, I thought we are just going to take our police payroll and get I am allowed \$150,000.00 and I have submitted \$10,000.00 so far. So, I figured we would just make up the difference with payroll but there are other lines within that document that kind of lead me to think that it has to be Covid related. It is very confusing; you guys have got clarity from Baker Tilly that we can just take our police payroll and submit it.

Gary said from Barns and Thornburg. That is the way I understand it.

Angela said it is a little more complicated but yes.

Gary said until the money is gone.

Dave said I set in on a zoom meeting last week and its exactly, it is a little more detailed work to get to it, but they are highly recommending, especially from AIC to put that in for 2022 budget salaries because that is your 18-month lag time of when you are going to see a decrease of your income coming in because of the unemployment. It is a good program and it is ready to go.

Gary said I realize the Council can't tell anybody to do anything but it is strongly urged to get this done and get some money in here. Before somebody else takes it all.

Dave said I'm sure they will, and we are allocated \$810,000.00.

Gary said Randolph County alone? The \$800,000 is not shared with every unit?

Dave said no.

Gary said so, Winchester's allocation stands alone, on its own?

Dave said yes.

Bob said yes, we have \$153,000.00 allocation.

Gary said I understand now, I thought Randolph County had a pool of money and when it is gone it is gone. When I said I don't care, the Council has no authority over who does what and how long.

### **Other Business:**

### Report from Commissioners - Tom Chalfant

Tom said I don't have much, other than just answer question other than one item, I guess I'd like to request our permission to resurrect a line that in the budget we eliminated the farm maintenance line out of necessity. This year we didn't do any projects but we are going to use this line to remove the fuel tanks at the old highway garage. I would ask permission, we were fortunate to have that facility leased at the appraised value, so anyway I would like to put the money from the lease payments back in a replenish that line, so we can do things like that. I was hoping that you would allow us to put that monthly lease payment into that fund.

Gary said I don't have a problem with that.

Dave asked how much is that monthly lease?

Tom said it is \$1,710.00 per month for the first year and then it goes up to \$1,900.00 per month. Hopefully be good for a couple of years and then we will talk about the future of that facility.

Max made a motion to put the lease payment from the old highway facility into the Commissioner's farm maintenance line. Missy seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Tom said I will answer any questions you might have.

### Minutes of August 4, 2020

Max made a motion to accept the minutes from August 4, 2020 as presented. Dave seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

### Winchester Community Library Fiscal Body

### Ridgeville Public Library Fiscal Body

Gary said Ridgeville Public Library fiscal Body. Anybody here from Ridgeville? Laura said this is, and I only got it from Winchester, which you skipped by the way, Winchester and Ridgeville. It is something new they have to do. Basically, the IC code says they have to send this form in.

Gary asked does Winchester Library have anyone here?

Laura said they need these forms signed.

Gary said do you know anything about these Meeks?

Meeks said no, I don't.

Laura said it is something new and it is basically saying that you are the fiscal body of the Libraries.

Gary said why?

Laura said it's a new IC code, they said they have to do it now.

Dave said what about the rest of the libraries in the county?

Laura said these are the only two I have received and they were actually due back to the state October 1<sup>st</sup>. Winchester called the state and they told her as long as she got it signed and back to them by the end of this month they would take it.

Gary said I just want to understand what I am signing.

Laura said it says whereas the library typically submits the Library annual budget for non-binding review, by a separate fiscal body pursuant to provision and then it gives the IC code. Whereas under certain condition designed in the library budge is subject to binding review and adoption by a separate fiscal body therefore this report identifies the fiscal body that would do their binding budget adoption in an event such binding adoption is required under the provisions of IC then it gives the code.

Gary said under the code it requires the library to submit its budget to a separate fiscal body for binding adoption that is responsible for that binding adoption is a. the Randolph County Council. My own reserve is we went through this when Ridgeville had a conflict of interest and we almost got our budget throwed back a year because something was wrong.

Dave said I have a question for Meeks. Are we fiscally responsible Meeks according to that?

Meeks said I have no idea.

Dave said to me it reads as if we are fiscally responsible?

Gary said especially on their growth quotient when they become binding it is ours.

Dave said I guess I need to know that.

Gary said I do too.

Laura said all I know is that they said they had to have to have it and it says on it that it is due October 1<sup>st</sup>. Ridgeville never called me about it, they just sent it to me.

Angela said I e-mailed the state for Ridgeville.

Gary said I am sensitive to it because of Ridgeville's issue about destroyed our budget. We become binding because they had one or two people on the fire department that was on town council and it became

a mess all because we signed as a binder. We are going to move on, we will come back to that.

### Resolution 2020-09 - Appropriations & Tax rates

Gary said Resolution 2020-1-09 is the resigning of the budget.

Laura said since you didn't approve the school payments when we did the initial hearings.

Gary said so this is budget 2020-09. It is the same thing we passed except it allows the payments to the schools.

#### ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES Otate Form \$5865 (7-16) Approved by the Otate Board of Accounts, 2018 Prescribed by the Department of Local Government Produce Budget Sorm No. 4 Generaled 1/15/2021 1/12/14 PM Ordinance / Resolution Number: 2020-09 Be it ordaned/resolved by the Randolph County Council that for the expenses of RANDOLPH COUNTY for the year ending December 31, 2021 the sums herein specified are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year, unless otherwise expressly supulated and provided for by law. In addition, for the purposes of raising revenue to meet the necessary expenses of RANDOLPH COUNTY, the property tax levies and property tax rates as herein specified are included herein. Budget Form 4-B for all funds must be completed and submitted in the manner prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance. This ordinance resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Randolph County Council. Name of Adopting Entity / Fiscal Body Type of Adopting Entity / Fiscal Body Date of Adoption Rancolph County Council County Council 10/05/2020 Funds Fund Fund Name Adopted Adopted Tax Adopted Tax Rate Levy Code Budget 0101 GENERAL \$9,763,384 \$5,654,975 0.5326 0124 2015 REASSESSMENT \$139,321 \$182,754 0.0172 0181 DEBT PAYMENT \$86,400 \$86,400 0.0081 0254 LOCAL INCOME TAX \$556,436 \$0 0.0000 0283 LEASE RENTAL PAYMENT \$202,000 0.0000 50 0580 COURT HOUSE LEASE RENTAL \$145,000 \$143,400 0.0135 CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU 0616 \$50,000 50 0.0000 0702 HIGHWAY \$3,279,568 SO 0.0000 0706 LOCAL ROAD & STREET \$384,000 SO 0.0000 0790 CUMULATIVE BRIDGE 50 \$371,630 0.0350 0801 HEALTH \$232,602 \$269,326 0.0254 1156 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM 5461,693 0.0000 2391 CUMULATIVE CAPITAL \$561,787 \$353,580 0.0333 DEVELOPMENT 2411 ECONOMIC DEV INCOME TAX CEDIT \$497,754 0.0000 \$16,359,945 \$7,062,067 0.6651

Max made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-09. Dave seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

### Ordinance 2020-13 Non-Reverting Sheriff's Office Supply Fund

Gary said Ordinance 2020-13 Non-Reverting Sheriff's office supply fund. Sheriff why is that?

Art said there is currently nothing in the Ordinance that would allow me to be reimbursed for a thumb drive that I get for video. A video will not fit on a disc. So, when I go to pay for that I am paying more for the device to send it then they are paying to receive it. The fees are the same, other than they have to reimburse us if it takes a large storage device.

Gary said this is just broadening it.

Art said this allows us to now lose money, when I deploy a request.

Gary asked does anyone have any other questions for the sheriff on this.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-13

An Ordinance Creating a Non-Reverting Sheriff's Office Supply Fund

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Council finds that funds are being collected by the Sheriff's department for service of notices to quit; copies of photographs of accidents; and copies of Sheriff Incident reports.

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Council determines that funds collected by the Sheriff's department for services of notices to quit; copies of photographs of accidents; and copies of Sheriff Incident reports should be used by the Randolph County Sheriff's Department for the purchase of office supplies.

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Council desires to establish the non-reverting Sheriff's Office Supply Fund.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDAINED by the Randolph County Council that the Randolph County Council hereby establishes the non-reverting Sheriff's Office Supply Fund, to be used by the Sheriff of Randolph County for the purchase of office supplies and materials used by the Randolph County Sheriff's Department. The funds in the non-reverting Sheriff's Office Supply Fund shall not revert to any other fund for any other use or purpose.

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED by the Randolph County Council that funds collected by the Sheriff's department for service of notices to quit; copies of photographs of accidents; and copies of Sheriff incident reports shall be deposited into the non-reverting Sheriff's Office Supply Fund.

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED by the Randolph County Council that the Sheriff's department shall charge a fee of \$10.00 for notices to quit; \$5.00 for photographs of accidents (on a compact disk); and \$5.00 for copies of Sheriff Incident reports. If a person or entity desires

the documents in electronic form the cost of the storage unit shall be added to the above costs unless the person or entity provides the storage unit.

Max made a motion to pass the first reading of Ordinance 2020-13 by title only. Rick seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Max made a motion to suspend the rules and have the second and third reading by title only and adopt the same date. Rick seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Max made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-13. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

### Comp time report

Gary said everyone should have a comp time report. Is there any discussion on it?

Dave said I noticed Community Corrections had about 22 hours overtime. Are they in a position to do that?

Gary said I don't think it will cost the County anything, other than there is not going to be anyone over there, when its time to take it.

Dave said I just wondered with the critical time they are going through.

Gary said I don't know, I cannot answer that. Do the Commissioner's know anything about the Comp time for Community Corrections?

Tom Chalfant said yes, it is a concern, they have a board to answer to and they authorize it.

Bob said I don't think that board has met since, when is the last time the board met, do you know Laura?

Laura said they have actually been having quite a few meetings and I think they just had one.

Bob said I am on that board and I never received notice.

Tom said I have not seen a notice either.

Laura asked Art can you answer that?

Art said we have not met since we met for the layoffs.

Laura said you have a meeting scheduled for later this month, I know that because it was going to be here and I had to move it to the RCFFO building because we need this room for the Ertel bus.

#### **Additional Appropriations:**

Ridgeville Public Library

General Fund – Assistant Librarian

\$2,316.00

Gary said the additional appropriation for the Ridgeville Public Library, we need to approve the appropriation for the assistant librarian because it is above their growth quotient. Am I correct?

Angela said correct, they have the cash.

Max made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for the Ridgeville Library. Rick seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

LIT Special Purpose Communications Project \$725,000.00 Gary said this an additional appropriation out of LIT for the Communications project. LIT special purpose \$725,000.00. This has all been pre-approved at previous meetings.

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

Transfers:	From:	To:
Highway Department		
\$175,027.73	Road Equip	Bituminous Materials
\$27,000.00	Repair Truck/Tractor	Bituminous Materials
\$20,000.00	Bituminous Materials	Bituminous Materials
\$10,000.00	Concrete	Bituminous Materials
\$25,000.00	Bridge Repair	Bituminous Materials

Gary said are you building roads?

Mike Haffner said yes, we can use restricted funds for that, so we are pulling some of the items that we are not spending this year and putting it into our restricted to meet our 50/50.

Gary said you should always spend down restricted first to give you latitude of movement in the non-restricted.

Max made a motion to approve these transfers as presented. Dave seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Children's Advocate

\$200.00 Travel/Mileage Coordinator Fee

Gary said this is grant money, is it not?

Laura said yes.

Angela said there is extra cash left in the account.

Max made a motion to approve this transfer. Rick seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

### Citizen Comments (3-minute limit)

None

#### Dave Lenkensdofer- Medicare Stipend

Dave said I have a small report. I have been trying to figure out if Medicare supplementals are a program or not and I called down to Decatur County last week and talked to their assistant Christy and their insurance carrier is telling them that it is illegal and we got to talking quite at length and I think ours designated that. Her and I both know that there are a couple counties in Indiana that are doing this. Unfortunately, one of these days it is going to catch up to them. At this point in time, I think there cannot be any supplemental Medicare stipends if they want to choose to drop our insurance.

Laura said I will add that the Commissioner's took no action on that item yesterday.

Missy said are Cities different then Counties.

Dave said on some things they are, I don't know that in this case it is.

Meeks said I can't imagine it would be different.

Gary said the only thing I have is congratulations Dave on County Councilman of the year. Thirty years and three decades of work to get there and I appreciate it.

Dave said thank you, it was a surprise and an honor.

Meeks said I have these library forms, if you want to sign them.

Gary said I don't.

Meeks said are they solely within the City or is Winchester the City and Whiteriver.

Gary said I don't know.

Meeks said if it is in the City and not Whiteriver, then it would be the City Council.

Gary said they move out into everybody in the school system, if you're a student you can use them.

Meeks said what do they get taxed on, what is the taxing district.

Gary said I don't know.

Meeks said is Ridgeville, just Ridgeville?

Gary said it is all Franklin Township.

Meeks said pretty much you have the authority, if the majority of the people are not comprised of elected officials, elected official meaning elected to the Library board, not an elected official that

serves on the library board and a percentage increase to the proposed budget for the ensuing year is more than their growth quotient. Then it goes to binding review and then the binding review is either the County Council or if it is holey within a city, the City council. I don't want to say holey within the city.

Angela said the township pays for library taxes.

Meeks said then it is, it would be us. If more than 50% of parcels of real property within the library jurisdiction are located outside the city or town.

Gary said the best way to do it, is to table it until November.

Meeks said I say if you don't sign it today, they are going to go back to their old budget.

Bob McCoy said I always thought the libraries were non-binding and we basically just said yes, we saw your budget.

Gary said the only time we get binding on a library is when they have an appropriation or a budget that extends from one year to another beyond their growth quotient.

Meeks said so this is beyond their growth quotient or they would not be asking.

Laura said just like Ridgeville, they just ask for that additional appropriation and you had to approve it, so, you are their fiscal body.

Meeks said if the fiscal body which is you, fails to complete the requirement of subsection before the adoption deadline for any public library, subject to this section the most recent annual appropriations and annual tax levy of the city town or county which ever applies will continue for the ensuing budget year.

Gary said what does that do to our tax levy? We are not going to get taken back with them, are we?

Meeks said it doesn't say that. For any public library subject to this. Under e it says the fiscal body of the city, town or County shall review each budget and proposed tax levy adopt a final budget and tax levy for the public library. The fiscal body may reduce or modify but not increase the proposed budget or tax levy.

Max said I say no, then next year they will get it here on time.

Dave said I'm the same way.

Tom said I agree.

Missy said I agree.

Laura said table it or tell them you are not signing?

Gary said table it they need to come here. Table it and tell them to come in.

### Adjournment

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

RANDOLPH COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTESTED: Laura Mit

Laura J Martin Auditor