

Randolph County Council

May 5, 2020

The Randolph County Council met for its regular meeting at 9:00AM via zoom with the following members present: Council President Gary Friend, Rick Brown, Tom Kerns, Max Holaday, David Lenkendofer, Ted Martin and Missy Williams. Also present was County Auditor Laura J Martin, County Attorney Meeks Cockerill and County Sheriff Art Moystner.

Council President Gary Friend presided.

Pledge of Allegiance

Gary Friend led the pledge of Allegiance.

Mike Kennedy – Purchase Books

The Commissioners declined allowing him additional funds because in that particular budget for the veterans there is enough room for him to do a transfer of funds and we don't have to put any more money into it.

Diana Sutliff and Duane Petry –Ambulance Bid

Commissioner Mike Wickersham talked to Duane yesterday about the necessity of buying that ambulance right now. They have agreed to putting it off until later in the year would be ok and actually their runs are down right now. However, our ambulances are getting some miles on them.

Art Moystner - Jail Security System

Gary asked Art on the jail system its starting, I spoked to Art yesterday about when we would have to put the funds in the right spot for this. So, Art do you want to give us an update where the jail security system is.

Art said at this point in time they have not started anything yet. Talking to the company when they get a chance they are going to come in with engineers and figure everything. Once they get started we are probably about 60-90 days out from our first invoice. Then it is anywhere from 9-12 months on completion.

Gary said okay does anyone have any questions for Art on that? Gary said so Art at this moment in time everything is moving along and we are not in any jeopardy of paying anybody.

Art said it is. With everything that has been going on with COVID the fact that they would have to go into the inmate area of the cell blocks that's not feasible at this point. I am going to contact them today to get the engineers in here in the within the next couple of weeks.

Gary said ok. What is going on there as a council has discussed before the pandemic hit us we have the jail security system to take care of. We just haven't exactly said where we are going to pay for it from. So we are going to have to make those decision here in the upcoming future but today we don't have to make it right now. Gary asked is that in line with what your contractors and everything for you Art.

Art said yes. We have the documents I think we are good to go. Then it is just a matter of having the funds available and once they get started we get that first invoice.

Other Business:

Report from Commissioners

Gary asked if Mike Wickersham if he would like to give a report from the commissioners.

Mike said well you just discussed a couple of things that we did talk about. We did have a report from Ceann Bales. We have authorized the Economic Development Office to start a conversation and negotiation with Tarter, for those who don't know, Tarter Farm and Ranch Equipment has given notice to close their Union City operations. Part of the incentive that we offered them was a \$100,000.00 for job training and \$200,000.00 for office complex. That office complex was never built so we never gave them the \$200,000 so that is money in our economic development plan to spend as the county sees that we need to spend it. The \$100,000 we are going to ask for that to be returned because they didn't reach their covenants made in the agreement and one of the things they would like to pursue is selling the county some land in lieu of paying back the \$100,000, they have 15+ acres that they would be willing to sale to us. We authorized the Economic Development office to start that negotiation to see how that comes out. We have given Ceann Bales that opportunity.

Ceann also gave us a brief report on county funding for the CARES Act from the federal government or the state government. The OCRA grant was approved for those that didn't know. We applied for COVID Response OCRA grant in the amount of \$250,000 dollars to help Randolph County business come through the COVID-19 epidemic. Greg Beumer and his firm is are grant administrator on that. Economic Development will be administering those funds through their revolving loan fund which we have in existence. Other than that, we did talk about COVID-19. The highway department went back to work full staff yesterday at regular pay. Sheriff's Department, E-911, EMS and health nurse continue to work as they have been working over the COVID -19 emergency. We have taken away the time and half hazard pay and brought them back to regular time. The courthouse is still operating this week on, some offices are at full staff, some are working at part-time staff for this week to develop plans to come back full-time next week. The courthouse will still be closed to the public but full staff will be there to serve the public by appointment only. We did discuss the Governor's 50% back for retail business starting yesterday. For those that are aware that Dr. Sowinski and I issued a guideline at the end of March that all retail business would be at 10% of their fire capacity. Dr. Sowinski is adamant that 50% of fire capacity is way too many. He is recommending and I agree with him that we issue another guideline that says 20%. Our largest retailer is Wal-Mart and I think Mayor Bob McCoy shared with us yesterday that Wal-Mart's corporate policy is 20% of fire capacity and they are going to stick with that. If ours is 20% some retailers think that is too many. They can reduce that on their own. Frankly I think for most retailers it's not going to be a burden to them

and cause them to turn away people because we are at 20%. Dr. Sowinski believes that to be the case and I agree with him. So that is what we are going to put together today.

There was a discussion that Randolph County is going to be a testing center for one of the state's OPTIM testing centers one of 50 in the state. Long discussion about Huston Hall being on the list. I cleared that up yesterday morning with Dr. Sowinski and told him about the primary voting going on there on June 2nd and we would need to exclude as a testing site on June 1st & June 2nd. He indicated that's not going to work so he pulled Huston Hall off the list and we are going to go to a back-up secondary the Field House or Winchester High School gymnasium facility. That matter has been cleared and I have let the 4-H extension know that Huston Hall is not on the list. That is really all we talked about of importance to the council this morning. He will answer any questions that anybody might have.

Gary Friend thanked Mike.

Mayor Bob McCoy asked he thought the field house was the location not the gymnasium. Mike said it is the field house. Mayor McCoy said ok, just wanted to make sure we were on the same page.

Missy asked if it was going to be drive through testing like you see on TV on the news or is it going to be actual walk in. That kind of takes the elderly out of being able to maneuver inside the fieldhouse. Even with the handicap ramps.

Mike said I don't know how it works Missy. Again, if you, there is a site that they, and I could forward that to you. They have inside testing because the site I went to was basically gives you the dimensions of the space you need and how they develop that space looks like they are partitioning it off into smaller rooms. He said it sounds like if not everybody is coming in some are coming in. If it is not handicap accessible then really more of the high school gymnasium or probably even Beeson Park Club House. We need to get them a place they are satisfied with, Dr. Sowinski thinks this is a fantastic opportunity for Randolph County having a testing site here and I would agree with him, so we need to work with them to get them an appropriate site.

Missy said there is only one handicap door at the fieldhouse. It is on the alley side. It is a little bit of a limitation but it is doable depending on the traffic if they would shut traffic down only people who only need to park in the alley and come in that handicap door. I don't know how many it would be.

Mike asked is there a handicap entrance on the north side into the concession area.

Missy said it might be. It's a down ramp.

Mike said that would get you into the first floor. He said I think that is a handicap entrance too.

Missy said I will have to go look at it again. I know not to go on just an up or down ramp.

Mike said it is ramped I know that.

Missy said yeah, I know ramps are kind of tough on some handicap people. She said more with walkers maybe than wheel chair but the alley side might work fine. I think it would be a good location.

Mike said I am sure they have provisions to come to your car. He said Mindy Winningham kind of indicated that at Huston Hall they would have a drive through facility there. Maybe it's a matter of some will come in and some will not.

Gary ask if anybody else on that subject.

Airport Cares Act Grant Application

Gary asked Mike if he would you like to go over the Airport CARES Act grant and what's that.

Mike said that is our airport is the benefactor of the FAA grant money to all airports in the nation. I think I heard on the news Indianapolis is getting \$5 million dollars of grant money, our airport is going to get \$30 thousand dollars of FAA grant money which is pretty much ask for and get it. It should be on your agenda that you are going to, I hope you approve the airport internally to do that. He said we did that yesterday.

Gary said it's on our agenda.

Mike said I think it's for reimburse salary and operations. He said Jason Clearwater is going to file for that grant application. Mike asked if there was an airport board member on line this morning, I don't know.

Bill Richmond said I am here. Bill said we haven't met since that announcement has been made.

Mike said ok.

Bill said I have talked to Eric about the grant, but he didn't really know that much at that time.

Mike said I understand from the e-mails I have seen that Landon and Mary Ann and Greg have indicated interest in pursuing it. Bill said I have heard from Landon as well that he is in favor of it.

Mike said ok.

Gary asked it is for \$30 thousand isn't it.

Bill and Mike both replied yes.

Gary said while we are on that subject would somebody from the council like to make a motion to approve moving forward with the grant. Dave so moved. Ted seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Minutes of January 7 & February 4, 2020

Missy made a motion to accept the minutes from January 7 & February 4, 2020. Tom seconded. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-06

Gary said we had a public hearing on this I believe in March. Meeks is there any update for that.

Meeks asked what the 2020-06 was.

Laura said the one for the bond money. It's the resolution for the bond money Meeks.

Meeks said didn't we already pass that.

Gary said we had the public hearing.

Laura said we have not.

Meeks said there is not update.

Laura said we haven't been able to use the bond money because we haven't passed this one.

Meeks said we just need to pass that. That's the bond money, I sorry.

Gary said right. He asked if someone would like to make a motion to pass Resolution 2020-06. Rick so moved. Ted seconded. Any further discussion on this resolution. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Additional Appropriations: Approved by Commissioner's on 4/6/2020

Children's Advocate	Travel/Mileage	\$3,000.00
	Volunteer Recruitment	\$2,000.00

Gary asked if this is about distribution of the grant, is that correct Laura.

Laura said yes.

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

CCD	Sheriff Vehicle	\$40,775.00
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Gary said this is for the vehicles that were destroyed during the altercation, Art correct.

Art replied that is correct.

Gary said Mike and I discussed about the CCD part of that, did we discuss capital Edit on that at all.

Angela said she just pulled up the minutes and I do see where it was discussed in February to take it out of CCD that is what the minutes indicated on the council meeting. I cannot locate anything on Edit at this time.

Gary said the CCD account already recognized that withdrawal from it.

Angela said yes it has.

Gary said alright.

Mike said to answer your question Gary there was some discussion at the commissioners meeting to use Edit money to replace those vehicles but we decided to pursue CCD at that time. That was the attitude and we did discuss it, we weren't opposed to it. We thought we could use CCD.

Gary said ok. He said so we have the \$40,775 dollars from CCD on the Sheriff's vehicles, would someone like to make a motion to approve that.

Dave so moved. Ted seconded. Any further discussion on this. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

1173 MVH Restricted Comm Crossing Match \$217,479.82
Gary asked if someone would like to make a motion on this. He asked if Mike Haffner was on here.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Gary asked Mike to give the council an update on the Community Crossing match just for refresher.

Mike said basically that is for the 2019, 1200 W project.

Gary asked Mike Wickersham to update the council on it.

Mike Wickersham said it's for the community crossings we received for the paving of 1200 W that's our match \$217,479.82 which is I think 25% of the total cost of the project.

Gary said thank you. He asked if anybody from the council have any questions on this.

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

Transfer of Funds: Approved by Commissioner's on 4/6/2020

These were approved by the commissioner's on 4/6/2020 per the Governors Executive Order. He said Mike Wickersham of course the President of the Commissioners had the right to do this without going through the council. We are just catching up now. Basically, it has already been

done. We just need to affirm it. So, the Clerk, \$2945.00 dollars for Microfilming to Contractual Services and the \$1050.00 from Office supplies to contractual Services. He asked would someone like to make a motion to affirm it or approve it?

		From	To
Clerk	\$2945.00	Microfilming	Contractual Services (new line)
	\$1050.00	Office Supplies	Contractual Services (new line)

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

General Public Safety \$150.00 Uniforms Postage (new line)
Gary said this will would be \$150 from Uniforms to Postage line. He asked what the General Public Safety actually referring to.

Angela said we have an audit for E-911 as we do every year and there was an item purchased on there that they consider you could not spend with E-911 money and it was actually postage so at this point a new fund has been established so we can pay back E-911 for that expense.

Gary asked if anybody has any questions.

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

Highway Dept. \$10,100.00 Large Pipe Bridge #85
Laura said this is also one that the Commissioners did on April 6, 2020, did you get a copy of that transfer.

Gary said yes, I just don't have it front of me. He asked from what account.

Laura said its \$10,100.00 from large pipe to Bridge #85 the highway department.

Mike Wickersham said that is for and engineer report on how to rehab or rebuild that bridge.

Gary said thank you Mike. He asked if someone would like to make a motion to approve the transfer.

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

Dave Lenkensdofer

Dave said we will need to start looking down the road at the 2021 budget it's going to hit us pretty hard.

Missy Williams

Missy asked if we are going to possibly suggest all departments to cut a small percentage from their budgets to finish out the 2020 year to try and counteract some of the losses we are going to see.

Gary said we may have to I don't know. He said the 2020 budget is already funding that are fixed but there's also fees that are not being collected across the county that is having an impact. He said we will have to make a closer decision on that around August and we will have a pretty good idea of the shortfall

towards the end of the year. He said probably but don't know for sure how's that.

Missy said good enough.

Gary asked anything else Missy.

Missy said one thing publicly is that, that absolutely every meeting that is a Zoom meeting by the cities or county government is always posted on the front doors for any citizens to go up and get that information.

Ted Martin

Ted wanted to know where we are at on the opening of the county highway barn.

Gary said I am not sure.

Mike Wickersham do you know.

Mike doesn't know a date I know it's getting closer every day. He said there was a current concern two weeks ago that electric was way behind. He said I understand that Tom Chalfant contacted the contractor and sub-contractor who are the same people in that case and that electric has caught up in a hurry. He said I am going to go visit today at 2:30 and I would suspect that Mike Haffner would invite any council member out that would like to visit at the same time to see where we are on it. He said we have purchased and installed air compressors and we're trying to move in. Mike Wickersham asked if Mike Haffner had any update on that.

Mike Haffner said on Wednesday at 10:00 is the punch list.

Gary Friend

Gary Friend had a discussion with Jason Semler from Baker & Tilly about giving us the trending that happen in 2008/2009 during recession to see what kind of short falls the county could possibly expect. He is looking at the whole situation more on to what Missy's question was too. To give us as close of view of what could be expected from this pandemic. One of the things that is of concern is the certified shares from LIT. I believe that report from June 30th that goes in and locks down our certified shares. With the federal government extending the income tax deadlines until July 15 that could show us with less LIT tax for certified shares in the 2021 unless there is a reconciliation of those two dates. So that is going to be an interesting thing for us to watch. It could have quite an impact on our budgets. Also, that financial report I think will be ready for us in June. I believe that is the time and that will give us something to look at as we form our budget for 2021. That is all I have for the council other than we will keep an eye on the pandemic the Governor's put out a list of places opening up. We will see if we are able to come in person in June we don't know this moment in time. I will let everyone know about 2 weeks ahead of time how we are progressing as a state and county. Also, if this happens to come back around and we do happen to have an issue we do have to stay socially separated I have asked the auditor's office to possibly looking at Huston Hall in August of having our budget hearings if necessary so we can get spread wide open so we can be face to face during the budget. That is just a preliminary idea right now, but I think doing the budget hearings for two days with ZOOM would be quite difficult. We will see where that goes as we move forward. Gary asked if anyone had any commits.

Dave committed last year we did it in a day and maybe and half of the next morning. Could we do it all in one day this year?

Gary said we may Dave we will look at that and see, if we have to get an offsite that is defiantly something we would try to do.

Dave said I would recommend we do it one day if possible.

Gary asked if anyone else had any comments.

Missy said I hate to bring this up again you know a lot of cities and counties around the state are taking some proactive steps and saying we have to look at what we are spending the rest of, when we are only 5 months into 2020 and if this comes back in the fall we may really need to look at how we are going to fund out the rest. I know the money is there now but you have to look long term and plan ahead. Just something to think about, is asking departments and I know several cities have asked their departments you know nothing other than what we really have to have. I know we don't spend money frivolously but everybody might need to look at where they could cut back and not spend something if it could be put off for a future date.

Gary said right.

Mike Wickersham said in responds to that Missy. We told Veterans Affairs although that is small we have told him. We told the EMS they are not going to get an ambulance when they wanted. That is a big purchase. I think Mike Haffner has done a pretty good job of taking some money out of his budget. So we have saved some money there. I think just continuing to look at it, there is opportunity maybe to save more as we go down the road see where it takes us. He said we will see how much taxes have come in.

Missy said I know.

Gary said for everyone's information on Mike Haffner and the highway department they cut \$540,000 dollars out of the 2020 budget already right now due to the forecast of the lower MVH coming in. It is going to take a 40% cut through the remainder of the year starting probably now a little bit but defiantly in June completely. He said Missy on that line too, that is why have spoken to Jason Semler of Baker Tilly our financial advisor. To give us a trend so we can see what the forecast could look like to the best that we can. As like Mike Wickersham has said, Mike and I have been talking too, we are watching and paying attention. Gary asked Mike to give us a brief update on speaking with a Henry County Council member too and they are looking at doing some lay-offs. At this moment in time we are not there. It is quite likely that we have to be prepared if it comes to Randolph County to that extent. It's being watched for sure.

Anyone else on this particular subject?

Tom said my only thought would be if we have anybody retire or anything out of any departments. Whether we look at or we think we are going to have to cut personnel next year, it would be much easier not to hire someone back than it would be to let somebody go.

Gary said down by attrition.

Tom said yes.

Gary asked if anybody else has anything.

Citizen Comments (3-minute limit)

Bill Richmond asked to speak with Gary Friend after the meeting for a brief radio report that would be great.

Gary said ok.

Bill said he could just record from his computer.

Gary said that would be fine.

Mayor Bob McCoy yesterday at the commissioner's meeting they were discussing possibly leasing or selling the old highway barn. Were they talking about the 100 S Huntsville Location?

Mike Wickersham said no we are talking about the county home barns out on 27 between the new highway garage and Old County home.

Mayor Bob McCoy said he just need some clarity on that. I was not really sure what we were talking about.

Mike said I got a call on that too. He said that is a discussion for the future as what we do with the old highway garage. That is a garage not a barn, it's a little nicer than a barn.

Mayor McCoy said thanks for clearing that up Mike.

Mike said your welcome Bob.

Gary asked anybody else. He said this is a new way of meeting and I don't want to cut anybody off accidentally. If no one has anything at all.


Adjournment


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

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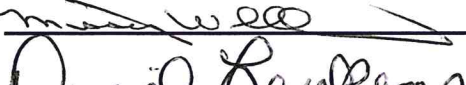
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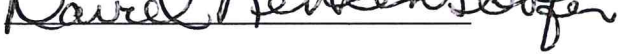













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