

Randolph County Commissioners

January 3, 2023

The Randolph County Commissioners met at their regular meeting at 9:00AM in the Commissioners and Council Room in the Courthouse with the following members present: Board President Michael Wickersham, Gary Friend and Gary Girton. Also present was Randolph County Auditor Laura J Martin, Sheriff Art Moystner.

Michael Wickersham, President presided over the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Selection of Officers

Mike said first item on the agenda is the selection of officers for the board of commissioners. And the first officer we should select is the selection of a president.

Gary Friend said I nominate that Mike continues as president.

Mike said I have a motion that I continue. Do I have a second?

Gary Girton said second.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said the next item would be the vice president of the Commissioners.

Gary Girton said I nominate Gary Friend as Vice President.

Mike seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said that's all the officers we have. So, after the selection of officers, I guess I would like to welcome Gary Friend to the commissioners, and welcome this year and next. And I'm sure Gary feels the same way.

Gary Girton said yes.

Mike Haffner – Utility Agreements and request amendments to salary ordinance

Mike said next item is Mike Haffner, has some utility agreements for us.

Mike Haffner said this is just a simple bore under on 300 East just off of Greenville, just boring under the road, existing pedestals.

Gary Girton made motion to approve. Gary Friend seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said so you have another one.

Mike Haffner said no, that's the only utility agreement I had so, as far as this meeting.

Mike said have you had conversations with Bright Speed, anymore conversations with Bright Speed.

Mike Haffner said I've had conversations with Bright Speed and Union City's, that's kind of been turned all over to Union City because it all falls under their jurisdiction.

Mike said so we can do away with that application.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike said okay. Anything else for us.

Mike Haffner said okay yeah. I'm just getting things set up because I've got with Laura Martin. We'll have to advertise, but just a heads up, salary ordinance, minimum change. I'm recommending we, we've got two bridge techs that we no longer have, I'd just like to move both of them positions back into equipment operator position, which that would bring that total up to four. And then truck driver trainees, with the laws changing, have to have schooling and stuff, I'm thinking we don't need that line. And then the truck drivers, we had like three. We kind of use that as just a training. Pretty much, we don't have any full-time truck driver positions. We always, they have to do manual labor and learn other equipment. So, it's just easier just to drop that line and just basically add it into the part-time equipment operator, truck driver line, bringing that up to a total of 11. And then I'd like to change the verbiage on part-time snow removal drivers to just part-time CDL driver. That way, if we're short-handed during the summer and I need to hire part-time CDL drivers to drive to the paver or chip box or just need a truck driver, I'd be able to hire them as like seasonal help but pay them a little bit better than my regular season help.

Mike said so do you have a job description now for a snow removal truck driver.

Mike Haffner said it's actually on the job description, it's kind of generic, but we'll revisit that. And if we need to change the job description we can. But I'm not thinking we need to change the job description.

Mike said any of those recommendations you are talking about, do we need to change the job description.

Mike Haffner said no, because we're basically on the others, we're just eliminating lines instead of changing them.

Mike said and you want to keep those in the highway department description of jobs. I mean, in the future you may hire a bridge tech, you may hire.

Mike Haffner said working with our county engineer now he didn't see the need to have, if he needs some assistance here and there, we just do it. And with his, he's recommending that we don't need that as a full-time position. So that's why we're basically eliminating that bridge tech position.

Mike said taking the money out. But you're just wanting to take the money out of it.

Mike Haffner said yeah.

Mike said we do that from the salary ordinance.

Mike Haffner said yeah just taking it out of the salary ordinance, but adding the full-time equipment operators. And right now, we have three, but our salary ordinance says two. But we're really one short compared to where we've always been so you know, I'm not sure how that got changed. And there's, Jessica's been following that up because.

Mike said I don't have an issue what you want to do.

Jessica Olson said yeah, it's just moving.

Mike Haffner said there's no increases. We're just moving people.

Gary Friend said there's no wage increase involved in this. It's just a matter of shifting.

Mike Haffner said no.

Jessica Olson said right.

Gary Friend said and all the lines necessary exist.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Gary Friend said then why don't you wait until budget to adjust this salary ordinance if it doesn't matter. Does it not matter at all? Does it just skirt right on through? I mean if you run short of funds in your operators, you just do a transfer out of one to the other. Is it necessary to just completely redo the salary ordinance right now?

Mike Haffner said she would be the one to explain.

Jessica Olson said if you want to pay them correct. I mean, you know, we don't have a bridge tech to pay. So, we, and we actually need to be in compliance with the salary ordinance, another equipment operator because we currently have three in that line. And we only have a salary ordinance for two. So, we, in order to make that correct, yes in my opinion, we would need to.

Gary Friend said so it

Jessica Olson said yeah, yeah.

Gary Girton said okay.

Mike said that isn't something we would do is it.

Gary Friend said the commissioners would allow how many people are in that line and then the council would fund the line.

Mike said okay.

Laura said can you, excuse me. Can you email me all those changes so that we can update the salary ordinance?

Mike Haffner said you had said hey we got to talk to the commissioners, at least give them.

Laura said I haven't talked to you about this. I didn't know about this.

Gary Friend said so nobody gains wage and nobody loses wage through this.

Mike Haffner said yeah.

Gary Friend said and we don't need a bridge tech why. Well we went through putting one in two years ago didn't we.

Mike Haffner said yeah, we added that position a couple years ago.

Gary Friend said and now we don't need a bridge tech.

Mike Haffner said and Joe, well first of all, we haven't had it for awhile because them people's no longer with the highway. And with Mr. Copeland's recommendation, he doesn't see the needs of that the way he takes care of that operation.

Gary Friend said and like Mike, if you ask somebody to go do work on the bridge, that's not an issue.

Mike Haffner said if he needs help measuring something or doing small job, then that fits within our criteria, which is like it was before. We'll be, you know, we worked on bridges before we had a bridge tech.

Gary Friend said so you need the commissioners to allow for how many operators.

Jessica Olson said four.

Gary Friend said four. To break this all down, I guess what we're asking I think is eliminate a bridge tech and move the operators to four.

Mike Haffner said yeah correct.

Mike said sounds like it.

Jessica Olson said and decrease the truck driver only line which has three people in it, and put those three openings in truck driver part time equipment operator.

Mike Haffner said and then a clarification I guess, during budget time, we never talked about the wage for a CDL snow plow. We assumed it, but it's really not written down anywhere, so it needs to actually be discussed.

Gary Friend said I thought we did talk about it once.

Mike Haffner said on a part-time snow route driver, part-time CDL route, what the actual wage is. That was never brought up during the time. It's just hindsight. It's just you know.

Gary Friend said I can kind of recall we talked about setting that wage at what, a CDL driver.

Mike Haffner said we can check the minutes, but I was under the impression we wasn't, you know.

Gary Friend said what are you asking then. What wage are you asking, because that would be council's decision.

Mike Haffner said I guess the way I look at it, if he's a CDL driver, he should be making the same amount of money as my other CDL drivers, with would be that \$20.48 an hour. There's no benefits.

Mike said that makes sense. I wouldn't know why, I guess.

Mike Haffner said yeah. If you look at the industrial standard, that's probably still way below the standard.

Mike said so as far as for us this morning, you're recommending the elimination of the bridge tech, moving into operators.

Mike said and then moving the three CDL to CDL/operator. You've heard that recommendation. Someone want to move approval of that.

Gary Girton made a motion to approve. Gary Friend seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said now you'll have to go to council tomorrow on that.

Jessica Olson said well I want to just. We had presented this job description for the position, the full-time position that JC's in now. And probably what happens, I don't know that for a fact, but in the translation, when you guys met for council, and you were doing, and council was doing the budgets, and all the dollar amounts were left until after. Somewhere along the line, that secretary line did not get funded. So, the money is in the part-time clerical line. And we've already, we've moved JC to a full-time position so, I guess what we need is just permission to move the money that's in the part-time clerical line into the secretary line so we're paying her out of a legitimate full-time line, instead of a part-time clerical line.

Mike said is her salary set.

Jessica Olson said yes.

Mike said okay. So again, I'm not sure if that's our decision.

Gary Friend said no that's the council.

Mike Haffner said and we, were just asking.

Mike said we've approved that.

Jessica Olson said if everybody is in agreement with that. I think that's what happened.

Gary Friend said I am too. The commissioners approved a full-time position. You just need to go to the council and make sure that the appropriation is correct.

Jessica Olson said right. Just wanted to clarify with you guys that that was.

Mike said okay.

Mike Haffner said now will that have to be advertised, so we'll do that in February.

Gary Friend said you'll have to get with the auditors office. I'm sure it's got to be advertised.

Mike Haffner said yeah, that's what I was thinking.

Mike said okay.

Mike Haffner said that's all I've got.

Mike said I have one more issue.

Mike Haffner said okay.

Mike said and that's, I think you were here before in the discussion of the lean to on the back of the new highway garage.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike said is that something you and Joe think you need.

Mike Haffner said I think Joe and I think we need extra storage. I think both of us want a little bit more time to know how much more footage we potentially might need, and would another building be more practical than a lean to because that lean to off the back side with that water swill, the only accessible area would be two ends. So, I'd have to completely, if I've got a piece of equipment stuck in the middle, I would have to completely empty it out to get to it.

Mike said okay.

Mike Haffner said so maybe it's not, I mean, yes, we would, anything is better. And it would be the cheapest way, and yes, we can stage equipment in there. I guess, I've talked to Joe and trying to get thoughts on potentially what we need. We know we've got a few pieces of paving equipment that we definitely need storage. But, I'd really like another month.

Mike said I'm not suggesting you go ahead and do it. I'm just trying to find out whether you absolutely need it, and if you need it. I'm pretty confused why we built a five-million-dollar highway garage and we're a year later, going to need more space, so, that's what I'm wrestling with.

Mike Haffner said I guess the original we, we thought we'd always have use of the old facility.

Mike said well I'm not sure that was ever the case Mike, but that. Why don't you and Joe get together determine what your needs are, and then when you're ready, you can come back and talk to us about it. Okay.

Mike Haffner said okay.

Gary Friend said can I interject one thing on there.

Mike said yeah you can.

Gary Friend said all through the planning process, my personal thought is, we get clear out of that old one, 100% out.

Mike Haffner said right.

Gary Friend said then the commissioners can do what needs to be done with that facility. I'd like to see a plan where there's, we're out, it's over, we've moved it.

Mike Haffner said the only other one thing, it would be we've never really specified in this new budget what pieces of equipment, I mean, we've got bided out some bodies and trucks, and we're rebidding the chassis. So, it will be open the first meeting of February. But other than

that, the only other piece of equipment you know, we've got the rollers, we've got everything with the paver taken care of. We'll be purchasing naturally, the paver and the skid steer with a little grinder for the butt joints and stuff. The roller, we've already paid for. So, them two items will come out of our lines. And then, I guess the only other piece of equipment that I would like to add would be a, like a duly one-ton landscape type truck. I'd be trading off one of our pickups onto that so when we go out, and we mill the bridge approaches and the butt joints, and stuff like that, the little bit of material we would have, you know, from the skid steer, we would just scoop up and throw it in the back of that little ton truck. It also adds another non-CDL type vehicle that could have plow capability in the future. So, I'm basically saying we might want to, you know, we can pull the little skid steer around and dump the material that we have right into that. It would have a little, like a little landscape type utility bed to it.

Mike said okay. Well when you and Joe figure out and determine what you need, let us know.

Mike Haffner said yeah, yep.

Mike said do you have any questions of Mike of Jessica. Gary.

Gary Friend said no.

Jessica Olson said thank you.

Mike said thank you.

Gary Friend said before we move on though Mike, on a side part on that. Will you be sending a letter out to the lessee?

Mike said I was going to bring that up later.

Gary Friend said okay.

Bob McCoy – Willow Ridge Funding
Mike said Bob McCoy, Willow Ridge Funding.

Bob McCoy we just got started, what did we say, two years ago, at least two years ago.

Mike said early 2021.

Bob McCoy said so, initially, I came here to discuss this prior to the meeting that we had asked about funding for the water and basically, committed to I think, Windfarm money was committed, EDIT money was committed. We committed \$300,000.00 to the developer for water. And we also were planning on borrowing the \$50,000 from EDIT. Since the project took so long, we really didn't.

Mike said haven't done that.

Bob McCoy said we haven't done that. So, we don't need the \$50,000 for that. We were going to provide that out of our EDIT once it's needed, which we're getting further along on the water. This request, after talking to AEP a few different times, the initial plan was to bury the power lines. What they consider burying the power lines and what we consider burying the power lines were two different things. They were burying them from the pole to the house. We wanted them buried, you know, our thought was all the way down Huntsville, which after talking to them, that was, it wasn't really feasible for what they were asking. Now they've come back, and do you have, you guys have a quote.

Paul Faddis said they have not provided that yet. They were supposed to have it to us by 9:00 and they did not get that to us in writing.

Mike said just for the record, I know who you are, but the record doesn't, so if you could tell us who you are, that would be great.

Paul Faddis said, Paul Faddis of KKFC.

Mike said thank you.

Bob McCoy said so after talking to AEP, meeting them out there, I met with Erol, I think the number come around 110, \$120,000.00 to bury the power lines. Again, we're waiting on them for an official quote. But that was a preliminary cost we're looking at. I went to the Redevelopment Commission. Conan Wallace is the president of the Redevelopment Commission. They committed \$60,000.00 to bury the power lines. So, what I'm asking for today is 60,000 from EDIT or Wind or whatever, to finish this project getting the power lines buried, which will make this area a lot more, you know, it's on the golf course, so, obviously, the looks are a lot as far as what you're looking at going down the road. And burying the power lines would be beneficial to making this project look a lot better and a lot cleaner. And in what I provided with you is, you know, the potential for future development across the road, you know, if the power is buried, all that would be, going into that, we wouldn't have telephone poles and all that. So, again, I think it would just make the project look a lot better and cleaner, and make it more, make it saleable when it comes to building houses out there. Have you guys got anything to add, Paul, Erol.

Erol Klem said I know in talking to them, they want to do it. Originally, they talked about it. When Bob and I met with them, I believe they see the growth that's going to go on the west side of Huntsville road. That's obviously, going to be developed. And they would like to see that clean scape as well. It's just a matter of them digesting the cost of it, and obviously, they want to pass some of that on.

Mike said do we know what the total cost is for that burying those power lines.

Bob McCoy said all I've got to go on is what the estimates were, and that's why they were supposed to have a quote here today. And that's, I basically got the 60,000 committed out of redevelopment in hopes that 120 would be the max.

Mike said and you are certain that will be the max.

Bob McCoy said no I am not certain.

Mike said so what happens if it's not.

Bob McCoy said I don't know. I really don't. Like I say.

Mike said I don't know if anybody else has driven down Huntsville road, but I would agree that for the entry into Winchester along Huntsville Road, the subdivision is going to be, in my opinion, a lot less valuable with those telephone poles in the front yard. I would like to try to find a way to fund it.

Gary Friend said I agree too. Can I ask a question? AEP, if they were going into a new subdivision in Yorktown, would part of their practice be just bury lines right off the bat, or they just, are they playing hardball with us, because you see subdivisions everywhere being brought up brand new, and there's not a telephone pole anywhere. Does the developer assume that or is AEP more, not AEP, just electric power companies?

Bob McCoy said I don't know that they're considering it as a subdivision. I think that's, that may be there. I mean, looking at it going down the road, I just, I just, I mean in the course of it being brought up, we talked about burying the lines, and you know, and they were like \$5,000.00 a house to bury the lines. Well that was from the pole to the house, not all along there. Then they come back at \$10,000.00 a house. And then after we talked to them more, it's like, no, we want them buried all the way out. And again, I don't know whether they're just not considering it as a subdivision like you're saying. But again, like Mike said, driving into town.

Gary Friend said well I agree with Mike on that.

Bob McCoy said and then across the street, looking at the future, that would all be buried.

Gary Friend said that's, I agree, I don't have a hang up on what the development's doing. The part of putting it from the pole in the ground is obvious. That's not even, it's never done any other way today I don't think.

Bob McCoy said not that I'm aware of.

Mike said Gary, personally, I have to think somebody is absorbing some of this expense.

Bob McCoy said oh yeah, I'm sure they are.

Mike said to your point, I think all those we see around is probably a combined effort of public, private investment.

Bob McCoy said I mean if you want to approve it contingent on the quote being 60,000 or less, or whatever, or if you want to table it and wait. Like I said, Redevelopment Commission did

commit 60,000. You know, I've got two projects going on, that one out there and they're both about an \$800,000.00 project, both ends of town. So, you know, we've kind of, between what EDIT's funded and everything else, we've kind of been tapped out.

Mike said well you're also participating financially in the housing resource hub which is not only benefiting Winchester, but it's benefiting the entire county.

Bob McCoy said exactly. So, anything we can do to make a housing area more appealing.

Gary Friend said well that has to happen, and I think everybody needs to know today that, at least I'm in on, we got to make it happen.

Bob McCoy said yeah.

Gary Friend said whether it's all EDIT, whether it's you know, renewable money it's coming through. It's also an infrastructure thing we have to look at Union City is going to probably have some sort of ask of the same value and why wouldn't they.

Bob McCoy said well one thing I can bring up is what Mike is talking about, we were on the hook for 50 so, actually, it'll only be 10, right.

Mike said yeah.

Bob McCoy said we are tapped out. I wouldn't have gone to the redevelop commission if I wasn't tapped out.

Gary Girton said well I agree with it needs to be done, and I understand where we're coming from on the, you didn't use the \$50,000, which we originally discussed, but I'm still a little bit hesitant without knowing the total cost. I hate to see you have to come back, and I don't want to see you guys have to absorb \$40,000 that you have to absorb that. I think we need to be in discussion on that. And so, from my perspective, I'd rather see us come back with a real figure that we know is firm, and then let us discuss that.

Bob said and we could, if that's the case, then we can have that next meeting hopefully.

Mike said well I think for everybody's benefit, it would be good to know what it's going to cost to do that.

Bob McCoy said yes. Oh, I totally agree. I mean, and the intent was to have that number today. Like I said, the project is over two years old.

Mike said I think I would probably, I would be willing to, if it is just 60, I would be willing to grant it out of EDIT to cover that expense. And that would be, we could do that at if you had a quote of 120 in January at our second meeting. I would be in favor of doing that. And if the other commissioners agree with that, we could do it in January. If we went to Windfarm, then

we'd have to wait until February to get the council's permission. Is that what you're thinking Gary.

Gary Girton said that's fine, yes.

Gary Friend said I agree.

Mike said so do we want to table this for 13 days.

Bob McCoy said yes, that's fine with me.

Mike said Monday the 16th.

Bob McCoy said that works. Thank you.

Mike Wickersham – Housing Resource Hub

Mike said the next item is myself, which has to do a little bit with similar information. I think you're aware Gary, and I know you are Gary Girton, but the Housing Resource Hub is a outside consultant that the county and the city of Winchester and the city of Union City have agreed to financially support over the next two years for a total sum of \$130,000.00. We've already put in \$10,000 of EDIT as a down payment. And we're committed to, I get these numbers wrong, I think \$5,000 a month for, no, we're all committed for \$5,000.00 a month for the 24 months. And that's divided between 1/3rd, 1/3rd, no, I know I don't have these numbers right.

Laura said wasn't it \$58,000 total for counties.

Mike said 58 total for counties, so 48 over 24 months is \$2,000 a month, \$1500 for Winchester, \$1500 for Union City. Winchester as I indicated earlier, has agreed to, has already signed the agreement to commit their \$1,500.00 a month for the next 24 months. Union City has not, and just like Bob has indicated, Union City is tapped out, and they are reluctant to commit the \$1,500.00 a month, but would, if we were willing to forgive a payment that they have due to the county EDIT fund in January 2023. Back in July, we loaned Union City \$350,000.00 from Windfarm, and they were to repay that back at \$50,000.00 a year beginning January 31st of 2023. And if they do pay that back, which they can pay that back, and are required to pay it back, then Union City has indicated that they really can't financially participate in the housing resource hub. So, he said, I guess I'm proposing this morning that we delay his first payment on that \$350,000.00 Windfarm loan until January 31st of 2024, which frees up \$50,000.00 for him, Union City to begin participating in the housing resource hub. If we agree to do this, then I would go to the council tomorrow and make the same presentation, and hopefully, they would agree to delay that payment for one year to give them the opportunity to participate financially in the housing resource hub. I think it's important that all three entities financially participate in this only just to show a, I guess what I would say, a full county participation. So that's what I'm asking the commissioners to do this morning.

Gary Friend said just delay it.

Mike said delay that payment for, and it's a seven-year term, and instead of the term beginning January, 2023, this month, it would begin January, 2024, then pay out over the next seven years.

Gary Girton said I think we need to do what we can to encourage total unification of the county in this program. And I think that's been our effort for many years just to get that, to get to that point. I think we're basically there, or close. So, I don't have a problem with that because the money we have, the way we've got that set up, it would not affect us any financially. So, other than we just wouldn't have access to that \$50,000 if we wanted it.

Mike said \$50,000 until next year.

Gary Friend said it's not a problem I don't think for us or for EDIT. I question, so they're \$1500,00 a month contribution is theirs.

Mike said uh huh.

Gary Friend said \$18,000 a year.

Mike said \$18,000 a year.

Gary Friend said and they said for this one time move that they would participate and continue through the whole two years.

Mike said yes.

Gary Friend said so \$36,000.00 to make sure that.

Mike said they would be signing the contract that would commit them to paying not us, but paying housing resource hub \$1,500.00 a month for the next 24 months.

Gary Friend said okay.

Mike said you probably haven't seen that contract.

Gary Friend said no. When the housing resource hub was set up, wasn't Mayor Spence involved in the meeting.

Mike said he was.

Gary Friend said and at that time, he could afford it.

Mike said well he, at that time, he, evidently could afford it because he was committed to it. What's happened since then is that one of the projects that he felt the housing resource hub could help him with has gone private. He's got a, he calls it the old A and P store, which I'm not familiar where that is.

Gary Friend said I'm not either.

Mike said he's a private developer and Work Horse Chassis has, they're partnering to develop that privately. So, part of it is a cost benefit analysis that, that was one of the projects he thought would be a catalyst project for Union City was the A and P ground.

Gary Friend said okay.

Mike said and so his benefit from the housing resource hub is not quite as bright as what he thought. But he's still willing to participate in the event there's opportunity for other projects, or even to support projects outside of Union City.

Gary Friend said that's a good plan, by us doing this, that brings them into commitment.

Mike said it brings them into commitment. It costs us \$50,000 for twelve months.

Gary Friend said it doesn't really, it doesn't cost us anything I don't think.

Mike said we just don't have the availability. We don't have the availability of that cash.

Gary Girton said I'll move, I'll make that in the form of motion.

Mike said I have a motion to delay that payment and recommend the council to delay the same. Is that part of your motion?

Gary Friend said can we have a motion if they still back out, we don't delay.

Mike said we can't delay.

Gary Friend said if Union City still doesn't pay.

Mike said oh yeah if Union City doesn't participate, then we're not going to delay payment. That's conditioned upon them participating, in signing that contract.

Gary Girton said right. We don't want to do that if they're not.

Mike said so that's part of your motion.

Gary Girton said yes.

Gary Friend seconded. All Aye votes. Motion carried.

Chris Beasley, EDPR – Riverstart IV agreements

Mike said I don't see Chris Beasley.

Gary Friend said I've seen all those contracts that have come through when we had legal counsel here. What would the commissioners be doing with those, what kind of time line?

Mike said we generally wait until all the red lines are removed, and based upon recommendation of Meeks and Rick Hall, we will, and our financial consultants, then we would sign those agreements when we got recommendations for those three entities that they're appropriate to sign.

Gary Friend said okay. How long do you think that usually would take?

Mike said it varies with the agreement, but I've seen it take six months.

Gary Friend said yeah. Does everyone on the council needs to get knee deep as the agreement gets put together, that's part of that in there.

Mike said that's all part of it. Speaking of council, we do have two council members.

Gary Friend said three.

Mike said oh I'm sorry, I'm sorry, yes. I've never met you. You're Max's son.

Mike Stine said no.

Mike said do you want to introduce yourself.

Mike Stine said Mike Stine.

Mike said Mike Stine. Welcome.

Mike Stine said thank you.

Mike said do any council members have anything to share with us this morning. Okay. Mayor do you have anything else you want to add this morning.

Bob McCoy said no thank you.

Other Business:

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

Mike said that brings us to other business. Art, Randolph County Sheriff, have anything for us this morning.

Art Moystner said the only thing I would share with you this morning is I emailed everyone a copy of the commissary report for last year.

Mike said got that this morning.

Art Moystner said I did that this morning. That should have been to you and the council.

Mike said okay.

Art Moystner said that's all I have unless you have questions for me.

Mike said I don't have any questions of Art. Gary Girton, Gary Friend.

Art Moystner said thank you.

Non-Reverting Fund Claim \$500,000.00

Mike said next group of items are claims. We have the non-reverting fund claim of \$500,000.00. That's for group insurance. I'd entertain a motion to approve that claim.

Gary Girton made a motion to approve. Gary Friend seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Randolph County United Claim \$18,467.66

Randolph County United Tourism Claim \$2,365.66

Mike said the next two claims, we're going to table until mid-January, which I think is normally when we do those.

Low Associates Claim \$62,694.00

Mike said next item that we're going to talk this morning is Low associates claim in the amount of \$62,694.00. This is for property tax, licenses, application software support, application maintenance special support, and, for our software and financial backing.

Gary Friend said is this reoccurring Mike. Does this come to the commissioners yearly?

Mike said it's an annual, January, June it's, one is a six-month period. And these are, is it paid on a six-month term as well.

Laura said so, two of them, one's for the tax software, one's for the financial software that we use. And those I believe, are six months. The other one is for, they do training, so new employees or any issues we have. And that money kind of is in a pot. And then if we don't use it throughout the year, it would carry over to the next year. One year we had a lot of new people training so we kind of needed to add to that pot.

Mike said okay. Any other questions about the claim.

Gary Friend said the county general appropriation.

Laura said I believe so. It's paid out of the commissioner's budget.

Mike said and \$32,000 is property tax, \$16,000 is financial, and \$13,000 is tech support rounded down.

Gary Friend made a motion to approve. Gary Girton seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

J&K Communications Claim \$5,000.00

Mike said next claim is the J&K communications claim which is a retainage on the communication project of \$5,000.00. Gary Girton are we ready to pay this one.

Gary Girton said Chris hasn't given me the okay yet.

Mike said we've been tabling this subject to E911's okay. So we'll continue to table this claim.

Gary Friend said it's the final \$5,000.00.

Mike said final \$5,000.00 yes.

Gary Girton said yeah, we paid the hundred and.

Mike said yeah, we paid quite a bit of money.

Resolution 2023-02 – Resolution to transfer tax lien certificates to Winchester

Mike said next item is our Resolution 2023-02. Is this the revised one where he said something was going to be removed?

Laura said yeah I think there was four and now there's three.

Mike said okay. This is transferring the certificates to the city of Winchester, tax certificates that will be at certificate sale in March. And this is typically, what we do is give them to Winchester and then Winchester can, I guess I do have a question while you're here Bob. And I don't know these properties, but would any of these properties be of value to the housing committee for rehabilitation.

Bob McCoy said the one on south Main, 529, does that sound right, or do they give you an address.

Mike said they don't give us addresses.

Bob McCoy said I think there's, I think 529 South Main is a vacant lot that is available. I'd talk to Jim Nunez on those.

Mike said okay. I was thinking more of a for the housing committee, more of a house that could be rehabilitated.

Bob McCoy said no, these are all vacant lots.

Mike said they're all vacant lots. Okay.

Bob McCoy said and we already had a huge investment into taking them down anyway. So, yeah, I think all three of them are vacant lots.

Mike said okay. So, this is a resolution establishing intent to transfer tax lien certificates held by Randolph County, Indiana, to the city of Winchester. And it's three different parcels in Winchester. And I'd entertain a motion to approve this resolution.

RESOLUTION 2023-02

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE INTENT TO TRANSFER
TAX LIEN CERTIFICATES HELD BY RANDOLPH COUNTY, INDIANA, TO
THE CITY OF WINCHESTER

WHEREAS, there is a property in Randolph County, Indiana, that is severely delinquent in the payment of property taxes, having been offered for tax sales, and which received no bids equal to, or in excess of minimum sale price. The parcel number of that property is:

Parcel Number	Brief Legal Description
02100605-00	Mumma Add Lot 72 Blk 4
021-00759-00	Cheney Watson Add Lot 9
021-01601-00	Beech Grove Add 50 ½ Ft W Side Lot 117

WHEREAS, there is an assessed value associated with the property for taxation purposes, but no taxes are being collected, therefore causing a lower than expected tax distribution to those taxing units and taxing districts within which the property is located.

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners desires to have the property back on the tax rolls with taxes being collected or used for a government purpose.

WHEREAS, IC 6-1.1-24-6 et seq. allows for County Commissioners to acquire a lien on the delinquent property and receive issuance of the tax sale certificates for the property, without taking title to the property, therefore limiting the liability and cost normally associated with taking title.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners that the Randolph County **Auditor** shall acquire liens and receive tax sale certificates of the property listed above that is severely delinquent, and transfer said certificates to the City of Winchester, Indiana, pursuant to Indiana Code.

Gary Girton made a motion to approve. Gary Friend seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Head Start Modification Letter

Mike said the next item is the Head Start modification letter. Did you get a copy of that? Okay. We just, we've not heard back from Head Start regarding Meeks' questions. We've not heard back from them, so I would recommend we table that to our next meeting.

Gary Girton said I agree.

Gary Friend said I agree.

County Attorney Employment Agreement

Mike said the next item is the county attorney employment agreement which we received via email from the county attorney. And it feels to be the same agreement that we've had in the past. The attorney pay of \$28,956.20 per year is established in the salary ordinance. So that's already been approved so, unless there's any questions or concerns about the agreement, I would entertain a motion to approve the agreement.

Gary Friend made a motion to approve. Gary Girton seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Meeks Cockerill Uniform Conflict of Interest

Mike said and he's also provided a Uniform Conflict of Interest disclosure statement as required by Indiana Code 35-4.1-1-4, which we're being asked to sign, which he'll then sign, and indicates that he will do what's necessary as required by the statute. I'd entertain a motion to approve this uniform conflict of interest conflict statement.

Gary Friend made a motion to approve. Gary Girton seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Appointments

Mike said that brings us to our Commissioner appointments.

Gary Friend said I've read them all. If it would be just as simple for me to take over what Tom Chalfant had or would somebody like to make changes.

Mike said well. That would streamline this activity.

Gary Friend said I'm willing to do that, but there could be, whatever you and Gary might want to make other changes. I don't want to rush through it.

Mike said Gary are you okay with that.

Gary Girton said we could just go down through really quickly and read the name. Start with the airport board.

Mike said we need other appointments. We need to start with the airport board. We have Conan Wallace expired in 12/31/22, so, as far as I know, Conan is serving that board well and wants to continue to serve that board. So, and I think what we will do is go through and name the appointments and then at the end do the approval. I would recommend Conan for that. If there's no objection, then we'll move on down.

Gary Friend said no objection.

Gary Girton said none.

Mike said have we not replaced Bill Richmond yet.

Gary Girton said apparently not.

Laura said let me check that. I feel like we have.

Mike said oh, we replaced Bill with Owen Griffith. And then Eric Livingston, Alcohol Beverage Commission Board, Chris Lay. Area Planning Board, and Gary Friend.

Gary Friend said yes.

Mike said Area Planning Board citizen, that hasn't expired. Building Maintenance Supervisor, Jake Donham. Our Building Commissioner would be Randy Abel. And Area Planning Director would be Debra Johnting. The next two have not expired. Community Corrections Board, myself. Community and Family Service, computer equipment, that expired in 12/21/21.

Laura said I don't think we ever replaced community and family services.

Mike said computer equipment, we'll leave that the same by officer. County attorney, we just signed that agreement. Economic Development Board would be myself. Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission would be myself. E 911 director, Chris Shaneyfelt. Emergency Management Advisory Board would be Gary Girton.

Gary Girton said if anybody else wants it they may have it. I've served on it for 8 years.

Mike said you're doing a good job Gary.

Gary Friend said good job.

Mike said Emergency Management District Planning council, Jennifer Hendrickson. Emergency Management District Planning Oversight Committee, Gary Girton. Emergency Medical Services Director, Duane Petry. 4-H Incorporated & Extension, Gary Friend. Grievance Complaints, that's the president of the commissioners. We have some Health Board expirations. To my knowledge, they've, not asked for these members to be replaced, but I think we need a statement from the Health Board to say that they.

Gary Friend said which expirations, oh just one, I see it.

Mike said well there's Mindy Winningham and Joe Edmonds. I think we should, before we reappoint them, I think we should request a statement from the Health Board president that they want to continue to serve.

Gary Girton said agreed.

Gary Friend said agree.

Laura said are you going to ask for that or do you want me to.

Mike said can you do that. I guess you need to ask the, from the Airport Board too, because we have Conan, he's expired, so we should ask him. Highway supervisor, Michael Haffner. Highway Office Administrator, Jessica Olson. Insurance Committee, Gary Girton. Internal Controls Oversight Committee, that's by office. And those, that will change because the treasurer is no longer Deb Preston. L & M Water Board, that doesn't change. The next three are all Gary Girton. Randolph County Redevelopment Commission, that's Brody Tarter, Dallas Osting and Jentry Flesher.

Laura said Dallas is no longer there. That is Lee Zimmerman.

Mike said Lee Zimmerman.

Laura said and as far as I know, they're all willing to stay.

Mike said Region 6 Executive Council Work One is Mike Wickersham. Solid Waste are the three of us. Tourism Board, Jeanette Sickels. That's, I think she was, all three of those, those are not, we need to contact the tourism board and get an updated list of who wants to serve. Those are all incorrect, other than Owen and Marla, I know are still on there. But I don't think Lori Comer or Angie Martin, and I'm not sure about Jeanette, so can you reach out to the Tourism and get new names there.

Laura said I will.

Mike said Veterans Officer is Bethany Sibert. None of the libraries have expiring terms. And then the liaisons are listed as there, are we okay with the liaisons replacing Gary Friend and Tom Chalfant's position.

Gary Friend said yes I am.

Mike said are you okay with that Gary Girton.

Gary Girton said yes I was just looking at it, yes.

Mike said okay. Well those are the annual appointments, and other than Tourism Board, Airport and Health Board. I would entertain a motion to approve the appointments.

Gary Girton made a motion to approve. Gary Friend seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Additional Appropriations:

Building Commission

Building Commission Director

-\$3,240.00

Mike said that brings us to Additional Appropriations. The first one is for the Building Commission Director. It's reducing that salary by \$3,240.00. So that's money coming out of the building commission line. I'd entertain a motion to approve that additional appropriation.

Gary Girton made a motion to approve. Gary Friend seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

County General Sheriff

Equipment (Purchased)

\$30,000.00

New Vehicle

\$90,000.00

Mike said the next two are for the County General. The sheriff purchased equipment of 30,000, new equipment, new vehicle of 90,000 for a total of \$120,000. I'd entertain a motion to approve this additional appropriation.

Gary Girton made a motion to approve. Gary Friend seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

County General EMS

Office Supplies

\$1,000.00

Cleaning Supplies

\$2,000.00

Gas/Fuel/Oil

\$26,000.00

Uniforms

\$6,000.00

Medical Supplies

\$38,000.00

Postage

\$50.00

Motor Vehicle Repair

\$28,000.00

Mike said the next several are from County General for office supplies, cleaning supplies, gas/fuel/oil, uniforms, medical supplies, postage and motor vehicle repair. This is for EMS. I would entertain a motion to approve this additional appropriation.

Gary Girton made a motion to approve. Gary Friend seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

County General – Area Planning

Executive Director

\$3,258.00

Secretary

\$21,840.00

Registration/Education

\$800.00

Mileage

\$400.00

Mike said another County General. This is for the Area Planning that increases the Area Planning salary by \$3,258.00, and the secretary, \$21,840.00, and for education and mileage 800 and 400. I would entertain a motion to approve this additional appropriation.

Gary Girton made a motion to approve. Gary Friend seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Circuit Court
Bailiff

\$145.00

Mike said next item is the Circuit Court bailiff in the amount of \$145.00 which looks like it's to cover the total salary.

Mike said I'd entertain a motion to approve this additional appropriation.

Gary Girton said move approval. Gary Friend seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Superior Court
Bailiff

\$145.00

Mike said the next one is the bailiff for Superior Court in the amount of \$145.00. I'd entertain a motion to approve that additional appropriation.

Gary Girton made a motion to approve. Gary Friend seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Veteran's Department
Secretary

\$692.00

Mike said additional appropriation for our Veteran's Department secretary in the amount of \$692.00. I'd entertain a motion to approve that additional appropriation.

Gary Girton made a motion to approve. Gary Friend seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Special Purpose LIT

Bond Payment (Communications Project)

\$86,400.00

Mike said next item is the General IT switches. Evidently, they finally came in.

Laura said no, actually, you got the wrong one.

Mike said I got the wrong one. I skipped one. I'm sorry. I skipped one. This is Special Purpose LIT. This is a bond payment for the communications project in the amount of \$86,400.00. I'd entertain a motion to approve this appropriation.

Gary Girton made a motion to approve. Gary Friend seconded. All aye votes. Motions carried.

General
IT Switches

\$51,604.70

Laura said and on the switches, so we cancelled the order that we had. We cancelled the original order and LEAP is reordering those. That's the same amount that we approved out of our ARPA for the previous switches. And they said it would not go over that amount.

Mike said okay. So, this is an additional appropriation for switches that's coming out of ARPA into General, and it would not exceed.

Laura said actually, not ARPA, sorry. I'm mistaken. So originally, it was paid for out of CARES, which the CARES told me it was left was put into General. So that's why we're doing this.

Mike said okay so that's good. This is an additional appropriation for \$51,604.70 which is the amount that the switches will not exceed. I'd entertain a motion to approve.

Gary Friend made a motion to approve.

Gary Girton said so this money was already transferred.

Gary Friend said it has already been approved.

Laura said it was appropriated once, but since we're in a new year, we have to redo that.

Gary Girton said I see, okay, I'm with you. I'll second.

Mike said did he second that.

Gary Girton said yes.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

EDIT

Eastern Indiana Regional Planning (Partial Dues) \$4,599.40

Mike said the last additional appropriation today is from EDIT. It's for the Eastern Indiana Regional Planning dues in the amount of \$4,599.40. This is a partial payment of the dues that we approved at our last meeting. I'd entertain a motion to approve.

Gary Girton made a motion to approve. Gary Friend seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said that brings us to the end of our agenda. Laura do you have anything for us.

Laura Martin – Treasurer's monthly reports

Laura said I have, and I just received these this morning, so I have three monthly reports from the county treasurer that need to be approved.

Mike said okay. Have July, August and September monthly reports from the county treasurer, and it does look like it shows a balance. Do you want to review those? Do you want to review these Gary? We typically get these via email, and we did not. I do show they balance. I'd entertain a motion to approve as reviewed.

Gary Friend made a motion to approve. Gary Girton seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.
Mike said Meeks is not here to share anything with us this morning. Gary Friend, do you have anything for us this morning.

Gary Friend – Lease on the old Highway garage
Gary Friend said I would like to revert back to the individual leasing the highway department in default and I think we'll probably have to address it.

Mike said the highway garage evidently, he is behind in his payments, so I would ask the auditors office if they could calculate his arrears and share that with the attorney, and send him a letter that we need to have that rent paid. Are you okay with that Gary?

Gary Girton said yes.

Gary Friend said that's all I have Mike. Thank you.

Mike said Gary Girton, do you have anything for us.

Gary Girton said no, not today.

Mike said the highway garage was all I had. So, do we have any citizens here that would like to make comment.

Citizen Comments (3 minutes)

None

Adjournment

Mike said okay well, with that again, welcome to the commissioners Gary. Welcome to the council. And I'd entertain a motion to adjourn.

Gary Girton made a motion to adjourn. Gary Friend seconded. All aye votes. Meeting adjourned.

Reviewed and signed this 6 day of February, 2023.

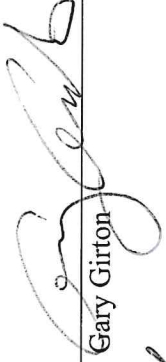
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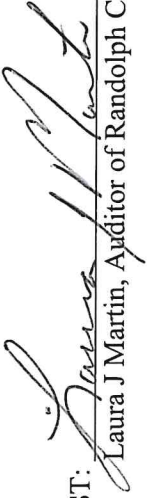
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ATTEST:
Laura J Martin, Auditor of Randolph County