

Randolph County Commissioners

October 2, 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 and County Attorney Meeks Cockerill.

Michael Wickersham, President presided over the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council's update

Mike said first item on the agenda is the council's update. The second item is councilman Tom Chalfant, a proclamation.

Tom Chalfant said it's Missy's turn?

Mike said Missy, do you have anything to share with us this morning?

Missy said no.

Mike said Tom.

Tom Chalfant - Proclamation

Tom Chalfant said the last meeting I told you I didn't have anything to share but, anyway, last week was the Association Indiana Counties Convention. And I think you're, some of you are familiar with Ken Paust retired Wayne County Commissioner. He won this award last year, which is the Arthur R. Himsel award. And so, this was awarded last Wednesday night to Jane Grove, our recorder. So, I don't think I've ever done a proclamation before, but here goes. Whereas, the Arthur R. Himsel award is the highest award given by the association of Indiana Counties to an elected official for service and leadership to their constituents and to the Association of Indiana Counties. Whereas, Randolph County Recorder, Jane Grove has been awarded the prestigious Arthur R Himsel award for public service and leadership on Wednesday, September 27th, 2023. Now, therefore, the Randolph County Commissioners proclaim Monday, October 2nd, 2023 as Jane Grove day in Randolph County.

Mike said is Jane here?

Tom Chalfant said she's busy.

Mike said so, if we sign this proclamation, will you let her know.

Tom Chalfant said yes, I will.

Mike said okay. Any questions of Tom?

Gary Girton said I move we approve this recommendation and congratulate Jane on a job well done.

Mike said I have a motion to approve the proclamation to proclaim Monday October 2nd, 2023 as Jane Grove Day in Randolph County. Do I have a second?

Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said very good. Is that all you have Tom?

Tom Chalfant said yes, it is. Any questions for me?

Mike said you guys meet tomorrow.

Tom Chalfant said right.

Chris Shaneyfelt – Personnel issues

Mike said next item is Chris Shaneyfelt. This is tabled from our last meeting to talk about personnel issues and comp time.

Chris Shaneyfelt said so if my memory serves me alright, I believe I'm here to provide you a little bit of an update on our personnel issues and then the comp time that we've got going. The deputy director, tomorrow is her last day as a full-time person. She will move to part-time. She's taken a job with the state of Indiana in the Division of Children's services. And then, since my last meeting, I've hired three people. One is starting full-time today. One will start once I get the clearance from the Auditor's office, and then the other one is meeting with the Auditor's office to go through the hiring process and do all the forms there. Looking at the 911 ledger for the comp time, that is accurate as of yesterday when I printed it out. You'll see that the last employee that left employment, her hours that we had to pay her out are over on the far right. With the Assistant director leaving, we wound up having to pay her what her amount is. And then, everything else, now, after that, everybody is balanced. Now, if you look at B. L. that is not accurate. For some reason, the computer is still holding that from when she was previously employed. So, we've instructed the Auditor's office to drop it down to where it belongs.

Mike said do we know what that is?

Chris Shaneyfelt said she should be, she should have 30 hours of comp and then everything else would be zeroes, because she's only been here 2 weeks. And then on my side, there's just the amount that I still have. The 64 hours we're carrying over, and then the 171 in comp.

Mike said what does the narrative holiday mean?

Chris Shaneyfelt said you'd have to ask them. I don't know. I think, depending on how long they've been here, that could be how many holidays they've actually used, subtracted from the, all the negative holidays, no, I don't know what that means.

Gary Friend said you have a zero on yours.

Chris Shaneyfelt said typically, I don't work the holidays, but I have been. And then the holidays are being thrown over into the comp time column by the precinct manager program.

Mike said well if I recall, the discussion we talked about, the discussion about over time or in lieu of that, maybe paying earned comp time on a more regular current level, which would be from the employees' standpoint, there would be a sense of overtime being paid for working that comp time.

Chris Shaneyfelt said right, because right now, we're just, accumulating comp time when we can't get rid of it, and even if we do try to get rid of it, it just goes to someone else, because we just don't have the staff to do it.

Mike said if we were to choose to do that, would we need to amend the salary ordinance or amend the policy, or how would we go about that.

Meeks said you'd have to amend the policy to get funding if you are going to do it.

Mike said then we'd have to ask council to fund that.

Gary Friend said I ask Laura to prepare a line "comp payout". What was the thought of your personnel on this?

Chris Shaneyfelt said they would rather have the money. Some of them I think will eventually, if we choose to go 100% pay in overtime, I mean they'd rather have the money, but some of them rely on that comp time quite a bit to take off and I don't know what they'll, as much as some of them try to take off, it would be a little more hard-pressed to get out of there.

Gary Girton said could that be more of an incentive for them to stay?

Chris Shaneyfelt said if they're paid overtime? It would definitely be more of an incentive for them to work our open shifts that we have, because, like I say, right now, they can't get out to go enjoy time off. So, there's no benefit for them even working the overtime. I would think that it would but I really don't want to speak for everybody without asking them that question first.

Gary Friend said what's your percentage of understaffing right now?

Chris Shaneyfelt said well I'm about 25% still. We just, like I said, just hired 3, and the 3 of them are going to be in training. The one girl starts today. Another will start probably some time this week, early next week, and then the other girl will start with me.

Gary Friend said the main reason I asked that is, we need to do something, that's for sure but other departments will possibly throw themselves in the same situation. They may want to start collecting comp time. So, I don't know if they can, staffing is the trigger to allow it to go on. Anyone wants to approach us can approach us.

Chris Shaneyfelt said we've been running about 25% since April. The high is 30% there for a little while.

Gary Friend said and it is in the critical, well I mean all of our departments are critical, 911 center is very critical.

Chris Shaneyfelt said yeah, I mean if anybody in our room gets sick, we're in trouble because I've only got 3 trainers, and that includes me being a trainer.

Gary Friend said so does your personnel have any discussion on how far they'd like their comp time to go down to or, what you would see as?

Chris Shaneyfelt said I would just take us to that 150 level or whatever it is that we have established in our policies, the county policies, and then let them keep it after that.

Gary Friend said at 150, no matter where everybody's at?

Chris Shaneyfelt said uh huh.

Mike said so then, some wouldn't, two on this list wouldn't get any pay down?

Chris Shaneyfelt said yes. You have a few others that won't get any. L. S. is no longer employed here and E.W. is no longer employed here. But all the others would be, yes.

Mike said so whatever we do on comp time, it's going to be recommending to the council. I will say the last time we dealt with comp time and vacation or overtime, council chose, without our recommendation to pay out the comp time. And if you recall that, we weren't dealing with his comp time, we rolled over his vacation so he wouldn't lose it. But they paid the comp time. So, I just, I wonder if we as opposed to just arbitrarily picking that percentage, or that amount of hours, we maybe recommend the council to pay 50% of the comp time.

Gary Friend said no matter wherever they're at?

Mike said wherever they're at. And going forward, pay, I guess from this date, which would be the 1st of October, pay out comp time on a monthly basis, earn comp time on a monthly basis.

Gary Friend said down on the 50% level?

Mike said that way they would, if we did that, they would always be at the 50% mark of where they are, which everybody would be below the 150. The other thing would be asking, the other

would be pay it down to 150 so everybody would stay at that point if we continue to pay current comp time on a monthly basis.

Gary Girton said sounds like a good plan.

Gary Friend said so when I talked to Laura earlier, I had asked her to prepare a line for us and then I would request for approval from the council with a level of fund to that.

Mike said okay.

Gary Friend said so we would have funding in there and I think, Laura, we talked about \$30,000.00?

Laura said yeah, to start.

Gary Friend said to start with?

Laura said uh huh.

Gary Friend said see if the council will fund a new line in the amount of \$30,000, so we could make a decision every two weeks for now. Then we could review each and every department that they fall into a critical staffing issue. So, I don't see every department of Randolph County in the critical situation that you're in, in that center. I mean, that's a must operate center.

Chris Shaneyfelt said it is. It's a 24-hour, 7 day a week.

Gary Friend said so, could we maybe make a motion to establish a new line, and then make a motion to agree to how much goes into that new line?

Gary Girton said so moved.

Mike said I've got a motion to establish a new line and fund it for \$30,000.

Gary Friend said I'll second that. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary Friend said and the decision here to take everybody where they're at by 50% down?

Chris Shaneyfelt said 50% works for me.

Gary Friend said okay.

Mike said that reduces everybody?

Gary Friend said yes.

Chris Shaneyfelt said that's fine. It helps me out not to stress out. Once we stop this, and then if they're above 150, I've got to get them out to stay where we're supposed to be.

Gary Friend said does the salary levels coming in 2024 help you?

Chris Shaneyfelt said oh, I think so, yeah. Chris Shaneyfelt said do you want me to come back tomorrow?

Gary Friend said I'll be here tomorrow, but it wouldn't hurt if you can.

Mike said we're going to look at it, you mentioned two weeks, I mentioned well.

Laura said are you going to tell us each time, how much you want paid down?

Gary Friend said I think we have to monitor it that close. I think every two weeks, each pay cycle.

Laura said two weeks.

Gary Friend said yeah, I will be here tomorrow to present to the council, but it wouldn't hurt if you could be.

Mike said it would probably be beneficial.

Chris Shaneyfelt said okay. Alright.

Mike said anything else gentlemen?

Gary Girton said Chris I do. I had checked the power sites, and I couldn't get in close enough, but it looks like two or three of the communications storage buildings were starting to show some rust. If that's the case, we need Jake or somebody to paint those. And also, we have a fair amount of weed problems, maybe Jake can.

Chris Shaneyfelt said okay. Yeah, I just haven't had time to get there.

Gary Girton said I know you haven't. But they are starting to get away from us.

Chris Shaneyfelt said yes, that north tower is real bad so. So, I just haven't had the time to do that. But yes, I can talk to Jake and see what he can do for us.

Gary Girton said and they can spray those with Roundup. Once they start and get it under control, then it's not so bad. They do need to check those buildings..

Chris Shaneyfelt said right. And I haven't been to the south tower just because it's, we're out there so much, or not the south tower, the central tower. The south tower, I was down there not too long ago and weed eated that before we lost another employee that threw me back into the

room. And I was in that building itself, so, it's still nice and clean on the inside and everything else. So, I just need to get back up into the north tower and check it.

Gary Girton said check it out. It looked like one of the doors, I think there's, it may have just been dust or something, from where I was looking.

Chris Shaneyfelt said sure, okay.

Mike said thanks Chris.

Chris Shaneyfelt said uh huh. Thank you.

Jentry Flesher – Liability & Work Comp Insurance renewal

Mike said Jentry Flesher, liability and workman's comp insurance renewal.

Jentry Flesher said in your packets, I summarized to keep things simple on this front page, it looks like this. But then, I've got the TTG big paper that puts every line item. And then I thought it was prudent to include the work comp losses, which is the, it says BITCO up here on the top. And then I've included the GL and auto losses, which that has the Bliss McKnight on top as well. But my thoughts are welcome to the insurance hard market, and I think we're kind of paying for the last three years starting this year. But the good news is the county does have an increase. It's no where near some of the other increases I'm seeing in the commercial line of business. So, property heavy accounts, which I consider Randolph County to be because of all the locations and buildings we have, are taking the biggest hit. I'm seeing some 20% increases on the property line alone. Part of that is the inflation guard that we do consistently. In the past, we've done 2 or 4%. Talking to the underwriter, we decided that we probably should offer a 6% inflation guard on the property limit. And so, last year, if you look at the big paper, I think I highlighted it on everybody's, but we had a blanket limit of \$74,500,000. And then I increased that to \$79,000,000, just a shade over \$79,000,000 there. So, that's partially the reason for a large property rate increase. But it's also just the rate in general that's gone up. And if you check with other carriers, they're doing the same thing. It's like they all had a meeting and talked and said it's time to take rate. But the losses are good. On the property side, Chub property billing is changing. We've done quarterly bill, and we can continue to do that across the other lines. Just the percentages will change with Chub. They want 40% up front on the first billing installment, and then 20 from there on out. So, we had around a 15 to 16% increase on the property side.

Mike said so, does this deductible affect that 16% percent?

Jentry Flesher said I discussed a \$25,000.00 and \$50,000.00 deductible with Bill, and he said the savings would be minimal, and it would not justify the increase. I think there's a time that inflation guards can get out of hand because every year it's a percentage of a larger number and kind of compounds, but I am confident in this time, I don't see any reason we should lower that based on replacement costs and building materials. And, we have to stay within the 80% of our total, due to co-insurance. So, before we move on from property, is there anymore questions about that line?

Gary Friend said what's the total increase to Randolph County over last year in dollars?

Jentry Flesher said the total increase?

Mike said in property or all of it?

Jentry Flesher said on all of it, if you flip it over.

Gary Friend said that was what I'm reading down here, 406 to 442?

Jentry Flesher said yeah.

Gary Friend said that's everything?

Jentry Flesher said that's everything.

Mike said cyber comes down.

Gary Friend said uh huh.

Jentry Flesher said multi-class liability, which is your DL, we had a little bit of claim activity that would show up on that portion. We did have an increase there, but the main reason for the increase is per the work comp audit. We amended the payrolls that we had last year to, we increased them from \$5,653,000 on the payroll to \$5,923,000 so, a lot of our premium increase came from that payroll increase per the work comp audit.

Gary Friend said are you covering workman's comp for the entire county.

Jentry Flesher said yes. This is on the GL portion, but they base the rate on payroll. So, I used the work comp payrolls that were reported to base the GL rate. Business auto, the auto policy looks good. We had some claims, which are going to happen on an account this size. Our loss ratio is still very favorable. I'm actually seeing a lot of auto rate increases across my book of business, but the county is going to come in and stay pretty consistent on the auto portion. And then the work comp loss ratio remains good. We did have some activity for the counselling this year, but other than that, Randolph County has done a phenomenal job on the work comp portion. We haven't paid out an incredible amount for a long time. It's reflected in the experience mod. Last year we had an incredible experience mod. You rarely find this, but we had a .68. That activity took it up to a .84, which hurts us on the scheduled credit side. But work comp rates stayed the same or went down a little bit. So, you kind of have the raise and you have the increase in payroll, a good X mod, and then rates, so, if you look at your premium, it's up just a tick. But, I'm pretty happy with that line of business. So, over all, all across all lines, we're right at a 9% increase.

Mike said half of that is property?

Jentry Flesher said yes. Most of it lies in the property, and then the increase in payrolls on the GL portion.

Mike said any questions of Jentry, Gary, Gary?

Gary Friend said no.

Gary Girton said no. Good report, especially workman's comp. We're finally getting that down after many years.

Jentry Flesher said for a lot of years before my time, it was, I've heard, challenging and we've been fortunate. I think that comes from some of the Bliss McKnight trainings, and their risk control.

Gary Girton said they stepped in a few years ago and started doing that.

Jentry Flesher said yeah. They still have Mr. Mark Enis too. He does a phenomenal job, always responsive. He worked up the loss reports for me. One of the best.

Mike said well, it looks like we need to take action quickly. It expires this week.

Jentry Flesher said the 7th, yep.

Gary Friend said I've reviewed it all and I don't see anything so, I'll make a motion that we approve.

Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said thank you Jentry. Good report.

William Greer – Parker City Request for funding (tabled from 9/18/23)

Mike said William Greer, Parker City Request for funding. Tabled from our last meeting as well. You recall William is here requesting support of a couple of park projects, one for a handicap bathroom, and the other for some paving?

William Greer said it's a pavilion.

Mike said pavilion, I calculate that to be a total of \$51,500.00 for both projects. Anybody have any additional request of William?

Gary Friend said no. I reviewed them both, both places. I guess the only discussion we should come up with, and I'm in favor of helping Parker in the construction of the parks, just how we want to do it, who will fund it, ask the council of the possibility of putting energy renewable money into it or from EDIT?

Mike said I think we should proceed that way. I think it's an opportunity to use the Windfarm funding for local community projects. And I think we should ask council to spend the money for that.

Gary Friend said I'll make a motion that we do our part and approve the \$51,500 out of Energy Renewable Funding.

Gary Girton seconded the motion.

Mike said anything to add William?

William Greer said just thank you very much gentlemen.

Gary Friend said it's not over yet.

William Greer said oh, it wasn't. Thank you for the recommendation anyway.

Mike said so, I have a motion to approve \$51,500.00 out of the Renewable Energy Fund for the park projects in Parker City. All in favor signify by saying aye.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said now that will have to go to council tomorrow, and I would recommend that, Gary will be there, but I would recommend you to come if you can.

William Greer said I will.

Mike said okay. Thank you.

Bob McCoy – Economic Development project

Mike said Mayor Bob McCoy.

Bob McCoy said I've been working with Dan Baker on a pretty good size economic develop project, and we've been talking with the Redevelop Commission, and we thought at this point, we need to have an executive session to kind of have some further discussion on incentives and different options we have to basically get in on the ground floor of a project. You know, been talking TIF, we've been talking annexation. We really need to kind of get ahead of this before it moves forward and we're not prepared. So, October 9th is the date that Baker Tilly is available as well as Jason Semler. If Meeks is available, that would be great. One o'clock is the time that we have established. I haven't got a location yet but I want to run that past you. Baker Tilly is just really busy.

Mike said October 9th?

Bob McCoy said yes.

Mike said Monday the 9th, a week from today at one o'clock.

Bob McCoy said yep. Is Dan here? Is the board room available at that time or no?

Dan Baker said yeah, the board room is unoccupied, so we're actually not.

Bob McCoy said okay.

Dan Baker said the board room is available.

Bob McCoy said RCU board room is available for that day.

Mike said well if we're going to have an executive session of this body, we're going to need Laura here. Why don't we see if this room's available?

Bob McCoy said that's fine.

Mike said not that she records a lot, but she does record.

Bob McCoy said well I figure we'll probably have 10 to 12 people, commissioners, Meeks, Laura, Doug, Jason, Conan Wallace, myself. Chris Martin will probably be here, and possibly Brian Polar.

Mike said that works for me. Does that work for you, Gary?

Gary Friend said generally, this time we can't do it with all this right now, but like 8 or 9:00 o'clock in the morning, in the middle of the day is a difficult time for me. But I'll make this work. It's important. But I guess this is for general knowledge, but I work out of town, so I have to get back.

Bob McCoy said got you. Like I said, I try to grab whatever I could grab and he just said that's.

Gary Friend said okay.

Bob McCoy said I feel it's necessary that at least two of the three is.

Laura said we are not closed and this room is available.

Mike said why don't we just schedule it here?

Bob McCoy said yep.

Mike said 1:00 o'clock.

Bob McCoy said 1:00 o'clock here. I will get with Jason and let him know, and everybody else. Meeks, are you good with that?

Meeks said yes, it's on my calendar.

Mike said and this will be an executive session of the commissioners?

Bob McCoy said yes.

Meeks said you'll have to advertise it.

Bob McCoy said yep, and that gives us plenty of time, right Laura?

Meeks said yep.

Laura said yes, we should be fine.

Bob McCoy, other than, I just want to add again, I brought it up before, Eric Devon at the Health Department, sanitarian, is doing a great job. Times I've called him, he's been on it. We had a sewage leaking on a sidewalk last week, and he went right out and let them know that that wasn't acceptable, and they've corrected the problem. So, I just wanted to say he's doing a great job out there. And probably one of the best sanitarians we've had in quite a while. Still working on a lot of sidewalks.

Mike said did you happen to see the Sheriff's email regarding the animal contract?

Bob McCoy said I did. I forwarded it to Mike and Brandon, and Aaron. I haven't really gotten deep into it, but I figured I'll be here tomorrow if council has any, is council looking at that at all, or is that just all funding for?

Gary Friend said no, we have to have additional appropriation for that.

Bob McCoy said but I'll be here tomorrow to answer questions. But I figure probably the next meeting in the commissioners is when probably decision will be made.

Mike said if you could, or just let us know what the city's thoughts regarding the sheriff's concerns, and either by email or just let us know.

Bob McCoy said okay. That'll work.

Hannah Deguch & Austin Kirch & Brad Dilger – EDPR Headwater's III & Riverstart IV
Mike said Hannah and Austin, EDPR Headwater's III & Riverstart IV.

Austin said morning commissioners and Meeks. I actually will not be speaking. Brad Dilger will be.

Mike said morning Brad.

Brad Dilger said so, I am actually filling in. My name is Brad Dilger. I'm filling in for Grace Minkis who, not filling in, but Grace is part of the EDPR, a couple months ago, so I'm.

Mike said are you replacing or filling in?

Brad Dilger said replacing. Replacing Grace Minkis. So, yeah, working on Riverstart III and Riverstart IV. So, just a quick update on Riverstart III. We've come to the end of stall and panel availabilities, so those panels have now become available. And we are going to start installing that equipment in the upcoming months. So, there will be a little more activity out there. And I mentioned that because I know that there is still a concern about 700 South. And we've talked to Mike, the road superintendent, and just expressing that we will definitely take care of any issues that are on that road, and work with the commissioners to make sure that that's left in at least, a similar, if not better, condition than what it is now. Just a quick note there. And then for Riverstart IV, we are actually on the agenda for the drainage board next. And so, we are moving forward with that project. It's going to be following Riverstart III. And so, we're moving forward, based on our experience with Riverstart III, we're moving forward with some of the infrastructure earlier, so we can avoid some of the delays that we're seeing now. So, we're starting on that substation work after approval by the commissioners, and hopefully be able to get started on that this fall, early winter. So, just wanted to give those quick updates and see if there are any questions that I might be able to answer, or even just be able to get you answers on.

Mike said I don't have any.

Gary Friend said I do not.

Mike said go talk to the drainage board.

Brad Dilger said great, sounds good. Hannah.

Hannah Deguch said Headwaters time. I think you all might have received a map for our road study. I'll get to that after some project updates. So, we're still very early in design and development. That's probably why you haven't gotten an update for a while. We're still working to develop a project or get it to a good place to update you. We have about 60% of our land signed and we're looking at placing 47 turbines for Headwaters III. We have completed a phase one geotech study, a full environmental phase one study and our wetland and cultural desk top studies. And those are different from the field study, where you're just studying from a desktop. So, we're looking right now at a 2025 to a 2026 COD. That is largely in part of AEP delays. They are not delay's on our part, not to toss the blame on them, but I am. So, we are still in early stages for our Delaware County transmission line design. And we're still analyzing our route options through them. The next studies that we have are our Wet Land delineation and cultural resource survey, and those will both be in the field. And then finally, our road study, which I'm here to talk to you mostly about today. So, the road study, we have two main priorities for that road study. And the first one is that we meet your expectations. So, I know we gathered some comments from all of you and from Mike at the county highway. I have incorporated those into that map. We're also taking what we've learned from Headwaters I and II to incorporate into Headwaters III. So, basically, what I'm here today is to get our road study

kicked off and approved. So, the road study, it doesn't mean that the roads are, that we have on that map are going to be used. We're just going to make sure that we can. We're going to study them. We're going to make sure that they're load bearing, they can handle the heavy turbine components or not. We're also going to over study to make sure that we are more than prepared to carry what we need across the county. And we're definitely open to your comments, concerns, questions, and basically, I would just love your sign off, your stamp of approval on continuing with the road study.

Mike said so, a couple questions. You indicated you had 47 turbines?

Hannah Deguch said yes.

Mike said within the red line on this map?

Hannah Deguch said yes, that's our project boundary.

Mike said so it looks like it goes from the east to Stone, over to just north of Parker City?

Hannah Deguch said that's right.

Mike said or just northwest of Parker City?

Hannah Deguch said uh huh.

Mike said is that the county line?

Hannah Deguch said yes.

Mike said so, are you projecting your laydown to be off of Highway 27 like Headwaters I?

Hannah Deguch said we would like it to be somewhat central to the project area, but we're still trying to find a good home for it.

Mike said and then, I don't see any survey roads connecting the western part of the farm to the eastern part of the farm. There's a gap in this map.

Hannah Deguch said oh, yeah. So, the state highways, we don't study those. So, that's a gap.

Mike said okay, so that highway One turns there to the west?

Hannah Deguch said uh huh, yeah.

Mike said it's going right by the golf course there.

Hannah Deguch said right. So, I think we had talked to Mike about using 400 North across the project, and then potentially 500 more of the way across the project. Obviously, you can see

north of the golf course we have turbine component only travel, because I know that was a big safety concern. So, we took note of that, and then there's also some, I think it's 700 West, that sounds right, where there's difficult turns.

Mike said so this has a pretty good footprint for 47 turbines?

Hannah Deguch said yeah.

Mike said so, I guess, if you're looking for a road recommendation from me, I would recommend we do them like we did Headwaters I as opposed to Headwaters II.

Hannah Deguch said okay. I have heard a lot of opinions about Headwaters II and I think we have some lessons learned.

Mike said Headwaters I was a little pain during construction, but I think the finished product will prove to be a lot better from Headwaters II.

Gary Girton said but there wasn't near the issues during construction because we eliminated them prior to, 98% of the issues that we had Headwaters II was corrected on Headwaters I before we ever started.

Hannah Deguch said uh huh, and hopefully, Headwaters III will be the best one ever.

Gary Girton said are these turbines then the same, basically the same size and weight as ones in Headwaters II?

Hannah Deguch said to be honest with you, I'm not sure yet. We haven't selected a turbine manufacturer. We're still sorting through their bids, so I don't have an answer for you yet.

Gary Girton said are they basically going to be the same megawatts?

Hannah Deguch said I think so.

Gary Friend said one was 2-4 and one was 2, right?

Gary Girton said right.

Hannah Deguch said let me get back to you on that.

Gary Friend said I've got a question on the roads, and I agree with Mike and Gary on that. However, there was an instance or two when you put the roads back on the Headwaters I, you went to the original plot and not the actual width you started with?

Mike said that was an error. That was our error.

Gary Friend said that was ours?

Gary Girton said yes, we made that mistake.

Gary Friend said oh, okay.

Gary Girton said we found out after the fact.

Gary Friend said so, the new one would put them back to where they are, not to the original plot?

Mike said yeah, II was written to provide for that.

Gary Friend said okay.

Mike said I was written to go back to the original right-of-way. We didn't catch that. And I don't think there was any intent to hide it from us.

Hannah Deguch said so, this is just step one before we get to forming the road use agreement, which, like I mentioned before, we'll take into account Headwaters I and II, our issues with that.

Gary Friend said one final question. On the road, what's that gap between the east and the west? Is that included, state high?

Hannah Deguch said yes, yeah. I think that's highway One.

Gary Friend said what about the traffic that's going to ignore the state highway because of the distance around, would it be beneficial to take a road study all the way across, at least through the middle of

Hannah Deguch said I'm sorry. I didn't understand the question there.

Gary Friend said the east and the west, there's a gap between road studies.

Hannah Deguch said yeah.

Gary Friend said and if you do say you're going to use Highway One, or even 28, what's going to stop people from taking the short cut of running through east to west? If you haven't, I think you ought to have a road study in there.

Mike said well Highway One goes there.

Gary Friend said goes through here?

Mike said yeah.

Hannah Deguch said so, we are incorporating Highway One and 28. However, we don't study them.

Gary Friend said yeah, I understand that.

Hannah Deguch said okay.

Mike said okay, and other questions?

Meeks said I did. When are you thinking about having a road use agreement? I mean, what's the timeline?

Hannah Deguch said I don't have a true timeline. My main objective today was to get a sign off to continue the road study. So, I would imagine after we get the results back from that, it might be a few months.

Meeks said so, you're thinking next year, 2024?

Hannah Deguch said I would think.

Brad Dilger said late this year, early next year.

Mike said so, are you coordinating your study with Mike at the highway department?

Hannah Deguch said yes, yeah. We met with him last week.

Mike said as long as he's aware of what's going on.

Hannah Deguch said thank you.

Mike said before we go on to other business, I see our highway department here in force. Do you guys have anything you want to share with us this morning? No, okay. Morning Mike.

Mike Haffner said morning. Yes, we've had some preliminary meetings just to talk about 400 North between 900 West and 1000 West. That's the golf course. A lot of foot traffic.

Mike said that's west of the Highway One jog?

Mike Haffner said yes. And I brought that to their attention that that's going to be a safety concern because there's a lot of foot traffic on that road. Now, it is going to be difficult to get the turbine blades from 27 clear through. Naturally, they can't come through town. The turbine blades, there's not near as much traffic and they're usually under a police escort. I told them there's a possibility of using that stretch for just the turbine blades only because of the police escort and be able to get from East to West because naturally, they can't come up 1200 out of Parker because they can't make that turn there. Then the other route they possibly, there's a County Road 800 South in Jay County that connects to 27 that takes it clear over to State Road One, a straight shot, and that's their Windfarm road that they use to access all of theirs. So, theoretically, if it's coming off 27 and they need to get to State Road One and then come down.

That would be a possibility. I know that's not in our county, but we don't have a lot of roads connecting east to west besides 400 that goes all the way through. So, just a few minor concerns that we had in that one area that I'm sure we can work out. But, that's so far, I pointed out 400 West, that whole segment has got like 5 bridges. That 500 West would be a much better road as far as not running over bridges. So, then the intersection of 700 North and 400 West, that one's going to be an awful difficult radius to get a blade around, just the nature of that intersection being very deep. So, I just pointed a few concerns that they might want to look at these areas beforehand.

Mike said that's what that study is for I think. They need to figure all that out.

Mike Haffner said yeah.

Mike said as long as you're aware of it.

Mike Haffner said yeah, we're working together just trying to get a game plan so they can bring it to you guys.

Mike Haffner – Greenville Pike

Mike said so, while you're here, we had someone question us on Greenville Pike. And one of the comments was that it needs to be lined. And we had discussed that several months ago about it being lined.

Mike Haffner said yes, but we're kind of, I know Joe Copeland and we've had some, we're trying to figure out, are we re-surfacing that road, are we re-widening it, are we going to get a grant. I was just kind of holding off on some more information on that side, what we were doing that road long term, so I know where it would fit in my schedule.

Mike said well if we pursue a federal grant for the rebuild of Greenville Pike.

Mike Haffner said uh huh. It would be several years out.

Mike said I think I'll still be alive when that happens, but it's going to be a long time, and I think we probably would want a line it prior to that grant being approved, because it needs to be lined, just for safety's sake. Now if we're going to top coat it that's been suggested then that would be with our funds. Or, I don't think its in line to get a community crossing grant is it?

Mike Haffner said no.

Mike said so it's either our money to repair it or I think we need to, for me, I think we need to spend the money at least, to line it to make it a little safer.

Mike Haffner said yeah.

Gary Friend said yeah.

Mike said what do you think Gary?

Gary Girton said I agree since the longevity particularly, a federal project several years down the road.

Mike said I think we're looking at 27 or 28 for a federal project at least.

Mike Haffner said yep.

Mike Haffner – Paving issues

Gary Friend said one question, there were, and I've gotten with you on this, the line between the left side and the right side when you're putting pug down, is a significant bump. How do we make that go away on these roads that we're doing in the meantime before we put the top coat on?

Mike Haffner said on which road are you?

Gary Friend said 800 W.

Mike Haffner said 800?

Gary Friend said even 500 W has that separation where you went down one side and down the other. Can we run a roller down the middle and smooth that transition between the one side and the other? I know you've got extenders ordered. I know they'll be here next year.

Mike Haffner said right. So, we can do full width. That's ultimately would take care of it totally.

Gary Friend said but until we get there, is there a process that you can start that takes that transition line between the two paving strips and smooths it out a little bit better?

Mike Haffner said after I'd talked to you, we had a little meeting and we're changing our process for the rest of the year to try to eliminate that more. It's still a learning curve and when I'm not sitting on the paver, they've had some thick areas that I wasn't happy with, but I've talked to the roller operator about a different style. He can go and pinch that down, and taper it down better.

Mike said did we go to the smaller stone in the pug?

Mike Haffner said that definitely helped, and even next year, I think we're going even smaller. So, it's that course stone that we can't get mashed down that's causing some of that.

Gary Friend said this one looks to be more of an application. It wasn't, it just looked to me, being a novice, that I agree with the stone and all, but that was just a matter of the way it was put on.

Mike Haffner said mismatch.

Gary Friend said yes. It could have been under a quality control you've done better I think.

Mike Haffner said yeah.

Gary Friend said and then run the roller down the middle. Even though it doesn't really seem to affect a lot of your driving, the appearance of it makes you think it's quite a difference.

Mike Haffner said the visual definitely looks worse than what it actually is. But yeah, it's all about training and getting the guys to do it. But yes, that shouldn't be there.

Mike said thank you. Do you have anything Gary?

Gary Girton said is that the issue the email was about.

Gary Friend said yeah, I'd say it's one of them. I mean, a little bit was some stone on top, but some of that is the nature of what we're doing. I mean, I still understand why pug was there, and for the dual purpose of creating a better base. But that service matters a lot.

Mike Haffner said yeah, it, even if you use hot mix, you would still have that same problem. If you use the same, yeah, it's the process of the application. So, we've got to get that figured out before we start you know. It doesn't matter what product. It's the process.

Gary Friend said I don't want to hide behind the fact it's because it's pug. It's not because of pug.

Mike Haffner said no, it's not.

Gary Friend said it's because of how its applied.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Joe Copeland said putting pavement markings on Greenville Pike, I don't believe there's a no passing zone log available. We don't know what the no passing zones are on Greenville.

Mike Haffner said yes, we do, on that one.

Joe Copeland said we do? You have one?

Mike Haffner said on Greenville Pike, it's been done before. I'm going to call the same company that did it before. Hopefully, they would have a record of it.

Mike said it's been lined.

Mike Haffner said it's been lined before. Now Union City Pike has never been lined. We had to do a study, and that cost extra. But hopefully, Greenville since, well first of all, there's

already existing lines that's somewhat visible they could go off of. So, I'm going to cross my finger on that one.

Joe Copeland said they're going to be tough.

Mike Haffner said yeah, if you don't have it, it's tough.

Gary Friend said double lines all the way through.

Mike said tough to drive without them.

Joe Copeland said well you get complaints either way.

Mike said is that all you got for us?

Joe Copeland said joint match on pavement. Sometimes you just have to have a laborer back there. I mean, sometimes you've got to do that. Just hand flip. You get to know how much compression there will be in the mix, so you know about where it'll match, so they take that and throw the excess back on the mat. And then they take a roller over it and it'll, should line up pretty close. They'll get used to it after a while.

Mike said yeah, it's a matter of learning.

Joe Copeland said yeah.

Mike said learning curve.

Mike Haffner said yeah, that's why we're doing it clear out there instead of closer.

Gary Friend said it matters clear out there.

Mike Haffner said oh yeah, it matters no matter where it's at, yeah.

Other Business:

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

Mike said that brings us to other business. Sheriff, Art Moystner. Other than your potential projects to fund, anything for us this morning?

Art Moystner said I do not have anything new this morning. One of the things I wanted to share with this, and I guess I was looking for some guidance from the commissioners is what appetite we have to look at this list before I start putting together prices and quotes, and everything else.

Gary Friend said I spoke with Art on it too, and I know his first thought, not first thought, one of the thoughts was ARPA funding.

Art Moystner said correct.

Gary Friend said and like I was telling him, if we have a project that needs to be done, it doesn't necessarily mean it's going to have to be paid or should be paid out of ARPA. There are other funds and other ways to get to the critical items that need to be taken care of.

Art Moystner said correct. I just know with speaking to the Auditor's office last week, they explained there was some funding out there. I know with ARPA, we have to have it appropriated through next year expense, I believe by 25?

Laura said 26.

Art Moystner said 26. And it was just some of those things that I wasn't sure whether the commissioners or council had already earmarked some of those funds. I know with tac team vest replacement, that's kind of a must, because that Kevlar expires after 5 years, so we need to do that. I was looking at some of the internal cameras. Recently, they gave me a quote for the exterior of the building where we've had a couple cameras go down and that quote came in at \$24,000 or just under. That's funding that I don't normally have enough in an account to cover. But I know we have some blind spots in the jail, and there's still several old analog systems cameras in the jail that I think if we have the funding currently, for some of these projects, we should look at. The training room we use to host other people coming in. That carpet in the basement is starting to show a lot of wear. I know the front office is doing the same thing. I'm just not sure whether that's something that you guys are wanting to look at now. And the air handling unit, we had spoken about it. We'd had a couple recent issues with some of the damp air controls in the building and they're having to rebuild those, which takes a few months to get the parts and everything so they can build it. And it's one of those systems that it's an original system with the jail. I know that's an expensive item to put in. But if it goes down, I know it's 9 to 12 months before they'll put a new one in, once you order it. And with having inmates in the building, that puts us on a temporary unit that's parked in the lot and pipes that stuff into the building. So, I think that's, it would be a lot cheaper to be proactive than it would be reactive with that project. So, if you guys are wanting me to chase some of these, I'd be happy to start moving forward and bring you prices. And if it's things that we're not interested in, then I don't want to chase them.

Gary Girton said I think we need to prioritize, make a list, then prioritize it, then go ahead and do that, because we've talked about some of these things over the years. And if we solve some of the problems that we're having and help with some of the other issues, but, part of the history has been with the jail since I've been around is, it's age on some of the things we've done, and we may need to be correcting more at a time than we are. And rather than doing so much piecing, I don't know, but I'm just saying whatever you think needs to be done, and get prioritized, then let us look at that and come up with whether or not we're going to follow that recommendation and how we're going to fund it.

Art Moystner said well I considered in sitting down and doing the initial part of this, I had a two-page list. And I've reduced it down to these I believe, 7 items, that I think are something that need addressed over the next year, year and a half.

Mike said so what was on your second page?

Art Moystner said a whole lot of other items that I didn't deem as important.

Mike said it would be nice to see it exhausted.

Art Moystner said okay.

Mike said and I guess as far, and I thought the same question, we should prioritize this, but this page I think, is a priority list.

Art Moystner said it is.

Mike said and I think we should find the cost of all of them. I mean, it's, when you have thirty-year-old carpet, thirty-year-old tile and thirty-year-old locks, it's time to, that or get into the alternative and nobody wants to do the alternative.

Art Moystner said correct. And to share some of the items that were on the other list, were things like furniture, but our furniture works fine. Communications equipment for specialty stuff and things like that. I can bring that forward, but a lot of those on the other page were more wants than needs.

Mike said it would be nice to have, but I think this is a needs list. I think we should pursue it.

Gary Friend said I do too. It doesn't matter what funding source we call it, these are things that need to be done. And the air handling system at the jail third in line after the courthouse. It's to be expected it's time to take care of the jail ahead of the county.

Art Moystner said and what I would like to do with the cooling system is I'd like to get with Jake, because this is definitely outside of my comfort level to start talking about those systems, but if I could bring Jake on board to look at that and figure out how we need to move forward, because that's probably going to be some type of a bid process, and definitely outside of my wheelhouse. But the other items, I will start getting figures for you, and provide those.

Mike said sounds like a good idea.

Art Moystner said thank you.

Mike said anything else for Art this morning? Okay. Thanks Art.

Minutes of September 5, 2023 & September 18, 2023

Mike said that brings us to our Minutes of our September 5th and our September 18th meeting. That was our last meeting.

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

Payroll Claims \$278,420.14

Mike said next item is our Payroll claims which are at our place here in the amount of \$278,420.14. I'd entertain a motion to approve.

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

Regular Claims \$1,068,451.34

Mike said next item is the regular claims in the amount of \$1,068,451.34. We have received a copy of these via email, and I trust everyone has had an opportunity to review these.

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

Clerk's office reimbursement claims

Mike said next item is the clerk's office reimbursement claims. There's three of them for three clerk's employees. And one is from the clerk, Melinda for \$124.89 for hotel expenses. I guess they're all for three different hotel expenses. Do we normally see these?

Laura said they go to regular claims, but our policy shows that each employee can have one meal per, I forget how it's worded. Meeks read it.

Meeks said it's like one meal per person.

Laura said and one of their receipts has two meals on each receipt. Per our attorney, and State Board of Accounts, they need to be approved by you because that would be like taking your spouse or someone else.

Meeks said I don't know if they ate two meals or they took one home, but it's under the number, and.

Mike said what did you say, under the number?

Meeks said what's the number?

Laura said I think it's \$41.00 per day per diem.

Meeks said yeah, it's under the per diem amount, but it's two meals each.

Mike said yeah. Two chicken bowls. Have you seen those?

Gary Friend said uh huh.

Mike said have you seen them Gary?

Gary Girton said yes.

Mike said we either follow the handbook that says one meal per person and we discount this by \$8.35, less tax, plus tax, or we treat it as a two-chicken bowls being a meal. And it's under the per diem amount which would cover that. So, we have to look at them, and I presume all three are treated the same way since we're seeing all three of them. Well, one way to look at it is they went to a, it's under the per diem, they went to a less than expected expensive dining facility if they only ate, because they could have been to one meal would have cost them the same amount of money, so.

Gary Friend said did the clerk have an explanation?

Laura said she said they ate two meals each.

Mike said and that wasn't every meal.

Laura said yeah, the one receipt.

Mike said I would think since they're under the per diem amount, I say we allow them.

Meeks said this is all a policy decision. I probably would concur, but that's up to you three.

Gary Friend said yeah, I would.

Mike said I'll move approval for the clerk's three claims for reimbursement for the event that, is this the AIC?

Laura said no, it was a district meeting.

Mike said district clerk's meeting. I'll move approval of the three claims.

Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Airport Milestone claim \$375,669.90

Mike said next claim is the Airport Milestone claim in the amount of \$375,669.90. That's the total amount due. It's for the taxi lane construction. And it looks like it's the final one, except for retainage. Is that correct?

Laura said that's what it looks like to me.

Mike said and where's that coming from?

Laura said they have a grant.

Mike said a federal grant? I'd entertain a motion to approve the Milestone contractor.

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

John King Overpayment claim \$192.26

Mike said next item is the John King overpayment claim of \$192.26.

Gary Friend said I don't understand it. I looked at it and I don't.

Laura said it was a kind of like a reconstruction-type thing.

Mike said for a drainage contract.

Laura said and John was paying for half of it and he sent in a payment for the whole \$7500.00 when it was the last payment, and it should have been for the whole \$7,307.74.

Gary Friend said who is John King and how's he owe us?

Mike said he's a private property owner that we repaired a drain on with general drain fund, and he's paying it back.

Gary Friend said I got it now.

Mike said and he's done paying it and he overpaid by 192.26.

Gary Friend said okay.

Mike said I'd entertain a motion to approve the John King.

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

Achieva Resources – Continued financial support

Mike said next item is Achieva Resources. They've sent us another request for funding this year, and Achieva Resources is a guardianship program for, I want to say, East Central Indiana, and based upon their letter, they spend about 200 hours of service to Randolph County's local hospitals, nursing facilities and communities over the past year. And they receive a \$75,000.00 grant from the State of Indiana through the Supreme Court. But they need to have a matching fund to do that. And, based upon our history with Achieva Resources and the Indiana Supreme Court Adult Guardianship Program, we've provided them a \$5,000.00 grant from our EDIT funds to support this program. And they're asking for us to do that again this year.

Gary Friend said with your experience on it, what do you think

Mike said I really don't, other than what they say they do because it's adult guardianship advocacy. I think they serve a purpose for citizens of Randolph County that we don't see or hear from very often. But it is a good program that the Supreme Court obviously, funds most of, and

the local counties should chip in their fair share. So, I would move approval of supporting them again this year.

Gary Girton said I'll second that.

Mike said all in favor of that motion, signify by saying aye.

All aye votes.

Mike said and that would be from EDIT funds. So, we'll need to amend our EDIT plan, and do so prior to our October 25th meeting.

Meeks said how much was the Achieva again?

Mike said \$5,000.00.

Meeks said that's what I thought.

Mike said then prior to going on to additional appropriations, oh, there's two more items on the agenda.

Ordinance 2023-20 Health Department Fees

Mike said the Health Department has a fee ordinance that they would like us to adopt, Ordinance number 2023-20, an ordinance amending the uniform fee schedule for Randolph County Health Department. And it's establishing fees, and I'm not sure what fees they're changing. Do you know?

Meeks said here it is. It's changing a lot. They're adding a bunch, like tattoo parlor.

Mike said are these in a different order.

Meeks said yes, it is, because they sent it to me. I kept my order.

Mike said okay. So, they're changing several fees. I'm not going to detail them out. Restaurant food permit is now \$85, septic is \$100, birth certificate is \$15, public swimming pool is \$100, vaccines are \$15 for administration, all vaccines are provided at a cost to the county, plus 10% rounded up. Tuberculosis test is \$15. Flu vaccine is administration fee of \$15. Other vaccines.

Gary Friend said what's microblading?

Meeks said that's a good question.

Mike said that's taking care of your eyebrows. So, I'd entertain a motion to approve Ordinance number 2023-20, an ordinance amending the uniform fee schedule for Randolph County Health department after the first reading.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UNIFORM
FEE SCHEDULE FOR RANDOLPH COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Health Department is under the oversight of the Randolph County, Indiana, Board of Commissioners (“Board”); and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 36-1-3-1 to 9, inclusive, grants certain home rule powers of Randolph County; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board to fix the permit fees for the Randolph County Health Department.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners, that a Uniform Fee Schedule be established effective January 1, 2024, for the Randolph County Health Department as follows:

DEPARTMENT	SERVICE	FEE
Food	Restaurant food permit between January 1 and December 31	\$85.00
	Food stand temporary permit	\$40.00
	Food Permit late fee	\$25.00
	Food Service Plan Review	\$25.00
Septic	Septic Permit	\$100.00
	Contractor Registration	\$100.00
Vital Records	Birth Certificate	\$15.00
	Death Certificate	\$13.00
	Home birth certificate (includes birth certificate)	\$20.00
	Paternity affidavit	\$10.00
	Paternity affidavit copy	\$0.00
	Name Amendment (includes birth certificate)	\$0.00
Other Fees	Public Swimming Pool	\$100.00
	Tattoo Parlor (annual)	\$125.00
	Tattoo Artist Permit	\$125.00
	Eyelash Extension	\$125.00
	Micro Blading	\$125.00
	Derma Plaining	\$125.00
	Miscellaneous	\$20.00
DEPARTMENT	SERVICE	FEE
Public Health/Nursing Service	Vaccines for Children and other vaccines provided at no cost to the County	0 for vaccine plus \$15.00 for administration (Administration fee for Medicaid patients fee will be charged to Medicaid)

	Adult vaccines/other vaccines provided at no cost to the County	0 for vaccine plus \$15.00 for administration (Administration fee for Medicaid patients fee will be charged to Medicaid)
	All vaccines provided at cost to the County	Cost of vaccine plus 10% rounded up to next dollar plus \$15.00 administration fee
	Tuberculosis test	\$15.00 per single test
	Flu vaccine	Cost of vaccine plus 10% rounded up to the next dollar plus \$15.00 administrative fee
	All other vaccines and/or tests	Cost of vaccine plus 10% rounded up to the nearest dollar plus \$15.00 administration fee
Administrative Fees	Copies of previous visit shot records	\$15.00

NOW FURTHER ORDERED by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners, that the Randolph County Board of Health shall institute a hardship and donations policy, allowing those individuals not able to pay the full fee for services, to receive the services at reduced or no cost, dependent upon an individual's economic circumstances.

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

Meeks said so, I would probably do the second and third at the next meeting.

Mike said probably do at least, the second at the next meeting, October the 16th.

Resolution 2023-24 Farmland real estate

Mike said and then we have a resolution 2023-24, a resolution of Randolph County Commissioners accepting the transfer of certain real estate from the town of Farmland. This is the lot there that's just east of the intersection of Highway 1 and Highway 32, and our intent in accepting this resolution would be to pursue the construction of an emergency medical services bay. So, I'd entertain a motion to approve resolution 2023-24 to accept transfer of certain real estate from the town of Farmland.

Meeks said so, exhibit A is blank, but I have that at the office, and I will forward that to Laura. Exhibit A is the legal description.

Mike said Exhibit A is the legal description.

RESOLUTION 2023-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ACCEPTING THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN REAL ESTATE FROM THE
TOWN OF FARMLAND

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Randolph County, Indiana has approached the Town of Farmland, Indiana, regarding a parcel of real estate, described at Exhibit "A", which parcel is owned by the Town of Farmland, Indiana (hereinafter "Real Estate").

WHEREAS, the Real Estate is a vacant lot and has no assessed value.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Randolph County, Indiana and the Town Board of the Town of Farmland, Indiana, has determined that the best use for the Real Estate is for the Commissioners of Randolph County, Indiana to erect and maintain a building on the Real Estate so it may provide more efficient ambulance services to the public.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Commissioners of Randolph County, Indiana that they accept the transfer of the Real Estate from the Town of Farmland, Indiana to the Commissioners of Randolph County, Indiana pursuant to IC 36-1-11-8; and grants to the President of the Commissioners of Randolph County, Indiana the authority to sign any and all documents required for the transfer of the Real Estate.

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

Mike said now we're at the end of our agenda, and prior to going on to additional appropriations, I see Daniel Baker is here. Daniel, would you like to give us a report from Randolph County United, or are you just comfortable back there?

Daniel Baker said I'm just comfortable back here.

Mike said okay, well thank you.

Daniel Baker said thank you.

Mike said okay. I'm sorry I passed over you.

Additional Appropriations:

EDIT

Commercial Video Project \$5,000.00

Mike said first additional appropriation is our \$5,000.00 commitment to the tourism Randolph County United Commercial Video Project from EDIT funds. I'd entertain a motion to approve this additional appropriation.

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

ARPA

Jail Building Maintenance \$22,720.57

Sheriff Dept. Equipment \$40,438.60

Professional Services \$10,820.00

Mike said the next three are from our ARPA fund. One is for jail building maintenance of \$22,720.57. The second is from the sheriff's department, equipment for \$40,438.60, and the third is for professional services for \$10,820.00. I'd entertain a motion to approve these additional appropriations.

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

Mike said I think that brings us to the end of our agenda. Laura, do you have anything for us this morning?

Laura Martin – WIFI at RCFFO building basement

Laura said the only thing I have, I sent you all an email regarding WIFI in the basement for the adult education classroom.

Mike said right.

Laura said and I did get a quote from the LEAF on that for \$674.29.

Mike said and that would just give them WIFI?

Laura said that would put WIFI in the area where they're at, because right now, we don't have any down there. And I didn't know if you want me to pass that amount on to them to see if they would be willing to pay that, or how you wanted to handle it?

Mike said well if we pay for it, we'll own it. If it's in our building.

Gary Friend said they should probably pay to use our WIFI a little bit, shouldn't they?

Mike said they offered to do that.

Gary Friend said whether we do or not, I don't know what they think would be fair or what the county thinks would be fair. How far do they run it?

Laura said I don't know.

Mike said \$437.00 for the cabling labor.

Gary Friend said is that Fiber?

Mike said it's fast ethernet, so, I would guess it's hard wired. So, if we want to do this, I would entertain a motion to accept this quote prepared by LEAP.

Gary Girton make motion to approve. Gary Friend seconded the motion.

Gary Friend said would that be a Cum Cap expense?

Mike said and I would say it would be a Cum Cap expense.

Gary Girton said correct.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Laura said and then, do you want me to respond to Caleb or are you going to, how do you want to let them know. I think I forwarded it to you guys.

Mike said I'll respond to it.

Laura said that's all I have.

Mike said Meeks, do you have anything for us?

Meeks said I do not. We'll just get with Farmland and figure that out as we're going forward. So, I might need one of you guys to sign some things.

Mike said okay. Gary?

Gary Friend – Morgue location, Completion of the Unified Development Ordinance

Gary Friend said I spoke with Darin James on the coroner situation we talked about some time back, and it's not going anywhere. And Rod, at the hospital, I guess has had a change in position and Darin is a little concerned. It may not go anywhere, but maybe we ought to be looking at alternate possibilities. I said I would bring it up. get it on our minds so we could decide what we want to do with the coroner in the event that it won't work with the hospital.

Mike said okay.

Gary Friend said the second thing I have is during the APC meeting, we were talking about the \$19,000.00 that the company wants to charge. Anyway, a recommendation come from the APC to the Commissioners to go ahead and extend the \$19,000.00 more than what we've already paid. The discussion ensued as it did here, does that get us a guarantee it's going to get done, and the answer is not really. It depends on us, whether we get it done or not. So, the question, I guess is do we want to accept that recommendation, pay the \$19,000.00 to Debra Johnting's company or not. And I mean, it was a pretty good discussion. I voted for to send it to us there. I've since, even then, had concerns if we pay \$19,000.00 we'd still end up with we don't get our part of it done, we don't have our part of it done. Debra said that she would just start taking it home at night and doing it, and I told her in the meeting, you don't work off the clock. Not at all. I asked her, if you have a staffing issue, you don't have enough help out there, and you come up to a situation that they just didn't have time to follow through, and Debra then, indicated it was probably Randolph County's fault this did not get done. So, I guess the decision for the commissioners are do we want to go ahead and pay this company \$19,000.00 more with no guarantee if we don't do our part.

Mike said is there any way that we could just pay her out, time and material?

Gary Friend said we could discuss that. And we have, according to her, I wish I could remember her name, she's Deborah too. We have everything we need.

Meeks said Lazier.

Gary Friend said yeah, thank you. She has the document to turn over to us. We can go through it, review it and start going through it in the board meetings.

Mike said well I suppose it could be a situation if it's time and material, if she comes to a meeting and nobody is there, we're going to pay her for it. We're going to pay her for it anyway, but if we get a rough draft in one meeting, determine that's the final document, then we would save money.

Gary Friend said right. I think that's a good idea. And I'll take it back to APC.

Mike said and I agree with, and she's the one that raised that, I agree with her. If we're going to have a meeting of a planning group, then that group needs to show up or there's not going to be any planning there. I think it's valuable to have the Area Planning Commission serve as that committee.

Gary Friend said I do too.

Mike said are you okay with that Gary?

Gary Girton said yes, I think that's a good idea.

Mike said okay. Anything else?

Gary Friend said no.

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

Gary Girton said no. I took care of the issue I had with Chris.

Mike said okay. I don't have anything else for us.

Citizen Comments (3 minutes)

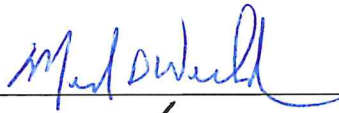
Mike said do we have any citizens who have any comments? Okay, hearing none, I'd entertain a motion to adjourn.

Adjournment

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

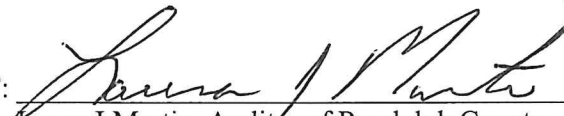
Reviewed and signed this 16 day of October, 2023.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS







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Laura J Martin, Auditor of Randolph County