

Randolph County Commissioners

December 1, 2025

The Randolph County Commissioners met at their regular meeting at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners and Council Room in the Courthouse with the following members present: Board President Gary Friend, Tom Kerns and Missy Williams. Also present was Randolph County Auditor Laura Martin, Sheriff Art Moystner and County Attorney Meeks Cockerill.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council's update

Gary said alright. Good morning everybody. We'll officially open the commissioners' meeting this morning and the first on our list is the council update. I see Greg Cheesman. Councilman Cheesman is coming up. Good morning.

Greg Cheesman said good morning, Gary. Greg Cheesman, Randolph County Council. Most of the stuff that we did the last meeting was stuff that had already taken place at your meeting the day before. The one thing Art Moystner, our Sheriff asked for, to move some money around to purchase, purchasing of challenge quarters to hand out to, for a community engagement thing and that narrowly passed. There was talk about Joe Copeland and the letter of commitment from Community Crossing. And then the Washington Township library person was appointed. So, and then other than that, most of it was just handling money.

Gary said alright. Anybody need anything for Greg? Missy?

Missy said no.

Gary said I do not either. Thank you.

Joe Copeland – Federal Aid financial commitment letter bridge 303 and bridge 5

Gary said Joe Copeland and Jay Long.

Joe Copeland said good morning.

Gary said good morning.

Joe Copeland said here this morning to get approval and signatures on a financial commitment letter so I can put in applications for 2 bridges here in the county, for Federal funding. That's paid at 80%. We're asking for everything, design, right-of-way, utility relocation, construction and construction inspection, all. Okay, the 2 bridges are bridge 303 here in Winchester on

Orange Street, which is south of the bridge we just finished here this year. And the other one is bridge 5, which is on 500 North at 800 West. Now, the reason these numbers on bridge 5 are so high, the bridge is not that big. But the stream, the creek runs right along 800 West, and we're going to have to shore up either with retaining walls or sheet piling or something to protect that road when this bridge goes in for the future. So, a lot of this money is not knowing you know, they added some to it, not knowing what we're going to have to do to make that happen.

Gary said I'm familiar with that bridge.

Joe Copeland said do you need copies of the letter or do you have?

Gary said I have it, we all had it emailed to us and if we approve this, it'll be signed, passed down, everybody's got one, I believe. Do you have one?

Tom said yep.

Gary said Missy, do you have one?

Missy said I got the email.

Gary said okay. The financial commitment is a little bit over 2 million dollars? Is that the cost, I mean, the bridge on Orange Street.

Joe Copeland said yeah, it's right at 2 million, yeah, local funding.

Gary said they're not getting any cheaper, are they?

Joe Copeland said no, no. I can remember when the first design fee came in at a quarter million dollars and I about fell out of my chair.

Gary said alright, we've got a request from the highway department for these 2 financial commitment letters. Any discussion on it, Tom?

Tom said no, I'm good with both of them.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said nope, I'm good.

Gary said I'm good as well. But, before we vote on it though, if one of you two or staff, I'd like to have a list of the commitments that we've put out there. We've had several commitment letters. I want to know what the total of our commitment right now is for the future.

Jay Long said yep.

Gary said so, we don't get ourselves in a bind we can't satisfy. Does that make sense?

Joe Copeland said yeah.

Jay Long said yep.

Gary said okay. Alright, we have a, somebody like to make a motion to sign these 2 documents?

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

Joe Copeland said thank you.

Gary said what else is going on? How's your road cleaning this weekend?

Jay Long said not bad. It was kind of early for it, but we were pretty ready for it. Last night was kind of weird. It kind of freezing rain, then it kind of froze, then with the wind, it was kind of freeze drying, so, it was kind of all over the place. But, just trying to be safe for everybody.

Gary said yeah. Okay. Thank you.

Kristina Halloran, Area Planning – Proposed amendment 2025-3-A Ordinance 2025-18
Ordinance 2025-15, 2025-16 & 2025-17 Third and final reading and
adoption

Gary said Kristina Halloran, Area Planning proposed amendment 2025-3-A, Ordinance 2025-18.

Kristina Halloran said Kristina Halloran, administrative assistant, Area Planning. The APC met and unanimously gave a favorable recommendation to the 2025-3-A. It had two parts to it. The one adding this carbon capture to the table for special exceptions in the Industrial section M2. And then also adding the definition to the UZO.

Gary said add the definition to what?

Kristina Halloran said to the, the definition of CSS, carbon capture, to the Unified Zoning Ordinance.

Gary said got it.

Kristina Halloran said sorry. That's a lot of initials, isn't it?

Gary said not really, I just wasn't keeping up. Alright. Any discussion, Tom?

Tom said no.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said no.

Gary said would somebody like to make a motion that we approve Ordinance 2025-18 on the first reading?

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

Gary said this is an ordinance that basically, can be passed today, because it's a matter of fact. Would somebody like to make a motion to suspend the rules and have second and third reading and adoption on the same day?

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

Gary said and we need the motion to adopt ordinance 2025-18.

Missy made a motion to approve. Tom seconded the motion.

Gary said any further discussion? All those in favor signify by saying aye.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said okay, we have Ordinance 2025-15, 16 and 17 for third and final reading. So, somebody like to make a motion? Would somebody like to make a motion for the third reading of Ordinance 2025-15?

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

Gary said with the third reading now going through, would somebody like to make a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-15?

Tom made a motion to approve. Missy seconded the motion.

Gary said any further discussion? All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said as that's coming around, we have Ordinance 2025-16. Somebody like to make a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-16 on the third reading?

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

Gary said would somebody like to make a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-16?

Tom made a motion to approve. Missy seconded the motion.

Gary said a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor signify by saying aye.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said and now, we have Ordinance 2025-17. Somebody like to make a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-17 on the third reading?

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

Gary said would somebody like to make a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-17?

Tom made a motion to approve. Missy seconded the motion.

Gary said we have a motion and a second. Do we have any further discussion? All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said anything else?

Kristina Halloran said no. Thank you.

Gary said you're all caught up now.

Kristina Halloran said thank you very much.

Gary said thank you.

Missy said I sure hope you have a better 2026 than you did 2025.

Kristina Halloran said same here. Thank you, Missy.

Sherri Thompson – Contract Renewal (Kami Devin), Grant application

Gary said alright. Sherri Thompson.

Sherri Thompson said good morning.

Gary said good morning. You have a Health Department grant?

Sherri Thompson said yes, it's, there's no monetary number to it. What they do is, they give out the toothbrush kits. It's for the school liaison. They're doing a thing for the third and fourth graders, I believe, and it's called Give Kids a Smile. So, it's teaching them how to, you know, have correct oral care. And that's what that's for.

Gary said okay. No county match?

Sherri Thompson said nope.

Gary said okay.

Missy said so, are those just distributed to each school corporation or the schools and then they take it from there?

Sherri Thompson said yeah. And I do know that Tammy is going to go in and do some teaching with that, so, some education.

Gary said okay. Somebody like to make a motion to approve?

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

Gary said and now we have a contract with an independent contractor?

Sherri Thompson said yeah, it's just renewing the contract that we've had in the past with updated numbers since we're going from full time to part time.

Gary said what is it though? I'm not sure.

Laura said Kami Devin, she works in the front office and she's going from full time to part time. That's renewal of her contract.

Gary said okay. She's always been a contract employee?

Laura said uh huh.

Sherri Thompson said yes.

Gary said got it. Okay. So, what's the monetary difference?

Sherri Thompson said I think it's, she went from \$18.00 an hour to 20, due to the fact that she's getting cut.

Missy said so, we're giving her a raise because she got cut?

Sherri Thompson said that's what Doc wanted and that's what was approved.

Tom said it was approved in the budget?

Sherri Thompson said yes.

Tom made a motion to approve. Gary seconded the motion. 2 aye votes. 1 nay vote (Missy Williams).

Gary said anything else?

Sherri Thompson said no, that's all I have, unless you have questions for me.

Gary said I do not.

Missy said I do, Sherri. So, are you related to this person?

Sherri Thompson said yes.

Missy said okay. What relationship are you?

Sherri Thompson said she's my sister.

Missy said okay. I guess I'm confused on the nepotism, but I didn't think.

Meeks said are you here direct supervisor?

Sherri Thompson said no. Doc is.

Meeks said it's just.

Missy said but he's never here.

Sherri Thompson said she still answers to him.

Meeks said it's the supervisor. That's how the nepotism works. You can change that nepotism rule. That's just the least restrictive, but if you want to look at that, it's in the handbook.

Missy said okay.

Meeks said it's your supervisor. I mean, you can't be, your direct, you can be two above, right, but we don't really have that anywhere.

Sherri Thompson and this has been, she has been working for the Health ever since COVID. She was contracted at the test site before. And she's been in this position with the school liaison about 4 years now.

Missy said so the other half-time, who's the other one that's going to half-time?

Sherri Thompson said Tammy will go to half-time in April. Kami and Marita will go to half-time in January.

Missy said okay. And so, what, was there a pay increase in Miss Runkel's pay?

Sherri Thompson said she is getting paid \$30.00 an hour.

Missy said is that an increase from what she was getting before?

Sherri Thompson said yeah.

Missy said and that's with no benefits, correct?

Sherri Thompson said right.

Gary said anything else, Missy?

Missy said nope, that's it.

Gary said Tom, anything?

Tom said nope.

Gary said I have nothing. Thank you.

Sherri Thompson said thank you.

Jim Michael, Airport Board – Airport terminal

Gary said Jim Michaels.

Jim Michael said there's actually no s at the end of my name.

Laura said sorry.

Jim Michael said just remember you only want one of me. It happens all the time. Alright, so, it is our understanding, we haven't really seen anything official that you guys have got some money set aside for the airport as far as a new terminal building goes.

Gary said you understand correctly.

Jim Michael said alright. So, I know in the past, we've had a concept design that was extreme over-kill. I think everybody can agree to that.

Gary said yes.

Jim Michael said it was done about, probably 20 years ago now.

Gary said about 10.

Jim Michael said was it?

Gary said yeah, the one with the elevator and all the glass?

Jim Michael said yeah, yeah. I thought, it was 2014, so, yeah, I guess it was all, but it was before my time there so. And we all agree that's extreme, a little over-kill for what we need. So, what we've got right now is a concept of something that's a lot more reasonable. We wanted to get something in front of you guys now so, to kind of get the, the bad taste out of your mouth of what was done before. So, this is still a work in progress. There's no pricing or anything like that yet, but it's just something we wanted to show you guys so you can see that, you know, we're kind of getting some things in play, if you will. Like I say, there's still a lot of things on here we want to change, that we don't.

Gary said alright, when could you have some rough numbers?

Jim Michael said some rough numbers?

Gary said we have a joint meeting of the council and commissioners, I think it's the 19th.

Jim Michael said okay. I can have rough numbers by then.

Gary said yeah, we'll be making commitments, probably, possibly, then, of what funding, where are we going to use it, make sure we don't, you know.

Jim Michael said okay. Yeah, I definitely could have some rough funding by then from you know, one company, it would be this company. I mean, that's not saying this is who we want to use, because I would like to try to use some local people if we can, like Apex who bought Smarrelli Construction out of Richmond. So, they're local to the community, do a lot of.

Gary said I would say a project this size is going to go out for bid anyway.

Jim Michael said oh yeah, for sure, for sure. That's right, you know, I want to be able to get bids from local people too. So, I'm not saying we're going to use.

Meeks said I think he said the 19th. It's actually the 11th.

Gary said the 11th? I did say the 19th, sorry.

Meeks said the 11th.

Jim Michael said okay.

Meeks said next Thursday.

Jim Michael said okay. I'm trying to think, my.

Gary said that might be pushing it. Can you do that by next Thursday?

Jim Michael said should be able to. My 50th birthday is on Tuesday, so, I should be recovered by Thursday, shouldn't be a problem.

Gary said alright.

Meeks said you usually go to bed at 7:00 o'clock, so I get that.

Jim Michael said Meeks has got a big weekend this weekend, so, I guess if I could make it by the 11th, he should, so. So, yeah, I should be able to have some rough numbers by then for you, to go from there.

Gary said okay. Missy is your liaison. Missy, anything?

Missy said no. We've kind of been in contact a little bit. I go to the meetings out there and try to listen and understand. The only concept I have is all that glass and what kind of sunlight is going to heat up that place?

Jim Michael said right. I'm not a fan of all the glass.

Missy said I mean, I'm not trying to tell you how to build this building.

Jim Michael said I mean, it looks nice and the builders all say that the cost wise is the same whether it's glass or a wall. I don't, I'm not a builder. I don't know, you guys, I mean, Tom, you've been around this type of buildings your whole life. I don't know if it's true or not. But, to me, yeah, you get sun coming in, you're going to have to you know, keep the temperature maintained in the summertime and wintertime, you know, you've got condensation or so, yeah, I'm not a big fan of all the glass. The glass out on the ramp area, you know, a lot of that is good so you can see traffic, see what's going on out there.

Missy said right.

Jim Michael said but, you know, a lot of the other facing towards the east is, yeah, I'm not a big fan of so, we'll definitely, and then that, what you guys have there is even less glass than what they first sent to me. So, I wanted less, so.

Gary said yeah, I don't think it needs to go all the way to the floor, nor does it need to go up into the gable.

Jim Michael said exactly. I don't, I agree.

Gary said a good window array around it is

Jim Michael said right, right. I think that you know, 2-foot tall wall and then glass after that for 6 feet or something, but, yeah, I agree. But yeah, like I say, this is just, this isn't what we're building by any means, or what we want by any means.

Missy said it's a start. It's a good start.

Jim Michael said our board hasn't even seen this yet.

Gary said we are going to stay out of 2 stories and an elevator, then?

Jim Michael said yes, yeah. But we're going to have a basement with a full bar. No basement, no elevator, just all one story, concrete floor, just going to have concrete painted floor, so. Hey, if I make somebody laugh one a day, that's my goal, so.

Gary said the pilots got an edgy job. They've got to take the edge off.

Jim Michael said that's right, exactly, yeah.

Gary said go ahead, Tom.

Tom said question on the funding. On the grant funding, that you get out of here, that cannot be used on a terminal, is that correct?

Jim Michael said it can be.

Tom said oh, it can?

Jim Michael said we can, we would like to try to stay away from using FAA money if possible, because we can build it a lot cheaper if we build it with our own money.

Tom said okay.

Jim Michael said FAA money requires the concrete to pass so many, you know, pressure test, and you know, everything's got to be done different with FAA. I mean, I'm not going to say half price, but if we use our money, it's probably going to be 60% of the cost of what it would be if we, you know, had FAA grant. So, that being said, you can build a terminal part and then have the attached hanger part be FAA grant and the terminal part be you know, our funded, or vice versa. So, you can separate it out that way too. So, it's whatever, we have to wait to see what the price comes in, whether we have to use the FAA money or not. And then, you know, on those lines, as well, I know there is a loan, if you will, between the airport and the county because we had, to get our terminal or our hangers built when we wanted to, we had to do it quicker to you know, get better pricing and so forth. We didn't have the grant money yet. So, we borrowed money from the county, which I believe was around 200 and some thousand. Laura, you may.

Laura said I don't remember, but I remember the loan. I just don't remember the amount.

Jim Michael said yeah, so, if that's something that could be forgiven, we could apply that, grouped into those grants to the terminal building.

Gary said that was an EDIT funding.

Meeks said not sure.

Jim Michael said I think so.

Gary said I think it was an EDIT, but they're.

Meeks said could be EDIT. It'll be in the plans. I didn't have a plan. I thought it was Renewable. But if you give me that, I can tell you.

Gary said I thought we'd done an EDIT, actual grant.

Laura said yeah, Randolph County airport, we loaned them 181,685.

Meeks said yep.

Laura said I'm sure it was a loan. I remember doing it. Tell you in a minute.

Meeks said it's a grant.

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Laura said oh, that one's a grant.

Meeks said that one's a grant. There might be another one.

Laura said so, there must be one from.

Meeks said I think there's another one. I'm pretty sure.

Jim Michael said yeah, I think there's another one for about half of that, because I thought it was around 250, total.

Gary said in renewable?

Laura said out of renewables.

Gary said yeah, I'd thought the EDIT one that we did was a grant. Now we just need to look at the renewables being a forgivable. We can certainly, we have a council member here today too, that can bring it to the council. Are you available to bring it to the council tomorrow?

Jim Michael said no.

Gary said okay, understand. Who's going, going to council tomorrow?

Tom said no, I'll be in Indianapolis.

Gary said okay.

Missy said same for me.

Gary said huh?

Missy said same for me.

Gary said okay.

Meeks said you can talk about it on the 11th. I'm going to be in Vermillion County, but you can talk about it on the 11th.

Jim Michael said I'll be here on the 11th if I need to be. Is that in the morning too?

Meeks said it'll be at 6 o'clock.

Gary said 6 o'clock.

Jim Michael said in the morning?

Laura said no, 6 p.m.

Gary said p.m.

Jim Michael said I was going to say, I didn't think Gary got up that early, but I wasn't sure.

Gary said it only comes twice a day, four times a year anyway.

Jim Michael said uh huh, okay.

Gary anything else?

Jim Michael said no, that's all I've got.

Gary said I appreciate you getting started on this.

Jim Michael said okay. Have you got anything for me?

Gary said Missy, you got anything else?

Missy said no.

Gary said Tom?

Tom said no.

Gary said thanks.

Jim Michael said thanks. If you guys find out on what that is, Missy can get ahold of me.

Laura said I'll email you all.

Jim Michael said okay. That's fine. Perfect. Okay, thanks.

Gary said alright, that's all the new business. Other business.

Other Business:

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

Webex contract renewal

Gary said Sheriff.

Art Moystner said morning.

Gary said good morning.

Missy said morning.

Art Moystner said Art Moystner, Sheriff of Randolph County. I think I'd sent you all an email with a quote for renewal of the Webex program that came in just under \$5,000. It's a 3-year contract. I need to talk to council tomorrow because it would be new funding for this. When we set this up 5-years ago I guess I'd kind of assumed the courts were going to take it, and that didn't happen. So, that's where we are at it.

Gary said this is new funding, you'll have to have it appropriated, there's no funding in your budget for it?

Art Moystner said correct.

Gary said okay.

Art Moystner said I would also share that in my opinion, the money that we saved from it within the first year was used to increase the public defenders' salaries, I believe, by council.

Missy said yeah, it was.

Art Moystner said yes.

Gary said okay. Is it okay to sign this contract at our 15th meeting, on the 15th? The reason is, we shouldn't pre-sign ahead of the council's approval on the funding.

Art Moystner said and I don't disagree with you, and I guess I would ask would the commissioners allow me to sign that pending approval of the council? The issue is, we have already expired.

Gary said okay.

Meeks said you can approve it subject to the council's approval. So, if you approve it today, you can sign it, have Laura hold it until council's approval tomorrow.

Gary said okay. Alright, somebody like to make a motion to that?

Tom said I make a motion to approve the Webex contract conditional to the council approval tomorrow in funding.

Missy seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Art Moystner said do you any questions?

Gary said you don't have a commissioner's signature line on here.

Art Moystner said no. When they sent it, they're the ones that made up the contract for me. If you signed in my place, we can type your name in there as a commissioner.

Meeks said yeah, just mark his out and print your name.

Missy said this is way off the subject, but do, does the sheriff's department see, can they see every flock camera in the county?

Art Moystner said once we have everything up, yes.

Missy said that's what I wondered.

Art Moystner said yes. And I believe some of the guys we currently, since that's been approved, we currently have everyone that's on the program so we can see the flock cameras that are up.

Missy said that's what I thought.

Art Moystner said and currently, we can see everything within a hundred-mile radius that has permission set that we can view it, where that we can see it. So, we were actually using it just prior to Thanksgiving with an incident we had here in the county.

Missy said yeah.

Gary said did it help?

Art Moystner said we found several vehicles. We didn't have a plate, so we're looking for a vehicle description, so we found several to match. It's amazing how many of a certain color, make and model you find once you start looking for that.

Gary said yeah, okay.

Art Moystner said but I think it'll be a great benefit once we're set.

Gary said yeah. Anything else, Missy?

Missy said I've got a trial on that so I've got to see some, just a few things, it's pretty cool. But my trial ran out on Friday.

Art Moystner said it's a very useful program.

Missy said yeah, it's pretty neat.

Gary said anything else, Missy?

Missy said nope, that's it.

Gary said Tom?

Tom said nope.

Gary said Sheriff?

Art Moystner said I don't have anything.

Gary said alright. I do not either.

Art Moystner said thank you.

Gary said thank you.

Minutes of November 17, 2025

Gary said minutes of November 17th, 2025.

Tom made a motion to accept. Missy seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Payroll Claims \$382,622.21

Gary said payroll claims \$382,622.21. Somebody like to make a motion to approve the payroll claim?

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

Regular Claims \$

Gary said regular claims \$761,286.54. Somebody like to make a motion to approve the regular claims?

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

Fall Settlement \$15,724,434.22

Gary said and then we have fall settlement \$15,724,434.22.

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

Preliminary Official Statement for LIT Revenue Bonds Series 2025

Gary said now we have the preliminary official statement for the LIT revenue bond series 2025. Meeks, is there anything that we need to?

Meeks said I think it's, I don't think so. I read it. Pretty dry.

Gary said after page 1?

Meeks said yeah.

Laura said they're selling on the 3rd, right?

Meeks said selling it this week.

Laura said yeah, this week.

Meeks said so, hopefully, we'll get the funding and everything.

Gary said so, we're ready to sign this?

Meeks said I think approval of the preliminary statement would be great.

Gary said somebody like to make a motion for the approval of the preliminary statement for the bonds, 5 million 45 thousand dollars?

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

Unified Group Services certificate of compliance regarding gag clause prohibition rule

Gary said next is the Unified Group Services certificate of compliance regarding gag clause prohibition rule from United, our Health care provider. What's this exactly state, Meeks?

Meeks said I'm not sure because I'd have to, did I see it, is that the one I saw?

Laura said I don't know if I sent it to you or not.

Gary said my understanding is we can't do business with anybody that has any kind of gag rule within their system, without letting the public know that something's going on.

Meeks said yeah, that's probably right.

Laura said I think it's a requirement for our insurance now.

Meeks said I'm certain it's a requirement, so, yeah.

Gary said gag order prohibition somebody like to make a motion to approve this gag order prohibition?

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

GIE Subscribers ballot

Laura said they're asking them to vote on who they want as, there's a list of nominees, their names and information.

Gary said we'll come back to it.

Meeks said we get these. Yeah, we don't.

Laura said I've never seen one before.

Gary said we're not required to make any?

Meeks said no, no.

Gary said yeah okay, that's just information?

Meeks said yeah, I mean, you can if you want to. We've had them before and I don't think we've done anything. I always pick the ones from the smallest cities when I do the vote. It's true, but you don't have to do anything with that. Let me see if I know anybody.

Resolution 2025-21 Surplus Property

Gary said alright. Resolution 2025-21, surplus property, have server over at the jail that we need to pass a resolution to go ahead and sell.

Meeks said you're just going to dispose of it. It says dispose of it. You're going to dispose of that one. They say sell or dispose on all of them.

Gary said it says disposal right here. Alright, somebody like to make a resolution to dispose of the server for Resolution 2025-21?

Missy said how are we going to, how do they dispose of that?

Laura said I have no idea.

Meeks said they'll take out the drive and they'll smash it. That's how we dispose of ours.

Missy said okay. I make that motion.

Meeks said and then you'd scrap the rest.

Gary said I have a question. Who does that? Is it, our IT?

Missy said well there's several companies who do that.

Meeks said I assume our IT will do that.

Laura said I'm hoping our IT will take care of it.

Meeks said our IT will take, handle it.

Gary said alright. We have a motion. Do we have a second?

Tom seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's October 2025 monthly report

Gary said Treasurer's October 2025 monthly report. Everybody should have had that emailed to them. I've looked at it. Somebody like to make a motion that they've all, everybody's comfortable with it, of accepting this treasurer's report?

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

Gary said line 33 where it says proof, Meeks what do they mean by that? I mean, it's a dead match of line 31. I'm just curious of the terminology. Does that mean like a secondary proof that it exists?

Meeks said I don't know. We'd have to ask. I assume somebody went and checked it.

Gary said okay, I'll ask. It doesn't change the report.

Meeks said and they have it on the reconcile place, and they have it under the credits. They have it in two different spots.

Gary said yeah.

Meeks said I'm not sure.

Commissioner's 2026 meeting schedule

Gary said okay. Next, we have the commissioner's 2026 meeting schedule. Someone like to make a motion to approve the schedule?

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

Commissioner's 2026 Council meeting attendance schedule

Gary said Council meeting attendance schedule.

Tom said so moved. Move to approve.

Gary said we have a motion to approve the council meeting attendance schedule. Do we have a second?

Missy seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Amended EDIT Plan

Gary said and not we have amended EDIT plan and set a meeting date. So, we added on the \$10,000.00 for the Parker Volunteer Fire Department. Then we have a \$120,000.00 for RAZ 32. Those are two projects not yet approved.

Laura said correct.

Gary said somebody like to make a motion to approve the new EDIT plan?

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

Gary said okay. Now the EDIT meeting date. Any ideas, Tom, Missy? Any absolutely no way dates?

Missy said I don't have any.

Gary said okay.

Meeks said you could do it at 5:30 on the 11th.

Gary said that's what I was thinking.

Laura said that's on Thursday instead of Wednesday.

Meeks said or 5:45. It doesn't take that long.

Gary said do 5:45 on the same day, I can do that.

Tom said it works for me.

Missy said what day did you say?

Gary said 11th.

Laura said the night of the joint meeting.

Missy said yeah.

Gary said I think that's a good idea.

Missy said yeah, that's a good idea.

Gary said alright, would somebody like to make a motion that we hold an EDIT meeting on December the 11th at 5:45, directly ahead of our joint meeting?

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

Gary said now we're down to the end of the agenda already. Missy, you got anything?

Missy Williams

Missy said I do. On employee applications, I'd like to see us come up with a better and an easier to read form where it's a little bit maybe more room for people to write or type in whatever they want it to do. And then also ask on any felony, I think felony convictions was on there, but I think we need to make sure, but if not, I think it was, but it wasn't clearly stated. So, I'd like to look at those applications and make, update them a little bit, make them easier to read for us, and also that they have to include letters of reference from a former employee.

Gary said have to?

Missy said I would.

Gary said I don't know that I would say they'd have to. I think you can request it, if they don't do it, you just move on. I don't know if we should make it mandatory. Some people may not have them. Somebody out of school wouldn't have them.

Missy said yeah, they could just say, just graduated from wherever, high school, college, wherever, and they don't have any.

Gary said and that takes the mandatory out of it.

Missy said yeah.

Gary said I don't, should we have Irwin look at our application and possibly?

Meeks said I mean, yeah, I mean, you could have them.

Laura said that's probably where it came from to begin with.

Meeks said I would 100% assume that's where it came from, from Irwin. They might have an updated one if you want to, email. I don't know.

Missy said I think that's an old one.

Gary said I agree.

Missy said it's hard to pull all your information out on there and for us to clearly be able to read it.

Gary said it would be wonderful to get it interactive so somebody could actually fill it in from the computer.

Missy said well you could, easy.

Laura said so, if I email it to Irwin, there will be a charge. I don't know what that charge will be, but do you want to pay for that out of commissioners' budget, professional services?

Gary said sure. Yes.

Missy said there's even plenty of other examples on the internet that you can, and it actually says is it for, what is the job classification that you're looking for, and it lists government, it lists all kinds of things.

Gary said okay, yep. I mean, I don't know how long it's been here. Anything else?

Missy said no, that's it.

Gary said Laura?

WIC lease discussion

Laura said you skipped WIC lease discussion on the agenda and I've been talking to them.

Gary said I skipped what?

Laura said WIC.

Gary said WIC. I'm sorry. I sure did.

Laura said lease discussion. They're interested in staying in our building, probably not using as much space as they have in the past. I know right now, because their sponsor pulled out, they've closed down. So, there's no WIC in Randolph County at this time, or several other counties, I think. But this Meridian Services is taking over sponsorship and they haven't come back and

told me exactly what they want space-wise. They had sent me an email asking about a break room and I originally them yes, there was one in the basement, then Jake said no, there's not, so, I emailed them back and said there is not. So, I'm not sure what they want at this point. I did send them the lease from the prior sponsor. Once I get that information, I mean, I think WIC is an important service to have in our county. Once I get more information from them, I'll share it, but is there anything you guys want me to share with them?

Gary said I'd like to work something out with them. So, they really need to tell us exactly what they need.

Laura said right.

Gary said what they'll accept.

Laura said right. Well, I thought they went over there and looked at the facility, at our last meeting, two weeks ago, they had told me they were going to be there looking at what was there. But, I don't know what they responded when I asked them if they did that. So, anyway, just an update that they are still looking at staying there, maybe just not to the extent, I think they have like 6 rooms on the first floor at this time. Don't know that they're going to want much space.

Gary said have they discussed the amount?

Laura said I told them that you were trying to keep everybody around the 10 dollar per square foot, but they have not come back and said this is, yeah, we can afford that, you know. That's what the prior people were paying.

Gary said I think for me, we should just let them know the, or at least I'm in favor, of keeping the, they just need to tell us what it is they want. And let's see if we can live with it or not.

Laura said okay.

Gary said Tom?

Tom said and one of the other things, how the offices will break down, I don't know, they have six rooms.

Laura said so, right now, actually, I think they, it shows 7 highlighted, but when you come in and I think it's on that side, is Jake here? He's not, is he?

Tom said no.

Laura said I think you come in on that side of the building, not the main entrance, and there's an office right there, which I think it shows that they used it as reception, but I don't know that they actually did. Jake said he'd not ever seen anybody in there. But then you go down the hall and there's 3 rooms on each side, according to the drawing I've seen that's attached to the lease. So,

I don't know if they want just one side or I don't know how they want it. But, they've got that drawing. It was attached to the back of the lease as an exhibit.

Gary said where is their lease right now?

Laura said actually, the prior lease with the prior people ran out November. But they actually cancelled that lease prior to that. So, they paid through September. So, right now, we're receiving nothing on that.

Tom said there's not anybody in there now?

Laura said no, there's nobody in there. They closed it down. And I think there's several counties that closed it down that were under the same sponsor. Anyway, just wanted to bring that to your attention.

Meeks said have you received a copy of the Journey Home lease?

Laura said no, I'll check that.

Meeks said I'll check it too. I haven't received a signed copy. I don't think.

Laura said well, if I have it, I'll forward it to you. If not, I'll let you know.

Meeks said if I have it, I'll check. Because that is, throughout the rest of this year, right?

Gary said starts January.

Laura said so, anyway, just bringing that to your attention that they are talking and they do want to stay. That's all I have.

Gary said okay. We don't need anything on the subscribers ballot, right?

Meeks said I actually found it interesting because it says the top 5 people are elected, and there's only 5 nominees.

Gary said okay, thanks for looking at it.

Laura said I didn't even see that part.

Meeks said it looks like there's 7, but there's the same people twice.

Gary said Tom?

Tom said nope, I don't have anything.

Gary said Meeks?

Meeks said I do not have anything.

Gary said anybody in attendance today have anything to bring to the commissioners?

Missy Williams - Keys

Missy said I've got something here.

Gary said yes.

Missy said so do we, have we collected keys back from people who we loaned them out to for the tornado for like the highway department or the old hospital? Does anybody know?

Laura said might be a Jake question.

Gary said yeah, be a Jake. But no, I do not know.

Missy said I mean, I don't have any problem if they need those keys to go in and get something, but I think we've got a lot of keys floating around. At one time, I think we had 6 out for the meeting room we let them use in the old hospital.

Gary said okay, anything else, Missy?

Missy said nope.

Citizen Comments (3 minutes)

Mayor Bob McCoy – Blight support & update on Community Crossings 2025-1 project

Gary said anybody in attendance today have anything to bring to the commissioners? Please, come up, Bob. Mayor McCoy.

Bob McCoy said Bob McCoy, mayor of Winchester. I just want to thank the commissioners for supporting taking out blight. Got 2 so far, I plan on getting the old co-op building down by the railroad track probably the next week or so.

Gary said the old brick one?

Bob McCoy said no, it's wood, big long wood structure right along the railroad tracks.

Gary said oh, against the railroad tracks.

Bob McCoy said yes, that's one, a little more of a challenge, but it needs to come down. For one thing, we've had people in and out of there. It's just been an eyesore for many years. So, that thing needs to come down. I did try to see if the Amish were interested in the lumber.

Gary said yeah, it's got good lumber in it.

Bob McCoy said yeah, didn't really get any bites. Now, I bet once it starts coming down, I'll have people down there and have to run them off. But, quite a few dumpsters full of materials.

Gary said is that an issue with the railroad trying to get in there and get it out of there?

Bob McCoy said far as I know, now. They haven't got the demo permit yet. Like I said it's going to be a challenge, so we'll have to have probably 2 pieces of equipment down there, one on the back side to secure it. I think the main thing is probably dragging it off, it's kind of on runners, is dragging it off them runners and getting to a safer spot, because there is a control box right there close to the railroad that definitely needs cleaned up.

Gary said oh, sure.

Bob McCoy said kind of a weird lot, because technically, all we own is the building and the lot underneath the building, nothing really around it. So, we'll probably just fill it full of gravel and kind of clean it up. Community Crossing grant for 2025-1, we kind of ran out of warm weather, so, we're going to finish the paving portion of that job in the spring. That's part of Meridian Street, South Street and Thompson, if I remember right, plus all side walk improvements, things like that. And we did apply for 2026 for Summers Pointe, total reconstruction out there. A tornado did a big number on that area there. There's mainly paving, a little bit of drainage, but the road had zero base. So, we're kind of start from scratch out there. But that's going to be about a million, three if we get the grant so, that's just good news. So, hopefully, they'll continue that program.

Gary said yep.

Bob McCoy said thank you.

Gary said thank you, Bob. Anybody else? Any other business up here?

Adjournment

Gary said if none, somebody like to make a motion to adjourn?

Tom made a motion to adjourn. Missy seconded the motion. All aye votes. Meeting adjourned.

Reviewed and accepted this 15 day of December, 2025



Gary Friend



Tom Kerns



Missy Williams

ATTESTED: 
Laura J Martin, Auditor

