# **Randolph County Commissioners**

October 3, 2022

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, Tom Chalfant and Gary Girton. Also present was Randolph County Auditor Laura J Martin, Sheriff Art Moystner and County Attorney Meeks Cockerill.

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Michael Wickersham, President presided over the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

## Mike Haffner – full time secretary, Frontier Utility Agreement

Mike said first item on the agenda is Mike Haffner.

Mike Haffner said good morning.

Mike said take that Frontier Utility first.

Mike Haffner said yeah we can do that. There's several of them and I'm denying all three of them. They're installing fiber, with a migratory plow. They'll never get deep enough, and then we're going to have problems from here to eternity. And fiber is very costly if it's hit or damaged. I emailed them saying that you know, for, I mean, the other, every, even the others are uh, you know, boring under, the ones we've been approving has all been boring.

Mike said okay so we won't take any action on those.

Mike Haffner said well that's up to you.

Mike said if you're not recommending them, I'm not going to approve them.

Mike Haffner said I'm not recommending them.

Gary said I'll move that we deny the applications from Frontier.

Mike said I have a motion to deny those utility applications. Do I have a second?

Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike Haffner said I've got the county achievement award for bridge 85. I've got this plaque and then we've got a big road type sign. So, I didn't know what you wanted to do with them, if you wanted to place them out at the highway, or if you'd rather have one or the other somewhere else.

Mike said the highway seems appropriate for me. When bridge 85 is redone, we might stick that sign out there for a while.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike said several years.

Mike Haffner said we'll have a before and after picture. We can put this right beside it. Gary I think you have got this already, but this is our tower issue. Basically, they're saying that \$8,000.00 for the tower, that's for reposition and re-straightening it, and they said that the coax cable that J&K ran is not big enough to handle that. The antenna was good but coax wasn't. It was much thinner cable than is recommended. So basically, they're wanting \$8,000.00 to come in and reposition and re-straighten the antenna and run the proper coax. Then the rest was just having them fine tune our radios, because we've had so many changes.

Mike said have we shared this with J&K.

Mike Haffner said I'm not sure where Lonnie's.

Gary said I don't think so because. I talked with him Thursday evening, afternoon, and he'd just gotten this. He was talking to them because he thought there was some fine tuning that they were going to do this as to what additions that the county was putting on over and above what was originally. So, we haven't done anything of that with J&K.

Mike said I would think we would want to talk with them about that and give them the opportunity to take care of the matter.

Gary said right.

Tom said at least we know what somebody else's opinion is.

Mike said so do you want to do that.

Gary said I'll pursue this with Lonnie and see, because he thought he would get something yet today or tomorrow.

Mike said okay.

Gary said to fine tune this, then I'll get with J&K.

Mike said okay. Sounds like a good plan.

Mike Haffner said and then I'm here to basically, see if we can get the office secretary position moved up a little bit time-framed wise. I think it was effective to be full time the 1<sup>st</sup> of January,

but her hours, we're bumping into the mandatory hours as what she could work part-time, because she'd been working so many hours.

Mike said that's because you're down an employee.

Mike Haffner said pardon.

Mike said you're down an employee in the office are you not.

Mike Haffner said I'm down an employee temporarily, for a short term, and then I lost another truck driver today.

Mike said I think it sounds like she needs to be authorized to have more hours. So, I don't know if the, that job is going to be full time come January anyway.

Tom said I would move that we make her a full-time secretary. That would be a change, we would change our book. We'd have to change that in our policy book.

Mike said I have a motion to make her a full-time secretary effective immediately.

Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said okay anything else for us this morning.

Mike Haffner said no I think, am I wrote down for anything else.

Mike said not unless you want to stay up there with Joe.

Mike Haffner said I could stay up here with Joe.

Mike said the replacement of the culvert on 700 North between 200 West and 300 West.

## Joe Copeland, Replacement of culvert on 700 N between 200W & 300 W

Joe Copeland said the road's closed on 700 North between 2 and 300 West. It's a large culvert, a large ditch. And plan to replace it with a bridge. The top of the bank to top of bank is approximately 40 feet right now. It's a pretty good size. I have a proposal from E & H Bridge and Grading based on an annual bid. Price for the super structure of the bridge is \$91,212.00. The question that Mike had raised was the money's there, he just has to appropriate the money right.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Joe Copeland said so the question is, I'd like to try to get this in by the end of the year okay.

Mike said okay.

Joe Copeland said I've contacted the contractor. I've not heard back, but he should have time to get it done. So that means he's got two more bridges to do, 173 and this one. But I wanted your approval to order this so I could have it made and ready to go in time for him to do that. Since it's not a poured deck, he can do it in colder weather. So, it shouldn't be, that should not be a problem.

Mike said well the road's closed. I trust your judgment we need to do this bridge. I'd entertain a motion to approve the order of this bridge.

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

Joe Copeland said thank you. The second thing I wanted to bring up, I passed out a sheet showing where construction is today with some of these bridges and culverts to give you an update so we can have an idea. Bridge 110 is completed there on 1200 West. Bridge 159 is completed except for asphalt on the bridge approaches. It's open. Okay, that's the one on 500 East north of 550 North. Bridge 173, a contractor is working on the bridge deck overlays because weather sensitive right now. When he's done with those, he's going switch over and start working on bridge 173. That's on 400 South, west of State Road 1. And then the new bridge, hopefully on 700 North, we can get that road back open. Bridge deck overlays. They have begun work, roads closed, 400 East, north of 800 North, also bridge 63, 700 North, east of 700 East. He should be beginning that this week for a bridge deck overlay. Hopefully, he'll work the two together since they're close. And hopefully, he won't be running around, he'll get work done quicker is what I'm hoping. Bridges with asphalt wearing surfaces, we've got what, 2, 4, 6 bridges that I've got set aside to take the asphalt off. They're going to fill in time, when they're not working, or they've got people free, on those two overlays to go and take that asphalt off those bridges and get to looking at them and see if we need to regrout. They're box beams. They are old box beams. And there's grout between them and we're going to see if they needed regrouted or not. If they're not, then we just need to, we'll have to get some asphalt on it at some time. Culverts, the culvert on 250 East, north of 300 North, the road was closed, still is. That culvert was set Friday.

Mike Haffner said should be open today.

Joe Copeland said should be open today. They're backfilling so should be open. That'll be nice for Mr. Prescott. Then culvert 3154 on 1250 West, south of State Road 28, it's a dead end back to several homes. And it's a large culvert, and we're looking to slip line the culvert. Otherwise, I have to build a road and put in a temporary culvert just to get those people in and out. So instead of doing that, now the slip line will cost us a little more, but it won't cost us as much as having to build a road to get in and out. So that was up around, what was that, 80, 82 or 83 thousand I think to do that. And then the smaller culverts, Cobalt Civil has installed five of them, and I listed those down here, those are either steel pipe arches or still pipe. So that's where we stand right now. And then we're, the bridge inventory inspection was done and we had some, what they call critical findings. We had about seven I think. And we're jumping, I'm having the contractor jump around. The county is having to do a little bit of it. They're finding things wrong that has to be done immediately, or within thirty days. And we still got two more we have

to do but the contractor will have to do those. So, we've got a, three of them were pavement undermined, and the last one we're looking at on 300 South, east of 27, and it's, the invents undermined from erosion.

Tom said speaking of culverts, there's a culvert between 550 and 700 North and 1200 West. And the, it's a box beam and the beams are exposed so asphalt overlay would probably protect that, make it last a lot longer.

Joe Copeland said well I put down a, I call it paved glass, but they've changed the name. I've used it for years. It's a waterproofing membrane down over the boxes and then I put the asphalt over it. I started using that back in I think the early 90s or late 80s, and it showed an appreciable difference in the amount of water that was getting to those beams when I was in Hancock so. We could see the difference.

Mike Haffner said we've got the membrane material already here ready to go.

Joe Copeland said yeah ready. We just need asphalt.

Mike Haffner said we just need asphalt.

Joe Copeland said hopefully that's right around the corner, right.

Mike said did we buy a paver.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike said we did

Mike Haffner said I signed and then now I'm working on a roller.

Mike said what's the anticipated delivery date of that paver.

Mike Haffner said very late December, but probably more into January.

Mike said okay.

Tom said when does the warranty, does the warranty start when you start using it. Is there a warranty on it?

Mike Haffner said yeah. Then they're checking in to even an extended warranty plan that I told them that we wanted to at least take a look at.

Mike said does that start when it's delivered or does that start when you first use it.

Mike Haffner said no it, when it's, I'll check on that to verify, but I think that's delivery.

Joe Copeland said usually.

Mike said okay. Any questions of Mike or Joe. Pretty good report on these bridges and culverts.

Joe Copeland said I want to keep you up to date.

Mike said okay. We should mention we got an award for cooperation with Henry County as well with the hiring of an engineer sharing two counties. So, I guess congratulations to Henry County, congratulations to our county, congratulations to you Joe.

Mike Haffner said there'll be a plaque issued for that.

Gary said it's certainly been beneficial to us.

Mike said yeah it has been.

Joe Copeland said they said it was the first in Indiana.

Mike said really good.

Joe Copeland said Laura was there. She got her picture taken.

Mike said thank you.

# <u>David Lenkensdofer - Technology ordinance, use of ARPA monies and windfarm/solar farms for Rainy day</u>

Mike said David Lenkensdofer. Technology ordinance, use of ARPA monies and windfarm/solar farms for Rainy day.

David Lenkensdofer said today I've got with me Jackie Welch from Randolph County United.

Mike said so do you have your Randolph County hat on this morning.

David Lenkensdofer said I have my Randolph County United hat on.

Mike said as interim.

David Lenkensdofer said director.

Mike said director, okay.

David Lenkensdofer said we have several committees that we are responsible for. One of them is technology. And in our findings, I've got an ordinance here that says, do you have a copy of it.

Mike said yep I think we, I do have a copy of it.

David Lenkensdofer said probably you should.

Mike said we did that back in August of, a long time ago.

David said and what we found out, there's four items commissioners agreed to, one had to appoint a single contact. I'm not sure where that's at. I don't know who the single point of contact is.

Mike said we've had two discussions around that. One was Gary, as commissioner, and the other was the director of Randolph County United. But we never did, as near as I could tell, I could not find any minutes, we never made that appointment.

Gary said I was basically involved with the tower in Farmland.

David said okay. Steve Barnes is the one that brought this up from New Lisbon, because his concern is they need to move forward on some projects. And he needed a local contact and to be approved in ten-day business days. And I think the last commitment he had was like almost three weeks.

Mike said what was he need approval for.

David Lenkensdofer said of, because of permitting.

Mike said what permitting does he have to do.

David said well I think it's permitting from you guys that allows them to go ahead and move forward on the projects.

Mike said I'm not sure that's within our power to do.

David said maybe I need to get Meeks to, whatever is called out in your ordinance here, the four items. It's actually 3 A, B, C and D.

Mike said I've been advised by some folks, some people that we can't require that.

David Lenkensdofer said okay.

Mike said if an internet company has authority from the FCC to place their internet service in Randolph County, we can't, in my, what I've been advised, we can't restrict that. And if we impose a fee or require a permit, then, which is an application, I'm not sure why we would, what application would we require. We don't have anything in place to require an application.

Tom said other than existing permitting process.

Mike said unless the APC has a permitting process.

David said okay so the agreement here, is that correct then or is it, the ordinance.

Mike said well this ordinance was passed in 2020 in order to become broadband ready in order to seek grants and assistance from the Indiana, I think it was OCRA or and Indiana organization. And that was the only reason that I understand is the only purpose it serves. And if I look at A B C and D, the only one that I know of that would have value would be to appoint a single point of contact.

David said right.

Mike said we don't, and we've not done that. But as far as establishing procedures to allow all forms, applications and documentation related to a project to be filed or submitted and signed by electronic means, I don't know what those are for a broadband project. I don't know what applications Steve Barnes would have to file.

David said okay. So.

Mike said and review and approve or reject all applications, I don't think we could reject an application.

David said okay. So is this ordinance correct then, in its stating.

Mike said in B, C, and D it's not, because, and again, I guess we've established a procedure not to have forms, applications and documentations. And we've not taken it upon ourselves to review or approve or reject applications. And it was done for the purpose to be qualified to receive grants from the state. And none of that ever happened.

David said okay. Let me note that really quick here.

Mike said and this, this, my advisor on this was the group that Randolph United hired to advise us, Tower King. And they basically indicated we can't, we can't require this stuff.

David said then I guess there's some confusion out there with the one provider that's questioned it. He's thinking that he needs to contact one person locally. I guess we don't have that yet. And B, C and D was some of the other things he needed to format to go forward. But you're saying this is for a grant proposal only.

Mike said it was brought to us that we pass it so that we would qualify for the broadband ready community grant applications.

David said okay.

Mike said and we never, if you recall, back two years ago, we were considered one of the fastest and most connected counties in the state. So, we were never going to qualify for those grants. I

mean that, it's almost tongue and cheek to say that. In my opinion, the list they gave us, we were number one.

David said I remember that.

Mike said I think it would be appropriate, we could name a single point of contact. And I'll go back, I think it should be Randolph County United should be the single point of contact, unless one of us want to take it. And I don't want to be responsible for that. And I don't, unless someone brings me a form, application or documentation for a project, I don't think it's within our bailiwick to reject or accept that. I just don't think we have the authority to do that. Now if somebody wants to get on our right-of-way or someone wants to use our conduit, then we need to resolve that issue. But I think we've pretty much done all we can in that situation with regards to NLBC.

David Lenkensdofer said and I think it was somebody wanting to use the conduit it was New Lisbon, and then I guess they applied through the county highway to see if it's a viable program and they got turned down.

Mike said using the conduit.

David Lenkensdofer said no I think it was another right-of-way issue at the corners is the way I understand it.

Mike said I'm not aware of that.

David Lenkensdofer said okay.

Mike said are you aware of that.

Tom said no.

David Lenkensdofer said I think Mike might be, Haffner. I think he's the one that turned it down maybe.

Mike said Mike has NLBC come to you with regards to using right-of-way for fiber installation.

Mike Haffner said it's probably been six months since I've last been contacted. And that was actually another job, so no I have not been.

Mike said another job. You mean not NLBC.

Mike Haffner said it was NLBC over just acquiring what they needed. And I said well you'll have to go to the commissioners and present a plan. And then I was in communication with Steve Barnes and I told him we recommended burying instead of plowing. And he just said okay. And that's been months and months ago.

Mike said and that wasn't.

Mike Haffner said he wanted to know what procedure, what was.

Mike aid and NLBC has not presented any plan to us. The only discussions we've had with them is the use of the existing windfarm fiber conduit. And we have right-of-way issues private property owners in that matter.

David said okay. So, you want to make RCU the contact.

Mike said well I just suggested that. Does somebody want to make that motion.

Gary said I'll move that we make RCU the single point of contact.

Mike said I have a motion to name Randolph County United and its director as the single point of contact for broadband internet projects in the county. Do I have a second?

Tom said I'd rather see an elected official be the point of contact personally.

Mike said then I'll second the motion.

Gary said it looks to me like an elected official, I mean this, they need to collect the data, then they'll present it to us and collect what's coming in.

Mike said and report to us.

Gary said and report to us, right. And so, they're not making decisions. Their point of contact.

Mike said and they're really just a communication point of contact.

Gary said right. Exactly.

Mike said because again, we don't have any forms or applications, other than a zoning form or application. There's, there might be, and the county, I don't think has a business license that you have to apply for unless you are selling food. I'm looking at you for an answer but I don't think we would require somebody to have a business license to provide that kind of service. Now if they're within the city, they might require a city license. But again, we don't have forms or applications. And if we did, I don't think we have the power to reject an application.

David said okay we'll note that. Randolph County United will be, is that correct.

Mike said we haven't voted yet. We've got a motion and a second that we name the director of Randolph County United as the point of contact. Any other comments.

Two aye votes. One nay vote (Tom Chalfant). Motion granted.

Mike said I've got one opposition. That's a two to one, so Randolph United will be.

David said okay we'll take care of it. A few other things I wanted to bring up. ARPA funds. We've had a couple weeks ago at a conference that trails, canoes, kayaks, those type items, they've even Art Association, quality of life issues that could be used with ARPA funds. All I want today is to plant the seed that going forward, there may be some requests down the road that would include these items and hopefully, we can help them out, because those are all really important things for Randolph County at this time.

Mike said I would agree.

David said just planting the seed today only.

Mike said okay.

David Lenkensdofer said and the last one, since I was here with all three of you, that we had talked before about windfarm, solar farm's monies going in a portion for a rainy day. And there again, I'm just planting the seed today to maybe sit around and talk, down the road that we can use maybe over the next five years, so many dollars to shore that rainy-day fund up.

Tom said how much money is in there now. Do you know.

David said about 1.2, 1.3, somewhere in there.

Tom said does the council have a number in mind where they would like to see that.

David said I will be speaking to them tomorrow on that also.

Mike said okay.

David said not at this time.

Mike said that probably won't be one we start with. We'll let you guys start that process.

David said okay. We can do that. You were handy today and I thought I'd ask you today.

Mike said very good.

David said alright. Well thanks so much for your time.

Mike said I appreciate you coming in Dave.

## Chris and Zachery, EDPR - Project announcement

Mike said Chris and Zachery from EDPR.

Tom said I don't see them here.

Mike said I don't either.

# John Lash - OCRA Grant matching funds request

Mike said John Lash, OCRA Grant matching funds request.

John Lash said good morning. I have one of these for each of you. It's just essentially, a summary of what I will be sharing with you. So, first of all, Katie would very much like to be here, but she was already earmarked to be at the superintendents' conference. So, she's there. And I'd also like to extend thanks to Missy Williams for her support of our project. She has worked with Katie a lot in connecting us with OCRA and other local entities. She also got Dave Hendrickson and Erol Klem to our building on Friday evening to offer some advice. And hearing their support, certainly made us feel a little bit less crazy. So, in short, we purchased the Davis building, also known as the Oliver building on the southeast corner of the square, right over there. And ultimately, our goal is to go after an OCRA grant for exterior work. And one of the caveats of the grant is it has to be all exterior. So, our goal is to, number one, address the most critical masonry. If you are, if you've paid any close attention to it, there's some spots that need to be addressed in short order. Upstairs there is a glass ceiling almost. It's like a large skylight. And so, our goal would be to remove the drop ceiling that's covering it and have the glass restored. And then historically, the building was originally fitted with awnings. That is both for like climate control and one of our current tenants expressed that without the awnings, she's concerned that her clothes will fade as they are displayed in the window. And then other exterior repair, including primarily the door going upstairs to where the residential apartments are, we are looking to get that secure with a crash bar and exterior lock. So, we have the RC Engineering Group out of Fishers did a feasibility study and these items were listed as their most critical, what need to be addressed in the shortest order. And so, that is, that is sort of where this list came from. We have done our very best to get quotes and involve local contractors as much as possible. We have masonry quotes from three different Randolph County businesses. As far as the skylight, Mangus Construction out of Lynn has provided a quote also. We had to get one from the, actually a green house company in Richmond because glass people said it's a roof, roof people said it was glass. So, we had to try and find a happy medium where we could get someone who would do the work. And also, Mangus Construction for the exterior repair like the doors and whatnot. So, we're trying to involve the community as much as possible in this project. We also have gotten a pledge of \$20,000.00 towards the project from the city of Winchester. Randolph County United granted us a loan as we were getting the project off the ground. Some of those funds, we were able to apply to interior renovations that allowed us to land some new tenants. Simply Taylored Boutique just opened last month. And then Brandon Kiser who is the new director of the force is our, the first residential tenant that has signed on under our ownership. So ultimately, it is a goal of a community project. And Katie tells the story much better than I do, but I think in all sense, we were the people who needed the apartments upstairs. So, our goal is to like make them affordable and attractive to young professionals to draw them back to Randolph County. So, Brandon Kiser, being the young band director is, you know, he is kind of our champion tenant at the moment. So really, I'm here today as and ask first and foremost, that the commissioners be aware of our project and be cheerleaders to any and all who would ask and talk about it. Fiscally, we would love to get a match from the county to go towards the OCRA grant. And the application for that is due on

October 5<sup>th</sup>. Now that is a matching grant so essentially, any money that the county commissioners would agree to put towards the project would essentially be doubled with grant funds. So, you know, essentially, \$20,000.00 from the county becomes \$40,000.00 towards the project. And all of those dollars coming back to the county in the form of local contractors and new businesses, etc. And then furthermore, if we do not get the grant, we would still appreciate any contribution that the county is willing to grant in order to address some of those critical masonry needs, glass roof, etc. So, we also, you know, would be happy to show you gentlemen around anytime that you are interested. Just give one of us a call and we will give you the tour.

Mike said how many apartments are in the building.

John Lash said seven.

Mike said and you intend to maintain those as seven apartments.

John Lash said yes that's the goal. Yes. Currently, there are currently three tenants upstairs. There's one that is ready to be rented as soon as there is a tenant available. And then the other three do need some, need some work in order to make them rentable.

Mike said all single bath.

John Lash said yes.

Mike said one bedroom, two bedrooms. Just curious.

John Lash said most of them, six of them are for sure one bedroom. The seventh apartment, depending on how you define a bedroom, it could be two. There is a nine-by-nine room. It just doesn't have a closet.

Mike said okay. And if the city's pledged 20, and if we would pledge 20, then you have the balance in matching funds already.

John Lash said we would be close. Like I said, we put up, we have some of our own money that we're putting up, the county, the Randolph County United.

Mike said the total, does the Randolph United loan go towards the match.

John Lash said uh, some of that we have \$15,000 of that earmarked to go towards the match because we did have the opportunity to use some of that to get interior work done and get some new tenants in there and update.

Mike said so then you're putting in about 40 of your own money towards this grant.

John Lash said in a roundabout way. We've invested probably about \$70,000 in the project overall.

Mike said I figured you invested more.

John Lash said yeah. We would love to not have to invest all that on our own, right. But you know, we're going to do whatever it takes to get there.

Mike said how many commercial.

John Lash said depending on how you split it up. I think there are seven street facing, and then there could be as many as five interior that are not street facing. But for example, Simply Taylored that just opened, they have two store fronts. But each one of those could be rented individually.

Mike said and then you're plan is from the interior foyer to look up and see the skylight.

John Lash said absolutely, yes. Yes. The goal is it could be a real show place for the community. We have lots of ideas on how it could contribute to.

Mike said okay. Gary you have any questions of John.

Gary said no. I was at the Winchester council meeting when John and Katie talked.

Mike said Tom do you have any questions.

Tom said if we would give you \$20,000.00, what would be, I mean this is a for profit that you hope to make this a growing concern, right. This is just not going to be a community building. This is going to be for rent. I mean, what, what would we get in return for this. What do you envision that?

John Lash said well first and, first and foremost, a space that would attract young professionals to be able to live and work in the county. And I'll give you a prime example. My wife and I both, at one point in time or another, worked in the schools. And I can name four or five teachers off the top of my head that had not the greatest housing situation in their first and second year of teaching, because there's not a lot of good rental properties available. And they're just, as a first-year teacher, you're not quite ready to buy a house yet. So, number one, and it doesn't have to just be teachers, right. We had another young professional who is a local kid, currently works as an accountant in Fishers. And he was interested in renting up there if he gets the go ahead that he can rent or work 100% remote. So as soon as he gets that sorted out, like we're hoping to have him up there as well. So, number one, I think is the attractive housing for the young professionals. Number two, uh, our goal is to get it up and running again. All of those commercial spaces, if we can get them filled, that's good for, not only the city, but the county as a whole by generating that type of revenue. We have had five or six different businesses kind of interested and have walked through with either Katie or I, or Paul and Jennifer Faddis who are the property managers. Now, no one has signed on the dotted line yet. But generating that type of business interest is ultimately going to be good for the county. And thirdly, in this one would be kind of a long way down the road. Part of the reason that Katie and I wanted to purchase the building as a whole, again, having tying back to our time in the schools.

there needs to be, or Katie's idea is there should be a place like a youth center-type space where you know, kids can go hang out that's not necessarily related with school or a church. But they're not you know, walking the streets of town at 8:30 on a Friday night. And we toyed with some ideas of like, making that like a co-working space during the day and then the youth center at night. So that would be sort of the ultraistic goal for what the county would get out of contributing to that.

Tom said it would be open to the public and it would be supervised or controlled.

John Lash said definitely, yes. I mean not all of those details would come as we sorted that out, but that's you know, kind of a high-level view of those goals.

Mike said sounds like a good project. And I think they're asking us to support it. I suppose we could make it two ways. We could make a decision this morning to, should you get the OCRA grant, then we would pay \$20,000.00 as a matching towards that. Should you not get the OCRA grant, then we could revisit any needs you might need without an OCRA grant. Would that be fair.

John Lash said that sounds fair, yes.

Mike said and I trust if we decided to do this this morning, you would need a letter of support of us committing that.

John Lash said a letter of support yes. But the funds will not be needed until after the first of the year, once the grant has been awarded.

Mike said when the grant's approved.

John Lash said yes.

Mike said so do you have a letter of that nature.

John Lash said I'm sorry.

Mike said do you have a letter that we could sign should we make that decision, or is that something we have to prepare.

John Lash said we could draft one up and I could bring it by tomorrow to get a signature.

Mike said okay. Someone want to move approval.

Gary said I'll move approval. I think this is a good project. And I think we move forward to help in whatever way we can. I think this is a good starting point.

Mike said \$20,000.00 from EDIT.

Gary said yes.

Mike said we have a motion to expend \$20,000.00 from EDIT to support the Davis building project. Do I have a second?

Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said very good. Thank you John.

John Lash said thank you.

Mike said if you want to email the proposed letter, then we can get it on county letterhead and we'll get that back to you.

John Lash said okay. Excellent. Thank you so much.

Mike said very good. Thank you.

#### Jentry Flesher – Liability Insurance renewal

Jentry Flesher said I won't take too much of your time. I'm very please with the way the renewal came back. I had a conversation with Laura a few weeks ago. Losses for the county are tremendous. Our loss ratio is incredible. The last few years we haven't had too many claims. Work comps have been very good. So, what does that mean, the insurance company has made money. And that's a good thing. That means they can pay claims when it comes time. And it also means our renewal should be very favorable. So, the climate we're in, property, auto, property and auto rates are going up across the board. We did see a tick from that on ours. Part of that is on the property we increased limits of insurance on the blanket, which we were conservative with. And probably years moving forward, I would tend to say that we probably should continue to be maybe aggressive on that, just with inflation and the cost of reconstruction. And then auto rates, part of our rate increase was new vehicles added here recently. And then a slight increase there. But our work comp loss ratio is so good that they're actually giving us a nice discount on that. So, it kind of helps balance this shift in a way. Overall, we could dive in if there's any questions, but our increase went from 369 to 376, which is about 3%, so I'm very happy with that.

Gary said I think some of the training that the insurance company has provided some of our workers has helped greatly.

Jentry Flesher said yes, yeah. Their trainers are topnotch.

Gary said I think we have seen that over the last seven or eight years, because all of 5 years ago or 6 years ago, we were in bad shape.

Jentry Flesher said yeah. Yeah. Not too long ago, it was pretty rough and we've had consecutive good years so. Really the only thing I need and I can work with Laura on this, is the

roster of volunteers clear down at the last page on the bottom, it's in red. I just need to update those names if there's any changes or anything like that.

Tom said do you know those Laura.

Laura said no, I can get them.

Jentry Flesher said we can get them later.

Mike said okay. Anybody have any questions of Jentry. I'm trusting the cyber liability is not included in this.

Jentry Flesher said yeah that's another discussion.

Gary said you ever give us some good news.

Jentry Flesher said good news.

Gary said I say that's the reason you gave us this before the cyber.

Jentry Flesher said it's actually really good news. I figure we get the motion to approve, and then we'll talk about that.

Mike said the premiums going up by about \$7,000, a little less than \$7,000, 3%. Anybody have any questions of comments regarding the liability insurance proposal.

Gary said sounds good.

Mike said someone want to move approval.

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

Jentry Flesher said okay cyber. Brief history of the cyber with the county. The first year that we wrote this, we did a cyber policy, I think it was about \$3,500.00 for a million dollars for liability coverage. At that point in time, cyber was kind of new to everybody including businesses, that coverage, and it was almost like not a lot of loss history behind the whole industry. So, we're going to give it away, you know. Premiums were very reasonable, I would say. And then the next year, we opted to go with it again, and it was about double. But still, maybe within reason for the coverage. And then the cyber claims started to come through. That industry took a massive hit, and premiums started to reflect that, especially municipalities, a big target for hackers. Let's see, and then our carrier, Evolve, which has been a really good carrier for us for a lot of businesses, decides, they call and say hey we want off the county, we're not even going to offer renewal. And I was like, we haven't had any claims or even inquiries, but that's the nature of the beast. And so, we came back with an option. And municipalities are tough. And we came back with Cowbell Cyber. Roughly, premium was 22 or 3 thousand dollars, with a \$50,000.00 retention or a fancy way to say deductible. So, not very favorable terms. The

Thompson Group has had a recent acquisition to this new to us market that's called CFC, and we're writing a lot of business with them. They're killing it on the premiums, and they offer what I call the bells and whistle policy. So, you're going to be hard pressed to find a policy that offers this much coverage with these reasonable terms. They offered a million dollars liability across many of those insuring clauses. Waiting period is eight hours, so your systems would have to be down for eight hours for this to respond. And the deductible is very favorable at \$5,000.00 and it's total premium is \$8,850 for the year.

Tom said so do you know these people. I mean, how can they do this so much cheaper than other people.

Jentry Flesher said so I think that they're just, they haven't had the loss history that these other folks have, and I'm not saying this isn't going to change in a year. I mean this market is up and down and all over, depending what's going on, the political climate, you know, what's going on with Russia, things like that. So, I'm not saying in a year it's double. But I think at this point in time, if the county was going to consider the cyber again, it's a coverage I think we should have at this, at these terms, it's something to consider.

Mike said is the limit aggregate or is it for each insuring cause.

Jentry Flesher said it's per line up to a million dollars aggregate.

Mike said so you could have a 500 cyber response and a 500-system damage and they'd pay a million.

Jentry Flesher said exactly.

Mike said you'd get a million of each. They don't have to pay a million.

Jentry Flesher said yeah.

Mike said well I think we've wrestled with it for two or three years about the need for cyber insurance and we've finally come to the conclusion we do need it so. This looks pretty reasonable. Any questions for Jentry. Someone want to move approval of the cyber insurance policy with CFC.

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

Mike said okay need a signature on these.

Jentry Flesher said yeah, I'll just have, and you can sign my copy and keep yours. Really, I only need one, one signature.

## **Homeland Security Grant Application**

Mike said before we go to the council, I think I'm going to move Chris up. He's got a couple things on here. He's got a Homeland Security Grant Application, which is one of our internal documents for State Board of Accounts tracking. Is this the one we do every year.

Chris Shaneyfelt said it is.

Mike said the salary grant with a match of \$17,841.40.

Chris Shaneyfelt said that's part of the EMPG grant.

Mike said someone want to move approval of this grant application.

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

Mike said okay what did you leave us.

Chris Shaneyfelt said that is some technology that I'm looking at that I received early last week that maybe it would help solve some of our problems with the local fire departments and pagers and or radios. It's not going to replace pagers. It's not going to replace radios, because the technology is basically using a cell phone. But the technology allows the equipment that I've had for a trial period, to capture our radio traffic and push it through LTE technology, and allow the responders to use the, their smart phones as a pager and a radio on certain frequencies that we select. The equipment is for each radio frequency that we tried to capture, or will capture, is 25 hundred dollars and then one hundred dollars a year subscriber fee per telephone. So, if this stuff works well, I'm kind of looking at having two frequencies covered. Fire departments and being with law enforcement as well, but I would just ask the agencies that want to put their people on, that they pay the subscriber fees if I pay for the equipment to have it there. Obviously, they're not going to be taking these into fires or anything like that, but it would allow them to carry it on their person, and being they use LTE technology, they can use it nationwide.

Mike said so one of the things we did to assist the fire departments and I'm not sure, I don't know if you are aware or not, but we did buy the mobile digital radios for the sheriff's department, which will free up another VHS channel as I understand, for the fire departments.

Chris Shaneyfelt said yes.

Mike said we haven't gone ahead, with the pager purchase, digital pager purchase, just because the numbers are, I think the first go round was 229 and then we asked a second time, you got the insurance rolls for us and I think they're still well up there.

Chris Shaneyfelt said yeah and I think that this would be a reasonable way to solve that problem. Because I mean, if we're paying, the frequency I currently plan to capture with the trial equipment is the, the fire dispatch channel with the encoder system, so that all works as a pager. Mike said is that a digital coder.

Chris Shaneyfelt said yes.

Mike said yeah okay, digital channel.

Chris Shaneyfelt said so it will, hopefully it will capture that and then I mean, you know, if we're looking at expense, you are looking at \$2,500.00 for that whole frequency, and then letting them subscribe however they want to subscribe for those people as opposed to, what is it \$800.00 per pager, or roughly \$2,000.00 per portable. Big savings. I believe that we could go that route.

Mike said okay. Well we put the pager on hold.

Chris Shaneyfelt said okay. Well let, let's try this and see if it works. And then if it works, I would say we, I would recommend this then if it works, and then of course, it would save a ton of money.

Tom said will this work on any kind of cell phone.

Chris Shaneyfelt said it has to be a smart phone.

Tom said smart phone.

Chris Shaneyfelt said and this company, what it basically does, if you remember, Nextel turned their phones into like a push to talk radio. They don't require that it has to use their proprietary push to talk, it can be any push to talk program. So, it's however the end user wants to do it, but we just buy the technology for it.

Mike said okay. Is that all you have.

Chris Shaneyfelt said that's all I have.

Mike said we have a J&K claim which is the reserve \$118,739.34. And I didn't, we've kind of already talked to it, talked about it, because we've got the highway issue in front of us. And that's why we're holding that claim. I didn't know if you had anything you wanted to offer us there or not.

Chris Shaneyfelt said I don't know anything about what the highway is doing with their radios, and with J&K, I mean, they've not, I haven't talked to Mike or them since we initially started that project.

Gary said well J&K moved the antenna partially because of.

Chris Shaneyfelt said the interferences.

Gary said interference. And when it was put back according to Motorola, they say it's not correctly aligned as it should have been, to have been replaced in order for the highway radios to function correctly. And I guess Lonnie could tell you more, but they've got dead spots now in places that they are not able to communicate, or they didn't have. So that's why we're, since

J&K did that, we're trying, as you heard, were here at the beginning of the meeting, we talked about this. The highway gave us the potential cost of correcting that, as to who was responsible for payment.

Chris Shaneyfelt said I will let them know that that's on hold and I assume you are talking to Ted.

Gary said yes.

Chris Shaneyfelt said okay. So, yeah, that's fine with me.

Mike said I didn't know where you were on it.

Chris Shaneyfelt said we've got some punch list items I guess, that we need to close out because there's like some rubber boots that need to be installed on the shacks that the electric company didn't do because they were separated out somehow. And I have talked to Ted or Todd Durnil and he has sent an email to that company and asked them to finish that. And then beyond that, I'm not for sure what we have left to do since Pyramid is not really talking.

Mike said right.

Gary said but what is there to do then as far as making the system complete.

Chris Shaneyfelt said as far as I know, the system is functioning, it's working well. We need to put those rubber boots on to keep the weather from getting in, and the flies. And beyond that, there's some large stone out there that they either need to smooth out or remove, because there's some that's just sitting in a pile.

Mike said that's not J&Ks issue though.

Chris Shaneyfelt said no that's not theirs. But we have a punch list.

Mike said we have an issue with a shed at Deerfield too, so that's not.

Tom said and raising the generator.

Mike said that's not J&Ks.

Chris Shaneyfelt said that's not J&Ks.

Mike said and the only issue I think we have with J&K, and maybe the boots would probably be part of that maybe.

Chris Shaneyfelt said maybe but I think it's more of an electrical.

Mike said the highway department is an issue.

Gary said well we were wondering you know; the fire departments are they all functioning properly according to what they should with the new system. Are the issues that they're having presently because of their equipment.

Chris Shaneyfelt said I'm not aware of any complaints about any radios at this time. So, we had a meeting two months ago, somewhere in there, and J&K took care of a lot of issues. Everything to my knowledge, is working okay. Nobody has mentioned any problems to me in a while.

Gary said they were talking about it. That's the reason they came to us with the pager thing was that they weren't communicating and they were having issues with that. The story that we were told was because the system.

Chris Shaneyfelt said I really think that some of the issues is probably the age of the fire department's equipment, and because they're using such old technology and wrong digital technology that it's them upgrading their equipment.

Mike said yeah and that, well that's what we got into the discussion about is buying them digital pagers.

Gary said I understand but you talked to them way back when you and I first talked and started this system about they are going to have to update and modify and correct.

Chris Shaneyfelt said I did.

Gary said and so did I and so have I over the time.

Chris Shaneyfelt said and they're not doing that.

Gary said it doesn't seem to me with some of the grant money that's out there, potential for individual departments that they're not reaching out trying to do this on their own. It's like they've waited and, to me now, this is just my observation, I don't know that it's a fact, but it looks like they waited until now. Now they're coming to the county and saying we need to do this to make our system function properly.

Chris Shaneyfelt said some departments have been very proactive, and have bought new equipment.

Gary said I know they have.

Chris Shaneyfelt said but there are some that just have not. And I, I'm not going to speak for them or anything like that, but their technology is, it just needs to be upgraded. And I agree with you that there are AFG grants and things like that. I mean Lynn just received an AFG grant. But they could try to do this kind of stuff and they would do much better if they went together as the 10 or 11 fire departments as opposed to a single unit, and try to solve some of their technology in meetings.

Tom said do they ever cooperate like that on anything.

Chris Shaneyfelt said not that I've seen since I've been EMA. It's hard to get a lot of them to agree to things.

Gary said they're all working for the same function, that is the safety of the community.

Chris Shaneyfelt said sure. It get's in, there's some politics again to it, and the use of the territories and how much money they get, and thing like that that gets contested at times.

Mike said okay.

Gary said in your opinion, the fire departments basically, as far as the new system that we put in, it's functioning where it should be.

Chris Shaneyfelt said yes.

Gary said as far as the fire department are concerned.

Chris Shaneyfelt said yes. I know that there's an issue in Union City, but that is a Union City portable issue, because our system is capturing them. They're not able to get out, and then we've told them they need to meet with J&K to get their radios realigned, make sure that they are aligned properly. But with the fire departments, my concern with them is, you know we discussed when we initially started this project, was getting their technology up to date. And you know, now that we are up and running, we're at the point where we need to set a date that they have their equipment to meet the standards of the system. And I would say that once we set that date, there will soon be fire departments that don't meet that date.

Gary said so what's the alternative. They're liable for their problems.

Chris Shaneyfelt said well I'm not a lawyer. I'm not going to say whose liable. I'm just going to say that you know, we're spending the money. We're providing this system, but we can't fund for everybody.

Gary said right.

Chris Shaneyfelt said I mean, and they are a taxing unit of government so they should be able to tell the people that they work for that, you know, they need these funds. And then come with a solution just like I would have to.

Gary said it's the other band that the sheriff's department is going to relinquish, going to help them any.

Chris Shaneyfelt said it gives them a separate, it will give them a separate operations channel across VHF.

Gary said right.

Mike said for their radios.

Chris Shaneyfelt said for the radios.

Mike said so it will free up that space.

Chris Shaneyfelt said it gives them one additional channel.

Gary said do we need to set a time then and say hey.

Chris Shaneyfelt said yes.

Gary said from the county perspective, we've spent this money, we've done what we are supposed to based on what you're telling us, to meet the needs of our perspective. And now the rest of it is up to them to correct. So, we need to set a time and say that X date, January or, just for example, January 1 of 23 that we need to be up and going.

Chris Shaneyfelt said yeah as an example yes. There needs to be a date set, a drop-dead date, and you know, one that gives them enough time to attempt to solve their budget problems, because I mean, right now, if you remember the discussions, that you know, using the older equipment on their, were not allowed to truly go to phase two technology until all the equipment's modern. So, I mean, right now, that is holding us back.

Gary said can you do some research then and the next meeting or two, give us a realistic date and let us establish that as drop-dead date.

Chris Shaneyfelt said yes sir.

Gary said that would be my recommendation.

Mike said so to go to phase technology, that would be digital radios and pagers would it not.

Chris Shaneyfelt said the pagers, they don't have to have digital pagers to go to that.

Mike said just regular.

Chris Shaneyfelt said they would just need the 700-megahertz radios that are phase two compatible.

Mike said okay.

Chris Shaneyfelt said and right now we have Motorola's out there that are not compatible.

Mike said okay. Very good.

Chris Shaneyfelt said okay.

Mike said thanks Chris.

Mike said four council members here this morning. Does any council member have anything they'd like to share? Okay. We did have a mayor here. Did he leave.

Gary said yes.

Mike said the mayor left. Okay.

#### **Other Business:**

### Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

Mike said Art do you have anything for us this morning.

Art Moystner said the only thing I have is a question. The last meeting, we had discussed the mobile radios for the cars and for a funding source. Was that something that was going to come out of an account the Commissioners.

Mike said ARPA.

Art Moystner said ARPA. So, I need to get on the agenda with the council to discuss that also, because if I'm not mistaken, does that take both bodies.

Mike said no they just appropriate it.

Laura said they appropriate. We'll do the appropriation and then if they have questions, you could speak to them at that point.

Art Moystner said okay. I just wanted to clarify.

Mike said anybody have any questions to Art. Okay. Thanks Art.

Art Moystner said thank you.

## Minutes of July 18 & 21, 2022

Mike said we received the Minutes of our July 18<sup>th</sup> and July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting via email. I trust we've all had a chance to review, read them. Are there any additions, corrections or deletions to those minutes? Hearing none, I'd entertain a motion to approve both sets.

Gary made a motion to approve both sets of minutes. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

#### **Regular Claims \$596,770.62**

Mike said brings us to our Regular Claims which we received via email in the amount of \$596,770.62. Any questions or comments about the regular claims.

Gary made a motion to approve the regular claims. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

#### Payroll Claims \$ 219,802.50

Mike said our payroll claims, the amount of \$219,802.50. I'd entertain a motion to approve the payroll claims.

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

#### Payroll Deduction Claims \$263,371.70

Mike said this claim is for payroll deductions, employees' Medicare, social security and Perf. It's in the amount of \$263,371.70. I'd entertain a motion to approve this claim.

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

#### Town of Albany \$75,000.00

Mike said the next claim is an EDIT claim that was approved a couple meetings ago and approved at an EDIT board meeting for the town of Albany and I'd entertain a motion to approve this claim.

Tom made a motion to approve this claim. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

#### Randolph County United Claim \$18,838.00

## Randolph County United Tourism Claim \$1996.00

Mike said the next two claims are from EDIT for the Randolph United, Randolph County United claim monthly draw in the amount of \$18,838.00 and the Randolph County United Tourism claim, a monthly draw in the amount of \$1,996.00. I'd entertain a motion to approve both of these claims.

Gary made a motion to approve both the claims as presented. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

#### J&K Claim \$118,739.34

Mike said that brings us to the J&K claim which we're going to continue to table that until the highway issue is resolved, are we not.

Gary said yes.

Mike said okay are you okay with that Tom.

Tom said yes.

Mike said okay.

## **Cancer Services of Randolph County lease**

Mike said next item is our Cancer Services of Randolph County lease. And this is for \$10.00 a square foot, \$2,400.00 a year, \$200.00 a month. Lease is to begin the first day of November and will end the 31<sup>st</sup> day of October. And I believe we have a one-year extension for the same property, same amount. So, I'd entertain a motion to approve this.

Tom made motion. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

#### **Angel Tree**

Mike said I received a request via email from Laura for the Angel tree in the lobby of the courthouse near the time clock and the table between the Auditor and the Treasurers' office. We've done this every year. They put up the tree on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and it stays up through December 9<sup>th</sup>, and the committee is Melissa Patterson, Chris Retter, Claudia Thornburg, Ellen Craig and Teresa Mosier. I'd entertain a motion.

Tom made a motion to approve this request. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

### Transfer Commissioner's Bldg. Maint to Commissioner's Comp/Video

Mike said we need to vote to approve the transfer of \$12,000.00 from our Cum Cap development from building maintenance to our Cum Cap development to computers, video equipment and training. And I've been advised that that is to pay for our county-wide office email, for Microsoft office 365, that licenses for everybody that has an email. So, I'd entertain a motion to approve the transfer.

Gary made a motion to approve. Tom seconded. All aye votes.

### **Additional Appropriations:**

Auditor (Elected Official Training Fund)

Travel/Training

\$1200.00

Mike said that brings us to Additional Appropriations. The first one I for the Auditor for training in the amount of \$1200.00. I'd entertain a motion to approve this additional appropriation.

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

#### **ARPA Fund**

Repair Storm Drain on South St

\$32,620.00

Mike said next one if additional appropriation to the ARPA Fund for repair to the storm drain on South Street in the amount of \$32,620.00. I'd entertain a motion to approve this additional appropriation.

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

Mike said Ed, do you know when that's going to be done.

Ed said he's lining up materials as we speak.

Mike said so still yet this fall then.

Ed said yes.

Mike said okay very good. I saw her the other day and she asked me about that.

### Highway

Highway Engineer Contract

\$40,000.00

Mike said next one is the additional appropriation for the budget of the highway for \$40,000.00 to pay our share of the highway engineer contract.

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

#### Misdemeanant

Meals/Food

\$15,000.00

Mike said next is appropriation from Misdemeanant or to Misdemeanant for \$15,000.00 for meals and food. I'd entertain a motion to approve.

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

#### **EDIT**

Town of Albany

\$75,000.00

Mike said and from EDIT to, for the EDIT fund, for \$75,000.00 to the town of Albany for the amphitheater I'd entertain a motion to approve that additional appropriation.

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

Mike said that brings us to the end of our agenda. Laura looks like you've got some permanent minutes for us.

Laura said okay there are three sets.

Mike said Laura has three sets of permanent minutes. Is that all you have for us.

Laura said it is.

Mike said Meeks do you have anything for us this morning.

Meeks said yeah more about Laura brought this up to me the other day. It's the lease for Community and family Services. They were also housing Head Start they want to redo the lease, correct me if I'm wrong Laura. They want to redo the lease with the new total square footage amounts, and you guys, I didn't know if you wanted to change the square footage that they are paying. They're paying \$4.16 per square foot.

Mike said these other art at \$10.

Gary said you said it was Head Start.

Meeks said they house Head Start, but they also have.

Gary said I'd say that's a completely new company.

Meeks said right.

Laura said Community and Family Services has already been in there. And Head Start was under them. So now Head Start is out under their own and we've got that lease taken care of. So, Community and Family are using less space.

Gary said okay I understand.

Laura said and here's what Jake sent me. So, the Head Start was under them also. Now it's separate and we've already their lease. So now Community and Family Services just want to redo their portion.

Mike said okay and for the Wic area.

Laura said yes.

Mike said that has the Wic too. So, the question is that they're attorney ask for us is what, do we want to move that square footage up to what we charge Cancer Services and the other renewed leases this term, which was up to \$10.00 a square foot.

Gary made a motion to move Community and Family Services lease amount to \$10.00 per square foot. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said anything else Meeks.

Meeks said I did not talk to DCS. I did email them and I have not heard a response. I thought we would hear one by now. But I have not.

Mike said okay. Tom do you have anything for us.

Tom said have we got any movement on those leases.

Meeks said I talked to Matt. I haven't, I take that back, Matt's called me twice and I called him back twice. But I've not been able to talk to Matt. I think he owes me one at this point.

Tom said okay.

Meeks said I'll call him this afternoon.

Mike said what leases.

Tom said on those fiber conduit.

Mike said oh those easements.

Tom said see if we could get, if we can get appraisals that would take care of Meeks' problem of ownership.

Meeks said I have a call in on that.

Tom said yeah okay.

Mike said okay. Anything else.

Tom said no.

Mike said Gary do you have anything for us.

Gary said not today.

Mike said the only thing I had was and I'll, this is, we've been getting a lot of emails back and forth from Tower King wanting to know what the status of the broadband project that the technology committee is working on. So now that we have a single point of contact, I'm hoping maybe that person or that group can answer those emails as to what that status is. Okay. That's all I have this morning.

#### **Citizen Comments**

Mike said do we have any citizen comments this morning. Yes Bev.

Bev Fields said I missed my opportunity earlier, I'm sorry. Would it be possible that the awards that were received at AIC, that they could be displayed in the lobby downstairs for maybe October, November and then be moved out to the highway.

Mike said I wouldn't have an objection to that.

Bev Fields said there's a lot of people that will be in and out and taxpaying and elections and all.

Mike said okay that's a good suggestion. Everybody alright with that. I'm okay with that. Did you hear that Mike?

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike said okay. And both, do you have the cooperation award yet.

Mike Haffner said we've got the big sign.

Mike said well I think those are the ones we ought to put down there. I think people will see them.

Mike Haffner said okay.

Mike said and I'm not recognized as being very cooperative at home, so a cooperation award was good for me to receive. I don't want to take it home or anything but anyway. Any other citizen comments this morning.

#### Adjournment

Mike said okay with that being said, I'd entertain a motion to adjourn.

Tom made a motion to adjourn. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Reviewed and signed this 5 day of December, 2022.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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ATTEST:

Laura J Martin, Auditor of Randolph County