

Randolph County Commissioners

June 20, 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.

Michael Wickersham, President presided over the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Duane Petry – Ambulance cot and loading system

Mike said Ambulance cot and loading system. Is that the striker replacement XT quote that you sent us?

Duane said yes and then they came out with another cot that's updated. It's got a lithium ion battery instead of the nicad. And it's got some other safety features on it too. And that is the 6507-power load pro 2. And it's about \$8,000.00 more than what the XT is.

Mike said okay so is that the Striker cot system.

Duane said yes.

Mike said that's the same price of the other one. Do we have that one? I mean as far as a quote on that one.

Duane said yes. I sent that Friday. Their new updated cot is \$28,075. The XTMTS, which is what we got now is \$26,082.

Mike said I've got a quote for 14,182.

Tom said so that's after the rebate.

Duane said that's after the trade in.

Mike said okay and then the other one is a net \$21,554.

Duane said yes. That's the load system that goes in the back of the ambulance that actually loads the cot.

Mike said okay so then the \$26,933 is the update one from the XT.

Duane said yes.

Mike said so what are you telling us this morning.

Duane said well we need a cot and we need the power load. The new cot, we can go with either cot. This one's got some nice safety features, but money is tight. I'm just throwing it out there. We can go with either cot.

Mike said and the XT basically is, replaces what we have now. It has a little more feature, but it doesn't have the features the other one has.

Duane said no the power pro 2 high configuration has got a better battery system.

Mike said I understand that. I'm just comparing to what we have now.

Duane said what we have now is the \$14,182. That's the exact same thing we have right now.

Mike said and that's working good for us.

Duane said yes.

Mike said and this is going into the ambulance that's coming yet this year.

Duane said it'll go, it'll go into service right now. And will it go into the cot that's coming here, hopefully, in the next couple of weeks. They interchange. They'll go in any of the ambulances. So, it's replacing a cot that's end of life.

Mike said okay. So, you don't really have a recommendation between one or the other.

Duane said if the money is available, the new cot, it's got wheel locks on all four wheels. The ones we have now is only two of the wheels. It's, the updated one has got some led lights on it so at night it shines down on the ground where we're going, which is, I mean it doesn't sound like much, but you know, it's dark.

Mike said it's a safety issue.

Duane said yeah. When you're going through a dark yard or whatever, that does help. It raises quicker. You know, when we load it on the back of the ambulance, we've got to stand there and hold it until the wheels come up. So, this raises quicker than what the other one does. It's rated at 700 pounds. The ones we have now is rated at 700 pounds.

Mike said and the power load needs to go with the cot.

Duane said it doesn't have to, but that's another safety thing where it's more stable loading and unloading the patient, because the load system carries all the weight. And it's just more stable, supposed to prevent back injuries because we're not doing all the lifting and holding the patient.

Mike said so what do you think, Gary, Tom, which cot you think we ought to buy.

Tom said we got money now, but if we replace these things, we're not going to have ARPA money I'm guessing two years out. We're spending a lot of money, and what kind of money that's going to have to replace things, so I'm just concerned about what we're creating.

Mike said how old is the trade in striker.

Duane said that was a used one we bought, one of the used ones we bought, so it was 2011, was when it was took into service by Dublin. So, it's 11 years.

Mike said 11 years. Is that what they estimate the life of these to be?

Duane said no they are saying ten years is when they won't service them anymore. And it still works. But then it's more of a liability issue when they're saying the life is ten years. And they won't work on it anymore so if something happens.

Mike said and they won't work on it, if something happens you're out of business.

Duane said yes.

Mike said Gary do you have any thoughts.

Gary said so if we bought the one you are talking about, the \$20,682, and that's going to be 14,182 with the trade in, right.

Mike said the new and improved one is \$26,000.

Gary said yeah, I meant the other one. This \$20,000 with the trade in so that gives us the \$14,182 with trade in. Then you've got \$21,554 for the loading device, right.

Duane said yes.

Gary said so that's giving us \$35,600 or something like that for the cheaper one.

Duane said right. And on the new and improved one, that price of \$26,933, they've got \$3600 maintenance on that too. So, in the first year, it all ought to be under warranty, so I don't know why we would need a maintenance on a new cot. So, on you could take \$3600 off of that. So that would be \$23,400.

Gary said right. It's going to be around, just a little over \$9000 more than the other one.

Duane said right.

Mike said so you are saying the, the cot comes with a warranty that would give you on site preventive maintenance, inspection and unlimited battery repairs, including parts, labor and travel.

Duane said yes.

Mike said for the first year.

Duane said they offer that on all their, everything, like their cots, the load system. They offer that, they recommend the cots being serviced once annually.

Mike said so that's something you do after the first year is up, then you sign up for this.

Duane said right, yes. I call them, have them come in and do service them, make sure everything is working alright.

Mike said I'm calculating, you take that \$3,595 out of there.

Duane said yes.

Mike said so you're looking at about a \$9,000.00 difference. Is that what that comes out to be.

Duane said yes.

Gary said so whenever we get the new unit, new ambulance in two years then we'll put a completely new system in it, we won't have anything to trade in.

Duane said yes. I mean, I think we could probably take the load system, well no, whatever we're trading, the ambulance that we're getting rid of doesn't have a load system in it so. Down the road, there's the possibility of taking the load system out of an ambulance we have and putting it in the new ambulance, depending on the age, if it's ten years old, I don't know what the life of the load system is.

Mike said we might be looking at this again for the new ambulance in two years.

Duane said well that's what the power load, the price is on this one. The new ambulance we've got coming in, we bought the load system.

Mike said already have that.

Duane said yeah we bought that two years ago.

Gary said oh I forgot it. Okay.

Mike said we're just booking this one two years in advance so we can have it.

Duane said right, right.

Mike said do you have to pay for it now?

Duane said well he told me that we could order it now. They could hold it for a year and then we could pay for it. He said that they've got two price increases coming up. One of them is February, and I don't know when the other one was.

Mike said can we lock in our price now.

Duane said well that was my understanding, that we lock in the price, they would keep it for a year, or they would ship it in a year and then we would pay for it when they shipped it.

Mike said well I think we should go for the better one. But that's just me.

Gary said I agree. I think while we're doing it and thinking about several, looks to me like safety issues that are involved with the better one.

Mike said and these prices are in effect for 90 days at least is what the quote says.

Duane said right.

Mike said at least that's what the XT says. Your load system says that as well. The new and improved is for 30 days. So, if we do move to buy the new cot system, that's at 26 and then we take out the maintenance plan, I think we're going to need to find out what we have to pay to lock in that price.

Duane said okay.

Mike said wouldn't that be something we'd want to do.

Laura said the \$260,000 that we approved out of ARPA for a new ambulance, didn't that include this.

Mike said it did include some of this. It might not have included all of it.

Laura said I don't remember all the pricing on the ambulance but. I feel like we thought there was enough to buy both.

Duane said yeah I think Angela kind of ball parked a figure and I think it would have included the loading system. I'm not sure about the cot though.

Mike said the ambulance is \$212,986 and we looked at the power cot, there's \$21,544, so that would have been \$213,233, which would leave another 27,000. We approved 260. So, we've already approved at least the money to buy some of this. We looked at the XT at our last meeting.

Duane said right.

Mike said you weren't here. You were on duty.

Duane said right.

Mike said so we did approve the purchase of the XT at our last meeting. Well we tabled that, but we approved the funding for it. So, I think we've got enough that we've already approved from ARPA to cover the load system and the new cot system. If we approved 260 and the ambulance is 212, and the cot system is \$26,000 less \$3,500. So, I think we just need to make a motion which cot we approve and approve the loading system. Did you make that motion to approve the...?

Gary said the better one whatever that number was.

Mike said that would be approve the 6507-power pro 2, less the \$3595.50 maintenance program. I'll make a motion that we approve the purchase of that cot system. Do you want to second that?

Gary seconded.

Mike said and we've already assigned ARPA funds to pay for it. And that was approved by council at their last meeting, was it not.

Laura said I think so.

Mike said any other comments about the cot system we're going to buy. All in favor signify by saying aye.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said and then we've also presented the load system at a cost of \$21,544.80. Do you want to move approval of purchase of that?

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

Duane said on the load system, do you want to have them hold it for a year and then pay for it?

Mike said we've already approved the money.

Duane said alright.

Mike said I guess the question becomes how long will they hold it without paying for it. And if they say they won't hold it, then we need to go ahead and pay for it.

Duane said okay.

Mike said when will the load system be ready if we order it today.

Duane said I don't know.

Tom said but you don't want to really keep it until you are ready for it.

Duane said it doesn't matter to me. We've kept that other one for two years. I mean, we just had it on the shelf sitting back there.

Mike said does that affect the warranty.

Duane said well no, I talked to him about that and they move the warranty is going to start like July 1st. I mean the warranty had run out, but they're moving it to July 1st because hopefully, we are going to have the truck by then. And he said he would do the same thing with the warranty on this one that we're buying. Once it goes in the truck.

Mike said when it's in service, that's when the warranty will start.

Duane said yeah that's when they'll start the warranty on it.

Mike said okay. That sounds good.

Gary said Meeks do we have to have that in possession to pay all of it.

Meeks said I don't think so. They have the contract. We just can't prepay for services.

Mike said do we want to talk about the southwest part of the county in coverage in the southwest part of the county. I know I think two meetings ago, we requested from you what's your, if we were to have a facility in Farmland, what it would require. And my thought is that's a big difference than what we were paying for coverage in that part of the county in the past. It's a pretty good commitment if we were to do that.

Tom said be \$12,000 a month.

Mike said pardon.

Tom said be \$12,500 for that township.

Mike said right. Well I was just talking about if we were considering to build a place for that.

Tom said well I wouldn't build a place, but to rent a place, hopefully, we could do that for less than a 1000 a month.

Mike said well that would be worth it if we could do that. So, do we have a line on doing that. I don't.

Tom said I have a fellow who'd try to build a facility for us, somewhere in that neighborhood.

Mike said somewhere around a \$1000. Well I was going to start less.

Tom said yeah I think that it's his thought.

Mike said so you are pursuing that, you want to pursue that.

Tom said well yeah I can. I guess Duane and I can.

Mike said Duane is, I mean, your response to me was two bays, a day room with a kitchenette, two sleeping areas. If future it goes to 24-hour coverage, two bathrooms with showers, a washer, dryer hookup, and medical supply closet. And then a heated bay for the winter time.

Duane said yeah to keep the medicine from freezing that's in the truck. And it wouldn't have to be a two bay, but I just figured if we had two trucks over there, if one of them broke down, you know, they went out and tried to start it and it wouldn't start, then they would have a backup truck there.

Mike said and Parker is not an option is it. It doesn't gain us anything.

Duane said no because the response time down to Modoc and Losantville according to google maps is the same as responding from here. I mean it would help the response time in the northern part of the county over there, but the southern part, it wouldn't help at all.

Mike said okay.

Duane said and right now, we're, on some of the calls down at Losantville, we're getting there before the first responders do. So, the response time is definitely improved.

Mike said from Farmland.

Duane said yeah from Farmland. I'm not saying anything bad about Losantville first responders because they're not sitting in their stations. They've got to go from home, get there and get the truck and stuff. But depending on where it is, there's been a few times where we've gotten there before they have.

Mike said so would you say our response from Farmland is as good as what Culberson's was prior to.

Duane said yes.

Mike said so a location in Farmland would be a good location. I guess I would be in favor pursuing a private lease arrangement with somebody if we could work that out.

Mike said are you okay with that Gary.

Gary said so are we talking about what, ten-year lease.

Mike said whatever is negotiated.

Gary said I know, but what are we thinking about.

Tom said well, most people would take that long to pay for it, so to make something to suit our specifications, then you'll probably want a ten-year lease or something like that.

Mike said or maybe a shorter lease with a buyout.

Gary said well yeah that's true.

Mike said so I think that's subject to negotiation I guess that's where we probably ought to go. The Farmland Fire Department is going to want their bay back sometime.

Duane said yes but I talked to Melvin the other day and he said come fall or winter, he's not going to kick us out. He said they would drain their truck again.

Mike said I'm sure that income doesn't hurt them.

Duane said right. And he said he preferred if we could find a place and get out. But he said he's not going to kick us out because they want an ambulance there to respond to that side of the county. So as of the other day, he said he wasn't going to kick us out.

Tom said well if we're working towards a solution, they'll be able to accommodate us until we get ready with something else.

Duane said well that was his comment the other day when I talked to him. I don't know that, you know anything can change, but as the other day, he said he wouldn't kick us out come winter if we didn't have anything yet.

Mike said and that location is satisfactory for the time being for us. Okay. Well let's see what we can come up with.

Tom said okay.

Mike said that okay Gary.

Gary said yes I think that's a good place.

Mike said anything else Duane.

Duane said I don't think so.

Gary said where are you at on employees now?

Duane said same.

Gary said same as you were.

Duane said yes.

Mike said I think council is going to help you solve them. Well I don't find people for you, but I think we can become more competitive.

Gary said do you have any trainees that are potentials?

Duane said no. Hopefully that will change if the wages improve.

Gary said are they still have the system in Randolph Eastern that's working with those type of students.

Duane said I don't think they're doing, I don't think they're doing the EMS. I don't even know if they are doing the police part of it anymore.

Mike said I think that stopped.

Gary said did it. Okay. I would follow through on that.

Duane said I do have one of my guys teaches down at Richmond, EMS classes and he says he's got two or three that he's trying to, a couple of them are going to be going to Ball State and he's trying to talk them into coming and working for us in Farmland. But I don't know how that's going to work out. But that's about the only thing we've got as far as new hires. And it's not paramedics but, it's EMTs.

Mike said okay. Thanks Duane.

Adam Wilson – Highway Department J&K quote for a direct wireless connection

Adam said I don't much like somebody telling me I got to do something and give me no options for anything else. So New Lisbon came to us and said if we want to run a direct connection out to the highway barn, it was going to cost us \$77,000.00 to do it. I'm thinking if we can run an antenna out there to do several other things, we can run a direct connection antenna out there. And so, I had JK do a survey to see what that would cost us. And that's what this result is from that. They did a broadband survey. They are going to be able to do 512 mega bit connection back and forth between the barn, which would be sufficient. And that would put them on our network directly. And would move the reoccurring monthly cost that we are paying New Lisbon

for that connection out there for the ISP. I just wanted to put this in front of you and let you know this is an option too. As opposed to running fiber out there, we could just run a direct line.

Meeks said would the fiber go from here all the way out there?

Adam said no it's going to run from, I don't know this town very well, the school, the elementary school.

Mike said Baker Elementary.

Adam said yeah, yeah.

Meeks said I know there's fiber at the city.

Mike said well there's yeah.

Meeks said for the county right, it goes right behind the old, where we had the annex, down that alley, all the way out at least to the hospital.

Mike said yeah it went to the hospital. I think now it goes to the school which would be closer to the.

Adam said yeah because I have to answer the 811 calls from, so yeah we manage that fiber line that goes to the hospital. And they have another, one of the strands all the way out to the elementary school, we don't own that. So, what they were going to do was run another line out.

Mike said they were going to run it down old 27 I think.

Adam said yeah that's right.

Mike said then you pick up new 27 and take it on out.

Adam said but the agreement was different than the one that we have currently with them. Currently, we own that fiber. And what he had presented for \$77,000 we wouldn't own it. We would pay to help get the infrastructure in and then at the end of the day, they would own that fiber.

Mike said so this quote is just for a dedicated internet.

Adam said yeah it's dedicated like a site to site, you're beaming a direct connection between our two towers. Hang two devices on both of our towers. Just like they are kind of doing now for the radios, except for this is the band width will be greater for this.

Mike said so I've got an email from NLBC that says it's \$66,000.00.

Adam said okay so they may have adjusted that.

Mike said it's getting a little better. And of course, that then gives them the opportunity to connect they say 20 homes with no real service and get fiber service to 30 that have limited service.

Adam said that's right. And I am not advocating one way or another. I just wanted you guys to know like I said, I like to have the option that knowing if we want to spend more money and get more houses involved, then we'll go this way and then if you guys just want to get this connection up and running, we continue what we're doing right now.

Mike said and for the highway department, neither one is better than the other.

Adam said fiber is always going to be better. Always, always, always, because it's underground, it's faster, it's the Cadillac.

Mike said so with fiber we would still have a monthly fee to NLBC where with this system, we would not.

Adam said so no. This fiber would put, we would also put them on our network. And we currently don't pay anything too NLBC because they were sharing resources in several places. And they just re-compensate us by letting us have free internet.

Mike said well maybe we should just reach back out to NLBC and say we have an option here of \$33,000 would your \$66,000 come down any on that. I mean it's going to be of benefit to them ultimately to run the fiber.

Adam said oh yeah it's going to cost them double that \$66,000 to run that line and put it under the ground. They are going to have to get some special things.

Mike said so they're eating some already. They are bearing some of that expense.

Adam said they are definitely eating quite a bit of that expense right now yeah.

Mike said and they want to do the same thing to the speedway.

Adam said yeah. And we could do the same thing at the speedway. Like I could have JK see what it would cost us to put a tower up over there and do a direct beam out to the speedway.

Mike said okay and this has nothing to do with the ability of tracking trucks and the other needs that the highway needs.

Adam said that's all done. That's all, we've already taken care of all that.

Mike said you've taken care of that.

Adam said so this is just a, if you guys decide you wanted to run a direct line out there and you don't want to put it under the ground, and we'd rather use the towers that we've already got, then this is how you could do that.

Mike said and then my, I guess the other, the quote J & K gave us has some almost the same thing going into the sheriff's department.

Adam said yeah we have two places, yeah so they can send and receive.

Mike said so that, and with these are our towers, restricts us if somebody else wants space on our tower in the future to lease?

Adam said they're only going about halfway up the tower.

Mike said okay. Well I appreciate this information. For me, I think, I don't think I'm ready to make a decision on it now, but I think it's worth talking to NLBC about.

Adam said I'm obviously, open for any questions or anything. I can get whatever you need so.

Mike said but the Think pads are working well. I like the connectivity. Okay thanks Adam.

Mike Haffner- After hours calls

Mike Haffner said basically, I know I've been here 5 ½ years and it's been more or less from where I took over in the past, and today, it's really been the superintendent and the assistant superintendent that do the bulk of the after-hour calls. And other surrounding departments, some are very similar, but they've got more management to choose from. And without an assistant, that throws everything on to my shoulders. I'd sure like to take a couple of weeks off. There's a situation, I was on bereavement and called five people and didn't get an answer so I had to take that call. You can't just leave roads closed when trees are down. I've talked to the guys and a lot of them is just simply not interested. If there's a mother nature event and if I need help, but to just sign up, they don't feel it's worth giving up their weekends or being on call. I got a couple people that if they're available, and if they knew what particular week they would be on call, they would probably be able to help me out. But it's the unknown when you just out of the blue, call them up and they might already have commitments or they are hard to reach. I'm just starting to think of what our options are, and I think we need to at least start somewhere. I don't think we're going to get an assistant any time soon.

Mike said why don't you think that. I mean, what is the issue with the assistant.

Mike Haffner said it's money. Nobody in today's world wants management.

Mike said those are two different things. Is it money or is it nobody wants management or is it nobody wants management for what we're willing to pay.

Mike Haffner said nobody wants it for what we're willing to pay. I've talked to a few individuals because again, my hopes was to be at the process of training the next superintendent

in the next few years. And everybody I've talked to that I feel have the capability, they won't touch it for under \$70,000. And I think the pay, I've got internal people, but the last time we had a significant increase in highway department for CDL, management got froze. So now my employees are making more than what my assistant manager is if they work any kind of overtime, because my assistant manager does now work, does not have the opportunity for overtime. So therefore, a lot of my guys are making more money than the assistant. So why would you want to take a job for less money. Now there's two ways to remedy that. You increase that pay above to make it worth their while or you do away with comp and you pay them overtime when they work overtime. I'm no different than any other department. All of us are starving for manpower. My official number, I'm down five and I just had a person turn in, he hadn't given us two weeks' notice yet, but it looks highly likely that he'll accept another position. So, I would say in two to three weeks I'll be down six employees.

Mike said so what do you think a highway assistant, what are you thinking. Are you saying we'd have to pay an assistant superintendent \$70,000.00 to get him to work?

Mike Haffner said no, I, that's potentially what the peoples' wanting. I'm saying, I'm saying the assistant should be probably making in the high 50s to 60s. I'm saying the way everything's working right now, to get a qualified person, or if he has absolutely ground zero experience, you might start him out less. But you can't, you can't have an assistant manager making equal or less than your other employees. So that's the first thing that's got to be corrected.

Mike said have you brought that recommendation to the council at all?

Mike Haffner said I've added that into my budget for this year.

Mike said so back to the on call. Your email suggested that maybe it might help to offer them a minimum of four hours if they are on call.

Mike Haffner said I think it's going to be a paperwork nightmare. I think, I'd like to start with a take home vehicle for the week.

Mike said for the what.

Mike Haffner said a take home vehicle.

Mike said for the weekend.

Mike Haffner said if they sign up and say I will do Sunday through Sunday, you basically give them a vehicle to take home, that way if they do get a call, that truck is geared up and ready to go versus driving all the way, just like me, I'm in Ridgeville. If I get a call, and it's over at Farmland, well that's a lot of wasted time driving clear to Winchester and get a vehicle and then go. It works out great if I have people willing that's in the Winchester area, then that's good, but if you don't, there's a problem. So right now, we don't really have spare vehicles other than I don't have the assistant so therefore, we can use that vehicle. And once we get an assistant, well then he would be in the scenario to help out on the after-hour calls. But we got to start

somewhere because I know I just, I certainly cut the trees, I can't keep doing a 100% of after hour calls.

Gary said for cutting trees and that type of nature with power equipment, you are doing it by yourself with no assistant.

Mike Haffner said you shouldn't have to do it by yourself, and you shouldn't if it's, you should be able to call two. But I called five people and couldn't even get a single person.

Gary said I know but that's a safety factor.

Mike Haffner said yeah it definitely is. But what's your options, are you able to leave that road closed the whole entire weekend until I'm staffed Monday to take care of it.

Gary said when it comes to somebody getting hurt, in that situation then yes, it would be better to leave the road closed.

Mike Haffner said I've talked to outsourcing. I've talked to two different tree companies. They are not geared up for emergency calls. If I call them, then they have to schedule people and like the one told me, well we'll try to get there as fast as possible but he said it would be probably more in line of 48 hours to get that than one or two hours.

Mike said so do you believe that if you offer a take home vehicle and a minimum of four hours when you're called out, that would solve your problem.

Mike Haffner said I don't think it would solve the problem, the manpower in getting more people in that rotation so if there's a bigger event, we can call two. I'm saying that's where we need to start now to at least put another person. If somebody is on call and we get a bigger event, if I'm available, I'll be, I get dispatched first. So, if it's a larger tree, at least I can go out with that other person and assist. If it's just a stop sign or something easy, at least I don't have to go out all the time. You know, not all the calls are trees. But you know, I've got three people that I think, if they knew what weekends and what week they're having to be on call, it would be a little smoother than just calling them out of the blue and say hey can you help me out.

Mike said it sounds like something we should try. I don't know what else to offer. I was going to suggest outsourcing, but if you can't get them to come in either so, and I think Gary is right. You don't want somebody going out and doing a project that is a two-person job and trying to do it themselves, and then getting hurt. If you have to close the road for the weekend, you close the road for the weekend.

Tom said would they be exempt from the \$3.00 a day county vehicle policy. If it's just a weekly or temporary thing, do you still have to charge them \$3.00 a day.

Meeks said that's federal, you have to charge it.

Mike said well right now we have a truck available because we don't have an assistant superintendent.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Tom said we'd have to make that clear them, if they did that for a week, it would be \$21.00 out of that.

Meeks said and pay the taxes on it.

Mike said is that what we're going to try.

Gary said we've got to do something in my opinion. We can't stay where we're at. We've got to try, if that doesn't work, we've got to try something else.

Mike Haffner said that's what I'm saying. It's hard to say what will fix the problem.

Mike said one thing for sure will fix the problem is if you could replace the five drivers and the assistant superintendent. That would assist for a long way and of course, every employer can say a little bit of that at times. But and hopefully, your requested budget increases will assist in that.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Meeks said is this four hours, is that standard throughout the county?

Mike said we talked before but two hours.

Mike Haffner said I think the two hours will work. I don't think somebody is going to say it definitely has to be four. I think when I was talking, that \$5.00 gas, depending where you are at, just the privilege being able to drive to and from work is a heck of a bonus. So, I guess, you know, I think the minimum two-hour call and the take home, I mean we're in a testing mode to see what works. And if we're able to hire, then we would probably, there wouldn't be the need to do this.

Mike said well if we were able to hire, we could tell them you are required to do it.

Mike Haffner said well there's some departments, all employees, it's mandatory to be on call on a rotation. That would be a tough sell to the ones we have. But if that's what we have to go to.

Mike said would it be a deal breaker with them.

Mike Haffner said I don't think they would quit over it, but hopefully, if they didn't want it, they would be able to, hopefully, there would be enough other people to volunteer to take it.

Mike said well maybe that's the approach you take. We're offering a take home truck and we're offering two hours minimum, and I'm hoping that we get volunteers here. And if we don't, then

our next step is that it becomes part of the job requirement from top to bottom. What do you think about that.

Gary said we've got to have some type of coverage that's consistent.

Mike Haffner said a lot of these are smaller branches and smaller stuff, and quite frankly would take me longer to go get barricades and close that road than it is for a small tree. Now if it's a big tree, then I think I would be able to call hey, I need a debris hauler, I need a heavier piece of equipment, that's a little bit different. Or yes, there might be some cases where it's just better to close the road, but hopefully within a few hours, I'd be able to get enough help to be able to remove it. But there's a lot of trees that I cut down that's you know, six, eight inches in diameter and I make a couple cuts, and I've got a strap in my truck, that I can most of the time, jerk it off the road and at least get the road open.

Mike said okay. I think we'll probably, I don't think we need a motion. I think the consensus is to offer them a two hour minimum and a take home truck. I don't know if that needs a motion or not.

Mike Haffner said I'll work with the auditor to see how they want me to handle the fees on the truck.

Laura said my question is do we need to update the handbook for that.

Meeks said I was thinking we would probably have to do job descriptions.

Laura said change the job descriptions.

Meeks said probably do a memo.

Mike said we'll have to adjust the handbook to reflect that, the job descriptions.

Meeks said well at least to say you get a two hour minimum. We don't say which positions take home vehicles.

Gary said I move that we go with the two-hour minimum and the take home truck for on call volunteers. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike Haffner said I do appreciate it.

Mike said I know it's frustrating Mike.

Mike Haffner said I'm not the only person that's, I mean, this is a national world-wide issue. I've talked to other department heads, and very sincere that we're all struggling on manpower and the pressures put on the individuals that's still there. So, we still got a job to do and that's where I'll be going now because I don't have enough drivers to do chip box so as soon as I'm done here, I've got to hop in a truck and go help out.

Mike said okay. Anything else for us?

Mike Haffner said no, just to let you know our internet bill, if we're able to get internet through the county's tower, we're now paying \$130.00 a month so that would save the highway department that expense. And so, whether we pay you guys or however that is, I'm just letting you know that we have an expense today around \$130.00 a month for our internet service. So however, we want to make a game plan to do that in the future. Antennas, Motorola is saying our antenna is not straight and needs to be readjusted. Whose expense is it to get that done.

Gary said well when they moved it, did they intentionally make it.

Mike said when they lowered it, they did not get it.

Gary said I say but the intent was to be perpendicular when they lowered it or was it to be at an angle that it's at.

Mike Haffner said their intent was to have it, you hang the antennas you know.

Tom said who hung them.

Mike Haffner said J & K. When they lowered it, you could visible see it sitting at an angle. And then that transmit now you're not getting out there, it's everything going down to the ground. And the way it's bent, where we're having issues, is the southeast corner. But with it bent down like that, my signal is not getting there, it's going into the ground. So that needs to be corrected, either by them or we need to hire someone.

Tom said you would think they would know when they installed it, they'd understand that.

Mike Haffner said J & K's still not done with all the testing to, but preliminarily they said we're not interfering with their channels now. So, it really had nothing to do with the antenna location prior.

Gary said it was all moved in reference to the licensing for one thing.

Mike Haffner said but's it's all the loose connections and some other stuff that was the problem that it was interfering. That's all been corrected as far as I know.

Chris Beasley – EDPR

Chris said we have the county agreements for Riverstart III wondering about the status of those documents.

Mike said have we got anything from the attorney.

Meeks said I've been gone for two weeks. I've got a ton of emails I have no reviewed.

Mike said the road used the decommissioning. I think we're waiting on him to give us a thumbs up for a red line and that sort of thing. I did receive, I think all of us from Laura, received an email with your modified EDC payment schedule. You gave us three to choose from I think. And I need to apologize, I'm having trouble finding it right now. I don't know if you have anything you want to share about that, the options there are.

Chris said from our perspective, they're all the same. So, I just kind of wanted to illustrate different potential payment streams to try to pay out what's best for the county. And with that, we'd match the total amount as proposed.

Mike said a little higher than that. Matter of fact, I think it's \$10,000.00 higher one of them was if I remember, \$5.58 instead of \$5.57. Anybody have any questions about those payment schedules?

Tom said no. I think it, hopefully I'm on the right one.

Meeks said it's the one with the three is what I have on my phone.

Mike said it was an email.

Meeks said it was last week, no the week before, I sent it to Laura, I think, right.

Mike said somehow it's disappeared out of my files. I don't know.

Laura said pretty sure I sent it.

Mike said yeah I've seen it.

Meeks said June 10th. Look at June 10th.

Mike said downloaded it, have my documents here, and I'm not finding it.

Meeks said I got June 10th and I forwarded it to Laura the 10th or 11th.

Mike said well I don't, I do show a suggested pay from a County Council person. It's a little different than yours and a little different than our original. It's tough to sit here and say well we'll agree to that one if we don't know what Council wants to do. That's the difficulty I'm having with this. In the past, we've all just seemed to come to terms and not had any discussion about when the payments occur.

Chris said I haven't seen what was proposed by the council member.

Mike said well it was a little more balanced. Balanced throughout the entire ten years, which would mean payments in the beginning would be higher than we originally proposed and what you are proposing. And the payments in the end would be less. Although there is some balloon at the end, but not a lot of balloon at the end.

Meeks said so of the three proposals you propose, I mean, you guys don't have a preference.

Chris said no. No there's no preference there. They're all essentially worth the same amount to us. And what I tried to do with those was time the payments in such a way that what the county was receiving would be generally the same, year to year, and also have a floor. So, there's obviously, different options, but each one has a description at the top as to what the intent was for how those funds were to be staged out.

Mike said well based upon our last meeting, and based upon the council meeting, my thought would be, and I don't know, I mean 3 looks most like what we've proposed in my opinion. When I go back I'm not certain what's so, what's the problem with what we proposed. I guess that's, I think there was some discussion had about our proposal that maybe the middle years were too high. I don't know how to resolve it I guess.

Meeks said well I mean, it's 2 or 3 is fine with it. And just say 2 or 3 is fine and let the council decide if 2 or 3 is fine with them.

Mike said I'm not sure if I want to say 2 or 3 is fine. I guess that's the issue I'm having. I don't know how Tom and Gary feel. I guess that's. Do you guys have any thoughts on this.

Gary said well I really haven't looked at it much more because we said we were going to spend time the next meeting to discuss it and have a decision.

Mike said and I guess one and two's, you've cut those in half from ours, 200 to 100. I'm looking at proposal three. And that satisfies my thought about keeping it kind of the lower the first two years, is that it still gives us a lot of payments in those first two years. Three four instead of three one. And then you next two are pretty good size. And 30, 31, 32 are a lot lower. So, I guess if council was willing to take words out of Meeks, what he just said, I probably would not have a problem with proposal three. I don't like one. I think leaving out payments, I don't like one. I suppose there may be some benefit to round numbers in two, because they're easy for all of us to add up quickly. I've not talked to any council members so and they're not going to make a decision until July. So, I would say at this point in time, I'd prefer to table it until July, and maybe we talk to some council members and see what they're thinking about your recommendations. Is that fair.

Tom said yeah, I mean you've seen David's proposal.

Meeks said I haven't. I have not.

Mike said okay well you've got a lot of emails.

Meeks said am I on the list.

Mike said I think I can find that email. I don't know what happened to your email.

Gary said I didn't get it either.

Mike said I did. I saw it.

Gary said oh did you. If I did, I completely looked over it because I did not see that.

Meeks said recent it.

Gary said you probably did.

Meeks said I just did today.

Meeks said If you don't have it, call me. I'll get it to you.

Gary said alright. I've got Dave's, but I didn't get any.

Mike said you're not on the list Meeks. I just sent it to you.

Meeks said I appreciate that.

Mike said so I would recommend we table this to our first meeting in July.

Meeks said and I will follow up with Rick about the road usage agreement.

Mike said and discussion with council and see where they're coming from, and see if we can have maybe a, somewhat of a decision in July, which one we want to go if we want to go. Is that fair.

Chris said that's fair. My only concern would be that we get the ERA resolution passed at the council meeting in July. Would you all be able to coordinate with the councilors, prior to then so we could have a resolution on the EDA numbers at the next commissioners meeting.

Mike said yes. I think if what you're asking me, if we can reach out to some council members to find out if they're liking your proposals or if they prefer ours. Then, we then come in on our meeting on Tuesday the 5th, we say well sorry Chris but we like our original proposal, and that's the way we send it to council, and they do the same thing. Or we say well we've talked about it and proposal three seems to fit everybody's needs, so we'll go with proposal three. Is that what you're asking there.

Chris said that's what I'm asking, yes.

Mike said I think we can commit to do that. If there's any issues that need to be resolved, you can get those to Chris I presume. Okay. Anything else this morning.

Chris Beasley - Fiber Optic Easement Agreements

Chris said Meeks, on the fiber agreements for the Headwaters II?

Meeks said yeah, I sent those to Laura.

Laura said I have that right here. I didn't know you were going to talk about them. I do have them.

Meeks said yeah and I think that the last page.

Mike said if they look okay to you.

Meeks said well I still don't like the part about having to inform somebody before we do the work. I'd wrote it in there, but I'm not, I personally don't like that.

Tom said that makes us, do you think that makes us liable.

Meeks said it could, it puts a burden on us to inform somebody if work is done. And so, we will have to remember that ten years from now.

Tom said well I mean we put that burden on the contractor.

Meeks said the contractors not going to know, right. They're not going to pull this easement, to read it, find it on page 8.

Tom said well I think that they are responsible for that.

Meeks said I think we're responsible, we're going to put that in.

Chris said what we'll typically do is we'll put all of our emails, not, our agreements in the proposal and we'll say that the contractors are responsible for following the agreement.

Meeks said I'm just saying, 15 years from now, who's going to do it. I hope to be retired. Why is that necessary, so they can, I don't think it is necessary but.

Mike said it's our right-of-way.

Meeks said but yeah, that's the other problem. It's our, and that's a fundamental disagreement that I have. It's our right-of-way, we should not have to tell somebody if you're doing work. But he won't sign it unless it's in there.

Tom said we can just put it in that one.

Meeks said it's only in the one.

Tom said well yeah if we just put it in that one would simplify things.

Meeks said but I did put in there if we did the work, so if the contractor does the work, that's a little different.

Chris said this has the drain tile language?

Meeks said I believe it does.

Tom said they're all the same.

Mike said they're all the same. Do you want to see it?

Laura said why are you sending me three if they are all the same.

Mike said they all have that same construction notice, none of them have names on them. We don't know who's requesting this.

Meeks said construction notice, it's the one I sent to you. Did you read the one I sent? It's the one I sent. Was there a drain one in there too?

Chris said I recall seeing it two weeks ago, so I just wanted to double check.

Mike said what happens if we don't give them notice.

Meeks said they file a law suit.

Mike said for what, tearing up our own property?

Meeks said yes.

Mike said I don't quite understand that.

Meeks said I don't either.

Chris said but the point of the notice is to allow the land owner to mark his drain tiles. Plus, they could be noted by the installer, avoided, he's got a lot of pretty significant drains crossing that road, he's had bad experiences prior and so, his thought is there is no incentive for him to sign an agreement that's just going to encourage the destruction of his drains without having some sort of protection that would allow him at least to mark them before the installing.

Mike said so wouldn't that apply to road maintenance as well.

Chris said it does.

Mike said we don't have to give him notice on road maintenance.

Meeks said I think routine road maintenance would be, we're plowing is why I put that in there.

Tom said if we were digging in the side ditch or something, we could tear his drains up.

Meeks said it says if the grantee does any construction on a county road immediately adjacent to the grantor's property, the grantee shall provide the grantor notice prior to commencement of construction. That would cover the drainage. This does not give routine maintenance of the county road. The routine maintenance would be in my opinion, filling a pothole.

Tom said would be paving, grading, yeah.

Meeks said if you are digging it up.

Tom said if you're digging down to tile level then.

Meeks said I didn't want to have to give him notice if we sent a plow down there or filled a pot hole.

Mike said so do we want to approve this easement as written.

Tom said otherwise, we're not going to have any value, has a lot less value if we don't have all the land owners signed up.

Mike said is that a motion to approve.

Tom said yes.

Gary said is that for all of them or just for the one.

Meeks said just for that one.

Chris said I'd expect that you'll need to use the same language for the remainder of them.

Meeks said yeah I would expect that too.

Tom said there's four I think, four left maybe.

Meeks said probably just approve it for the last, for whoever is last.

Mike said is that a motion.

Tom said yes.

Mike said I have a motion to approve the four remaining fiber optic easement agreements with the language that when we work in the county right-of-way, except for road maintenance, we will notify the grantor of our forthcoming work.

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

Mike said okay. Anything else this morning Chris.

Chris said I guess this is, I'm not sure if this is Meeks or county, but will Cockerill and Cockerill be providing executable agreements for those remaining.

Meeks said usually, what, we don't, I mean are you going to go talk to the landowners.

Tom said yeah I can.

Meeks said I don't have any of the legal descriptions or anything.

Chris said I can send those to you.

Meeks said I just figured to do how we did it in the past.

Chris said I don't know how we did it in the past.

Tom said well you guys pretty much did it all.

Meeks said then you brought them to Tom and he got them to sign.

Chris said I'll, I can send you all the legal descriptions, but our legal team wants to transition the responsibility of generating the executables to the county. And then if we can get those agreements signed up sooner than later, Riverstart III, what I am trying to do is get New Lisbon approved with the bid process, so that they can route fiber from, I guess the fiber network to our substation and utilize this existing network. That was to subsidize them putting fiber throughout the entire network. So, if we can do it quickly, we might be able to make use of this next phase to accelerate and cheapen the process of adding fiber to that area.

Mike said okay well when they're ready. So, we'll do that. Anything else for Chris. Anything else for us.

Chris said there's a bridge on Headwaters II damaged, the siderails, and a plate that got pushed into the creek. That was repaired last Friday. The plate was moved by Fisher. So that's taken care of.

Mike said that should be complete. Do you know if our people have been out and looked at it?

Chris said I don't believe so. I was going to talk to Mike about it.

Tom said did you have Fisher do that.

Chris said Scott Fisher, yeah. That's all I have.

Mike said okay very good. See you in a couple of weeks.

Mike Wickersham – Funder’s Forum, funding County Council’s dues

Mike said at your Council meeting there was discussion about the Council wanting representation and participation in the Funders Forum and that the Council thought maybe that it would be appropriate that we not only for a lack of a better term, pay our dues of \$10,000 a year for the next three years out of EDIT but the request, I heard the request of Council that maybe we could pay Council’s dues out of the EDIT fund for the next three years as well. Is that something you guys are in favor of doing?

Missy said I mentioned last week that I was in favor and I know there was one of the Council members that wasn’t in favor of using windfarm money.

Mike said I got the impression that none of the Council wanted to use, there wasn’t a majority vote to use windfarm.

Missy said my answer is yes.

Mike said so, EDIT would work for you. It would be up to us to authorize that as well and I would be in favor of that, I think it’s appropriate that it comes from EDIT. As I said at Council and I said at Commissioner’s, I think it will reduce some of the smaller requests from the EDIT fund. The requests will go to the Funder’s Forum and a larger group will be able to participate in the deciding of that. I will make that motion.

Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

Art said the only thing I had this morning is a quick update J&K had shipped our portable radios in. They’ve been issued a little over a week now. We are currently operating in what we’ve titled as the Randolph County backup system, which is the state system. As soon as they go live with our equipment we’ll switch over to our primary system. I haven’t heard any complaints on any of the equipment. So, it’s working well to my knowledge. I just wanted to bring you guys up to speed that we’d issued those portables. So, with the exception of that, unless you have questions for me, that’s all I have.

Mike said any questions of Art.

Art said thank you.

Mike said thank you.

Regular Claims \$1,752,061.16

Mike said that brings us to our Regular claims in the amount of \$1,752,061.16. We received a copy of these via email. Do I have any comments or questions?

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

Payroll Claims \$ 231,602.92

Mike said that brings us to our Payroll claims in the amount of \$231,602.92. I'd entertain a motion to approve payroll claims.

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

Payroll Distribution Claims \$268253.08

Mike said brings us to our Payroll distribution claims in the amount of \$268,253.08. I'd entertain a motion to approve the payroll distribution claim.

Gary made a motion payroll distribution claims as presented. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

BNY Mellon Bond Series 2020 claim \$43,200.00

BNY Mellon Bond Series 2005 claim \$211,000.00

BNY Mellon Bond Series 2016B claim \$73,500.00

BNY Mellon Bond Series 2019 claim \$100,500.00

Mike said the next one, two, three, four are BNY Mellon Bond Series claims in the amounts of \$43,200.00, \$211,000.00, \$73,500.00 and \$100,500.00. These are for the various bonds that we have. I'd entertain a motion to approve the four claims as presented.

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

J&K Communications Radios claim \$116,134.42

J&K Communications PSC project claim \$192,909.09

Mike said we have two Communication project claims from J&K Communications. One is Radio claim in the amount of \$116,134.42. The other is for \$192,909.09. Any questions or comments about these claims. The 116 is for the radios for EMA, EMS, prosecutor, health department, sheriff, coroner and courts. I'd entertain a motion to approve that claim.

Gary made a motion to approve the J&K claim for \$116,134.42. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said the other claim is \$192,909.09 and this is for transmitter, simulcast, equipment installation for the radios.

Gary made a motion to approve this J&K claim of \$192,909.09. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Omega Loan Payment from EDIT \$143,750.00

Mike said next is an EDIT claim and this is for Omega loan payment from EDIT for \$143,750.00. Have they signed.

Laura said they have not signed the documents. He came in and I did not have them at the time. I've got them since, and I think did he sent them to you to look at.

Meeks said he sent them to me but I can't, I mean that's why we hired someone.

Mike said well I've seen them. And I told Ryan that they were, that it looked good to me.

Laura said so there was that one that you guys need to sign but he hasn't been back yet to sign.

Meeks said I think we'd wait on that. If he comes in and signs,

Laura said so table that.

Mike said we have a personal guarantee, and a security agreement, a promissory note and then an agreement. We can go ahead and sign the agreement. We can sign the agreement though can we not. Or we can wait until he signs it, then we'll sign it.

Meeks said I would table that until he signs.

Randolph County United June claim \$18,837.00

Randolph County United Tourism June claim \$1,996.00

Mike said the next two claims, the Randolph County United June claim in the amount of \$18,837.00, and the Randolph United Tourism claim in the amount of \$1,196.00

Gary made a motion of these two claims as presented. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Prosecutor's mileage claim \$113.98

Mike said and have a Prosecutor's mileage claim in the amount of \$113.98.

Laura said do you want to explain.

Meeks said he sent me a letter and basically I think it's for a murder trial.

Mike said a witness. A witness from Shippshewana, Indiana.

Meeks said he does not want to come and Dave thinks he has to do the subpoena by the book. So it says tender money so, the subpoena Statute says tender and I thought that meant you have to send them a check.

Laura said that was my understanding.

Mike said so this is a subpoena, plus a check to cover his mileage down here. I'd entertain a motion to approve.

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

Treasurer of State examination of records claim \$5,112.00

Mike said next claim is the Treasurer of State examination of records claim. This is our fee for the audit, is that correct.

Laura said yes the 2020 audit.

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

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

MPX Claim \$27,000.00

MPX Claim \$9,628.15

MPX Change Order 03C-02

Pyramid Claim \$4,000.00

Pyramid Claim \$233.28

Pyramid Claim \$2,280.00

Pyramid Claim \$8,000.00

Pyramid Claim \$1906.24

Cobalt Civil Claim \$3905.25

Mike said MPX, MPX, Pyramid, Pyramid, Pyramid, Pyramid, Cobalt, those all relate to the communications project, which we've tabled. Any change in action on that this morning. Hearing none, I'll go move on, we'll table those again today.

Resolution 2022-10 Loan of \$350,000.00

Mike said Resolution 2022-10 a loan of \$350,000.00 to the city of Union City for their Governor Grey Subdivision. I'd entertain a motion to approve the resolution 2022-10, a resolution of joint of the county commissioners and the county council of Randolph County authorizing loans to the city of Union City. If you recall, that's 350,000 at zero percent interest payable starting January 31st in 2023 at \$50,000.00 a year for seven years.

Meeks said did you get the estimated cost from Union City?

Mike said no. No Union City with apportion funding for the Union City, which is estimated to be approximately blank.

Meeks said so they didn't, they passed and I asked for the information, they never sent it to me. We got their resolution with blank still, still never responded to me asking for that. I had been gone until Sunday so I did not fill in those blanks.

Mike said their resolution says \$127million.

Meeks said yeah that's the number they have not provided to me. So, my feeling is the council has to pass this anyway so let's table this one, let's pass it on the next meeting and I'll get the blanks filled and send it out. Laura send it to me because I might, nice they passed it without. I have not had any response from my emails.

Mike said okay. But they have filled in the blank on their resolution.

Meeks said well I'm going to use their resolution.

Mike said we know what that number is.

Meeks said now we do.

Mike said okay so we'll table that until the July meeting.

Ordinance 2022-17 Amending Unified Zoning Ordinance

Mike said have Ordinance 2022-17 Amending the Unified Zoning Ordinance, and this is our second reading today. I'd entertain a motion to approve ordinance 2022-17, an ordinance to amend the text of the unified zoning ordinance of Randolph County in title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-17
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TEXT OF THE UNIFIED ZONING
ORDINANCE OF RANDOLPH COUNTY, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the Area Planning Commission of Randolph County, Indiana, has recommended that the text of the Unified Zoning Ordinance of Randolph County, be amended;

WHEREAS, the Area Planning Commission of Randolph County, Indiana held, pursuant to notice, a public hearing in the Commissioner's Room of the Randolph Center for Family Opportunity, Winchester, Indiana on May 18, 2022 on the proposal to amend the text of the Unified Zoning Ordinance and has, by vote, made a Favorable Recommendation to amend the text of the Unified Zoning Ordinance of Randolph County, Indiana in a manner consistent with Proposed Amendment 2022-2-A which is attached hereto as Exhibit A;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF RANDOLPH COUNTY, RANDOLPH COUNTY, INDIANA that the text of the Unified Zoning Ordinance of Randolph County, Indiana be amended in a manner consistent with Proposed Amendment 2022-2-A which is specifically set out in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto, incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Ordinance.

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

Mike said I've not heard anything regarding this ordinance, yay or nay, so do we want to unanimously suspend the rule if we can do that, or we can just read it a third time next month.

Gary said I'll wait.

Mike said have we a decision to wait so we'll have the third and final reading at our July meeting, July 5th.

Randolph County EDIT plan amendment & set EDIT meeting

Mike said Randolph County EDIT plan amendment & set EDIT meeting. We probably ought to table that since we just amended it again this morning. Is that fair.

Gary said yes.

Randolph County ARPA plan amendment

Mike said Randolph County ARPA plan amendment. The sheriff's vehicle, the firewall maintenance and the highway department's server, and I think we added the Dell computers at the highway department too.

Laura said you're right.

Mike said so the one we previously approved was the ambulance, ambulance cot and loading system of \$260,000.00. So, I need a motion to amend our American Rescue Plan Act for Dell computers at the highway department, \$10,491.12, highway department server in the amount of \$6,786.50, the firewall maintenance for Randolph County in the amount of \$23,950.00 and sheriff's vehicle in the amount of \$16,000.00. Someone want to move approval of that.

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

St. Vincent Helicopter at 4-H fair-request for permission (not sure on date)

Mike said St. Vincent Helicopter 4-H fair request for permission.

Laura said so Lisa Compton couldn't be here but she wasn't sure on the date you are doing it, but it's the same thing they do every year at the 4-H fair. And she was just asking permission to have the helicopter land out there like they always have.

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

Mike said that brings us to the end of our agenda.

Meeks Cockerill – Omega Loan, Public access resolution

Meeks said yeah I just thought about it. You probably need to approve the Omega loan document so when he comes in to sign.

Mike said so we wouldn't have to wait for another meeting. They looked appropriate to me. I don't know if anybody else's seen it.

Laura said we can't really release the money unless they're approved in claims.

Meeks said they can approve it subject to him signing the documents.

Mike said so we need a motion to approve these loan documents that were prepared by Ryan Pinkey for the Omega loan of \$143,000.

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

Mike said so we don't need to sign those.

Laura said Meeks is saying approve the claim based on...

Meeks said subject to his signature.

Laura said so that we can release the money once he signs. But that's up to you guys.

Mike said I think I'm going to wait until he comes in and signs it, then I can come up and sign it and we'll approve the claim at the next meeting. That sounds fair. That sounds like a better approach to me.

Meeks said the other thing is, I'm out a municipal law conference Thursday and Friday, this coming Thursday and Friday. And there's been some things on the public access, that's been kicking around. So, I think I'm probably going to have an ordinance for you guys in July.

Mike Wickersham

Mike said I received an email from Scotti Harvey and she's indicated that Dick Wise has resigned from the Tourism Commission and that they would like to replace Dick with Anita Amspaugh from Union City.

Meeks said is that a political appointment. With tourism you have to have so many democrats and so many republicans.

Mike said I don't think so. I'm not sure.

Meeks said I'm not sure. Why don't we look that up?

Mike said okay.

Missy said I was just appointed by Mayor McCoy as one of his two representatives and he said that the Mayor's appointments are not, do not have to have equal political, some of the others may. I remember trying to kind of hash that out a little bit.

Meeks said if the Mayor has appointments and the county has them you couldn't, it's probably not, is what I'm thinking, but I could check that and let you guys know at the next meeting.

Mike said okay we can wait until our next meeting. Well we may want to find somebody else. I suppose we don't have to take their recommendation.

Gary said she'd be a good one.

Mike said okay we'll table that if you will put that on the agenda for the July 5th meeting, we can do that. And that is all I have this morning. Do we have any citizens here that have a comment?

Laura said I just want to introduce Sherrie Timmons. She's my new chief deputy. She started last Monday.

Citizen Comments

None

Adjournment

Mike said hearing no citizen comments, I'd entertain a motion to adjourn.

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

Reviewed and signed this 19 day of September, 2022.

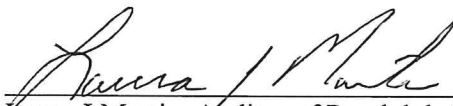
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