

Randolph County Commissioners

June 6, 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

Sherri Thompson- Grant application

Mike Wickersham said he first item on the agenda is Sherri Thompson with the Randolph County Health Department with three grant applications.

Sherri Thompson said I am here today just to ask permission to go ahead and apply for, there's three different grants here. The first one is the preparedness grant.

Mike said that's the \$25,000.00 one?

Sherri said yes.

Mike said okay and no county match.

Sherri said and then the next one is the health maintenance grant, and I believe that's \$33,139.00

Mike said and that's no county match.

Sherri said and then the final one is the trust, the county, the health department trust.

Mike said for \$17,510.00.

Sherri said yes.

Mike said and that's no county match.

Sherri said no.

Mike said okay does anybody have any questions of Sherri? Someone want to move approval of that.

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

Mike said you'll need to come to council meeting in the morning to get councils approval. Thank you.

Grace Minkis & Chris Beasley, EDPR – Riverstart III

Chris said first looking back on the first phase of solar Riverstart I, we had amended the speed limits in the area around the project. I believe that's set to expire soon. Do you know when that was.

Mike said no project Riverstart I, which would have been two years ago.

Meeks said probably either July 1 or the end of the year, I don't know.

Mike said I probably have that information. So, are you wanting them not to expire?

Chris said I'd be open to it staying the way it is. I know that when people drive through it they like to turn their heads and slow down anyways to look at the solar panels and really it's up to the county. All we need to do is make sure we coordinate on the removal of those signs if we so choose to let that ordinance change, expire.

Mike said well I've not received any complaints about it being too slow in that area. I don't know if anybody else has received any complaints.

Gary said I haven't.

Tom said what would it go down to.

Gary said forty something, forty, forty-five.

Meeks said what road is that on?

Chris said it's on all of the roads.

Gary said 300 West and seven, six and seven.

Meeks its not in this one.

Mike said 7/31/21. There's a whole bunch of them.

Meeks said that's what I thought.

Mike said so 600 South from Indian Trail to Kennedy road is 40. County Road 650 South is 40. County Road 700 South is 40. 850 South is 40. County road 500 West is 45. County road 600 South to County road 700 South is 30. County road 400 West, 40. County road 300 West, 45.

County road 300 West, 40. County road 200 West, 40. I might have a conflict of interest here. I like to ride bikes on those roads out there and these speed limits seem very appropriate on these roads.

Chris said all things considered.

Mike said these speed limits will expire on August 1st, 2022. So, we have a couple of months to maybe put out notice. I see there is some radio representative here. Maybe we can put out notice that these speed limits are in effect. I'm not sure people are, I think we've posted some signs.

Gary said yeah they are posted.

Mike said I don't know if we've had a lot of violations out there. I don't know if the sheriffs not reported us a lot of violations.

Gary said I think the only one they might modify is the one we've went down to 35 on 600 because that was in terrible shape when you did that. And now it's been paved and it's back in good condition. So, the rest of them I would leave as they are in my perspective.

Tom said yes I wouldn't have an opinion until I've looked at it a little more. Are these roads all paved now that still have this? I probably wouldn't reinforce that. I don't know if we were going to try to enforce them. Of course, when the roads were gravel and more treacherous, but now that they are smoother, I am sure people think they should drive faster but yeah, I don't know.

Mike said well in order to leave them as this ordinance states, we are going to have to renew this ordinance prior to August 1st.

Gary said right or remove the signs one.

Mike said or they would expire on their own so as I said, we've got a couple months to think about that and maybe talk to the highway department and talk to the sheriff's office and let the public, those with concerns share their concerns. Are you looking at these roads as being part of any new construction or are you just thinking it's just safer to do it that way?

Chris said I think its just safer to do it that way.

Mike said okay well then we are on the same page.

Chris said on the county agreements we passed over the verbiage of the documents and now we are still working on the EDA, I'm wondering if the county has reviewed the language and pending the agreement on EDA numbers, would be ready to execute.

Meeks said I got an email from Rick again today. I'm just looking to see, I know I saw it.

Mike said last I know they were in Barnes and Thornburg's hands.

Meeks said yeah I think generally we probably, we don't really want to deviate from them so we are probably 90% there. I would say.

Mike said and the decommissioning representative I think we've agreed the Hanson group.

Chris said so we are hoping to have everything done sometime next month. And so, to keep that on track, we are going to ask the council to pass the preliminary ERA resolution tomorrow, regardless of status at EDA. Given that there are two ERA resolutions that have to be passed, there is a natural check and balance there. Just wanted to run that by you all and see if that felt fine with you.

Meeks said I think, I talked to Gary and I think he understands that the council, this is preliminary so they did hold off on the final one. Max is here to hear me say that. He's done plenty of these. I think that they'd understand that.

Mike said I think that will work. I mean it's subject to the proposed EDA, the propose they have.

Meeks said I know I said I was planning on not being at the meeting tomorrow, but now I am planning on being at the meeting tomorrow. I want to ask Laura, to put you guys up first.

Laura said well I think that right after Sherri.

Meeks said that's fine. I might have to sneak out by ten.

Laura said Sherri is very quick.

Mike said so your thought would be to start up tomorrow and come back in council's first meeting in July and our first meeting in July, or Council's only meeting in July. Our first meeting and have her all wrapped up in those two meetings.

Chris said that's correct.

Mike said okay.

Meeks said I do believe that it will probably depend when the council is going to have their public hearing. If they are going to have it at their meeting or if they are going to have it at a different time.

Mike said so if they don't have it at a different time, then council would have to have a special meeting or it would have to go into August.

Meeks well yeah, they have a public hearing, then have another hearing.

Mike said have it at the same time. They would have both on the same day.

Meeks said yeah, generally they do that at the same meeting. But sometimes people have vacations and we've had other things come up.

Mike said okay well that would be up to the council's decision. It sounds like from the attorney's standpoint the decommissioning the road use and the EDA in the spirit of the agreement will be ready for us to sign, subject to the EDA numbers.

Meeks said and I've looked at the preliminary ERA yesterday and I didn't have any problems. I think I sent it on again to Laura.

Chris said and we're going to send over some slight modifications. The last one didn't have the statement of benefits included.

Meeks said okay.

Chris said the original capex number so we corrected that and Grace will send it over this morning.

Meeks said sounds good.

Chris said so last week we received the county's proposal for the EDA payments. That proposal reflected the original analysis from Baker and Tilly. We've been working a lot with Baker and Tilly on that analysis to make sure that it's correct. And they have published, a revised corrected copy, and so I'd ask the county, would the county agree that the county proposal should be concurrent with the corrected analysis.

Mike said and that would be how much?

Chris said the original analysis had the total EDA payment stream at \$5,870,000. The corrected analysis had the payment stream total at \$5,600,000.

Mike said I guess, my conversation with Baker Tilly, and I'm not sure defining the \$5,600,000 as a corrected analysis. They'd more likely define that as a different analysis based on future tax rates and things well beyond me, that it seemed like Gary Friend understood them much better than I did. We were on a conference call with Baker Tilly and then Meeks was on that call. And you are correct, they did change the analysis, but it was based upon different factors than the original analysis. In their original analysis which came up with 5.87 million dollars was I guess more agreeable to me and Gary and Baker Tilly was not, they didn't fall back from that. They indicated that would be a fair analysis as well. So that's why we stuck with the 5.87 million dollars.

Chris said okay that's fair. I think from our prospective, the Baker and Tilly analysis is very conservative in the assumptions on the levy increase. You know they are taking assumptions from these present worst years which are a very unique situation and applying it forward for ten

years. What we asked them to do is just to dial that back in a very minor way. Those assumptions and what we call the corrected versions are still much more aggressive than the actuals that you see in the county over the last five, ten years. And so, we believe that they are middle ground, would be the corrected analysis and we hope the county can see it the same way.

Mike said well that might be an argument you have with Gary for him tomorrow because he's probably more a tuned to our proposal as to how it relates to tax rates and assessed valuation, and the different proposal that I would consider your proposal, which you are considering it corrected. And I'm going to have to defer to their judgment on that. I'm comfortable in the county proposal at 5.87 million dollars. They are giving the abatement, and I think they understand it better than I do. And so, I am going to stand, unless Gary or Tom disagree, I am going to stand this morning with our county proposal of \$5.87 million. Again, speaking with Gary and Baker Tilly, you can correct me Meeks, but it just seems like Baker Tilly felt like the county proposal was there. It could be higher they indicated, and it could be lower, so they consider this to be a middle ground area.

Meeks said I would say that's absolutely accurate that they can make an argument to make it higher. And I think Jason told you that on the phone. I know he's told me that on the phone every time I've been on with him. But I think that's fair and I think you know, talk to the county council because I'm pretty sure Gary does not want to deviate from that. And so, at least that's my feeling on the phone. What do you think Mike? I'll be here tomorrow too.

Chris said I do want to step back on this project and just talk about the big picture. I'd ask the county to be thoughtful of the unique situation at hand as proposed with the numbers that we proposed in the EDA payment stream. This project is the most valuable solar opportunity that the county has seen to date. Due to supply chain issues, our costs to build had increased by 37 million dollars. And you know, with that, we are still going to build the project. We are still going to find a way to make this work. And that, that's a huge win for Randolph County. To illustrate the win, the tax base contribution from this project on a per acre of solar basis is 32 percent greater than that of the previous phase of solar. The proposed EDA on a per acre basis is 15 percent greater than the previous phase. I believe that EDPR has worked to be a great partner to Randolph County. On Headwater's II we went above and beyond on the road restoration and spent millions of extra dollars upgrading the roads to asphalt in lieu of chip and seal. On Riverstart I the numbers of the project were really good up front and the EDA that we proposed had a half million dollars of extra funds for the county to your benefit. This project will also a great contribution to Randolph County just in a different way. It's going to support the tax base which might be the most important things that comes out of these projects. So finally, I believe this is our best solar development yet, and that it's the most economically incentivizing to Randolph County. And I am incredibly proud of what we have committed to the communities of Union Township and Modoc. And so, with that, I would ask the county support this project and reconsider our previously sent EDA proposal.

Mike said well we've already talked about the total payout, and I guess we did modify your proposed payment schedule. And because your proposed payment schedule took us up to 2036, which I think in our last meeting, our conversation we discussed backloading payments, but we didn't really discuss extending terms of payments. And so, we came back and again, I think our

proposal of the two hundred and two hundred in the first two years, and then three years of six hundred, three years of 200 and then backloading the rest in the last three years, is taking into consideration not all of that added expense that you are going to experience with this project. But it is helping somewhat. When we are taking almost 2.4, which is about forty percent of the total payout in the last two years. And we are really not seeking any, I guess added interest money on that payment in the last year. So, we are not, we are delaying that payment in a sense, interest free. Our goal here as we looked at that proposal, was to sort of balance out all four projects payouts through the years. So, we are maintaining not a level payment each year, but we are maintaining a pretty close to being level. We dropped in year 2026, 27, then we go up in 28, 29, 30 and 31. So again, I think Chris, I don't think this is unfair. I think it's fair. And I understand where you are at on your added expense. But I think we are helping you in that respect. So, I don't know if you have anything to add Tom or Gary?

Tom said well yeah I want to be as conservatory as possible. I guess we, well we don't know, I don't think we have enough information and they would need to have higher level talks or something because, you know, the same problems you are having and the reason you've got such a bump in it is what we are facing when we delay those payments, we are going to be paying more than four percent. When we do construction on roads, bridges, or whatever we try to use this economic development money for, we are going to go backwards on it. And I'm willing to accept some of it, but I don't, I think we are accepting a lot of it now. And again, I don't know what all you are facing. But I just know four percent monies doesn't cover all of the kinds of things. Our energy costs in this country is basically, we are going to tax energy at a much higher rate than we have been. We've seen that. Everybody has seen that. Its unfortunate, the people getting hurt the worst are the people who can't afford higher food and gas prices. But they're, that's the majority of people in Randolph County. Yeah our county is going to be hit a lot of different ways with the government policies we're, look like we are facing in the future. So, I, I don't know what the solution is.

Mike said I did read where, and I don't know if it affects EDPR, but they are removing the tariffs on several solar imports from China. I don't know if that affects you guys or not.

Chris said there was an issue where there was a concern that the panels that we're importing were skirting the tariffs. That was found, what you are talking about is the same issue. And it sounds like that was found to be incorrect so that would essentially mean that things continue as planned. We've been moving forward with the concept that that idea was not correct, because if it was, it would be a major issue for the industry. On the, in the middle of the payment stream, you all proposed the higher payments to kind of level out the EDA's the accumulative that EDA is going to be receiving in the next ten years. I hope we can work more on those numbers, especially considering that in the next six months we'll be back here sitting down again talking about Riverstart IV. And with that project we can levelized those payments. So, we've got a solution in hand.

Mike said so what years are you talking about?

Chris said the years that you proposed.

Meeks said 26, 27...

Mike said 28..

Meeks said yeah that's the additional four hundred thousand. I'm assuming, trying to find it on my phone here so.

Mike said well I guess I'm not prepared to make any changes to those this morning. I think tomorrow is my day to be at council meeting so I'd like to hear what council has to say about these schedule when the payments as we proposed them, and the payments that you've proposed them.

Meeks said I would say probably on our conversation those are not set in stone though.

Mike said do you have a proposal for those numbers. Are you back to the two hundred.

Chris said I think we could massage it, meet somewhere in the middle maybe. But it sounds like we should go talk to council first, get a feel for that.

Mike said well unless Gary or Tom have a different thought on it. I guess that's what I would recommend we do. As Meeks said, they are not set in stone. I just, I think we go from 3.5 million to 1.1 million and well I guess 1.3 million, based upon yours, that's about a two million dollar drop in one year. So, again, our goal is to balance those total payments out. And I understand you have another project that you are planning, but there's no guarantee that that project will ever happen. There's a lot of variables that go into that. You know that more than I do Chris. It's difficult for me to project out that far again because we are public servants and our terms end eventually. So, there're other public servants involved. So again, I think this is what we came up with raising the three middle years by a total 1.2 million dollars, which, and again, we've end loaded 2.4, 2.5 million dollars of the project of the total 587. Uh, 2.5 million dollars there at the end. We did cut your time but we brought it back within line of the other projects. Okay?

Chris said yes that's fine. I think we are, I mean we are open for one of two things. You know we could maintain this county proposal in concept, but reduce the total to our preferred analysis or hopefully do a lot of massaging on the timeline of these payments.

Mike said I'm glad you came off that corrected analysis definition.

Chris said I was hoping it would catch on.

Mike said I think it would be of benefit to hear what council has to say about this tomorrow. I mean we've never gone into this depth of negotiation before on the EDA payments and so I'm interested to hear what council has to say. We spend the money together so we might as well collect the money together, and we'll see where that takes us. Again, I don't know if Tom and Gary will be there tomorrow, but I think tomorrow is my month to be here.

Tom said I believe you are correct.

Mike said so we'll see what tomorrow brings.

Chris said sounds good. Well thanks for your time.

Mike said anything else for him?

Meeks said I do, I have one thing. That fiber optic agreement that I sent over, and I sent to Tom, I thought it was just the last part, then was there something about a conduit or something. I'm not sure. We talked about, what were we going to ask?

Tom said well just that we were going to give them notice, give them three days' notice.

Meeks said there could be notice requirements. Was there anything else?

Tom said Chris talked about repairing a drain tile, which was one of the land owners concern, which you told me that whenever they get in the county right of way, they have to fix anything that they come in contact with.

Meeks said yeah I'm not sure that needs to be in the agreement.

Tom said yeah it would be redundant because it's already in the language whenever they do work in our right of way they have to fix anything.

Meeks said you break it, you fix it.

Tom said and so if we. And the reason to give the landowners notice, the landowner can go out there and say I've got a tile here. It might not be marked, it might not be a county record, but they can notify the contractor, and that way they are on notice. So that was, I think that would get the landowner, it seems like he would agree to that if he had notice. And that would be okay with him to sign up.

Chris said my experience with the landowner is that he's had issues where infrastructures has been installed in the right of way and the drains were not fixed.

Meeks said well they are supposed to be. I can tell you that. My experience is this thing, I am not going to sign anything. I guess we can put anything in this agreement and he's not going to sign it.

Chris said I think we'll get him to sign it. A solar contract. I agree it's redundant but I think it would go a long way.

Meeks said I will put something in there and send it out before I leave tomorrow.

Mike said okay anything else for Grace or Chris. Very good. See you tomorrow.

Caleb Beasley, MACC – Adult Education classes at RCFFO Bldg.

Caleb said we are just here today to ask again for the county's permission to continue our adult education program. We've operated at the Randolph County Center for Family Opportunity, and we'd like to continue to do so during the 2022, 2023 program year.

Mike said same terms and conditions?

Caleb said uh huh. Yeah and we may be doing, we are doing this in all of our programs. We've offered this program in the morning and the afternoon a couple days a week. We might be looking a little bit later in the afternoon, trying to make sure it's available to folks maybe coming off work around four or five o'clock. So, we might be just adjusting our schedule a little bit on a couple of the class sessions. But other than that, same terms and conditions.

Tom said how many students did you have last year.

Caleb said its really just a handful. Right off the top of my head, I couldn't tell you, but I'd say probably around five. And we'd like to serve many more than that. But our analysis both over in Delaware County and here is that part of our problem is the availability of our classes is not serving those folks who work during the day. So, we are trying to make some adjustments on that end to make sure that we are as successful as possible.

Tom made a motion to approve.

Mike said well the lease expires, it looks like on the end of July.

Caleb said is that what it is.

Mike said yeah. I don't have a, obviously we don't charge any rent. And the only thing I'd want to do is check with Jake to make sure that he has no issues involved. I'm hearing you say you have no issues so.

Chris said right yeah.

Mike said I would say is that motion contingent on checking with Jake.

Tom said yeah right.

Mike said okay want to second that. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said so we'll check with Jake and if it's a problem we'll let you know.

Caleb said yeah I think Jake has my email.

Mike said okay very good. Okay thank you.

Caleb said thank you.

Duane Petry – New ambulance

Mike said Duane was on 24 hours service at the end of today and he said we're going to be here for us to recommend that we need to purchase a new ambulance at a total cost of \$212,986.00. This is a road rescue type three metro-medical custom modular ambulance built on a 2023 Ford E450XLT four by two, seven-point three-liter gas V-8 power chassis. Current estimates are 22 to 24 months from the date of the contract. So, he's recommending we do this. And I suppose the only, he's not here to look us eye-to-eye but I trust that if he's recommending we do it, we are going to need it.

Tom said they got like 200,000 miles on the current one and then two more years, it's going to be there.

Mike said yeah. So, the seller has already, Power Service Inc., has already signed the agreement. And it's calling for our signature on the agreement. So, if we want to do this, we need a motion to approve the sales contract.

Gary said I move we approve the sales contract as presented. I think we definitely need to get our name on the list. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said and then along with that are the striker power load cots. These are two that are, aren't these replacing two we have.

Laura said well the way he explained it to me, these estimates are for that ambulance. But he does have an old one that is going to expire. I don't know if he wants to replace it with this, but he said if we buy these now they are going to sit on the shelf for two years until we get this.

Mike said that doesn't sound like a good idea.

Laura said well no. So, you might want to discuss that with him. One is the cot, and one is the loading system. I don't think that is as urgent as this one.

Mike said I think we probably ought to wait and talk to Duane on both of these, we'll put that on our agenda for our next meeting.

Nicole Pappison – Caution Pedestrian Road sign

Mike said is Nicole here this morning. Nicole is interested in, Mike Haffner, has Nicole Pappison contacted you about any pedestrian road sign.

Mike Haffner said I've had a few contact me like speed ordinances, pedestrian stuff, I'm not sure of that particular name, but we've definitely had calls. And I've said all of that has to be approved by commissioners. I said you have to present your case.

Meeks said where at Mike, do you know.

Mike said do you know where she was at, where at?

Mike Haffner said no.

Mike said okay. Well I guess we'll wait until....

Mike Haffner said I know one in particular, was somebody called on Indian Trail on a hill, went over a hill, but that's probably been a good four months ago.

Mike said well we'll wait and see what Nicole wants and decide to do it at a later time.

Chris Burton – Health Insurance renewal

Mike said so the next item is Chris Burton on health insurance renewal. We usually have Duane here for this as well. We have Paula.

Chris said it's good to see everybody. I think we had a pretty good year with United Health Care this year and just try to summarize it here on this page. The increase was, lets see here, like 7.2 percent. In looking back, kind of just we've talked to the insurance committee over the last nine years, even with this year, our average increase has been less than seven. It's been about 6.8 over a nine-year period. So, we've been able to keep costs pretty stable over this time, which is great. And you guys have that pretty low specific stop loss of sixty thousand we've talked about a lot. We are going to keep it there because it's pretty low for your size group, in that of claims, but it's really kind of saving things from a cost standpoint in the larger claims. We did better in the larger claims I think, with making a change to Tru Scripts on the prescription side. One thing these numbers don't account for, we are starting to get some rebate checks on the RX side. I think we have a check for \$18,000.00. That was for the first quarter. That came I think in May. We have another one coming probably next month. So probably that same, that same \$18,000.00 range. So that's extra money you are getting back on the prescription side with discounts. So, this, what I did here on the top part of this page, is just kind of put your informational rates. We based those on your expected claims. And that's just on your current, have employee costs, the county costs. There are 65 people on the HSA, that are single. There's 22 that are family, on the PPO side, I think you might want to write these numbers in, on the single on the PPO where you see that 987, there's 17 singles and 11 families on the PPO. So total costs based on these informational fees are a little over two million. That's total costs. Now these informational fees can change based on demographics. And you guys dropped in numbers. We had 125 last year, we dropped down to 115. So, we had some families drop off. Really it was a savings to the county. But our numbers, the informational rates are off just a little bit because we had to change the demographics. I tried to make up for it for this next year. But if you look at the middle section here, we had projected claims on the renewal last year at a 125 people at about 2.7 million. And if I'm looking at your actual claims this year projecting because you don't renew them until July, so it's a couple months short. So, we're talking about a little over 2.2 million. Okay so that's about a \$450,000.00 difference than we thought we were going to do last year with that membership change. That's a good thing. If I'm setting the rates for this year would save employee costs, look down here, it goes to about 2.2 million, 265, county costs a little over 2 million and that's with that 7.2 percent increase. I increased that number just a little bit on the informational rates just to kind of make up for that difference. But

we had kind of if you want to look at it as a windfall with that membership, meaning you had some extra money there. Plus, we have the rebates that are coming in. So, we are already at \$18,000, we'll probably get another check at around 18, so it would be about \$36,000 to be coming in here you know, for this year so far.

Mike said so the \$2.265 is our expected cost.

Chris said yeah. That's your expected costs.

Mike said and the packet we received via e-mail had sort of a break down of the current plan and the renewal plan, a little more detailed than this one does. But the second page of that had the employee benefits, did those change from last year.

Chris said the employee benefits, no.

Paula said no. Vision, dental, volunteer..

Chris said no keeping that the same.

Mike said so there is no loss of benefits to the employees.

Chris said no loss of benefits.

Mike said so what we're doing is talking about leaving the employee costs the same.

Chris said yeah.

Mike said and we are absorbing the increase.

Chris said and again, with that little bit of savings. Now your membership, you go up again, you can hire some people. And if you go up, you got some people to retire.

Mike said we'd like to hire some people.

Chris said yeah right. But at least right now we're looking, we have a little buffer. And the one good thing too is the people that we lost seem to have a family coverage, which is costing more you know, so a little bit of change there so.

Paula said so this is a proposal recognizing that the commissioners have the right to change the employee expectations and the HSA contributions.

Mike said and this expires in July.

Chris said it does.

Mike said the 1st of July.

Chris said yeah July 1st is the renewal.

Mike said so we have another meeting then that we can massage these numbers.

Chris said yeah the thing is we've got to lock for the re-insurance. I have to have you, I need to get this re-insurance signed.

Paula said it's effective July 1. We have to sign up all of our employees in June.

Mike said so we have to do it today, is that what you are saying.

Paula said yes sir.

Chris said the most important thing is this re-insurance agreement because they evaluated all of your claims up until this point. So, let's say something were to happen, you wouldn't want to take that risk. Actually, they wanted this form a little earlier and I said we don't have the meeting until the 6th. She talked to the underwriter and got it extended. I mean it just kind of locks in what I'm talking to you guys about here. We just don't want any surprises.

Mike said well I guess my thinking on that is and Max is aware of this as well, is that we're looking at salaries for this year, and we're looking at salaries for next year. And the 7.2 percent increase, which looks to be around, well based upon our actual cost last year was \$2.5 and this year if things hold the same, we're going to increase that by \$200 thousand basically, that we would be absorbing.

Chris said yeah uh-huh.

Mike said which, you'd take out of any increase that you are going to propose given, I suppose is the way we look at that. And the only way we are going to change that is to reduce benefits or increase employees' costs.

Chris said exactly. And I like to point out, we had a little savings based on membership change but you know, it might be short lived. But I don't think you are going to hire, you know I don't know, a bunch of people right away but it won't happen for a while.

Tom said has the insurance committee met and discussed any of this.

Chris said we have.

Tom said what is their recommendation.

Paula said that we accept this proposal and ask the commissioners if they would stay with the costs from the previous year

Mike said employee costs.

Paula said employees' cost. Thank you. If I might ask Chris a question. Is it possible for us to remove with employees' costs as is and change it in six months? Is that legal.

Chris said yeah I mean, you are taking in deductions pre-tax though right.

Paula said correct.

Mike said well I think if we decide to do it we'll do it. Leave it the way it is I'd guess.

Chris that's the only thing, your kind of, you have to have like cost potentially. You could do it, make a change.

Mike said well the percent of increase expected as 7.2%, I guess the good thing or the bad thing, however you want to look at it is lower than inflation.

Chris said I want to tell you, we've, health care, it's just with Covid, it, I mean I, I've been doing this for a long time and not with Anthem anymore, but I had some groups that were getting between 40 and 50 percent rate increases that were full insured with Anthem. So medical trend is still in that 10 to 12 percent range, you know this is less than medical trend. So that's why I pointed out over a nine-year period, I think it's been 6.8%, we've had an average increase here. So, we've kind of beat the odds you know. And even though, you hate to say 7% is, it's still 7%. But trust me, I've had some worse meetings with some groups lately.

Gary said well I think we need to move forward with it. I think this is coming in better than I had anticipated back in February. Back then I thought well we could have another sizeable increase, although we didn't have as she said. Paula's informed me the large claims that we've had in the past. We have had significant ones. But anyway, I think we need to move forward. I think it's as good a plan as we are going to find except for patron contributions. I think we need to move forward and lock it in, and then go from there. I don't think we've got much of a choice in my opinion.

Mike said I tend to agree with you Gary, and I will say that based upon our actual cost last year, it's about a 10 percent increase that the expected comes in. So, if the expected comes in less, then we are probably down around 7, but it's about 10 percent if expected in. Is that a motion Gary?

Gary made a motion to approve the health insurance renewal as presented with an expected cost to the county, \$2,078,988 and to the employees of \$186,408 for a total of \$2,265,396 million. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Ceann Bales and Lisa Jennings -Forum of Funders

Ceann said I think you have received a sheet in your packet, which we have been talking about this concept of forum of funders. I'll let Lisa talk about the concept of forum of funders, it came out of the Community Foundation.

Mike said is this the Cultivating Community.

Ceann said this is a cultivating community. It will support that so you can kind of share that. And then I'm going to get you down into the nitty gritty.

Lisa said the Forum of Funders is really intended to be a three-year pilot program where we want to create a collaboration awarding grants from pool fund of scholars. The community foundation would serve as the fiscal sponsor and the foundation would hold pass through assets designated for grant making by the forum of funders. And the board of the community foundation intends for forum of funders to be its own entity. And hopefully sustain and grow over time. It may become its own 501C3 in the future, but for now it will rely on the foundation for its status and self-sufficiency. We are seeking memberships in the forum of funders. Each member would get one vote for the contributions over three years. And the dollar amount, we have three organizations already participating in the forum of funders, and we are seeking others with county and council. So, each would get one vote to encourage and collaboration. One vote regardless of the size of contribution to put everyone on the same playing field and promote a bottom up innovation and input towards the effort. The foundation would have the responsibility of monitoring the progress of the grants and the outcomes. And as fiscal sponsor would oversee the appropriateness of the grants, and making sure they are following all charitable laws and regulations. So, it's a concept that's working in some other places in the state and out of state. We have seen track records of this being a successful model in other communities. So, we would like to bring together funders in our community to reinforce the work that the Randolph County United has started with the action groups that are already formed and up and going and creating good movement around several projects. And it's a mechanism for the good work that's being done in that respect.

Ceann said the exciting thing about this is we been working the last several years with Ball State in doing this cultivating community work. And now that we have these action groups, we have some big projects going on with kayak routes with Missinewa and now we are looking at possibly with the White River. Ball Brothers Foundation, I meet with them this week. They are very interested in that project. Of course, the Cardinal Greenway we are working on the grant in late fall to extend that from Losantville to Modoc. And of course, also looking at how we can promote and expand and build the park system, and connect our local parks into a vibrant park system in Randolph County. So those are big projects that are being pushed out of this. And community foundation is forward enough in their thinking, and Lisa, to write into the grant with Lilly that supported all of this cultivating community work. In efforts to understand it, we can do all of the planning we want, but if we don't have funding behind it and funding for the projects, it's just going to become a plan on the shelf. And that's something that we are working very hard not to. We have lots of community people, people I didn't even know, get involved and get connected. And I'm really excited that more people in Randolph County community wants to be engaged in improving our community. So that's been personally exciting for me. So, what we are trying to do and what we are here for specifically today is to ask for \$60,000.00 from the county with the thought that then, that gives basically \$30,000 from the commissioners, \$30,000 from the council, this is a minimum gift, to have a voice and a vote at the table. And so there would be, our proposal would be then, one vote, voter designee from the county commissioners and one designee from the county council to have then in theory, two

representatives from the county to be on that table. As Lisa said, we currently have our office, Randolph County United, our board voted to give \$30,000. We've already committed \$30,000 already given that. To get that fund going over that again it's a three-year pledge, \$10,000 for those three years the Winchester Foundation actually gave \$75,000.00 in celebration of their 75 years. And then the Community Foundation, as well, has given money towards that. So, we're, in the Lilly Endowment. So, we are wanting to create, we have talked to three private businesses. We know one is very favorable. We should know in two weeks. And we are looking at two others. We are intentionally only going after a small select few individuals to sit around the table to define the parameters of the program, how the grant will be administrated, where are, you know, how they will, you know all of the decisions you would think of to give out grants, that those people would be around the table to make those decisions. And then Lisa and the person, the new CEO president of Randolph County United then would go out and do more fund raising to continue to expand beyond what we are looking at, maybe seven people or so entities around the table initially to fund that. So that's why we think it's really, we'd really like and think it's important to have a voice of our elected officials and county representatives and stewards at that table to help us make sure that this is really designed correctly to move us forward.

Mike said okay. Questions, thoughts, Tom, Gary.

Gary said I've been involved with the different meetings for cultivating communities from the start and seen a lot of movement from the first meeting was to where it ended up a few weeks back, and they were certainly, we went from a few involved, back two, three years ago when they started, I know what the total was, 150, 140...

Ceann said 158 attended the meeting.

Gary said I know there was a large numbers and so it showed a lot of interesting people wanting to be involved in seeing things move forward in the county. And I think this has been the big initiative is finally getting some movement in the county to do things to help develop the county to improve the living conditions and the availability with particularly with the trails and the kayaking. I just talked with some people over the weekend about kayaking, which where they live, they are very active in it and were excited just from the conversation that the county here is trying to move forward and develop that. So, I think it's a it's certainly where we need to be going. I think as we sit back and look at the big picture this is a must that we move forward with these kinds of programs. And I think this is a start, well it's more than start, we've been working on these things for the last three years plus. I think it's important that we move forward.

Tom said it sounds like a good concept. I just, I guess I'd like to see it placed out a little more. I think the county responsibility is making sure we got roads to get to the rivers and hopefully try to keep the road clean which is a hard problem when we have to work with a core of engineers. But yeah I think, you know, using the Missinewa and the White River, using our local natural resources is important. I think the county's main responsibility is making sure we have the infrastructure to meet that. I think we are already sort of participating through Economic Development with the money they're donating to this cause. I guess right now, I'm not willing to commit to giving money, taxpayers' money to this without some more thought.

Mike said I guess I'm, I think it's a new concept, which is a little different than the way we've done it. I think there's opportunity here for a different source of grant for groups to seek out, and I presume it's not limited to kayaks, and not limited to trails. And it could be a drug rehab program that's created in the future or something of that nature. And I guess for me, I think the investment from the county of \$30,000 over three years, our portion of it, we could earmark \$10,000 a year out of EDIT Funds for three years to become a participant in this, and let council determine if they want to be a participant and how they want to be. And if they want to use windfarm monies for that, then it would be in our court to approve those funds for council to be part of the funders forum as well. I guess, I agree with you Tom. It's important that we have roads. But I think we are getting there with those and I think \$10,000 a year out of EDIT, I think we can defer groups coming in for gifts from EDIT or grants from EDIT to the funders forum to say, we have a funders forum here and they have \$250,000.00, this might be appropriate for you to go visit them and make your case with them as opposed to us. And so, I think while they are spending this money, we could probably save it on the next three years as well. So, I think we should agree to go forward this morning from a commissioner's standpoint with a commitment of \$10,000 a year for the next three years. I'm not sure when that period starts. Is it 2023?

Lisa said it start this year.

Mike said 2022 so it would be right away then.

Lisa said right.

Mike said so that would, and I would make that in the form of a motion. So, I'm committing, my motion would commit \$10,000 a year for the next three years from our EDIT funds and would be interested in a second from anyone.

Gary seconded. Gary and Mike voted aye. Tom voted nay. Motion carried.

Ceann said thank you very much. You know Tom I do appreciate you know, where you come from and I do want to say that this is all generated from the taxpayers. The five initiatives was all garnered, we asked Randolph County residents over the last three years where do you want to see improvements, what are you most concerned about. And it was housing, quality of life, education and technology, and of course, the drug epidemic we put under quality of life. And so, you know, I hope you understand that this really is generated, these concepts, these ideas is not from one office, not from the Community Foundation, not from Randolph County United. It's just us doing what the people of Randolph County wants to be done. So, thank you for your support. We appreciate that very much. I do have just a couple of things.

Mike said okay.

Ceann said since from my last meeting. I just wanted to update just really quickly. On the READI funds, the \$400,000.00 we received. Definitely we are going to be receiving \$650,000.00 through the Ready for our portion. For the region, the region received \$15 million. Our county is going to get \$650,000.00 of that, which is, I think is a great return of our investment of \$30,000.00 which

we had that to pay in. Randolph County did \$15,000.00 and thanks to you, you paid the other \$15,000.00 for everything to make that grant happen and the matching funds needed for that. So, \$400,000.00 is for the vision corner. That process has already been submitted and been approved by IEDC which is a requirement. So that's in the portal. That money should be coming out within, definitely this year to help finish up vision corner. The final the other \$250,000.00 has been designated to the 4-H fair project. And so, I know Greg is, and his team is working on raising the matching money needed. But \$250,000.00 has been designated from READI and it is quote, unquote ready for us to claim whenever we can submit that through the portal. So, I just wanted to update you on that. Pretty exciting. And I'm going to be remaining on making sure all that even when I switch positions, that that READI is continued and we are meeting all of those guidelines, etc., until my position is filled. And then the final thing is still continuing with this tower at Farmland, in that area. I know at our last meeting, I did reach out and Purdue has come back and said they were not interested because they didn't like I proposed of course, a zero rent. And so, then I replied back, I said you know, we'd be willing to negotiate some rent. And I had not heard back from them as yet so I wanted to add that.

Tom we were giving them the space on the tower weren't we.

Ceann said correct.

Tom said and they still wanted paid.

Ceann said correct, yes. And so, I just said this is a negotiation process. I got an email back saying that they just weren't interested and I said why. And they said because of no rent. And I said well this is a negotiation. I could take something back to the county and I haven't heard anything back yet. So again, I wanted to update you on that. And that's it.

Mike said okay. Is there a list of the recipients of the \$15 million somewhere for our region.

Ceann said yes let me, I can get that. Let me get back and I can get that to you.

Mike said email that to me. I don't know, do you guys want to see it too. If you could email that to Laura, she can share it with us.

Ceann said so I know some counties haven't finally decided, but most of us have.

Mike said I'm not particularly interested in the counties' projects. I'm just interested in how much Delaware County got I guess.

Ceann said sure we can definitely do that. That we know.

Mike said it's a huge county. Just curious.

Ceann said yep, that we know.

Mike Haffner & Jessica Olson – IT Issues

Mike said Mike Haffner and Jessica Olson. IT Issues.

Tom said better invite Lonnie too.

Mike said Lonnie come on up.

Mike Haffner said I'm going to turn things over to Jessica. She's done a lot of research of potentially what our needs for IT is. Later on, we'll get Lonnie's expertise on the radios.

Jessica said my expertise on IT doesn't go very far gentlemen. I was, I kind of came into this IT plan for the highway really late so I'm just, I'm going forward with adding the most recent proposal for a server instead of two pcs. And did everyone get our email from Thursday regarding highway funds.

Gary said I did.

Jessica said okay so I think my spot in this is just the financial spot. We did do the projected report and it does show that there are certain funds that have some areas that we could work with. The fund that the IT stuff comes out of is not one of them. And there's some changes, and you guys read the email. So, I guess, that was just my backing up of the financial part of it. Adam was kind enough to send me a really layman's explanation of why we needed a server. So, I just, the three vendors that he suggested to put on the server, I contacted and spoke with them. Well actually Lonnie talked to fuel, WTH, which is the folks that have our ADL, they host that server. And they host it for several reasons, but one of them mainly is for their security. And so that people, vendors, or customers can't add additional vehicles onto those, onto those trackers. So, they host it on their server. And even if we were to get a server located at the highway department, they would not be putting that system on that server.

Mike said I'm not sure I got the email where all the in-layman terms, told you why you need a server. I'm behind on it. All we got on the server was a quote from Five Star for a server. So, this is for, is this for office administration, or is this for truck tracking or what.

Lonnie said WTH is just for tracking the trucks and our pacer rating that keeps track of all that information on that.

Tom said its updated and everything.

Lonnie said correct.

Mike said so it's not an issue this morning?

Lonnie said it's not an issue this morning.

Mike said okay. So, the issue this morning is a server to replace, a server for the office administration. Is that, Adam is here.

Jessica said so we, let me show you what I've got, because this is kind of where I came into it. We've got the quote and we've already gotten the invoice to put in the VPN tunnel. This is what we've already purchased according to Adam. Adam is suggesting taking out two personal computers and putting this server in.

Mike said okay. And Adam, why is that I guess, might as well get you involved here too.

Adam said so I went and we got some of that hardware in already and I'm going to have to start doing the install. And that VPN tunnel we created is back to here. The legacy on that, which means how quickly the files transfer isn't fast enough to run some of the software. And so, they do, WTH does host GIS for all of our departments. But here on site, we have to keep like the photo files and the files for the maps as storage. And then those get pulled locally. And so, the server will be acting as the replacement for a pc that is sitting in the control room right now that's housing those photos. It'll also replace a pc that's sitting in the reception area that is running the fuel software hopefully. I haven't spoken to those people yet, but what it's running on now is one of those pc, it's not really built or that.

Mike said okay.

Adam said the other, there's a charting software they use for their financials. They need several people to have access to that software. That software also needs to be backed up regularly. A server is the best solution for that.

Mike said it's on our pc now as well.

Adam said yes it's on Jessica's pc at the moment.

Mike said so are we replacing two pcs on this new list?

Adam said yeah two of the pcs I had purchased initially to replace the fuel and the GIS software. But when we found that the charts software was going to be put on a personal pc as well, that kind of tips the balance for me in my mind on the need. We would have what's a satellite server to the scale hypervisor that we currently use at the jail. So, it's the same, stuff that's all integrable and all that.

Mike said so will the new be, the new server is \$6,786.00.

Adam said that's right. That's a recommendation beyond me. I spoke with our engineering team at Five Star. We had a meeting, went over all the needs out there. And that's what they came up with.

Mike said so are we sending these two pcs back or we just going to hold them?

Adam said they are the exact pcs that we use at other places in the county. So, I'll just keep them in the inventory for the county as a replacement pc and we'll just use those somewhere else.

Mike said okay. Do you have anything to add? Thanks Adam.

Jessica said I guess what I have to add is I need clarification from WTH because they told me they have no hardware out at our location. So, we'll have to find out what they are talking about that's sitting in the, well we use it as a supply room. They said they didn't have any hardware out there. Our charts is backed up nightly on an offsite server, as well as the AVL. I have nothing further to say other than I am concerned about expenditures and funds we may not have available to us. If its absolutely not necessary.

Mike said we'll get into that in a minute. Does WTH have something out there Adam?

Adam said yeah so, Laura could probably speak on this just a little bit GIS does a sync, and it pulls down from the server. And so basically that syncs all of that information down to your computer. So right now, you have a computer sitting in the control room, switching room, that they do a sync and pull down to. And all that tracking software runs off of that sync. It runs 24/7. That computer is due to be replaced, and it's on all the time. And so, whenever you have a pc that's on all of the time, that's usually a server.

Mike said okay. So, let's start here. If we were to buy this server, how do we buy it.

Jessica said I don't know. Are you asking us if we have funds available?

Mike said yeah. And we know it can't be MVH 1173, it cannot be.

Jessica said it cannot be, no. The only place we can pay it from is 1176 and that's what I was trying to, in a roundabout way get into it in my email, because I don't have all of the particulars. But right now, things are not exactly paid from the funds in which they need to be. So, we need to move some stuff around. We're not any different from any of the surrounding counties who are not doing this yet either. But the state is really pushing it and come, you know, I want to be able to implement it and be ready to go by the end of the year. It'll take a lot of adjustments because they also want split in labor costs. That affects the auditor's office and how they process payroll, and there's a lot of things to be figured out. What I'm saying is of that available amount of money, I don't know yet, exactly how much of it we might need to utilize until the end, until 12/31/22.

Mike said so the unappropriated cash of \$686,204.00, you don't know how much you are going to have to use.

Jessica said I don't.

Mike said do you have to backdate and reimburse from 1176 into 1173?

Jessica said well that's what I'm afraid of.

Mike said you don't know that.

Jessica said I don't know those things for a fact right now. That's why I think I got involved is just, yes. I don't know the exact figures yet. I don't like now knowing, but there's too many variables right now.

Mike said so when you split labor, does that labor have to do with restoration and construction versus pure maintenance, and how we define that.

Jessica said yes. And when they split that, they mean the labor, the actual labor cost of the worker, PERF, Medicaid.

Mike said benefits.

Jessica said the whole nine yards. And that's not even mentioning just like the supplies, you know, and repairs on the truck, and so. And I cannot transfer from 1173 into 1176. You could do it the other way around, but you can put the 73 into 76.

Mike said well I mean, and I guess the immediate need today is a server or not, as I'm hearing. I don't see any other decisions you are asking us to make other than.

Jessica said no I'm not really asking that anything other than for everybody to consider what it is, what funds we have where. And that's the one spot for these continued decisions. We're already about fourteen thousand plus on this computer thing. That was my only, I think I got thrown into it.

Mike said so you'd rather not pay for the server.

Jessica said right, probably not.

Mike said from 1176, but what if we paid for it today and promised you a reimbursement if you needed it by the end of the year. Would that be okay with you Mike.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike said we have ARPA funds that we could spend from this. I don't know if we can reimburse the highway with ARPA funds or not.

Meeks said I think you can buy it with ARPA funds.

Mike said I know we can buy it with ARPA funds.

Meeks said I don't see us doing a reimbursement,

Mike said well maybe we should just do that, amend the ARPA plan to buy this server for the highway department, and that preserves the \$686.

Mike Haffner said I guess my question would be, we're getting into a realm, what's, highway MVH money, and then what's ownership of the county. And if there's repairs, how do you distinguish who's responsible for what. That's another thing to consider.

Jessica said yes we did have that, I mean with, we had that conversation with just the trustees that Adam brought.

Mike said that's a good point Mike.

Tom said if we buy it, do we have to own it until we give it to them.

Meeks said the county owns it. You buy it, I mean, you give it to the highway department, it's still the county highway department.

Tom but after we put it under their jurisdiction?

Meeks said it's so it's like any, I mean, I'm not sure...

Mike said like the office furniture we bought out there.

Meeks said yeah it's Randolph County office furniture.

Tom said so they can maintain it and they can use it.

Meeks said oh yeah.

Mike said well we're going to maintain it.

Meeks said it's all owned by the county. So, it's not an ownership question, it's how we bought it with what funds. These funds are restricted, and it's about the restriction on the MVH. There's no problem buying with department funds. There's no problem with maintaining it with county highway funds.

Mike said well I think we are being advised that we should buy this server for the \$6700 plus dollars and we're being requested to buy it with funds other than highway department funds.

Mike Haffner said if he's saying he's going to trade the two computers.

Mike said he's not going to trade them. He's going to keep them.

Mike Haffner said right, but they were bought by MVH funds so.

Mike said oh, there comes the reimbursement, is that what you are telling us there.

Jessica said we haven't paid for them yet.

Mike said okay well then let's go back to the dell technology claim of \$10,491.12 so then we are looking at around \$17,000.00 then that you haven't paid for any of this dell yet.

Jessica said the dell is, one of them is ten thousand something Mike for the...

Mike said \$10,491.12.

Jessica said yep that one we have not paid.

Tom said was that, those computers are in that bill.

Jessica said yes.

Mike said and they have arrived as I understand it. So, we have them, and they are of value to us in that those two computers are used by other county departments. And if we need to use them in the future, we need to use them. So, I think Adam is recommending that we go ahead and buy them.

Tom said well we can't give them back. They are already used, right.

Jessica said well they are still in boxes.

Mike Haffner said they're still in the box.

Tom said well okay. I thought he's talking about one of them is being continuously used.

Mike said that's replacing. These are replacing one of them out there. And he's decided it would be better to replace them with a server. That's \$17,277.62, that's not using a spread or calculator, maybe I should do that.

Jessica said what numbers are you adding together Mike.

Mike said \$6,786.50 for the server and \$10,491.12, which we approved for purchase by the highway department in a previous meeting.

Jessica said of which I've already calculated into paying. My concern was the additional monies for the server. We have already paid the invoice for the firewall and VPN.

Mike said I don't see it on this bill, invoice the firewall.

Jessica said it's on a separate invoice.

Mike said we're not talking about paying that this morning.

Jessica said we've already paid it.

Mike said unless you are asking for reimbursement.

Jessica said no, no, no. It was \$3,874.00.

Mike said so \$17,277.62 pays this bill for dell with the extra pcs that we are going to keep. And the Five Star quote for the server and incidentals that go along with that. And if we agree to pay that out of ARPA funds this morning, then it will not affect the MVH 1176. And if I understand you correctly, you are not requesting a reimbursement for the VPN, which we can't do it out of ARPA anyway.

Jessica said no.

Mike said okay. What do you think about doing this from ARPA Gary and Tom.

Tom said I'm okay with it.

Mike said is that a motion.

Tom said yes.

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

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

Mike said anything else? Lonnie.

Lonnie said the only thing I'm here for is the radio. We have some issue of antennas colliding. They've got people coming on Thursday to kind of go over our stuff, make sure it's up where it's supposed to be. We do have a license. I know somebody has had that out. We do have a license for that channel, that digital channel that we have. So, the height, they are going to check on the height of our antenna where it's the best for us. So, until they get here so they can take a look at that, I know you guys want to rush through this a little bit faster to get this working.

Mike said I want it to work right for everybody. I don't need to hurry it for that.

Lonnie said I don't want to interfere with anybody so that's our issue.

Mike said okay. Any questions Gary.

Gary said no.

Mike Haffner said I guess we was just, we wanted to consult our side to see if that was option B versus everything else.

Mike said we took that other tower down didn't we. The old highway garage, did we take that down.

Lonnie said no it's still there.

Mike said it's still there.

Mike Haffner said I thought it was still there.

Gary said it's not very tall though.

Mike Haffner said no.

Tom said it's 100 foot I think, isn't it? Taking it down would cost money.

Mike said is it useable, remotely from the new place.

Mike Haffner said that's why we were having difficulty because it was so far away, it wasn't working. So, man everything right now is working beautiful and crystal clear. I really hate to change anything.

Mike said okay. Well good.

Mike Haffner said buy if it's interfering.

Mike said okay. Do you have anything for us Mike.

Mike Haffner said just, the more we are learning on where we need to be, it's going to take office staff. And I think Jessica can, you know, the more she's getting involved, this is a more even the two person, it's a challenge to meet state requirements. Now we can get there, but to go back down to a one person is going to be almost impossible so. That's something we are going to try to push in the budget to add that extra person.

Mike said the more we learn, the better off we are going to be. I appreciate you guys.

Mike Haffner said I want to go on record that I'm very appreciative that both of these people. It's been a blessing to have the knowledge to look into stuff.

Mike said okay. Appreciate it.

Mike Haffner said thank you guys.

Adam Wilson – Highway Department Server

Mike said firewall.

Adam said yeah so the plan. Well it's been a long time since when I first came and we talked about the switch project that we were going to go through. We said we'd do an assessment of all the switches in the environment. The only thing that was still good for at least a year was our firewall that sits between us and the rest of the world. It's probably the most important device in

our entire network. It's where all of our security comes from. It's what decides what different departments can get in and out of our network as far as the different police departments, different fire departments in the county. It's our main source of security. So Foregate is a product I've used several other places. The product is well supported by Five Star. I could stand by why they do. It's a really great product. But what we have now is currently out of support. And standard is to always keep yourself in support for your firewall. That way if you ever have an event, you can have coverage to call somebody and go, I don't know exactly what happened from where and when, all those types of things. That's the kind of report the state is going to want back.

Tom said now whose, we had to hire the state, we had to hire the state's, what was that, a year or so ago, we had to hire the state to use their spyware, something we had to get from the state.

Laura said that was through the election.

Mike said that's for the clerk in the election.

Tom said oh I see. That was all that was for.

Mike said yeah.

Adam said that, I think that, so that was like a virus software. They wanted to put on the pcs that were going to be working with the election. And this is more an actual hardware device that you put in, you program and allow you know, different roads in and out of your network. Think about like a really elaborate highway system that you can turn off ramps, on and off, on.

Mike said so what are the various options here. I mean, 12 month, 36, 60 month, is that just.

Adam said yeah so that's basically we are asking you do you want to pay for all that service, the support service on a yearly basis, do you want to pay for the next three years of support. And that support is through Foregate not Five Star. That's them supporting their product, and giving us those required reporting mechanisms that we need for state stuff. Charles Shaneyfelt can probably back me up on a lot of that. We get a lot of the same specifications from the state, IOT on what kind of reporting we are requiring to do at this point, if there's ever some sort of breach or event.

Mike said so one-year cost \$14,000.00. Three years costs another \$23,000?

Adam said altogether. I believe it's progressively larger because it's the costs for the two years of support.

Tom said so it's only another \$11,000.00?

Mike said additional two years.

Adam said the way I read it was that each one of those is its own individual quote you would pay just one of those amounts.

Mike said so if we wanted 60 months we would pay \$35,850.00.

Adam said exactly.

Mike said and that would come out at basically \$3,000.00 a year for this firewall. That doesn't make sense. That's too cheap.

Adam said well that's just the support.

Mike said okay so the \$14,000.00 is the firewall itself.

Adam said I imagine yes. I do not have it in front of me. I apologize.

Mike said you can, it, it confuses me.

Adam said so the way I'm reading this right here, the firewall is going to cost you \$14,050.00 if you want to take it all the way out.

Mike said if you want five years of service, that's going to cost you another five thousand a year.

Adam said yes.

Mike said and they want us to pay that now.

Adam we are giving you the option. We are giving you all the different bells and whistles and you guys can choose anything you want. We can do it year by year, every three years. It's going to be completely up to you. I know how you guys don't like to spend money way far out in advance.

Mike said what is the maintenance on a one-year firewall. Is it free? There's not a one-year option for the maintenance on this.

Adam said yeah it's going to come with a one-year support.

Mike said what about the firewall. So, the firewall is 14 and that covers us for a year.

Adam said that's right.

Mike said if we want the three- year coverage, that's another 23,950.

Adam said yes.

Mike said or if we want five-year coverage, it's another 35,000.

Adam said right.

Mike said so for five-year coverage, which is five thousand a year.

Tom said where is this coming from.

Mike said well it can come from ARPA as well.

Adam said this is infrastructure. This is the biggest piece of infrastructure.

Mike said we need the firewall. So, we need to spend 14,000 today for sure.

Adam said yeah because we need to order, because Lord knows how long it's going to take to Get this in.

Mike said the question becomes how much more maintenance do we want to pay now.

Tom said I probably wouldn't go too far out.

Mike said so if we buy a 36-month option, it's \$23,950.

Adam said yes.

Mike said that's what it says.

Adam said yes.

Tom said that includes the 14.

Mike said I don't understand the, I don't understand their, I don't understand this quote, I guess that's the problem I'm having with it.

Tom said well you said it was 35,000 for 60 months?

Mike said well it added the 23 to the 35 to get a total optional.

Adam said so with this part right here, you are getting a 48601E network security firewall appliance. It's included in that price.

Mike said okay.

Adam said same here. So, the only difference here is the amount of time you are getting on the converter service. You are getting three or five.

Mike said okay so then what is this number about.

Adam said oh, their software probably went ahead and automatically added up.

Mike said so we can get five years for 35,000.00.

Adam said exactly and the firewall.

Mike said I just need to just strike that out.

Tom said so this Stewart Wineg is he the boss.

Adam said yeah, so he is like head engineering.

Mike said so do you want to go the middle option, 36-month.

Gary said I would say so. I think I agree with Tom here. I don't think we want to go too far out on service and maintenance. Three years I think at this stage of the game is adequate. We may find out we are wrong, but that's my opinion now.

Mike said is that a motion.

Gary said yes.

Mike said we have a motion to buy the Foregate 601E network security firewall appliance, with three years of maintenance coverage for a total of \$23,950.00.

Tom said seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mike said are we paying for that out of ARPA?

Gary said yes.

Joe Copeland – Updated long range plan, added Bridge 173 and culvert inspection, increased a few costs because of material increases

Mike said Joe Copeland. Updated long range plan, added Bridge 173 and culvert inspection, increased costs because of material increases.

Joe said what I did was update 173 increased the costs because of steel prices. Rebar's going up, pilings going up.

Tom said 40%.

Joe said in the course of 10 years its triple. So, it's pretty rough. So, I just wanted to update you with a revised plan. The plan is dynamic, in other words, it's going to change regularly. Here is the priority schedule from our bridge inspection. I have highlighted those structures that are currently done or currently under way in one form or another, whether it be design or getting ready for construction. So that list doesn't look too bad. Notice I used gold.

Mike said I love it. A friendly reminder. You got one red line in there.

Joe said yeah that's a replacement. So, we are moving.

Mike said so are your needs from the county growing.

Joe said I'm doing, I'm working on culverts now, designing culverts to be replaced. I've got to go out and measure five of them.

Mike said I meant on this list. At one point in time, based on this list, there was a projected need from the county of \$750,000.00 per year.

Joe said yeah we'll still need that.

Tom said that doesn't include the culvert work.

Mike said no I'm talking about this. And going back to our previous conversation, does that need changed.

Joe said it's now about \$5.5 million over 6 years difference.

Mike said \$800,000.00.

Joe said we are, we're hopefully, start bridge 159 this month. The contractor contacted me, said he would be in there either the middle to late June on 500 East.

Mike okay.

Joe said so he should be in there working shortly. My biggest restriction right now is getting that contractor in here and getting him working. There's so much work out there.

Tom said is that Ron Brown.

Joe said no this is Marcus Robertson with Duncan Robertson out of Franklin, Indiana. So luckily some of his crew for bridge deck repair and overlays, they live on the south side of Muncie. So, they are close. So most of the activity you'll see will be up in the northeast. I'm trying to keep them close to one another so they don't have to spend time driving.

Mike said I'm sorry Joe. Go back to that. What are you going to need, and how many years are you going to need that over?

Joe said well I just, there at the very bottom of the back page, it ways accumulated total costs, and accumulated total cash.

Mike said so the 5.6 million.

Joe said yeah.

Mike said and that's over one, two, three, four, five, six years.

Joe said six years, yes sir.

Mike said so that's nine.

Joe said sure as I'm sitting here, that'll change depending on prices. Prices are going crazy.

Mike said that's \$933,000.

Joe said and we're going to see an increase just in asphalt, just for asphalt these bridges in the approaches. Asphalt is going sky high. The worst I've ever seen.

Mike said so are we on track for 2022 or do we need to give you more money this year.

Joe said I think we are okay. We should be okay with cash this year.

Mike said okay. Do you want to talk about culverts?

Joe said no, I've got seven right now that I'm looking at. I've measured two. I've got to measure five more to get them designed. I don't want to go out for each one for quotes. I want to see if I can package a deal.

Mike said get them all.

Joe said yeah I mean if I'm, cause some of them may be concrete boxes and I may be able to get a better price, if I can get two or three at a time. If that's what it takes. And of course, the others will probably be pipe so. And the price of pipe has gone up like everything else.

Mike said those aren't aluminum pipes are they. I hope not.

Joe said they are coated with aluminum. That's all I've got.

Mike said okay. Any questions of Joe.

Gary said no thank you for the report.

Mike said how's Henry county doing.

Joe said okay. I lost my assistant superintendent the other day.

Tom said well he was running that pretty much wasn't he.

Joe said yeah he runs the day to day. So, his last day is a week from Friday because I asked for more money for him and the council wouldn't give it to me. So, he's retiring.

Joe, MPX Solutions – Resolution of tower issues

Mike said Joe with MPX Solutions. Here to talk about our communication towers.

Joe said I'm accompanied by Mike Pelsner owner of MPX.

Joe said I wanted to meet with you guys face to face to establish a line of communication between us and you, we removed Pyramid. They have kind of been our point of contact throughout the life of this project. And we feel like throughout the life of the project, there's been a breakdown in communication that has led us down a lot of paths we shouldn't have went down. Today our intent is to answer any questions you may have on the actual project itself throughout the entire life of it, and to finally close this project. It's been done from our perspective, for over a year. The project started two years ago. I've put together a memorandum that kind of just sums up what we are looking at. Based on my assumptions after stopping by last week, I'm assuming you probably didn't know about add on expenses that happened in November of 20 before we even broke ground based on the designs, not being current with the soil. The geo report was done after the bid was awarded. So, the ground tables were completely off and the designs provided by Pyramid were not good for a tower. We submitted new designs from the engineering company. We submitted all of the additional invoices from our supplier, RCS supplier. Pre-bid re-bar was \$5,000.00. After we wrote one of the contracts in November, we got the geo reports that re-bar alone had jumped up to \$18,000.00.

Mike Pelsner said per tower.

Joe said per tower.

Mike said so that's \$39,000.00 total.

Joe said yes. The new designs called for number 10 re-bar instead of number 8. They required 8 inch spacing, as opposed to 12 inch spacing, which was in the pre-bid documents.

Mike said so more re-bar as well.

Joe said yes it was roughly 11 tons more re-bar in each hole.

Mike Pelsner said and a lot of it stemmed from the soil samples were up at the school, it was all a swamp land back there. And at the hog farm it was, at all three towers, we added an additional 15 yards of concrete at the base of the tower to hold the re-bar before we even put the re-bar foundation in and then added concrete to it.

Joe said as Pyramid requested, mud slab, mud pads be put in. That was outside the contract. We did that. There wasn't anything additional put in there. We did the grounding for the towers, the halo rings.

Mike Pelser said I can remember when we did the initial bid, we didn't have an electrician to bid the contract, and Pyramid asked us to go ahead and do the halo rings, which was a number four copper wire ran through the foundation into the concrete, because after the concrete is down there, you couldn't put it underneath the concrete so we went ahead and did all of that. I think Joe submitted.

Joe said of theirs receipts in there, we submitted all that back when we did all of those foundations in November of 20. We, I also had email correspondence with Pyramid where we submitted add on expenses. And they asked for certain documentation. We provided all of that. Also, throughout the life we did additional things outside our trade package, like setting the shelter, anchoring it, offloading things that was just at costs for us, we weren't supposed to be doing that. We were trying to help the county. And we were kind of just doing things through Our only point of contact, thinking that we were helping the county.

Mike said we weren't hearing a lot of that.

Mike Pelser said we documented it and kept it all documentations and everything of it, because I mean, it's all in black and white in front of you guys at this point.

Joe said we got to the conclusion that we felt like we were taking advantage a little bit, so that's why we kind of wanted to meet with you face to face.

Tom said well I think we are sort of both on both sides of that equation I think.

Mike said were you aware that we had the towers inspected.

Mike Pelser said we were aware. We were not aware that they wanted to be inspected. We found out after the fact.

Joe said when we went back and made the few bolts that they said was loose or whatever, and done all of it, one of them, this really sticks out to my mind, that's the north tower at the elementary school, there was no lightening rod on top of it. Well, if that was one of their claims to the tower inspections, there was a lightening rod. It was 22 feet above the top of the tower just like the rest of them were. So, we re climbed every one of your towers at least four times after they were already manufactured and assembled. You do still have one more year left under warranty that my company in the contract that was signed, take care of any issues or problems.

Mike said so I guess the question we were trying to get answered, and again, we were going through Pyramid, and I don't want to speak out of turn here, but we had these inspected. And there were several issues raised, some cosmetic, and some they didn't know whether they were structural or not. They basically said that's for you folks, I guess, to determine when they're structural or not. So, we were asking Pyramid to tell us about it, and we never heard about it. So, I guess, I'm looking at the towers a little bit like a, building a building, and give me a certificate of occupancy so I know they are built the way they are supposed to be built, and that you'll stand behind any warranty issue that comes across. And we've never received that.

Mike Pelser said that's what we want to resolve today. Those questions were brought to us, we immediately answered them. The ones that we couldn't answer, we sent directly to Nello. Nello immediately answered that. We sent all that correspondence directly to Pyramid, because that was our only on contact.

Mike said we never received that.

Joe said your towers are safe. They are not going to fall down. They are actually overbuilt with Nello, the architect firm that built the towers required us to use a 3000-psi concrete. We used a 4000-psi concrete.

Tom said it seems like the pilings are very small.

Joe said 30-inch diameters is all they require on them.

Mike Pelser said yes it's 4000 psi concrete and there's so much re-bar reinforcement in there that, we've read the inspection and it did say the towers are perfectly safe in that inspection. And any issues that were addressed in it, we fixed immediately, within 48 hours. You guys have our contact information and you still another year warranty. I mean, it was a two-year warranty when we signed it so you still have another year warranty. If there is an issue, feel free to reach out to Joe or myself and that will be addressed immediately.

Joe said as far as the financials of it, we have asked that the last invoice I was submitted it was paid in partial because I guess there was confusion about broadband re-bar. There was never anything paid for any re-bar. The only thing that was ever linked to broadband was the towers were bought. There was no materials outside of that.

Mike said no re-bar bought for those.

Joe said no.

Mike said so the extra re-bar that is extra re-bar you had to buy for the communication towers.

Joe said but that was in addition. That was an add on to the contract. So, our hope is to just close out the remaining invoice that was submitted last year by Pyramid, which was I think \$27,000 was withheld. There was also a retainer that was withheld in \$9,628.15. And we'd normally ask that we submitted the original add on expense that we submitted in November of last year for the \$30,964.00, and that is strictly the re-bar and material upgrades from the pre-bid to when we actually after the bid and got the soil samples, and we had to update the foundations. That's just for the materials alone. There's no, freight, there's no labor, there's no additional costs in there whatsoever. And we do not care about any other further expenses that we incurred throughout the life of the project where it comes in. Say the towers that you sold to Blackford County, those had to be stored for over a year. And they charge money for that. I don't know if that was related to anyone. But per tower we assumed those, the freight. The freight when we bought those towers were fixed at that time, at that rate, to Randolph County, that was completely different a year later when they were shipped to Blackford County. So, we had to

cover all the expenses as well. And again, with the cabling, the grounding cables that went in, the work for the shelters, and everything else, along the lines, that we did complete that.

Mike said so Joe run that by me again, the claims that you want paid.

Joe said on June 5th of last year, Pyramid submitted an invoice for I believe, \$69,000.00.

Mike said \$64,768.

Joe said yes, of which only \$37,000 was paid. The county withheld 27,000 because of an email that Pyramid sent where there was confusion about the rebar. They withheld that and there was another invoice with that to pay a retainer and that was 9,628.15.

Meeks said that's on your claims.

Joe said so we are just asking for to, finish the invoice, \$27,000, the remainder of that when that was submitted. Pay that out, pay the retainer, and then if the county could pay for the additional upgraded material that had to go into the foundations.

Laura said I've not gotten anything on that.

Mike said I don't believe I've gotten an invoice for that.

Joe said I put in there the emails where we submitted all of that information to Pyramid in November of 20, along with all the supporting documentation. And I apologize that it never reached your table. That would have been in excess. Technically we probably should have rebilled that whole project because of, we were awarded the project in September and we didn't even see a contract until December. We kind of went on blind faith with Pyramid that we could trust what they were telling us.

Tom said have you done business with them a lot in the past?

Joe said no we have how. We have plenty other contracts in Blackford, Fulton, Kosciusko, Grant, and we're seeing a lot of similar problems in talking with the counties directly.

Joe said Kosciusko county just for instance, the tower ended up almost \$400,000 just in steel prices, just on tower project. It was a year, it's been a year, we was awarded it two years ago and we still haven't even put no towers up on it yet. So that gives you an idea. You guys got yours done pretty quick.

Mike Pelsler said they're all being misled. But Randolph County, you were the first one we did, you were way ahead of the game. Your towers are probably double in price today.

Meeks said so we paid an invoice, and I can't find it right now, for \$27,000.00 for the procurement of re-bar. And that was paid. So, you are saying you guys never purchased the re-bar.

Joe said there was never anything bought from those broadband towers.

Meeks said so we need to bring that I think.

Mike Pelser said I know as far as invoice purchases, I looked at the line of accounting that Laura sent me, and as far as what was allocated for broadband, there wasn't even anything on there.

Meeks said it was December 4th, I can tell you it was December 4th, 2020.

Gary said yeah it was 10,000 and 20,000...

Meeks said it was a \$30,000.00

Gary said total of 30,000.

Mike Pelser said and I know back then when we would invoice Pyramid, they would then invoice the county. They would not use the invoices we submitted.

Meeks said I agree with that.

Mike Pelser said we would put a detailed explanation and why we came to that assumption or why we came to that conclusion for that invoice. And then what we would get, we'd always get money less than we requested, or more than we requested. And when I finally got the AIA forms, the descriptions didn't match anything that we would tell you guys.

Tom said it's too bad we can't have Terry here talking too.

Joe said we have tried many times to talk to Terry and Todd and any of the representatives, but a lot of the times it just goes to....

Mike said we planned to meet with them last week. I apologize for that because we didn't know you were coming. Had we known you were coming, we would have let you know.

Joe said I just felt it was unprofessional to cancel the morning of. I wanted to come anyway to kind of establish that face to face and let you know that that is not us.

Mike Pelser said yeah I think I got the email at 12:42 myself.

Meeks said let's re-set this hearing, this executive session right now and you guys can, will know when it is.

Tom said for the 20th.

Meeks said we were talking the 20th.

Mike said the 20th.

Meeks said two Mondays from today. What time do you want to do it at?

Joe said we'll be here whenever you want us, let's put it that way.

Gary said well that's not, that's a regular meeting day.

Mike said it's a regular meeting day.

Meeks said it'd have to be either after the meeting or before the meeting.

Gary said we wouldn't have time before.

Meeks said yeah it could get tight if you did it before.

Mike said we could set 1:00 that afternoon. We're used to meeting at 1:00 anyway on Monday. Or we could set it at 11:00.

Meeks you can set it at 11:00 and recess your regular meeting then go through your executive session, then come back. When I started, we used to have it afternoon.

Mike said does that sound okay to you guys, 11:00 on the 20th.

Joe said that'll be fine.

Mike said so are you saying that we paid an MPX claim for \$27,000.00 for re-bar.

Meeks said we have paid for \$27,000. We have paid a claim that said for procurement of re-bar, \$27,000.00 for the broadband towers that never went up.

Mike said you never bought that.

Joe said there was on March, the county made payment March 2nd of 2021. I put out a financial line item there to date. It says broadband tower materials. So, I don't know if he mis-spoke and that was just for the materials for the tower themselves, because that is under the 35TM contract, which would have been just for the tower, that is not re-bar. That would have been for the steel. And that's the only payment from the county for \$27,000.00.

Meeks said it was a \$30,000.00 one.

Gary said it was a \$30,000.00 total bill.

Meeks said yes December 4th, 2020.

Gary said it was \$10,000 for basically labor and \$20,000 for materials, which a total of \$30,000. And the check was for 27,000 minus the retainer. So, you would have gotten \$27,000. So, the check was for \$27,000 of a \$30,000 bill.

Joe said and I don't know what invoice that was that they did. I brought all the invoices.

Laura said I have her file. I just don't know, you know, she was tracking it.

Meeks said she was tracking it. It said procurement of re-bar.

Joe said here's December 4th.

Joe said is the radio system up and running by chance.

Mike said it's going through the test process, yes.

Tom said so we have a six-month permit.

Mike said we have a six-month permit. Well generally speaking, it sounds like both have some complaints with Pyramid.

Laura said I don't know Meeks if the bill actually said that. I think they said it in the email when Angela questioned them as to what it was for.

Joe said and Terry, I don't know if he was just trying to spit off an answer quickly or something, but yeah, he mis-spoke. There was nothing. I went through every line item. I got all the invoices that were submitted, and I got all the payments that went out from Laura, and I didn't see anything that matched anything that was in that email. I don't think he knew what he was talking about, but he wanted to give an answer.

Mike said and I think that's why we are withholding the \$27.

Mike Pelsler said I agree one hundred percent and would have done the same exact thing. That's why we wanted to come today to clear that up.

Joe said and then I think you'd see in your emails where Terry authenticated to add the exact basically \$30,000.00 for the re-bar. And that's where we would have come up with the extra additional \$30,000.00 on top of the where it come up at the \$67,000.00. The last invoice was for \$67,000.00.

Mike Pelsler said close the two current invoices to cancel out that and just the additional expense that was incurred in November of 20. And we want to just close it and then if you have any problems with those towers, we will immediately be here to for adjustment.

Meeks said if you have another one for additional materials, could you get that to Laura maybe this week. A submitted bill, and then either they'll, the process is they either approve it or disapprove it. We'll let you know. And we'll have a meeting on the 20th. Is that fair enough.

Joe said actually, that invoice is in the packet.

Laura said he just gave it to us this morning.

Mike said that's the \$39,064.55.

Joe said correct, that we submitted in November of 2020. As we were getting ready to break ground in those towers.

Gary said who was the inspector there when you were doing.

Joe said which inspection.

Gary said when you were having all these issues. We never had any of that information brought back to us.

Joe said we got the report for the soil samples, and we submitted it to the tower manufacturer. That was that they would design the tower.

Gary said I understand that. But who was there from Pyramid?

Joe said I was the one, I was showing up on it, the job site.

Gary said he never gave us any information other than you. I asked him questions about the condition of the soil and he said it's okay. There's no problem with it. And I said you aren't a surveyor are you. You know that's a wet area. And he said yeah. And then they put the generator in there. Did you guys put in all the shelters.

Joe said yeah we did all the shelters.

Gary said they set the shelters and then they came in on the north tower and put the generator down. And when they were, when JK was there, I talked to him and he said well there was water clear up above the fuel tank when it rained on it.

Joe said I was always concerned about that site being under water.

Gary said well it was.

Joe said well you should have seen it when we built it.

Gary said I know. We're trying to figure out how to drain it now. We've got a solution, but, you know, we were never told that to start with.

Mike Pelser said you probably know that we did the shelters, and that was actually a different trade package.

Gary said no.

Mike Pelser said we did that around the other towers, that was a different trade package.

Gary said we didn't know any of that. We didn't see any of that, modifications of the bid or anything.

Joe said yeah we didn't, I don't even think we've ever submitted, well I mean we didn't submit no, nothing.

Mike Pelser said we didn't submit anything additional.

Joe said for the grounding even. We didn't submit. We never even charged you for the grounding or anything.

Gary said I'm not doubting your word. I'm just saying we never got any paperwork of any sort. Nor did we get anything from the inspector. We paid Pyramid a considerable amount of money for an inspector to inform us on what's going on. And we, know nothing.

Joe said well we can discuss it on the 20th obviously, I mean.

Mike said yes I would hope that we could resolve our issues on the 20th.

Mike Pelser said and again I put the, in the pre-bid, it was, August of 2020, it was \$5,833 was the quote for the re-bar. And once we actually found after we had to re-do all the designs, that same company quoted it at \$19,309 for the same exact pad based on the new design.

Mike said per tower.

Mike Pelser said that's per tower. And that's all we had asked for at that time in November. Until now we were trying to close the entire project out is when we started discovering that it wasn't brought to your attention.

Joe said I reckon we'll see you guys on the 20th if you don't have anything else for us. We don't need to keep you.

Gary said so you paid for the engineering on the re-bid.

Mike Pelser said yes.

Gary see we never saw any of that.

Joe said it wasn't submitted in the payment or we didn't submit a bid or anything for us redoing it. We just assumed it was part of having to have it re-engineered on the tower. But if you remember, before you, you guys should have got a stamped drawing, a certified stamped drawing of the towers and the foundations. Did you guys ever receive that?

Mike Pelser said we also furnished the ice bridges for all of the towers. And that was supposed to be based on the counties.

Joe said that was your radio communication peoples' responsibility on each one of the towers as well. That goes with the antennas and the radio.

Mike Pelser said we don't want anything for that. We just whatever in November of 2020, pre, we sent our contract in December of 2020, just that expense for that re-bar, that was it, in addition to closing out the original invoices. I also saw that, I don't know if there was some confusion, the changeover that hadn't been actioned from last year, two of them. Those are to take off a couple hundred thousand dollars for broadband. I think maybe there was confusion thinking that was an add on expense. I just wanted to clarify that.

Gary said we seen all that. The biggest issue we had other than the actual other additional figures that you are giving us today, was that, well the \$30,000.00 claim that we received. And that was an issue we had because it was billed under broadband. And that was, we knew the towers were, we were not going to erect the towers. And of course, we've had that thing for the engineering and design work at \$38,000.00 on the broadband, then when they sold those towers, they didn't add that into that. So, Randolph County got stuck with designing those towers that went up there.

Joe said MPX got stuck with storage and delivery of them too.

Gary said that's what I say, besides what you guys accumulated.

Joe said yeah because we built them in Blackford County and I mean, they are up and already done and going. We got stuck with the storage fee and the delivery of them as well so.

Meeks said Pat Riley, who is the, she's an appellate court judge, is going to be here at 11:30. I'm going to go say hi, so I'll come back, but did you have the eagle on your agenda.

Mike said I did not.

Meeks said so we had a Silver Towne, well Dave Hendrickson has an eagle that is stuffed that's in a display case, that I sent a copy to Mike.

Tom said I've seen it before.

Meeks said he would like to donated it to the county. They have documentation for it. So here it is. The case is 76 inches long, 25 ½ inches wide, 30 inches tall. The base is 78 inches long, 28

by 31. So, I didn't know if you guys would be interested in having that as a donation to the county, and then you maybe put it in this room or find someplace for it.

Mike said I suggested to Meeks that we probably could take a couple rows of chairs out of here and put it in the back of the room. We don't fill this room very often.

Meeks said probably put it on a table back there, shelf or something.

Mike said I suppose we could put it in a hallway someplace. If we wanted to take it.

Tom said well it's 6 feet or 76 inches...

Mike said 6 ½ feet by 31 by 28. Is it on a stand or?

Meeks said I don't know. You could maybe build a shelf.

Mike said yeah you could build a shelf.

Gary said I think we should.

Mike said is that a yes.

Gary said yes.

Tom said yes.

Mike said okay.

Meeks said I'll have them bring it to the Auditor's office with the proper documentation.

Mike said that brings us to the end of top part of our agenda. I don't see, I think we wore council out. I don't see council here today. The mayor has left. He's no longer with us. That takes us to other business.

Other Business:

Randolph County Sheriff – Additional funding for new vehicle

That takes us to other business. And we have the chief deputy here today. Ken Hendrickson is representing the sheriff and the sheriff's department this morning. Is that true.

Ken said Art's gone this morning. Be tomorrow. So, I forgot my document that he had but I can just tell you what he's asking for. He's asking for additional funding for two new vehicles. The vehicles have gone up about \$8,000.00 apiece. So, I believe, did he submit that to you Laura.

Laura said yeah. He's requesting it out of cum cap, and because of cum cap being high, you know, we just kind of wanted to see if there were other places you wanted to pay for it from

before we actually submit that. It has to be advertised and everything so it can't be approved today, but you could say where you want it from and then we can do the additional.

Mike said and this is for two or one.

Ken said correct, two. We are buying one ourselves. And we cannot sustain \$60,000. We can, I think we're looking at \$42,000 that we are going to buy out of the commissary, but we can't sustain \$60,000. So that's why we've asked for the \$16,000 for two.

Mike said \$16,000 for both of them.

Ken said correct.

Tom said are they still bought at a whole sale price.

Ken said state bid is what it's called.

Tom said yeah and the state bid has gone up \$8,000 more.

Ken said correct, which obviously we didn't foresee last year during budget season. Matter of fact, the dealers did not foresee this. That's where we are stuck.

Mike said someone want to move approval of this from ARPA funds.

Gary made a motion to approve the \$16,000.00 request from ARPA funds. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said anything else this morning.

Ken said no thank you.

Minutes of March 21, 2022 and March 25, 2022

Mike said next item is Minutes of March 21st meeting of 2022. We've received a copy of those minutes via email. Are there any additions, corrections or deletions to those minutes?

Tom said I made a couple editorial changes to those minutes that I'd like.

Mike said editorial.

Tom said what would you use.

Laura said grammatical.

Mike said grammatical changes. I think it was the last page before the solar, or the excuse me, the sign ordinance.

Tom said right. The last page of the sign ordinance and the last, third from the last page talking about Barnes and Thornburg.

Mike said so the last page before the sign ordinance Gary, there was a correction in the fourth paragraph to the last sentence. Higher, h-i-g-h-e-r is in there and it really should be hire, h-i-r-e. Talking about hiring of council. That correction was made and then where was the last one.

Tom said under Barnes and Thornburg.

Laura said probably about three or four pages from the back.

Tom said three pages from the back I think.

Mike said Barnes and Thornburg.

Tom said change the word a-r-e to o-u-r.

Mike said that has to do with our representation by Barnes and Thornburg. And that would be under Randolph County ARPA Plan the 2nd paragraph, one line, Tom asked will this relieve our, o-u-r arrangements with Barnes and Thornburg, not a-r-e. Any other corrections, deletions or additions to the minutes of March 21st, 2022.

Tom moves for approval.

Mike said I have a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Do I have a second?

Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said we've also received a copy of our minutes of March 25th, 2022. This was an executive session. I'd entertain a motion to approve those as presented.

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

Payroll Claims \$227,560.38

Mike said next item are our Payroll Claims, which are in the amount of \$227,560.38. I'd entertain a motion to approve those.

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

Payroll Deduction Claims \$231,227.61

Mike said so the first one is for \$231,227.61. This is a state board of accounts deduction claim. Do I have a motion to approve?

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

Payroll Deductions Claims \$269,911.87

Mike said then we have a second one in the amount of \$269,911.87. I'd entertain a motion to approve that as well.

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

Regular Claims \$814,064.37

Mike said next item, our Regular Claims in the amount of \$814,064.37.

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

Spring Settlement Claim \$12,929,584.84

Mike said next item is the Spring Settlement Claim in the amount of \$12,929,584.84.

Tom said do we need to approve this.

Laura said this is something the state board is requiring us to do. So those are the monies we're sending out to each other governmental units. And we have to have their approval to send that out.

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

ArcaSearch Claim \$5,685.00

Mike said ArcaSearch Claim in the amount of \$5,685.00. ArcaSearch is preservation of the county commissioner, council ordinance books in addition to the Randolph County on line archive. I'd entertain a motion to approve this claim.

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

L&M Water District grant claim \$31,800.00

Mike said next item is the L&M Water District grant claim for \$31,800.00 and this is for an OCRA grant that Kleinpeter Consulting Group is working with L&M Water for an OCRA construction grant.

Tom said this is a pass-through right.

Laura said yes pass through.

Mike said yes this is a pass through.

Gary made a motion to approve. Tom 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 brings us to an MPX Claim for \$27,000.00. In light of our conversation, does anybody want to move on that claim.

Gary said not until after the 20th.

Mike said okay. I trust that's the other claim on here as well, the \$9,628.

Gary said yes.

Mike said the Pyramid Claims so we want to table these as well and the Cobalt Claim is tabled.

Gary said yes until we get the north tower cared for.

Ordinance 2022-17 Amendment of the Unified Zoning Ordinance

Mike said that brings us to our Ordinance 2022-17 an Amendment of the Unified Zoning Ordinance. It's been properly presented. Are you here representing the area plan commission regarding this amendment to the Unified Zoning Ordinance?

Tom said that's a good start.

Mike said so you are in total agreement with it.

Tom said well I'm in agreement with the changes that were made. I'd still like to make other changes, but I think it's a good start. So, I would recommend it.

Mike said so this proposed amendment, number two, sub-paragraph 8, is that regulating the pioneer seed signs that you see out.

Tom said yeah, test plot signs yeah.

Mike said is that an issue that needs to be regulated.

Tom said well I think they made it so that it's in compliance so I don't know if there's been complaints or not, but he put it in there so that they would, they are exempt from the sign ordinances.

Mike said as long as they meet this standard.

Tom said right, yeah.

Mike said as I read this, then all those senior at Randolph Central School Corporation in the next thirty days they need to be removed or they'll be in violation of the sign.

Tom said yeah that's right. They are not seniors anymore.

Mike said well it says until a person graduates I presume. Okay well you've heard the recommendation of the representative on the area plan commission. Any questions or comments. Well we have Ordinance number 2022-17, an ordinance to amend the Unified Zoning Ordinance at Randolph County Indiana. I would entertain a motion to approve this ordinance after the first reading by 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 the question becomes do we want to go ahead and approve it at this meeting, and suspend the rules and have the 2nd and 3rd reading by title only today or do we want to wait two weeks and see what the ...

Gary said I prefer to wait.

Tom said I agree.

Randolph County ARPA Plan amendment

Mike said so we will wait until our next meeting for the 2nd reading. Randolph County ARPA Plan amendment. We have one, we've got a few more today presuming that council is in agreement with us and the amendment is scanning the Auditor's transfer books and the Airport grant match, is that correct. I think that's it. So, we need to approve those amendments.

Tom made a motion to approve the ARPA plan as amended. Gary seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Maximus Contract

Mike said next item is s Maximus Contract and that's for one of the offices, support.

Laura said they do incentive fund work for the clerk's office and my office does the paper work for the reporting of it. So, it's kind of like a combined thing between us and the clerk and Maximus.

Mike said this is a renewal of the contract.

Laura said yes.

Mike said is the fee changed.

Laura said yes it went up. And I checked back and that's a three contract, correct.

Meeks said yes.

Laura said so the previous two, so six years prior it had not changed from \$5500. So, it went to \$5625.

Mike said from \$5500 to \$5625 for the next three years.

Laura said yes.

Mike said I'd entertain a motion to approve the Maximus Contract.

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

Schedule executive meeting June 20th

Mike said and we've already scheduled our executive meeting.

Additional Appropriations:

General Auditor 1001 General

Part-Time Clerical \$10,000.00

Mike said that brings us to additional appropriations.

Laura said yes.

Mike said the first one is the general, general for auditor for part-time clerical of \$10,000.00.

Laura said so I am proposing to, I gave up my part-time money back a couple of years ago, and I want to use Denise again to help me keep up the minutes. And then also, possibly to pay Angela to come in and train, once I find someone for her replacement.

Mike said okay. We've heard the justification for this additional appropriation. Do I have a motion to approve?

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

EDIT 1112

RC School –Welding \$86,271.41

Mike said next item is the Randolph Central School Corporation welding program that we approved in a May meeting for \$86,271.41 coming from our EDIT fund. Do I have a motion to approve?

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

Highway 1173

Paving Line \$500,000.00

Highway 1173

Gas/Fuel/Oil \$40,000.00

Highway – Landfill host fees

Road Projects \$700,000.00

Mike said the next three are highway. One, paving line \$500,000 one gas fuel oil line of 40,000 and one landfill host fees for road projects. I'd entertain a motion to approve all three of these additional appropriations.

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

Next Era Windfarm 4913

UC Housing project loan \$105,000.00

Mike said next is Era Windfarm for 4913 to Union City Housing Project Loan of \$105,000 for a seven-year period. I'd entertain a motion to approve this additional appropriation.

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

Headwater's II 4924

UC Housing project loan \$245,000.00

Mike said another Union City project loan in the amount of \$245,000.00 from Headwater's II 4924, which makes the total of Union City that we've loaned them for seven years is \$350,000.00. I'd entertain a motion to approve this additional appropriation.

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

Highway (Riverstart Solar)

Paving \$80,000.00

Mike said here's an additional appropriation from Riverstart Solar for \$80,000.00 for paving projects for the highway department. I'd entertain a motion to approve this additional appropriation.

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

ARPA 8950

T-Hanger grant match \$36,027.15

Mike said the next two are ARPA additional appropriations. One for the airport for our match of the t-hanger taxi lane grant. This is to a match for installing the taxi lane back to the new future t-hangers in the amount of \$37,027.15. I'd entertain a motion to approve that additional appropriation.

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

ARPA

Ambulance, cot and Loading system \$260,000.00

Mike said okay so this is additional appropriation from ARPA Fund for the new ambulance and cots and loading system in the amount of \$260,000.00. I'd entertain a motion to approve.

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

Authorized personnel signage in courthouse

Tom said the access to the court house.

Meeks said you can put authorized personnel signs up, like maybe for Laura's office if she would want to. That's really your office.

Laura said I know and I would, I mean I haven't got the signage yet. But Paula made temporary ones, but I was thinking like the basement you talked about. Some of the other areas.

Meeks said authorized personnel only on the basement and those types of places. We've had a little trouble. The city has had issues.

Laura said other counties also.

Mike said and we have an issue here.

Laura said yes we have. We haven't made any scenes here, any, whatever, however you want to word it. They have been here several times so far.

Mike said so you want to work with Jake to get those signs up.

Meeks said I just, if you guys authorize to do it, I'll tell Laura to have Jake purchase them. Wherever he thinks to put them up appropriate, and if the office holders want them, they could.

Laura said I mean like in my office, I was thinking like Paula's area, because she has confidential information. We don't want them in there filming.

Meeks said, here's a picture. That's going up all over Monroe County.

Mike said yeah, I'm not sure I want to follow their lead. Anyway, the basement would be a good idea. And I think the individual office holders should make that choice on their own. And really if you don't have any business in the treasurer's office, I wouldn't know why people would want to come in and spend any time there.

Meeks said well the purpose of it is to antagonize the workers enough for them to do something to then have a lawsuit against. The purpose is to antagonize to a point of provoking a reaction.

Laura said but can we stop them from coming in. That's what I think you are kind of getting at, if they don't have business being here.

Mike said the sign is not going to stop anybody.

Meeks said you could limit access to court buildings for security. In legitimate government purpose would be for security or efficiency, efficient running of the government. And that's under the home rule statute. I looked it up. I don't think you can limit access to the grounds outside.

Mike said no I don't think we should limit, I don't think we should put a sign on the entry doors.

Meeks said no, but I think in the boiler room there is no reason for somebody to be there.

Mike said well there's no reason for it them to be in the basement.

Meeks said no reason at all in the basement, so get those signs, get on to Jake and have him get them.

Mike said okay. Is that a consensus.

Gary said yes.

Mike said okay.

Mike said Gary do you have anything.

Gary Girton – Update on Highway truck communications, Shelters at the towers

Gary said just that Lonnie gave me information on the issues involving with the interference on the towers. They are trying to correct that with their people, which hopefully will resolve. They've already moved their antenna down some. It did not correct the issue. So hopefully Motorola can figure out what it is since they can't afford, they can't justify to move the tower down anymore because then they are going to lose communication with their trucks and tracking and so on.

Mike said well hopefully they'll resolve that issue.

Gary said the other issue which I mentioned is I got an email last Wednesday, that they are having issues with the shelters or insect infestation into the shelters, which will void the warranty on all of their technical equipment.

Tom said so they are not rodents, but insects are getting in. Are those lady bugs?

Gary said they just said insects. I don't know. So, they contacted Todd Durnil and sent an email to Chris and myself that they having this issue, which has to be corrected immediately. That's all I have.

Mike said so is somebody correcting that.

Gary said supposed to be. We'll see.

Mike Wickersham – Camp Slingshot water samples to IDEM

Mike said okay. The only thing I have is Camp Slingshot. We are on the Indiana Department Environmental Management's bad list. We haven't had our drinking water tested, although we sent, as I understand it, the Health Department sent a sample to IDEM.

Laura said well I actually dropped it in the UPS box myself. Scott brought it to me. I know it went out.

Mike said so I guess, is there a reason we have water out there?

Gary said well we still have to test the well and maintain it don't we.

Mike said not if we are not serving it to anybody.

Gary said we don't okay.

Mike said I did manage to talk to them on the phone at one time. I left them a message and said we are not open to the public so we don't really offer drinking water or water to anybody. And the lady I talked to called me back and left me a message, and said it doesn't matter whether they are open to the public or not if you provide water to your staff and employees, then you need to have this tested. And so, I guess the question is, if we have water out there, then it's going to be difficult to show that we don't offer that water to our employees.

Tom said where's the breaker at out there.

Mike said so I guess to me, we either need to shut off the water and leave it shut off, or we need to conform to their standards here.

Gary said we have to test it how many times a year.

Laura said I think quarterly. Is that your understanding, quarterly?

Mike said I never got that far. I didn't think the water was on out there.

Tom said I'd just shut, throw the breaker to the pump off.

Gary said well we don't want to have an issue with the well without monitoring it.

Tom said we can have somebody go out there once or twice, make sure nobody else can get water.

Gary said used to have a sheet, document, signoff that they did it.

Mike said they did what.

Gary said that they ran the water, like Jake or somebody, have check it twice a year or something.

Mike said well it needs to be collected and sent in.

Gary said no. Like Tom is saying is just turn it on and make sure, be aware of the problem.

Mike said oh you are not talking about IDEM, you are just talking about for our benefit, that the well.

Tom said once or twice a year to clean it out and everything and then we'll shut it off again, yeah.

Gary said just tell IDEM we have it shut off, it's not accessible for the public or anyone, even our employees.

Tom said I think I could probably do that even twice a year.

Mike said so what do I tell IDEM.

Gary said we got it shut off.

Tom said the water is not available to anyone.

Gary said it's not accessible.

Mike said I'll see if that works. That's all I have. That brings us to our Citizen Comments. Do I have any citizens here that would like to comment this morning?

Citizen Comments

Ceann said I just forgot when I was up there I just wanted to thank Laura for all of her help in adding me to the agenda numerous times at the last hour, I appreciate all her support.

Mike said she does a good job.

Ceann said yes.

Mike said thank you. Any other citizen comments. It's almost ten until 12. I want to call a motion to adjourn.

Adjournment

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

Reviewed and signed this 6 day of September, 2022.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS







ATTEST:



Laura J Martin, Auditor of Randolph County