

## Randolph County Commissioners

January 19, 2021

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

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Michael Wickersham, President presided over the meeting.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Debbie Preston – Board of Finance**

Debbie was not able to attend, tested for Covid and have not received her results back yet.

#### **Chris Shaneyfelt – Permission to have an intern, Lease for chairs**

Chris said I sent over the copy of the lease for chairs, it is an update to the contract that we have with Shelby Products out of Ohio, we lease our chairs, they bring us new ones every year. If possible, I would like to have that lease updated.

Mike said is this an increased amount?

Chris said a little bit, not a lot. They bring us four dispatch chairs every year and exchange out the previous years.

Mike said it is a three-year lease ending April 2024.

Chris said yes sir.

Gary made a motion to approve the lease at \$1044.00 per year. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Chris said we have a college student from IUPUI named Andrew Dunnick, he is in his senior year, getting his undergraduate degree in public safety and he needs to do some internship hours where an emergency management agency is part of his public safety degree work. His father is an attorney out of Muncie and they had spoken to the former EMA Director out of Delaware County and they recommended us and I could use an intern for a while.

Mike said this would be in your Homeland Security office?

Chris said yes.

Mike said is it a paid position?

Chris said it is not.

Mike said how long do you expect to have him?

Chris said I believe it said 12 weeks. Just for the spring semester.

Mike said I don't have any issues with that.

Gary made a motion to approve the request for an intern in the Homeland Security office. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Chris said while I have your attention, I had two trailers, one is a 2005 and one is a 2006 that I have asked Danita to take off the inventory, one is full of black mold and the other one.

Mike said you shared this with us when we were talking about a clinic.

Chris said I have asked to take those off the inventory, I believe she is going to do that, the RACES volunteers that I have are taking the county equipment and other medical equipment out of the two trailers and they are going to be disposed of, they were interested in taking some of this salvageable stuff like the stove and refrigerator out to use for whatever purpose they deem necessary.

Mike said have we declared that to be surplus property.

Chris said I don't know what steps we need to do, to do that.

Mike said we have to by resolution, declare that to be surplus property.

Meeks said you just need to get me a list of whatever it is.

Mike said get Meeks a list and description of the two trailers and whatever is in it and then we declare it surplus and then we can dispose of it the way we want.

**Meeks – Open bids for electric on Communications Project**

Todd Durnil said we have two things, we have the electric and we have the logging recorder system.

Meeks opened the bids. It the first one is from Emperor Critical Facility Engineering and Consulting.

Todd said they are one of our electric bidders.

Meeks said we have Rex Collins Electric, Inc form Marion.

Todd said they are from Grant County, they did work for us on the Grant County project.

Mike said is this for all the electric, the entire project.

Todd said correct.

Meeks said the next one is from Quad J Inc. from Avon. The next one is from Sydney Electric and they are from Sydney Ohio. I need these other electric.

Todd said those more than likely are the RFP responses, we can open them, they are a separate deal. We are just going to acknowledge them, read off who met the deadline for submitting the proposals.

Mike said we will take all of these under advisement and you will report back to us which one you feel is the best.

Todd said do we want to go ahead and read the base bid amounts off of those?

Meeks said what we usually do is take them under advisement and then you make a sheet that tells us what they all are and come back with your recommendation. The first one is J&K Communications Inc.

Todd said they are required to supply a soft copy, the review committee for this RFP will meet this afternoon at 1:00 pm at the jail.

Meeks said the next one is Steven Campbell Associates. The last one is Nelson Systems.

Todd said do you want us to look at those bids and come back at the end of this meeting?

Mike said what ever is convenient for you. We also have you on the agenda to talk about the MPX contracts that we have been presented with.

**Todd Durnil and Gary Bates, Pyramid – Cobalt Civil Contracts, MPX Contracts**

Todd said those contracts, the way we procured the towers is similar to a state contract. We intended to have a base bid for communications towers, tall towers, short towers and we purchase off of that contract multiple towers. I think the question came up in the different funding sources, do we need different contracts.

Mike said really it is a little more complicated than that. At this point in time we have been advised and are, let me back up, the Economic Development has a technology committee that is advising us on the broadband towers and there has been a lot of discussion that we might not want the broadband towers because we might not have any customers for the broadband towers.

Todd said that is a possibility, yes.

Mike said plus the fact that we don't know where the broadband towers are going as of today.

Todd said that is what that team is working on, is to try and nail down those locations.

Mike said what I am concerned about, I don't want sign a contract where I commit to building four broadband towers and I don't need them.

Todd said I got you.

Mike said as I read this contract, it sounds like that is what we are doing.

Todd said you would not be required, we would have to give a notice to proceed for each portion of that contract. There was never an intent to lock you in on those broadbands.

Mike said we have paid claims on them.

Todd said that is true, we did have to do a deposit with the manufacturer. We have already got tower steel being manufactured, the first tower. I will check on this.

Mike said that was the question, why we had claims, number one why we had claims being submitted without a contract being signed and then when we looked at the contract, why are we committing to building four broadband towers, when we don't know if we want to build them or not. We need your help here to sort this out and lead us down the right path. We are going to trust at this point in time that you do that.

Todd said the contracts should have been signed much sooner, we are kind of at a point where we have almost gotten the horse ahead of the cart because your public safety towers, one has already been delivered and one has already been constructed.

Mike said we want them up.

Todd said we were speeding through to do that, the contracts, I can't really explain why you are just now getting those contracts to review. We gave a green light on the public safety towers, we gave a green light and I will have to check on that whether that green light was for all the broadbands. I think the intent was you were going to get broadband towers delivered to your highway garage to be stored until you had places to put them. We have committed to the deposits on those. We can check to see if that is something that can be stopped, but I do know that first tower, which again was not part of your deal, it was part of the school's deal, it's an extra, that first tower for the school over in Union City, is on its way.

Mike said unless I hear differently from the technology committee, I would say let's get the broadband towers stopped and anything we have paid for those we roll into the communications project at this time. Obviously, we do want the communications towers and we want everything that goes along with that because that is the main part of the project, the broadband is separate, which at the time, I can remember back when we discussed it in a joint meeting, everybody was for it and now as the technology looked into it the issues have been raised. Do we have customers for them and where are you going to put them?

Todd said it is difficult, nobody wants a tower in their back yard.

Mike said since our last meeting, we have a private group putting a tower on highway 227, south of Union City, between Union City and Lynn. There goes an opportunity that somebody has taken their own risk to put a tower up to sell it to somebody. It makes us putting a tower up less valuable. As far as the contracts are concerned we are operating without one.

**Mike Haffner and Perry Knox – Bridge 110, Utility agreement**

Perry said we are going to submit bridge 110 for the deck replacement, which is the bridge on 1200 W for Community Crossings. I have a set of plans here that needs to be signed by the Commissioner's for the plans for that bridge.

Mike said should we approve this bridge deck replacement being submitted to Community Crossings prior to signing this.

Perry said this is just for the set of plans, then I will have a financial commitment letter. I have reviewed these plans with Mike Haffner. Mike is going to submit this for Community Crossings for the round one of the grant applications. What I have is a financial letter, if you want to sign one and have the auditor give it to Mike for part of his application.

Mike said this is what we received via email and says our share of this project will be \$65,885.95?

Perry said yes, the construction cost estimate on this project is \$263,543.81 and we are applying for a grant for \$197,657.86 and the difference is the financial commitment from the county bridge fund.

Tom made a motion to approve the bridge 110 project to be submitted to Community Crossings. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike Haffner said on the Community Crossing we have a balance of \$800,000.00 and I am recommending that we do 200 N, basically Farmland road from city limits of Farmland out to 200 W. That will probably take the rest of that money.

Mike said you are going to apply for \$800,000.00?

Mike Haffner said I am not sure of the exact number until I get my prices but it will probably take pretty much all that \$800,000.00. So, we will be applying for the full \$1,000,000.00.

Mike said our match would be 25% of \$1 million. That is a heavily traveled road. Sounds like a good plan.

Mike Haffner said I have two utility agreements from Rick Farris. One in Lynn and one in Ridgeville. These are just repairing.

Tom said they are in town?

Mike Haffner said they are right on the out skirts of town.

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

Mike Haffner said when you were talking about cell towers, I previously asked about an estimate on the highway antenna coax, that would be installed. I have not received that but I did not want the tower to get erected without that being there.

Mike said that is to be added to the communication tower that is going up at the highway department.

Mike Haffner said yes, our radio people recommended to put a new antenna coax versus tearing our old one down. It would be just as easy to put new up while we are doing it. Then we have our repeater that we will be moving over to the facility.

Tom said do you know what height they recommend?

Mike Haffner said I will get that but when I ask for a quote, I was asking for their recommendation on how high they want it.

Mike said you ask for a quote from whom?

Mike Haffner I just told Chris Shaneyfelt, whoever gets this because at the time we didn't know who was going to get it.

Mike said I would approach Gary Bates, when he gets back and get his contact information and stay in communication with Gary.

Mike Haffner said I just want to make sure that stays in the scope of the project.

Mike said in my opinion the best way to do that is to start with Gary Bates.

Mike said federal grant money for the two bridges, you guys had a meeting with INDOT since our last meeting?

Perry said yes, we had our interview.

Mike said how did that go.

Perry said INDOT concurred that they were very favorable on bridge 32 and they concurred our recommendation for replacement on bridge 85 rather than a rehabilitation. It is a competitive grant process, \$900,000,000.00 were applied total statewide for \$400,000,000.00 in funding. You could look at that like we may get one, with this competitive grant, I look at it like, you got 92 counties if you make it even and divide that \$400 million through the 92 counties the share

for Randolph County that is an equal amount would be plenty to cover both those bridges grants. Now, whether they award them both or not, we don't know, we should know in March. The applications were accepted and there were no issues with the applications. The County is in full compliance and I sent you an email, you have a lot of members in the county, Laura's office and of course Jessica at the highway department doing their own pacer rating, the county has been working really hard to save a lot of money in preparation to get those grants ready and I want to recognize those people. Art the sheriff has done a real good job on getting me crash data both the federal aid and this community crossings grant project. I have had real good cooperation from the county.

Tom said could you expand a little bit on Angela and her part in that.

Perry said Angela updated the Title VI and got that back into compliance with INDOT. Will Gay at IDOT, is the attorney for INDOT that makes sure that the county stays in compliance and then the ADA transition plan of course is also in compliance. It has saved a lot of money, we do ADA transition updates for other counties that fall out of compliance and it is not cheap.

Mike said do you have anything else for us today?

Mike Haffner said I will be sending an email out to talk about equipment purchases that Tom and I have been talking about, pickup trucks for several years, we got a broom that we want to definitely try to trade off and maybe three pickup trucks. I am in the process of getting numbers to bring to a meeting.

### **Nicole Jeffers, EDPR Headwaters II Agreement Update & Incoming Docs**

Nicole said I have a fully executed copy of the RUA amendment that we signed. After some conversations with Tom, we have revised this cooperative easement agreement, we have not had one that has been executed yet, so we are still working off of a draft. The only changes that have occurred to this document, we essentially sent the original last spring, the addition of the witness for the notary, the push back of the fiber box installation date to January 31 of this year. We removed the \$50,000.00 credit towards the Economic Development Agreement, after that we just updated the exhibits lettering as we took one out. Everything else in here is the same and I have two documents ready for execution if that is what you feel like you want to do. I did pass over a copy last week for review.

Mike asked Meeks have you seen this?

Meeks said yes.

Mike said do you have a copy of this?

Nicole said I have two copies, I want to do the same thing again, where I give you guys a hard copy back.

Mike said these are the ones we are giving the individual easements for.

Meeks said I have a couple more here for you to sign later.

Mike said we are being asked to approve and agree to the cooperative easement agreement, which is for the fiber conduit, running through headwaters II. Does anybody have any questions for Nicole? I would entertain a motion to approve.

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

Nicole said I did want to let you know, we plan on getting the remaining easements that we can acquire by the end of February.

Gary said do you have a reasonably close plan for completion of Headwaters II?

Nicole said we do; our final date has been pushed back to do with some issues with the blades. We are looking at probably June at the latest. Hopefully sooner, they are currently going through this week and conducting investigations essentially, inspections on each blade, if they don't see an issue with it, we are going to install, if not they are going to send a replacement and then we are going to be reimbursing all the farmers for a second year of crop damage.

#### **Jim Nunez - WCCPC Mardi Gras and Wicks Car show**

Jim said as president of WCCPC I am here to ask for permission to use the grounds of the courthouse, the north, the west and the south for Mardi Gras. We will be celebrating 75 years of Mardi Gras, downtown. It will start in the evening of October 5<sup>th</sup> and ending on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Like always this year we would like to, because last year we only had a two-day event and this year hopefully we will do a four-day event like we usually do. To expand a little farther down, we will be asking the City of Winchester to expand a little farther for more rides, more entertainment. We had an okay, successful year, we had a lot of fun, a lot of different things we done this year. We also want to have the bicentennial plaza, which I filled out a form like you always ask me to for permission to use the plaza. We used the plaza for the first time since it was built and was very successful with entertainment and announcements and it was very well used this last year. The people were amazed with the plaza and how it was available to use. I am here representing WCCPC asking permission for the grounds.

Mike said you are not using the north side, are you?

Jim said no.

Mike said you heard the request for October 5<sup>th</sup> to October 10<sup>th</sup> and I would add that the water and electricity, you take care of that and work with Jake where needed on that.

Tom made a motion to approve the request for Mardi Gras. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Jim said my other request, I just recently joined the Wicks car show committee.



Mike said who is doing that now?

Jim said its Fast Eddie and Slow Jim. This will be my fourth year on the committee, this will be our fourth year downtown doing the car show. Here again, we focus around Winchester downtown with everything we have to give here in downtown Winchester and it seems a lot safer when we have it downtown and it draws bigger, last year even with the virus, we had a record of 119 cars. It is a lot easier to show cars downtown. We are asking for Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup>. We are trying something new, we are trying to lock in on Memorial weekend. Hopefully it works out, usually the last two years we have been doing it on a 4-H weekend, last year because there wasn't a lot to go to 4-H we had a lot of people here. We are trying to get our own nitch on a weekend.

Mike said you heard the request.

Gary said you have the west, east and south, what time of day is that?

Jim said that would be in the morning from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Gary said you will be needing the east side of the street on the courthouse lawn, that is where the farmers market sets up.

Jim said we always share that west side and we go on the west side of the street. We try to help the farmers market because they make our car show successful.

Tom made a motion to approve the request for the Wicks Car Show to be held on Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup>. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Mindy Peed – CSI maintenance/database agreements, Microvote maintenance agreement**

Mindy said these are the same agreements that I bring to you every year, hopefully we are going to end the CSI agreement this year, we are going to transfer to Odyssey which is a different case management system that is provided by the state, I think we are only one of six counties still using CSI and that will be a huge savings to the county. Huge in my eyes, like \$20,000.00. For now, we have to keep using it until we are ready to transition fully.

Gary said that is just one year?

Mindy said yes. I am hoping full September or October.

Mike said the data base agreement is January through December, the renewal cost is \$3,800.00. Do you want to take these one at a time or do you want to do them all? The other is the maintenance agreement for the listed equipment and it is \$7,100.00.

Mindy said that has all been preapproved by Council during budgets.

Mike said right, then we have the Microvote agreement is \$12,000.00. We pay that even though we don't have an election this year.

Mindy said right.

Gary made a motion to approve all three agreements and authorize the president of Commissioners to sign on behalf of the county. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Greg Beumer and Jennifer Faddis – YMCA Grant application**

Greg said we are here this morning to ask you permission to facilitate another Covid-19 grant for the county and in this case to provide additional funding to help our daycares survive. In Randolph County the only licensed daycares that we have are those run by the YMCA as well as Kidztown here in Winchester. We want to emphasize that Kidztown would also be a part of this application, this money is only for not for profit daycare facilities. The Indiana office of Community and Rural affairs is the agency that is offering this grant. We have had two of these Covid grants last year in 2020 the phase I grant is completed and closed out, the phase II grant which was also money to businesses, I believe the county has the money for the final distribution, so it is probably within 30 days of phase II being closed out as well. These grants do not count against your allocation of three grants allowed by OCRA. Jennifer is here to answer any questions you may have about daycare. Our request is simple, we need the county to facilitate this application.

Mike said is Kidztown the same license as the YMCA? Is it the same level?

Greg said I don't believe it is. I don't know the exact distinction but I think it is more of a faith-based ministry.

Mike said we are certain that YMCA and Kidztown are the only ones that would be able to access this grant?

Greg said we will check the states data but at the time when the county applied for the Union City facility, at that time the YMCA and Kidztown were the only ones. We will double check.

Gary made a motion to approve the request and allow the president of the Commissioner's to sign all necessary documents. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Deb McGriff-Tharp – Touch the truck April 10<sup>th</sup> – Courthouse lawn**

Deb said I am here because April is Child Abuse Prevention month and last year we had to cancel our Touch the Truck but we would like to get that scheduled for April 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm but we would like to have the courthouse lawn that day from 8:00 am until we are finished around 1:00, 1:30. I have spoken to the Mayor and he has agreed to close off Franklin street for the one block and then people who are doing crafts and that sort of thing will be on the courthouse lawn. If you participated the first year, it is very successful. We are hoping even with Covid, with it being an outdoor event that law enforcement and fire departments all know about sanitation, they keep an eye on who gets into their vehicles and who gets out so they would be able to maintain that sanitation sort of thing, we would require mask and all the other stuff is outside on the lawn, there is nothing inside. We are just asking that we can have the lawn that day from 8:00 am until 1:30 pm. Also last year we had someone who was going to donate a

porta potty so, I'm not sure what we do about that, but that would be my other question. Is if we can do that if that person is willing to donate that again this year.

Mike said if you have permission for the lawn and you are letting us know that so I don't see a problem with offering that as well. April 10<sup>th</sup> what day is that?

Deb said it is a Saturday. We wanted to do it the first weekend to kick off the month, but that is Easter weekend so we thought that was not a good idea.

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

### **Other Business:**

#### **Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff**

Art said I wanted to let you know that last week was a very interesting week, we installed the new door control system, so as of Friday evening last week that was up and running, we are working out some bugs this week to get all that taken care of. It is working well and I thank you guys, it was a much-needed project. If you have any questions on that I can answer those.

#### **Commissary Report**

Art said I think you just need to accept this report, if you have any questions on it I would be glad to answer those.

Mike said I don't have any questions, we received this report via email as well.

Gary made a motion to accept the Commissary report from the Sheriff. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

#### **Regular Claims \$777,332.68**

Mike said we received the regular claims via email and have had a chance to review them.

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

#### **Payroll Claims \$ 225,419.08**

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

#### **Todd Durnil, Pyramid– Electrical bid recommendation**

Todd said it is a one-page document that I asked the Clerk's office to print for us. We had four bidders, first was Sydney Electric with a base bid of \$243,145.00, they also had a couple of voluntary alternates that they offered with a deduction of \$8,500.00 for a 15-minute battery and a deduction of \$16,500.00 for a 5-minute battery that is for the UPS in each of the huts. The next bidder is Quad J at \$304,000.00. The next bidder is Rex Collins Electric at \$235,977.00, they were the apparent low bidder as I said we have worked with them before, so we are confident in making a recommendation to you to approve them as the lowest and responsible bidder. Let's go ahead and finish with the last bidder Infra Critical Facilities they had a base bid of \$255,000.00

even. Again, we recommend that you award this contract to Rex Collins Electric in the amount of \$235,977.00. When we bring the contact back to you, we will ask for some value engineering similar to what Sydney Electric offered, if we can reduce battery sizes and create some savings.

Mike said what is the spec battery size now, do you recall?

Todd said the spec was a 30-minute battery.

Mike said why would we want to go to a 15 minute?

Todd said at each of these sites we've got a generator in place and really the UPS battery is there to provide that hiccup in time when your power drops out and your generator starts running which is generally.

Mike said 19 seconds.

Todd said yes. Anything over 19 seconds you are paying a premium. Based on this had we asked each vendor to give us those options as alternates we feel confident that all of these vendors would have given us a similar reduction.

I am representing Sydney Electric, we are the only ones that bid it last time and it got kicked out and now we are close and we offered voluntary alternates and you are kicking us out again after we took the initiative to offer voluntary options.

Mike said in response, I don't consider it to be kicked out, I am looking at the bid documents and the lowest base bidder is Rex Collins Electric and the specification called for a 30-minute battery and I don't know why the specifications called for a 30-minute battery but had the specifications called for a 15-minute battery your bid would have been \$236,000 or so and Rex Collins and may have been lower as well. It's the lowest bid in this case and that is what we have been recommended to accept. We are still operating on the spec, that a 30-minute battery is what we want.

Todd said by going through this process as you said he was the original bidder, I think we just had one bid the last time and it was well over the engineer's estimate, I think that these bids came in \$60,000 or so less than that original bid.

Mike said the recommendation is to accept the lowest bid of \$235,977.00 from Rex Collins Electric.

Gary made a motion to approve the recommendation of Rex Collins Electric for \$235,977.00. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Tom said are you bidding generators with these towers.

Todd said that is included in with this package.

Tom said the highway already has a generator, can we use that one?

Todd said we can look at that as a value engineering opportunity.

Tom said we also have a spare at our old highway garage that we were anticipating using maybe at the south site. It is at the highway garage if you want to check that out.

Todd said absolutely.

**Salver Taylor Claim \$171,689.20**

Mike said I had a conversation with Jake after our last meeting and he indicated that it is done and complete.

Gary said did they charge us for that rewiring fix?

Mike said I have not seen a claim for that.

Tom said that Danny Stamper said they would not charge us for that, somehow they just moved that and he said they would just take care of that.

Tom made a motion to approve the Salver Taylor claim. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Randolph County United monthly claim \$18,467.67**

**Randolph County United Tourism claim \$2,365.67**

**Randolph County United OCRA RLF claim \$53,750.00**

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

**Kleinpeter OCRA admin fee claim \$2,500.00**

Mike said this is for the second round of Economic Development grant that we received from OCRA.

Gary made a motion to approve the Kleinpeter OCRA admin fee claim as presented. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Minutes of September 24, 2020 and October 5, 2020**

Mike said we received two sets of minutes via email for the meeting on September 24, 2020 and October 5, 2020. I trust we have all had an opportunity to review those. There were some misspelled words on the first page of the October 5<sup>th</sup> "covenants" not "covenant".

Laura said can you just mark that and I will correct it.

Tom made a motion to approve the minutes of September 24, 2020 and October 5, 2020. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Monthly report**

Gary made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

### **Comp time reports**

Mike said we did get four overtime requests this period, one from Probation, three from Community Corrections from each employee over there, Lisa Hensley, Rhoda Davis, Robin and then one from our Veteran's Service Officer. I didn't bring this up at our last meeting but I wonder what would happen if we said we don't want any more compensatory time.

Tom said I will second that motion.

Mike said that was a wondering question, that wasn't a motion. The problem I have with this, I look at the Veteran's Services Officer and Cathy is alone down there and I think that would probably suffer on service if we did away with her getting compensatory time, or overtime is what it is and if that is the case there, how can I say that Robin, Rhoda and Lisa's are not required to provide service to their clients as well. That is where I come into a problem with it.

Tom said there are three of them, can they man the office, can they alternate, do they all three need comp time. Like I said I have seen people getting comp time when they are out side talking on their cell phone during work hours.

Mike said I just raise this as something to think about.

### **BZA Appointment**

Mike said we do have an appointment; our current appointee is Myron Cougill and he's served for several years and I ask the question last time if we could appoint someone who is serving on the Area Planning Commission as our appointee and I don't know if I got an answer to that.

Meeks said you can if you want.

Mike said the Area Planning Commission, we determined had how many appointees already?

Meeks said the BZA has seven and you guys have two of them.

Mike said Tom is recommending Drew Cleveland. What is your thoughts Gary?

Gary said I don't know him, I don't know anything about him.

Tom said he has a small farm south of Farmland on highway one, he's lived here quite a few years now, he grew up in Washington Indiana, he is a Farm Bureau field man, he is in charge of 6 counties for Farm Bureau. He is aware of land issues in the state and around our district quite a bit and things that happen. He has been involved in the community, he has been here about 15 years. I think he would be well qualified to serve.

Mike said what is Myron's background?

Tom said I don't know if he still farms, I don't know him well, he lives on 500 S just west of state road one. I think he worked at Chevrolet, I think Bill Terrell appointed him. So, I think he is a retired factory worker and farmer.

Mike said looking at the make up of the board, Don Calhoun is a member, Bren Albertson is a member, Jim Hufford is a member, Jason Hawley is a member, Bill Davis is a member, John Peacock is a member and Myron. Tom if you are recommending he be appointed, I would not be opposed to that recommendation.

Tom said like I said he has been involved in the community and he serves on a state committee for farmers markets and stuff, farm to table sort of thing. He went to Texas A and M, I think he is well qualified. I don't have a problem with Myron, I think Myron has served us well but I think it doesn't hurt to bring new people around.

Mike said is that a nomination?

Tom said yes. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said can I ask you to contact Myron and tell him we have appointed Drew and contact Drew and tell Drew we have appointed him?

Tom said yes.

### **Board of Health Appointment**

Mike said we received notification from the Health Department Registrar that Rick Fisher no longer wants to serve on the Board of Health but will serve until such time as the Board of Health finds a replacement for him. I reached out to the Registrar yesterday to see if she had a replacement and I have not heard back from her. My question would be can he continue to serve without an appointment?

Meeks said when you find someone you would appoint them and he would resign.

Mike said that is what I would recommend we do.

Tom said we reappoint Rick Fisher interim.

Meeks said I will just say that board is terribly complex about who you can and cannot appoint. So, you really need to ask the Health Department.

Tom said he is sort of the free one, isn't he?

Meeks said I don't know, you have one free one but then when the free one resigns, you get somebody else.

Tom made a motion to nominate Rick Fisher to continue to serve on the Board of Health until such time as the Board of Health recommends and appropriate replacement and we appoint the replacement. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

### **Farmers market request**

Tom made a motion to approve the Farmers market use of the west side of the courthouse lawn beginning May 29<sup>th</sup> through the last Saturday in September from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Mike said May 29<sup>th</sup> will also be a food truck rally on Franklin street. That is the Mayor, we gave him the lawn, we didn't give him the street, he is going to have to work that out with the Mayor for the street.

Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

### **Elected Official Bonds**

Laura said I have several Elected Official's bonds that need approved.

Mike said we have bonds to approve for Elected Officials, starting with Debbie Preston in the amount of \$300,000.00, Melinda Peed in the amount of \$300,000.00, Art Moystner in the amount of \$30,000.00, Laura Martin in the amount of \$30,000.00, Jane Grove in the amount of \$15,000.00.

Laura said the last one is a couple of years ago they changed the law and all employees that handle money had to be bonded, so that one is a blanket for all our employees that handle money.

Mike said Randolph County Government in the amount of \$435,000.00, which is kind of a catch all. I would entertain a motion to approve these bonds as read.

Tom made a motion to approve these bonds as read. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

### **Laura Martin – AEP Utility easement, PERF Authorization**

Mike said one is behind our highway gravel lot.

Gary said it is 25 feet wide and 700 feet long.

Mike said they are they coming across Hwy 27 and heading south. I am not quite sure why, it is difficult to tell, are they cutting our property in half there? Typically, a utility easement would be along the property line and I can't tell from that if it does or not.

Tom said maybe they could come explain to us.

Mike said I think might be appropriate, if they gave us more information on it.

Meeks said this doesn't tell you.



Mike said the map doesn't either. If they had a larger map that showed where the property lines were and where the easements ultimately going and why its going there. I said it was running south, but it is running north. I say we table this and request them provide us more information.

Laura said this is a form making me an authorized agent to do any work in the employee retirement, PERF. We never did it and when Paula was off with her back surgery, I had to get in there and I had to use her log in.

Mike said this is an authorization to name Laura as an agent to perform necessary employee retirement duties.

Tom made a motion to approve the authorization to name Laura as an agent to perform duties to the employee retirement as needed. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Meeks Cockerill, Cooperative agreements, Infirmary barn lease**

Meeks said I have two cooperative easement agreements that need to be notarized.

Laura said she can have Angela come up and notarize and Danita as a witness.

Meeks said I have not heard anything back from Dan Allen, I don't know if one of you would like to call him to see what is going on.

Laura said he came in and signed the lease and he paid the \$20.00 for 20-years.

Meeks said the county has petitioned the court to allow the sheriff to adopt the six horses out that are in our custody. I just wanted to let you know in case you get questions.

**Tom Chalfant, repairs on the old highway garage**

Tom said I told the tenant to make some repairs, there is some damage to the sulfate, its like \$225.00 for him to fix the southwest corner. Also, I am trying to get a bid to take the awning down now that the emulsion tank has been removed last week.

Tom said Scott Fisher told me that the hand holds will probably all be installed tomorrow.

Mike said our commitment from windfarm funds will take care of that.

**Gary Girton, EMS report**

Gary said I was going over the EMS reports, it really jumped down as far as our total receipts.

Mike said do you think that reduction is Covid related Gary?

Gary said I am hoping.

Mike said Duane could probably answer the question better than anyone, as to why the business is lower.

**Mike Wickersham, zoom meeting**

Mike said I will not attend our February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. I don't know if the governor is going to do it, but if he extends it past January we could meet by zoom. I would trust you two to hold the meeting without me.

Meeks said if you are going to do it by zoom, you will need to advertise it as zoom.

Mike said I understand, I am not saying we should do zoom, I think that I can miss this meeting and we will be okay. Unless you guys request we do zoom, I am going to proceed with not being here on February 1<sup>st</sup>. I take that silence as not requesting zoom.

**Citizen Comments**

None

**Adjournment**

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

Reviewed and signed this 1 day of March, 2021.

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Laura J Martin, Auditor of Randolph County