

## Randolph County Commissioners

January 4, 2022

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

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Michael Wickersham, President presided over the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

### Selection of officers

Mike said the first thing on the agenda is the selection of the Board of Commissioner's officers.

Gary nominated Mike Wickersham for the position of President of the Board of Commissioner's. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary nominated Tom Chalfant as Vice President of the Board of Commissioner's. Mike seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

### Mike Haffner – Truck purchases

Mike Haffner said last year we ordered three pick up trucks, only one has come in, the other two are expected but with everything that's going on, they can't give me a delivery date. They will still honor the same price. I just wanted to let you know that I can't even incurber because we don't know when it is going to come in. I am basically just going to what was budgeted last year, let it go. There is enough money in 2022's budget to pay for these and then if I ever need to go back, then I will go back to you and Council to bring money back into that line. If I buy other items. We had an agreement to buy them in 2021, they didn't come in and it is beyond our control, they are still going to honor the price, I'm asking can I buy them in 2022?

Mike said I wouldn't know why not.

Tom asked is the mileage unlimited or are you limited on how many miles you can put on the trade ins.

Mike Haffner said he said no. He said that it wasn't our fault so he's going to honor all that unless one of the trucks are damaged in the body or something like that, then he might review the trade in value. We have a line local option income tax that's been established for several years, it's 1228 and there is \$605,566.41 in that line, basically you can use that to buy and repair highway equipment. I'm working with Joe Copeland on looking into buying a paver, preferably a good used paver. That's going to help his program and help our program, something we visited several years ago but really didn't have the man power in line back then that we have

today. A used paver is probably going to run into that \$200, \$225,000.00 brand new your pushing \$400,000.00 and then you'd have to have a roller which is basically \$100,000.00. So, \$300,000.00 to \$350,000.00 should theoretically buy a paver and a roller in real good shape. Some people like going with a skid steerer with a mill head to mill bridge butt joints and stuff like that so you're probably looking at another \$130,000.00 with both them pieces, theoretically with this \$605,000 there's ample money in that if we want to look into possibly buying paving equipment with that line.

Mike asked that \$605,000 is outside of your budget?

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike said you would need to go to Council as well.

Mike Haffner said here is the line and the description of what it can be spent on. It's been in there for several years. It was pointed out to me that it needs to be spent. I don't have any solid numbers, I'm just saying if your interested in pursuing it, then I can look into getting quotes and bringing them back to you, I'll probably ask the Council as well if they support using this money for this.

Mike said it's described as the county 2016 local option income tax special distribution, so that's what came back to us and it's set there since it's come back?

Angela said correct.

Mike Haffner said it might enhance our paving programs in the future for possible windmill and solar, not that I think we want to start getting into paving fully with roads right away, but certainly a lot of these blowed up, patch works and stuff like that. There's a possibility we could use that.

Mike said it would be helpful to have control of our paving.

Mike Haffner said and time frame, it's only going to get harder and harder to get smaller paving projects like a bridge deck complete without being astronomical expensive. Joe's definitely pushing me to, everywhere he's been he's had paving at his disposal so if he gets and outfit in to mill a bridge, he can say, I need you to pave this within a day or so, if we have to rely on other sources who knows that bridge could be closed for several months. It does make sense but again I just need your okay to start pursuing it.

Gary said the equipment your looking at then can not only be used for patching, but used for full sized paving.

Mike Haffner said the paver is 8 foot minimum to basically a little over 15 foot, so you make one pass and then you come back. So, theoretically if you're under 30-foot-wide and that would accommodate anything we've got, even bridges. It's not my intention to just start right in full width until I get my guys trained. We've got a lot of patch work and some stuff that we've been

hiring that I would start with to get the guys trained and then we get our training done, then we would start paving not really full width, we could be paving ½ a road and then coming back and paving the other ½. It's still full width but it's not big enough to do 20 some foot. I don't have the semi's to be able to haul those great big pavers around so the smaller paver is potentially what I'm looking at. It's what I believe is best for the county and Joe Copeland also agrees because we will be driving this from location to location. We're a pretty big county to be driving a paver around. I can load it on my trailers and transport it to a location and then drive it around that area versus a great big commercial paver that your talking pushing \$500,000.00 to get a paver like Milestone.

Mike said I think it would be interesting to know both avenues, for the size of paver you are looking at, whether you could find a good used one and what price that would be and what a new one would be as well. Then on the other side, I think I would present to the Council to see if they have any plans to spend this money beyond what you want to spend it for. I think that is probably a good thing to pursue.

Mike Haffner said get some numbers on new, get some numbers on used, availability is crucial right now, it's hard to find any equipment out there. I think being patient and letting a good one come along, even if we have to lay out a year is the correct answer versus just buying somebody's junk.

Mike said make sure the Council is aware and they are on board with you.

Mike Haffner said this is not an actual purchase, I don't have quotes, I'm just asking if you want me to pursue this.

Tom said the operator is key, and we should be prepared to train one because if you would go to 1200 West north of Parker which was paved 1 ½ years ago and go to 1200 W and 600 South which was just paved, there is a big difference in the pavement and paving operators. If we train somebody, we need to make sure we keep them. That is a very highly skilled job.

Mike Haffner said I will bring that up to Council, that's a very good point. As you know the Highway Department compared to other highway department's around our area, even though we did get a significant raise, we're still well below the standard in all position and as far as a street operator and your paver operator is very important, like Tom said, you can mess up and blow a lot of money in asphalt if you don't have the proper people, that means Cody and I is going to really have to babysit this program and be highly involved in making sure this works and being able to keep employees with that kind of training. I don't have a dollar amount that it would take to keep a person but I know it's more than \$18.00 an hour. This is a program that is not going to last year-round either. That's what I've got to ask. I've got some info that I'd like to give to you, again I sent an email out on a very large structure on 1000 South between State Road 1 and 850 West, that is the road that leads to Camp Modoc. A very important road, right now it's closed until our engineer evaluates it to see if it's structurally sound enough to open one lane or I wanted his opinion on is it safe to open one lane. We've got a partial wing wall collapse and a road collapse so I closed it until he was able to evaluate it to see if it's safe or not. I talked to him this morning, just by what I said he is very thankful we closed it and probably that structure

is going to need to be replaced. He's going to analyze potentially what it's going to take and then be prepared in two weeks for him to come back and give you a dollar amount that potentially it would take to open this back up and what type of structure.

Gary asked what size is it, what is the width of it?

Mike Haffner said unless I'm measuring wrong it's 21'7" in length and the other side is 22 but I remind you anything over 20 foot is considered a bridge but this is not on our bridge inventory. So, there is some confusion there. Mr. Copeland will be able to answer that.

Mike said it's closed for now.

Mike Haffner said we had a wreck on bridge 170 that is on Huntsville road just north of 300 South and it basically took the full guard rail off the bridge, a mini van ended up in the stream. He is looking into, it's still open at this point because the bridge itself is okay, it was just the guard rails. We've got it marked with cones and markers and my sign guy is going back with Joe Copeland to see what he needs to make sure it's marked safely and then he's getting quotes together. It's an insurance job so we'll be turning that in on the person's vehicle insurance. Just to let you know that the bridge was significantly damaged at least on the guardrail section. I don't think it's damaged structurally but Joe is going to check all that out.

Mike asked are there any other questions for Mike?

Mike Haffner said I will bring up, this is out of the norm but Nashville Tennessee at the end of March they have a paving conference, it's a paving world conference with all the vendors and classes and training, how to explain anything and everything about paving using hot mix or pug. I know it's out of state but with us looking into paving and don't have a lot of trained people, I was wondering if you guys would let one or two of us go to that conference, it's a three-day conference. Very similar to road school but it is strictly paving and all the vendors, it is out of state. We potentially have enough money in our budget but do to this being out of state and it's going to be at least two or three night, more like a three night, I would want your thoughts on whether we should or shouldn't attend. I don't need this decision immediately but I'm throwing this out there to see, I think there is a lot of valuable information that could come out of this.

Gary asked what time of year is this?

Mike Haffner said it's March 22 through the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mike asked is this an annual event.

Cody said it is the world's largest paving expo.

Mike Haffner said it moves state to state and I'm not sure when the next one would be.

Mike asked do you know anyone else that has attended this?

Mike Haffner said Nate Jenkins from Asphalt Materials is going.

Mike said I mean that has attended in the past?

Mike Haffner said none of us at the highway.

Mike said I know you haven't.

Tom asked does Joe Copeland have any experience with this conference?

Mike Haffner said he's heard of it but he's never actually went to it because he was under the situation that every where he's been he's had experienced personnel.

Mike said I think it would be valuable if it would be valuable, until you know whether it's valuable. I would think you could find somebody that's been to tell you whether it's valuable or not.

Tom Keros said I've been to about every one of them for about the last 15 years, it's basically a trade show and they have classes on the side for a little bit of everything, they have an expo set up with booths for all the different equipment companies and all that and then they also have the classes set up. Almost every paving company goes every year. Like Milestone would have their employees taking classes, so I would think from that point of view, if their going every year. I say every year, it's every fourth year it's in Vegas and combined with the Ag expo.

Mike Haffner said the cost is in that \$550, \$560 per person and that gets you in every day and unlimited access to any of the training.

Tom Keros said with all the bigger contractors going every year and taking their personnel being trained I would assume that it's worth it.

Mike said if you believe that the highway department can get some good out of it and the return on the investment is worth it, then I wouldn't have an objection to you going.

Mike Haffner said let me do some more research and then I will bring it back to you at another meeting and give you an update. There might be situation where we can get a sponsor and it wouldn't cost us anything but hotel expense.

#### **Duane Petry – Place for ambulance**

Duane said since Culberson is no longer in business and covering Union Township, I've got a hold of Farmland about getting an ambulance set up over there and what they've come up with so far is taking their grass truck and draining the water out of it and parking it in another unheated building to make room for us in their fire department but they said that would only be temporary because the end of March, first of April they'd want their grass truck back in service and they've got a board meeting tonight they wanted someone there to see what we were expecting or more details on what we were going to do and if we would kick in some money for the added expense for heat and water. That's where were at with that right now, someone said

Carolyn Holiday has got a pole barn next to the American Legion so I've been trying to get a hold of her to see if it's available or not.

Tom asked is that the old upholstery shop or another building?

Duane said I have no idea.

Laura said it's that brick building, but I think she has it rented right now.

Duane said I'm not sure, I just know that somebody said she has a building that could possibly work if it was available.

Mike said I would think we could pursue the fire department location on a temporary basis just to see how it works, I'm not sure what the plan would be. Can you come up with a plan?

Duane said yes, I'm kind of thinking at 8:00 am the crew would come to Winchester and clock in get in the ambulance and go to Farmland and they're there until midnight and about quarter till they drive back to Winchester and clock out. That way we are not putting more money into supplies over there, we make sure they have enough supplies during the day and then when they come back they can restock the truck and go from there. Go from there and see how it works out.

Gary asked is there a staging area there for the employees?

Duane said I think we would have to put a couple recliners or something in there. They've got a kitchen area and there's a tv in there. But they wouldn't be sleeping there so they would just need a couple chairs to sit in and I think that's about it. Then we're not spending the \$12,500.00 for Culberson to cover that so there's some money there to take care of some of that expense.

Gary asked has there been any conversation with Reid or with Henry County for any coverage?

Duane said Reid said they would do mutual aid if they were available. I think their hands are full with covering Wayne County themselves with getting enough personnel, I haven't talked to Henry County yet.

Gary asked is Reid staged in Hagerstown?

Duane said yes. My understanding is they are using the same building that Culberson used.

Mike said Reid has taken over all of Wayne County except for Richmond. I guess as far as what we would pay, I would start with them telling us what they would like us to pay and then we're go from there. I don't know what those expenses are going to be for them.

Duane said I told them, it's already heated because you've got it heated so the trucks don't freeze up and their comment was yes, but we don't keep it that warm. It's warm enough to keep them

form freezing but maybe not warm enough for people to be in there all the time. Do you want me to go to the meeting tonight?

Mike asked, can you?

Duane said yes.

Tom asked would you like one of us to go along?

Duane said probably so.

Gary said this is my night to be there anyway, so if you want me to go.

Duane said okay, I will just meet you there.

Mike said you might remind them that we just gave them a piece of highway equipment too. That sounds like a pretty good plan and it gives us time to find an alternative plan.

**Other Business:**

**Art Movstner, Randolph County Sheriff**

Art said I shared an email this morning with the commissary report in it for July through December. I would share with you and I shared in the email that we had ordered a vehicle last year about mid-year, it was supposed to be here in October, it arrived last Friday. We will be going down to pick it up so the balance in that account is about \$28,000 or \$29,000 less at the end of this week. The other thing I would share with you I had received information regarding the body cam grant for Indiana, that will open up tentatively Wednesday or tomorrow and run through February, we will put in for it. From the figures I am looking at with it, if you have an existing body camera program, they will give you up to \$400.00 per officers. If you don't have one then it's \$800.00 per officer. I think that grant is going to be pretty slim but we will put in for it because I believe everything helps. I wanted to give you that information, it looks like the max amount we will be able to receive out of that grant is \$7,200.00.

Mike asked do you need anything from us for that?

Art said I do not. I am going to give that to Chris Shaneyfelt and fill that out through the intelligigrants. I would also share that I had submitted three for four months ago for another grant for body camera's through a small rural tribal county type organization for body cams, we were turned down on that grant. Also, I believe I emailed everyone, we had another officer that resigned at the first of the year. We're in the process of doing an application process for that, we posted something on face book but apparently had been taken down, I have to contact them to see why information is not being allowed out there. We were in violation of community standards, I'm not sure how.

Tom said I had a former Sheriff contact me about a corner stone that is out by the radio tower, in the old Sheriff's building when it was torn down this plaque, it's a pretty large plaque like 4 x 8.

Mike said it's not a plaque, it's a foundation.

Tom said it's a 4 x 8 piece of soft lime stone that's deteriorating, it's engraved with the names of the people.

Art said of the old jail I believe.

Tom said anyway it's deteriorating, its out in the open and I told this previous Sheriff that if he had a plan for trying to preserve it somehow to come to a meeting and talk to us about it. I just wanted to make you aware of that. You might look at it, you might have some idea of how to preserve it.

Art said he had contacted me also. The only two things that I know that you would be able to do is one move it the basement where no one would be able to see it, the other is and I don't know what it would cost would be to either have it raised and encapsulated somehow so it's protected or move it over by the flag pole there at the Sheriff's office and set it on some type of pedestal but again it would have to be.

Mike said the past Sheriff came to see me as well and I went down and I did take a picture of it and his suggestion was that it be raised and a glass cabinet be built at the front door to house this. I'm just wondering why some what a plexiglass cabinet to protect it couldn't be built where it sits just to cover it to keep out of the weather. His concern is the weather is deteriorating the carvings in it that has the names and everything in it but if you covered that.

Art said I'm not sure who would do that or who to even contact.

Tom said it would take a piece of pretty thick plexiglass but it would scratch over time. There are different options, is it worth preserving, do we want to spend resources to do this. I assume it was saved. Maybe even the tourism, I don't know if the tourism would get involved in this or if it would make it to complicated if we get a lot of people involved. I just wanted you to be aware of it and I guess you already were.

Art said he had stopped to see me and it was something we were going to look at. I guess I could try to ask around to see if I can find somebody that actually does anything like that and maybe get a quote to you guys. I know we wouldn't have that type of thing in our budget.

Mike said in your time you might be able to pursue that. I don't know if the Historical Society might put you in line with somebody that could do that.

Art said I might make a call to a couple of people I know to see if they can at least point me in the right direction.

Mike said okay, if you need any assistance with that I would be glad to help you. I think that a corner stone of that nature should be something that I don't think we should move into the basement. I think it should be something that should be saved, if not preserved, at least protected. It's an unusual corner stone. I don't know how deep it goes.



Art said I'm not sure how thick it is, I was thinking three or four inches.

Mike said is that all it is.

Art said it could be more than that.

Mike said restoring the Methodist Church cornerstone and each one is about the size of that desk you're sitting at. They are pretty good sized.

Art said it may go a lot deeper than I thought, I don't know.

**Minutes of 10-18-21**

Mike said we received a copy of these minutes via email. Are there any corrections deletions or additions to those minutes?

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

**LOW claim \$59,926.00**

Mike said LOW is basically the county's financial suite, license support and maintenance for a total of \$59,926.00.

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

**Group Insurance Claim \$500,000.00**

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

**Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Comm claim \$4,838.20**

Mike said this the group we are involved with, with Fayette, Henry, Randolph, Rush, Union and Wayne County's. I think from a planning standpoint the Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission is continuing to grow and continuing to offer services to all the counties involved and I would recommend that we continue to be a participant in this group.

Gary made a motion that we continue and pay the claim of \$4,838.20. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**MPX Claim \$27,000.00**

**MPX Claim \$9,628.15**

**Pyramid Claim \$4,000.00**

**Pyramid Claim \$233.28**

**Pyramid Claim \$2,280.00**

**Pyramid Claim \$8,000.00**

**MPX Change Order 03C-02**

Mike asked do we want to continue to table these claims.

Gary said yes.

Mike asked are you okay with that Tom?

Tom said yes.

### **Commissioner Appointments**

Mike said do we want to go through and make our appointments and approve them all at once or do we want to do them one at a time?

Gary said I think we should make our changes and then approve them all at once.

Mike said the first item is the Airport Board and Tyler Martin's term expired at the end of December and I talked to Tyler and Tyler would like to continue to serve as an Airport Board member. I would recommend we appoint him. Unless you disagree, we will move on. The other Airport Board member is Mary Ann Lenkendofer and her term was to expire in 2023 but as you know earlier this year she submitted her letter of resignation and I have found a qualified candidate who meets the political party affiliation and I've met with him, his name is Jim Michael and Jim's a resident of Winchester, I've met with Jim and he is very interested in serving on the Airport Board, I would recommend we appoint Jim Michael to replace Mary Ann Lenkendofer on the board. He currently serves the City of Winchester Board of Works and the law allows him to serve in both those capacities. Unless there is any objection, I would nominate Jim Michael to replace Mary Ann Lenkendofer. Hearing none we will move on. Airport manager, Eric Livingston. Alcohol Beverage Commission Board, Chris Lay. Area Planning Board, Tom Chalfant. Area Planning Board citizen, Don Calhoun does not expire until 2023. Building Maintenance Supervisor, Jake Donham. Building Commissioner/Area Planning Director, Randy Abel. BZA Board Citizen members, Drew Cleveland and John Peacock. Community Correction's Board, Michael Wickersham. Community and Family Service, Ann Marie Brown.

Gary said she has resigned so we will need to find a replacement.

Mike said you know that committee pretty, well don't you?

Gary said I will see if I can find someone.

Mike said I do know that they do the Christmas baskets.

Gary said they don't do that anymore.

Mike said the Computer committee consist of the President of the Commissioner's, President of the Council, IT personnel, Auditor and Treasurer. I'm not sure we're that active or need to be that active if Five Star is taking care of our needs. I guess one thing this committee could do is

investigate and consider the replacement of our web site, if that's creating issues for county personnel.

Laura said I did talk to the current people that carry it, Ted and they corrected the issues that were going on, the errors. I think we are okay at this point.

Mike said County Attorney, Meeks Cockerill. Economic Development Board, Mike Wickersham. Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, Mike Wickersham. Unless there is a lot of interest in another Commissioner serving in those capacities, I would continue to serve in those capacities. Hearing no objection, we'll go on. Emergency Management 911 Director, Chris Shaneyfelt. Emergency Management Advisory Board, Gary Girton. Emergency Management District 6 Planning Council, Jennifer Hendrickson. Emergency Management District Panning Oversight Committee, Gary Girton. Emergency Medical Service Director, as we all know Diane has retired and we at a recent meeting appointed Duane Petry there, so I would nominate him to that position. 4-H Incorporated and Extension, Tom Chalfant. Grievance Complaints, the President of the Commissioners. Health Department Director, that expires in 2023 and is now Kenneth Sowinski. The Health Department Board expires in 2022 is Mindy Winningham. Health Department Board expires in 2023, Kelly Campbell. Health Department Board expires in 2024, Rick Fisher. Health Department Board expires in 2024, Shirly Small. Health Department Board expires in 2023 is Phillip Howell. Health Department Board expires in 2022, Joe Edmunds. Health Department Board expires in 2023, Samantha Morris. Highway Supervisor, Mike Haffner. Highway Office Administrator, Erin Bleichrodt. Insurance Committee, Gary Girton. Internal Controls Oversight Committee, Commissioner President, Council President + one member of Council, Auditor, Clerk and Treasurer. I presume that Council will appoint their one member to that position tomorrow. Right now, it's myself, Gary Friend, Max Holaday, Laura Martin, Mindy Peed and Debbie Preston. L&M Regional Water Board, Lorra Dee Jessup, that expires in 2023. Local Emergency Planning Committee, Gary Girton. Personnel Committee, Gary Girton. Randolph County Central Dispatch, Gary Girton. Randolph County Redevelopment Commission, Brody Tarter, Dallas Osting and Jentry Flesher. Region Six Executive Council Work One, Mike Wickersham. Solid Waste Board, the three of us. Tourism Board, Jennette Sickels, her term expired 12/31/21, Angie Martin expired 12/31/21, Owen Griffith expires 12/31/21 and I've not heard from Scottie Harvey, the Tourism Director as to whether or not they want to continue to serve in that position or whether the Tourism Board has any other nominations to come forward.

Tom said Lori Comer also expired.

Mike said Lori Comer expired 12/31/21. If you don't object I will reach out to Scottie this week to see if she has any answer's as to whether they want to continue to serve or whether they have other names available. The other two Marla Threewitts and Ruth Zicht.

Tom said maybe we should change those terms, I don't know how they all ended up the same year, maybe two, two and two.

Meeks said I don't think you can, that was decided when that was formed.

Mike said Veteran's Officer, Bethany Sibert. All the libraries in the county have expiration terms beyond this year and beyond, three of them expire in 2022. Then it comes to our liaison's,

I am the liaison for the Airport, the Jail and 911, I am the liaison for the Health Department. Tom you are the liaison for, the Highway Department and EMS. I am the liaison for the Courthouse and the Community Corrections building. Gary you are the liaison for the RCFFO Building. Tom you are the liaison for Soil and Water. I'm for Winchester, Gary you're for Union City. Tom for Farmland. Gary for Lynn, Gary for Saratoga. Tom for Parker City, Modoc, Losantville. I'm for Ridgeville. Tom for Albany. That concludes our appointments and representations throughout the county and if there are no objections to the names as stated, other than the Tourism Board, I would entertain a motion to approve those as updated today.

Gary made a motion to approve the Commissioner's appointments as stated. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Additional Appropriations:**

**General**

Baker Tilly

\$20,000.00

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

**General – Extension**

Program Expenses

\$7441.04

Gary made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$7441.04. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**EDIT**

Achieva

\$5000.00

Washington Twp. Library

\$13,086.00

Gary made a motion to approve these two additional appropriations in EDIT. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Highway**

Hwy Engineer – Contract

\$67,000.00

Gary made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for the Hwy Engineer contract. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Auditor's Platbook**

Rebinding Books

\$1000.00

Gary made a motion to approve this additional appropriation as presented. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Wheel Tax**

Bridge Repair

\$500,000.00

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

**Mike Wickersham- New Lisbon email regarding fiber conduit at Headwater's II**

Mike said over the holidays I received an email from Steve Barnes regarding our conduit in the Headwater's II Windfarm. I will share this email. "John Green and I would like to have a discussion after the first of the year about what the Commissioner's want to do with the fiber conduit that was put in the latest windfarm. We know that the county had the conduit installed with the hopes of making internet easier in that area of the county. New Lisbon did win the rural digital opportunity funds for that area and we will be building fiber to the homes in the whole area where the last windfarm was built. We have the map of where the conduit is and need to have an informal discussion with the Commissioners before a final decision is made. What funds was put into the conduit and what the county needs to partner with New Lisbon, so that the conduit is used. The placement of some of the conduit is not very usable as the windfarm put it where they were going, which in many instances was away from homes. We are trying to serve the homes so we will have to take that into consideration. When could we meet or how would you like to proceed in this matter. I didn't have an answer for him.

Tom said I've been called by John.

Mike said do you want to meet with them and talk with them?

Tom said yes, I would be glad to. We've still been talking to some of the land owners to try to talk them into signing the leases.

Mike asked is that okay with you Gary?

Gary asked how many of those were not settled, I thought we had all but a couple?

Tom said there is still close to half of the land. Probably six or seven land owners, some of them are multiple tracks.

Mike said it sounds like more needs to be put in as well.

Tom said possibly although, I don't know how. New Lisbon would probably do that, they would have to go along the right a way to the houses from the junction boxes we installed.

**Tom Chalfant-Former Sheriff Bud Harris request**

Tom said Mr. Chairman, I noticed we have a former Sheriff that just came in. We might update him on our discussion.

Mike said good morning Bud. We earlier discussed the corner stone at the jail and I took a picture of it and I don't know what happened to it. It is in our opinion that we should try and do something to preserve it but we are not sure where that goes so we've asked our current Sheriff; do you know him?

Bud said yes.

Mike said we've asked him to look into a way to preserve it. My thought Bud was that as opposed to your thought of maybe moving and putting out front of the jail, we just try and protect it where it is. That might be simpler and obviously less expensive and it wouldn't necessarily be as prominent but it would also not be something that could be subject to damage as easy. Art is going to investigate what we can do and how we can do it, we'll see where it goes from there.

Bud said thank you.

Mike said we appreciate you bringing it to our attention. You don't know how thick that is do you?

Bud said probably 4 inches. I'm just guessing probably 3" wide and 4" thick and probably 3' tall. Whenever there is rain it gets into the cracks and then it will freeze, and it is deteriorating really fast. It's been there for years. It ought to be preserved I think.

Mike said the names and dates are still visible but there is some deterioration in the stone if anyone wants to look at a picture, I have a picture here. We will see how it goes and see what Art reports back to us.

**Citizen Comments**

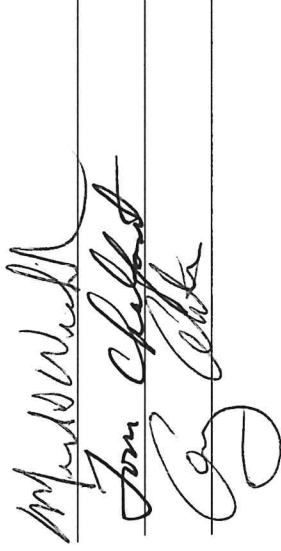
None


**Adjournment**

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

Reviewed and signed this 21 day of March, 2022.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



ATTEST:   
Latra J Martin, Auditor of Randolph County