

Randolph County Commissioners

October 18, 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 Attorney Tom Cockerill.

Michael Wickersham, President presided over the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Jake Donham – Job description changes

Mike said the first item on the agenda is Jake Donham, facilities manger with job description change, changing from the Commissioner's to the Courthouse and from the courthouse to the RCFFO building. I think you described this to us at the last meeting. These are the official changes.

Jake said yes.

Mike asked if anyone had any questions on these, they are just in title only.

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

Mike asked does anyone have any question for Jake?

Tom asked are we going to have heat this winter?

Jake said absolutely, so far everything is right on target looking good at both buildings, the old hospital is looking good too. Boilers don't usually fire, they are set for 50 degrees or colder and this morning they were cooking. Everything is pretty flawless. The only other thing I do have, I'm still trying to fill some positions. On one of my part time positions, I'm looking a high school kid possibly. In talking with the Auditor's office, it was brought to my attention and it may have just been overlooked the years or nobody has looked at hiring a high school kid, it's written into the salary ordinance that any high school kid or anybody on the ice program is to only make minimum wage, which is \$7.25 in the state of Indiana. I know this is going to be more toward Council but I wanted to your attention maybe for some support on trying to get that changed. In talking with Paula, she said it would be a lot easier to stream line that and if we do hire a part time high school kid, make it the same part time pay. Obviously, the kid's, I think they have to be 18, I know Diana Sutliff is looking at one, she has a kid who is 17, he's soon to be 18 next month, but this summer he took the EMT classes, so he's ready to go certified as soon as he turns 18 and she is looking at hiring him to do fill ins.

Mike said it says maximum?

Jake said it says it says minimum wage.

Mike said I don't know why we wouldn't if they are qualified treat them as any other part time employee that we hire.

Tom asked is 17-year-old instead of 18 years, is that a problem.

Mike said it probably would be for some departments.

Jake said Diana looked at it and her's was insurance related. They had to be at least 18 before they could actually work and be on the truck. He's been doing job shadowing on his days off he's been coming in doing job shadowing just to get familiar with the people and stuff but that's where he wants to work.

Mike said if your looking for support from us, we would give you that support to change the salary ordinance.

Jake said I am going to talk to the Council and bring that to their attention as well and see if we can get that changed.

Mike said is there any age requirement's in the job descriptions your looking at?

Jake said for me no. Obviously, as long as they can drive, it would be okay with me. And it might be where we need to look at the insurance to see if they have to be 18. I am guessing that might be our only issue.

Mike asked can you check on that Laura?

Laura said yes.

Jake said thanks to the Auditor's office, this is part of my job I don't like, is filling positions and changing positions but if you go there they will find the answer for you.

Sherri, Health Department – Grant applications, Web site

Sherri said one of the reasons I'm here today is to talk about a grant that we would like to apply for, the grant, which I know Laura has a copy showing the break down and how that all works. The grant is for \$110,000.00, in that it says it would be a full-time position but we would not do that. We would like to hire two part time positions with that money, the money is advanced, it's not something that the county would need to cover, the position is for at least a year and then the option to extend it for two years, but we would like to hire two part time people to be a liaison between the schools. They would help with contact tracing, they would make sure the schools are following their procedures that they need to follow and then they would also after the position, I know that the contact tracing and things like that are going to come back to the health

department. So, they would also help the health department with that type of thing too. So, we would like permission to apply for this grant.

Mike said the requested amount of \$110,000.00 does it cover one year or two?

Sherri said that is one year.

Mike said you have two grant years listed.

Sherri said that is with the option of at the end of the one year, we have an option to do a second year. I just included that because I am not sure what date's they are going to start that. We don't have a definitive date yet.

Mike said on page two of your explanation, it says by coordinating and help with resource needed and insurer and I can't read the rest of that.

Sherri said to ensure that they meet all the deadlines that are supposed to be met.

Mike said that all deadlines are met.

Sherri said yes.

Mike said I know Dr. Sowinski meets with the superintendents of schools, are they aware you are going to offer this service?

Sherri said we actually met with the nurses on Friday and talked with them and they feel like that would be a very good resource for them to get a better handle on what's going on in the schools with Covid.

Gary said it sounds like a good idea to me.

Tom made a motion to approve the application of this grant. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Sherri said the other thing is we are looking at a web site and I believe that the people are here today to talk to you about a county web site possibly but we are possibly looking at a web site for the health department through the same company and it's all done through the state. The state takes care of all of the money, they pay for everything, we don't have to pay for any of that. That is one of the other things we would like to discuss.

Mike asked is that Emily and Mike White, is that the Indiana Government web site?

Sherri said yes.

Mike said okay, we will see where that takes us.

Sherri said I think everything else is going well, we've had a few little bumps with the test site and the food pantry, but we will try to work that out with them.

Mike asked do our numbers seem to be stable?

Sherri said yes, they are going down, they are not going down as fast as the state numbers are but they are going down.

Mike said that is good news.

Adam Wilson – Micro soft licenses and laptop quotes

Adam said I think we already got the Microsoft licenses resolved. I was thinking we were going to have to spend a little more than I thought but I ended up being able to get that worked out, so we are okay there. On the lap top quotes, I spoke a little bit with the Council to just do a quick verbal survey about how they felt about having lap tops for elected officials and it was a pretty overwhelming yes that they would rather have a County lap top to do their county work on. I think that holds true for all the elected officials really, if were going to go through anymore time like we did with Covid again, I think having that ability to work from home is going to be essential for all of our elected officials. That's what that quote is for, there are three different types of computers there. I would recommend the model from CDW that was like \$25,000.00. I would request \$30,000.00 just to make sure I am covered on any changes that happen, there is a lot of flex in the laptop market right now.

Mike asked your recommending the Lenovo?

Adam said yes, it would be this machine (Adam held up the lap top he is using), this small version here.

Mike said we did this when those machines were a lot bigger.

Adam said you ordered a different type machine that did a lot more and honestly this is all you need, you don't need that big huge machine that does a bunch.

Mike said with the ability to work at home they would need network connection as well.

Adam said yes.

Mike said that is kind of what we ran into the last time.

Adam said if we wanted to cover that these machines have the ability to have a network card put in them for like cell phones. If we wanted to do that for elected officials it would be completely up to you guys but we could do that.

Tom said not do all of them but just those that were in an area that needs it.

Adam said yes, we could do that with a contract with Verizon or something like that.

Mike said we wouldn't have to do that when we buy these would we?

Adam said no, if that concern came up then I would come to you guys and say there are a few people that need that.

Mike said the one we bought last time I didn't use, I gave it back.

Adam said right, so what was the reason you ended up giving it back?

Mike said I think it was a think pad, it was just too big and I didn't like them. I used my own and I would probably continue to do that.

Adam said that would be up to you for sure, I did have people that wanted it and some people, most of the Council were really into it.

Mike said if the Council is interested in buying them, I don't have a problem with it. Mike asked Laura, you're an elected official do you think it would be a good thing?

Laura said unless we have another issue where we have to work from home, I don't necessarily have to have a laptop to do my job. Fred took one of those that you guys had turned back in and set up for me so I could keep up on my email and such when we were taking turns taking days off during Covid. I since have given that to Paula because hers crashed.

Mike said her laptop crashed?

Laura said yes and she used it for new hires, so I gave her the one I had. I see where it could be handy to have but it is not a necessity at this time.

Mike asked is the mini dock just expanded usb ports, is that what that is?

Adam said no, it actually, a lot of people is uncomfortable using just a laptop as their only computer, what it does is you can set your laptop in it and plug it in and have your monitor, keyboard and everything will work with it. It would replace their current computer and that would repurpose that current computer out to those that need replacements.

Laura said I forgot you said that you were going to take my desktop. So, it would be a laptop at my desk instead of the desktop tower and then if I needed to I could take it home.

Adam said it's one machine wherever you're at basically.

Mike said so were not buying new towers then?

Adam said most elected officials have been prioritized and have newer towers right now, so what will happen is I will take those towers out, we'll use their monitor and keyboard and everything

and hook it up to these laptops. Then I'll take those towers and repurpose them to where they're really needed.

Mike said I think earlier you quoted us and ordered new towers.

Adam said yes, we been putting those out, I've replaced almost 60 machines.

Mike asked we'll save some money on some of those towers?

Adam said we actually have several machines that needed replaced anyway, even though they have windows 10 on them. Remember I did that survey over what machines had Windows 7 and so on and that is what we replaced. Some people had already upgrated their computers to Windows 10 even though they were older. So, we have machines out there that are from 2012, 2013 that have Windows 10 on them and those are running slow and they are machines that people are using everyday all the time.

Mike said so we are not going to save any money?

Adam said we're not, we have lots of work to do.

Tom asked where would this money come from?

Mike said we would let Council decide that.

Tom said okay.

Mike said I don't see it to be economic development and I don't see it to be windfarm, I don't see it to be ARPA funds. We don't have any other funds to deal with.

Tom made a motion to approve the purchase of laptops for the Elected Officials. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Brandon Wright, FiveStar – Sophos and Phishing Campaign quote

Laura said Brandon sent me an email and said he was on vacation this week.

Adam said this is Five Star stuff but if you have questions that I can answer, I would be glad to help.

Tom said do we have a quote?

Laura said yes, I sent it to you last week.

Mike said the phishing campaign was \$6000.00 I believe and that basically is just to test our employees.

Adam said there is some training there as well.

Mike said the service is \$6,000.00 and the product is \$7000.00 and that total is \$13,000.00, \$6000.000 for training and testing and then the Sophos central intercept.

Adam said that is something we do need because our Semantic end point licensing runs out in November, we need to purchase that Sophos or we will not have end point licensing.

Mike said it is just a different product then what we been buying every year?

Adam said that's right and honestly the Semantic doesn't do a very good job for us. That Sophos is what their security professionals are familiar with, I would suggest we use that just for that reason. Because that's what they know and if that's what their wanting to support, I would suggest that we do that. As far as the phishing campaign goes, we did this same sort of thing over at Meridian Health Services and it was really successful, what it does is it identifies the people that are most susceptible to a phishing attack, the people that are willing to buy the bad emails, that kind of stuff and then gives you training for those people. To teach them what they are not looking at and not seeing and the biggest weakness in the County cyber security wise is the people. That's what they are attacking right now is our people.

Mike said the attacks are not even thrown into the suspicious emails all the time.

Adam said no they're not and that has to do with us getting, that's a big part of us moving to Microsoft. Then we can utilize Microsoft to mitigate some of that and stop some of that. I won't said it will be 100% but it will be a lot better than it is now.

Mike asked Angela, do we have any Cum cap funds available?

Angela said the Commissioner's do in your lines.

Mike said you heard Adam, Adam said the Sophos is going to replace what we have, I don't know if we have a budgetary line item for that. To pay that subscription every year.

Angela said I know you would have that, I don't know how much.

Mike asked is that where that normally comes from, a subscription service?

Angela said not from Cum cap, no.

Mike asked where does it come from?

Angela said it comes out of the Commissioner's budget, out of general, we have a computer maintenance contract.

Mike asked how much is in there, do you know?

Angela said we only budget in there what we need, there is no excess. I can do a transfer.

Mike said my question is if what we have is expiring then have we not enlisted Five Star we would have been paying a subscription fee to the new company when it expired in November.

Angela said I think we pay it with Zimbra.

Laura said it does expire in November, I checked on it.

Angela said but do we just pay it with Zimbra? I don't know.

Laura said I checked with Danita and we paid it last November, it was almost \$7000.00.

Mike said let's verify that and then it expires in November and we make our decision in November then we'll be okay.

Adam said yes, sure. Remember whenever you make a decision there's a lot of payment stuff to go through and I'm not sure they will be willing to give it to us for a month. We may have to pay for it.

Mike said we will make a decision on November 1st.

Adam said again your running the risk of going without.

Mike said if you think it is \$7000.00 we can approve it today and go ahead and get it paid for.

Adam said that would be optimal.

Tom made a motion to approve the purchase of the Sophos Central Intercept for one-year subscription at the amount of \$7038.28. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said do we want to put a hold on the phishing and other situation or do you want to go ahead and move on that? When would that start do you think if we were to put that in place?

Adam said I couldn't speak for them to be honest. I know how much we've got going, how many moving parts we've got going and user overload could become a problem if we began it before the beginning of the year. Probably January.

Mike said so why don't we let them come back and present to us and decide at that time.

Adam said I think that's a great idea.

Emily Stace– IN. Gov Web Portal

Emily said as Sherri eluded to I work with the state government and I represent the IN. Gov web portal and web services and we have partnered with NIC Indiana to be able to offer the same web sites we manage for the state agencies such as the BMV, Department of Revenue, Department of Natural Resources, same sites, same services for local government. That includes all Counties,

towns, cities, townships as well and we have already begun working with Sherri as she mentioned on a special initiative for our local Health web sites. That is sponsored through Cares Act funding and the State Department of Health as she mentioned it is completely free. In general, our local government services are offered at the low cost of \$100.00 per month for all hosting services, cyber security, 75 pages, content management system and payment processing. If any of the departments do take payment processing, we offer that free included in this package. We offer a choice of two award winning templates, the marketing and informational template and I do have some of them pulled up, I just don't know if my screen is too small, let me pull it up and turn it around.

Mike said they would be similar to the BMV?

Emily said yes, absolutely.

Mike said or the Secretary of State?

Emily said yes. The same design the same templates. We offer google analytics as well as funnel back, accessibility compliance with 508 using site improve and browse allowed tool bar. All of this is included in that base package, so it comes to an annual cost of \$1,200.00 for those services. You actually already have a Randolph.in.gov domain, I believe you are using it for email, so this would just be able to take full advantage of your web site.

Mike said okay.

Emily asked do you have any questions for me, I tend to go through this speak a little fast?

Tom said how long of a contract is the state willing to go out for?

Emily said it is not a contract. We hope you love us and stay with us forever but if you find you need to go in a different direction you can.

Tom said I assume you anticipate keeping this cost very reasonable going forward?

Emily said absolutely, we do not actually make money on this. All of the cost is passed through to our partner, we want to be able to offer services.

Mike said are there any other counties that have switched over?

Emily said we have been speaking to some counties, we were at the annual Indiana Associations of Indiana Counties conference to speak to counties but we are looking for our first county to be willing to sign on fully with us.

Mike said I guess the Health Department is going to have one, if the County had one and then you indicated Winchester could have one.

Emily said Winchester could have one as well, yes and Union City and Farmland.

Mike asked could the Highway Department have one?

Emily said the Highway Department could have one but I would recommend to minimize costs they utilize a page on the County web site. But you have control over your own content as well. We have a very nice content management system. I'm not technical and I can use it. We provide training for up to ten administrator's and we have a very good reference guide. I've used it many times. Any department that had a page would be able to have their own administrator to manage their own content as well. You could have up to 75 pages per website, so that way you would just be paying the \$100.00 per month for all of those departments. If they wanted their own site we could do that as well.

Tom said it would be easy to find if you go to the portal, all the subheadings would be easy to direct to?

Emily said yes, absolutely. With our two different templets you have a menu across the top and then this one is a hamburger menu and it drops down. Then you can see we also have on the other templet, there is a drop-down menu, so you could have the departments across the top or across the left side and they would be there on the first page.

Mike said honestly, I don't know how many pages we have now. I don't know if 75 is what we deal with or if 75 is twice as much as we use.

Emily said it definitely looks as if you are within the 75 on your current site.

Mike said I think we ought to take it under consideration.

Gary said I do too.

Mike said do you have any sites that you would recommend that we look at?

Emily said I believe I emailed them to Laura but I can certainly email them again. We have several health departments and Sheriff's and the Town of New Whiteland and my personal favorite is the Town of Sandborn. I know I'm not supposed to play favorites. I can email all those to Laura.

Mike said are they different templates?

Emily said yes.

Mike said the Town of New Whiteland and the Town of Sandborn, those would be the two templates you would offer?

Emily said yes. Another thing to note is that mobile responsive design is standard in our templates, it will look just as pretty if you pull it up on a phone or tablet.

Mike said it sounds like an opportunity to save money and I've not heard any complaints about our website of late but I have had them in the past. I think it is worth looking at these two towns and see where it takes us. Do you want to table it until the first meeting in November?

Gary said that will be fine. I will move that we table it.

Jim Nunez – Mardi Gras Thank you

Jim said I would like to start out with a ceremonial ribbon (Jim handed out 75th Winchester Mardi Gras ribbons). These are collector's items because they are 75 years of Mardi Gras down town. We have had a lot of very good success down town. I know that Erol Klem is in the audience here, his dream about using the plaza really came full circle. I was on the committee for the bicentennial plaza and all the other bicentennial things that happened in Randolph County and it just made my heart full when we had all these people using the bicentennial plaza and for the 75-year celebration for Mardi Gras. Some of the people didn't even know it was there. They Mayor and I we bought the flags to be flown because the ones that were there tethered and the Mayor bought the United States flag and I bought the Indiana flag and Jake put them up for us just before the ceremony and it was just beautiful. God was good to us, we had good weather. It rained a little bit before the Mardi Gras but we just had fantastic weather. I would say we had record breaking attendance on Saturday, it's kind of reminded you of the olden days. We have a lot of reunions here in town, a lot of families have reunions, was very successful, we got a lot of comments on how Winchester has changed and how it's grown and how Randolph County a lot of them came and seen their home town. We all have festivals, Farmland, Union City and it's just great to have something here that people just kind of talk, they just sit there on the plaza and chat. That is what it was meant for. You guys letting us use this facility every year really makes it full circle. It means a lot that WCCPC can use this. We just wanted to really thank you guys for letting us do this and next year Mardi Gras is going to be October 5 through October 8th.

Mike said we're glad to help you out, the citizens and WCCPC, it's a good organization and it's a good event. Kudo's to Mr. Klem while he's here, it was his idea to do that, I wasn't all for it in the beginning, he and I had some conversations. We were able to support that as well as the as Tourism Commission supported that. Good project.

Jim said there is a lot of people here that supported it and what I really liked is how the FFA, they at the last minute wanted to do something and those kids sold out on a lot of the stuff. A lot of the churches participated. It's not just us, it's a lot of organizations that really profit from this and they look forward to Mardi Gras.

Mike said we look forward to it next year. Thank you, Jim.

Chris Beasley, EDPR - release of funds and Riverstart road restoration

Mike asked do we have the windfarm road use agreement back.

Laura said yes, they signed it and sent us a copy.

Mike said so we can release those funds?

Angela said yes, as soon as you sign the claim.

Chris said do you want to start with the windfarm or the solar farm?

Mike said we can do windfarm.

Chris said as far as the release of those funds, is there anything further we need to do.

Mike said as long as we've got a signed copy of the road use agreement, I think everything is about done down there anyway.

Chris said there is one section of road that won't be restored until next year because the delay of the restoration at the lay down yard. But apart from that it is all moving forward.

Mike said I think we have a claim that we will sign this morning.

Chris said on the solar park, I took your feed back from the last meeting and made some changes to the plan. I sent those out to you all last Thursday via email and we are looking at all restoration activities will take place this fall, so were hoping to break ground tomorrow. Two miles of 300 W between 600 S and State Hwy 36 will be asphalt paved, where we had them as chip seal previously. One mile of 850 S that planning to be paved will not be spot repaired, that's chip seal road now. The county will take over the chip and seal scope of work and EDPR will pay \$60,000.00 to the Highway Department to help pay for that chip and seal work and miscellaneous repairs that they might want to do on their own. I think those changes bring us to a good middle ground and I think it's a really good restoration plan for that area. I am hoping we can get your approval to move forward with getting started on this restoration and then in the following meetings we will come back with an actual road agreement amendment to be executed.

Mike said I am in agreement to it. I talked to Mike Haffner and Mike is nodding his head yes back there, he is in agreement to it as well. I think it is a good compromise.

Gary said it meets our needs and meets what we requested, I think it is going to make for a good final summation of that particular part of the county. Right now, it has a lot of issues.

Chris said yes, it will look a lot better when it's all done.

Gary said yes it will.

Mike ask do you want an official action today or just our consensus to allow you to go ahead and proceed.

Chris said I think just a consensus, we would need to have the agreement itself for an official action.

Mike said we are in agreement with it.

Tom said we did get a request from a lady for reimbursement for hitting a pot hole for \$87.00. If your interested, you might talk to Laura about that if you have funds to do that it might make that lady feel a lot better. It was a pot hole around the solar farm.

Chris said I will look into that.

Mike said I can email you the request.

Ceann Bales, RCU, Steve Barnes - ISP tower rental rate and my quarterly update

Ceann said you can see in our minutes that our committee met, Grant Phillips who'd reached out regarding a finalization for how much rent they can start negotiating with providers and I know it was mentioned that the maximum we thought IPS providers would be willing was \$200.00. I know it was mentioned maybe \$100, \$150 but the committee after discussion decided to go with \$200 per month as a recommendation. Also, we had talked about as a committee to kind of incentivize providers to do that, to look at offering the first year free. Again, note that this is only to ISP providers, this is not in relations to cellular providers. That's going to be a totally different negotiation with a much more top dollar figure being provided. Really, the only cellular providers, the tower that we thing people will be interested in will be Hwy 1, that first tower that you guys are constructing. Not to say it won't be at the Greenville Pike location, the second tower once it's up but the other one is more of a prime location. I want to make sure we distinguish between the rent we are talking about here, between ISP fees and cellular providers. This is just a recommendation from the technology committee from last week but Grant is needing a decision so he can move forward.

Mike asked does the committee have any thoughts or opinions about how many ISP providers will be out there?

Ceann said initially we know that on the first tower, that is the one that New Lisbon is interested in and then Watch is not interested in that if you recall from our conversation. The Greenville Pike location is flipped in that Watch is interested, so we are confident we will get one, New Lisbon is not interested.

Steve said maybe.

Ceann said right now we are only confident of one but then after, as we have discussed we wanted to go to those first two local providers first and then after that we go but really the prime conversation was around that we would just have two providers on there. ISP providers, possibly three but they really were wanting to look at keeping it to two.

Mike said maybe this is a question for you Steve, is this new territory if your interested in the Davis Purdue location, is this new territory for New Lisbon?

Steve said that would be, there is both Watch and our company share, we don't share a tower, I pay rent to them for customers on a little tower at the Fairview gravel pit. It's only like a 100 foot tower and it's down in the gravel, so it's down by the river, so it's a little lower and so we would shift as many customers as we could off of that but there would still be a majority of

customers since their also in the lower area that will still have to stay to that tower but yes, we get requests between Farmland and Highway 28 and around that area, we get requests all the time that we cannot service people in that area because there is jus no vertical assets in that territory. I am kind of surprised that Watch isn't interested, I don't know why but they may eventually change as well because that Fairview location loses power about once every other week. The company US Aggregate that owns that property, no longer services customers out of there, so they turn off power a lot of the time to that location. That is the location that we have had a lot of requests for service in that area because there just isn't anything. Also, I do know that is a primary location that is needing better cellular service. If you drive up and down that area on Hwy 1 your service goes in and out all the time.

Mike said if we put two ISP's equipment on that tower, how much cellular equipment can we put on that tower?

Steve said enough to cover thousands of customers.

Mike asked more than one cellular provider?

Steve said you could put two cellular providers at the top of that and they would be fine.

Mike asked if we incentivize the first year for let's just presume it is your company, would you incentivize your customers to sign on the first year?

Steve said the issue is it usually takes about a year before you get any real quantity of customers, we will advertise and we will go through and put stuff all over the place. The incentivization of that would be great, it really helps the first year when you don't have a guarantee of anything off of that tower but, it is not a necessary thing but it would help. You have your initial outlay of \$10 or \$15 thousand dollars' worth of equipment that we will have to put up, prepare for that and back hauls and everything else. So, that first year, \$200.00 is not a lot but it does help before you start getting customers to provide off of that. I do have another question, we've only mentioned these two towers that are to come, is this the same process that your looking at for the other three towers that have already been built?

Ceann said the technology committee did not discuss that, that would be the Commissioner's.

Mike said we are still waiting to switch over our emergency communications on those towers before we're looking to, at least I am before we think about using that for broadband but I think the discussion would be similar. The idea is to provide internet service throughout the county and provide better cell service throughout the county. If our emergency towers could help with that we wouldn't want to really do anything to stop that. That kind of brings us to one item that's in the notes and that's about, this is the first I've heard of it but it's something that needs to be considered is those towers are going to need power, the new tower at David Purdue is going to need electricity and we haven't really talked about how it gets there and who pays for it.

Ceann said that is one of the assigned tasks for me from the technology, we were talking last Wednesday to determine how that is and so one of my first steps was to see if you knew how

those towers were powered and if you don't then there's answer one and then for me to go back to Grant and determine ideas and thoughts behind that.

Mike said the three that are existing we are going to pay the electricity bill on those but the broadband tower, I presume since it's ours we would be paying that but I have no idea how much that is.

Steve said that is not usually how it is done normally there is a provider, whether it is REMC or AEP or whatever that provides an access point to the tower and then a lot of times when and this would be a recommendation that I would have is at the new towers that you built, you put a multi-point meter base and then the individual providers have their own power off of those meter bases. We would have to trench a line over to that to wherever our equipment is inside the case and that should be how Grant proposes that as some type of a multi. If you do not have that I expect that you still have a meter at each one of those because you have power now because you have lights flashing at the top of it and so there would be power there in some type of way. Maybe you need to readjust that to where there's a place to put additional meters. I do know that if you get Verizon on any of those towers, Verizon will want their own meter.

Mike said I appreciate that.

Steve said some of them will want a spot for their own generator at that location because if it is providing critical infrastructure then they will want a generator at those locations as well.

Tom said there would be duplicate generators, you wouldn't just have one generator?

Steve said again, that is dependent on how you as Commissioner's want to set that up. Some of them do go through and provide that to the main building and then each one of them has a location out of it. If that is the case, to where you do a full generation. It is just a matter of you would have to have a generator large enough to handle multiple providers to do that and then you can charge that as part of the rent.

Tom said we are not talking about a lot of electricity if you have four or five people on a tower, what kind of needs are you talking about?

Steve said I honestly can't answer that because I don't know the Verizon equipment is very powerful and it does take quite a bit of stuff. You are correct for a wireless ISP for us, we can run ours on the smallest little Honda generator that you can get, it takes almost nothing. We power our systems for 12 hours on two 100-amp powered batteries. It doesn't take a lot to power our equipment however when you get to the point of the cellular providers that is a completely different thing that I do not have any knowledge of.

Mike said the technology committee is recommending that we establish a monthly rental rate of \$200.00 per month for ISP providers with the first year being forgiven.

Tom said how long is that \$200.00 in affect?

Ceann said I think we talked about a yearly agreement.

Gary said I think it is something that we need to do and I think we need to move forward with it.

Mike ask is that a motion?

Gary said yes.

Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Ceann said the other quick thing I wanted to bring up from the technology is the minutes number three. The reason Steve is here with me is looking at the possibility of carrying proposals to run fiber to the Speedway and to the County barn and to connect the three towers with fiber which could be financed through ARPA funds.

Mike asked have you talked to Adam?

Steve said I have talked to Adam. Adam talked to me and one of the things that he is willing to do is to add the County Highway barn into the county network to help keep things consistent and control those things. One of the issues is currently all that we have to that location is a fixed wireless connection and it is not as stable as a fiber optic connection, nor can be put inside the county's network to keep it all consistent and managed properly. As we've talked about things and Ceann and I, we've worked to try and find a way to help the Speedway with the 400 this last weekend and there is just a for a fixed wireless situation there's a big huge woods right next to the speedway and it was going to take 110-foot tower to get up over the top of that and there was just no way to do that. We looked for used towers from Ohio Valley Gas talked about it and some of the Schools and different ones and we just could not find a way to make a temporary thing happen. We're looking at different options with that and I've been approached by other counties that there are ARPA funds that can be utilized and there is a percentage of those that have to be utilized for band width, providing band width to rural areas. One of the things as that came to my mind was that the county has a need of having the county barn connected with fiber optic, there are locations along that way that have limited access to internet as well. It is a significant cost, quite a large cost for New Lisbon to build fiber out to that location, the same thing goes for the speedway and theirs been economic development discussions in the past about connecting TOA and other houses and things along that way out to there as well and it just came to my mind that this might just be an opportunity for the County to look into if that is an acceptable use for ARPA funds, to build fiber optic out to the county barn and to do the same out to the speedway and utilize federal funding to get some of the things that the county needs as well as at the same time connect the people along the way with 100 by 100 or you could bid internet service along the way and give more people different coverage. That was an option I gave to the committee, I wasn't able to be at the committee meeting, I was at a conference and so I gave them that and so they wanted me to present that to you. I don't have a sure amount in any way shape or form, it was just some ideas floated and wanted to see if the county had any appetite in that way for us to move forward with some type of a future proposal.

Gary said what road would that take going to the County Barn?

Steve said because we cannot go down 27 because 27 is a limited access highway until it hits Old 27, we would actually have to probably either come down through town, our fiber connects at Baker Elementary School, we would come down that way and come past Old Highway 27, we would pass some areas there, we have the Lake View Drive area that currently has no internet service.

Mike said Lake View Drive would be down 100?

Steve said actually we'd come back because most of their stuff was on the backside of their houses, so we would come off of Old 27. That gets us within an area as the Mayor had requested for additional services for new lots that might be over on Huntsville Pike, that gets us within ½ mile from being over to those to be able to provide service to that area.

Mike asked does Willow not have fiber?

Steve said that is clear over to that as well. We would go that way and then come down the side of the highway where we would have to get highway permits at that point, so we would be coming up past all those homes and everything and would be providing them with minimum of 100-megabit service or up to a gigabit fiber optic service all along that path. The same thing goes we have actual access to a fiber conduit here in town that goes clear out to Meridian Services that we could build to that point and then from there of course we would just go out the highway to the Speedway and would be passing right there in front of TOA where they could get fiber optic services, where they don't have currently and any of the other houses out along that way and then back to the house around the lake there at the Speedway that has no other options as well. A lot less capabilities to service multiple homes in that area but at the same time it does bring fiber optic for us through town to areas right along the highway that we could build off of. It gives a lot more capability in the future.

Mike said I would suspect that should we say that's a project that we want to pursue, that would be something that we would have to let out bids for.

Steve said I would suspect, yes.

Mike said I can't imagine it being under the bidding threshold to run fiber.

Ceann said the technology committee discussed that as well, there would be multiple proposals.

Mike said I don't know if that is something that Adam can help us with to write a bid spec for that?

Adam said if I can get Angela or Laura to help me out with that, yes.

Mike said I don't see a reason not to pursue that. If it connects the Highway Department.

Steve said I think the other thing would be considering making sure that it does fit within the scope of what your ARPA funds are capable of being used for.

Mike said I would probably want the bid document in hand to then share with Veronica at the law firm and they could give us an opinion about whether that is something ARPA funds could be used for.

Steve said I am assuming that there will be a percentage of like number of homes past and those kinds of things that would have to be involved in some of that information as well.

Gary said I think we need to move forward with that, get it in the works, we've kind of struggled here the last couple years with broadband, we'd planned to be a lot further ahead with our plan or program than we are now. I will make that as a motion.

Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Ceann said it is time for my quarterly update, I just have a few handouts. I brought a membership, we are up to 111 memberships with a little over \$56,000.00 and the goal was \$50,000.00. The staff has done a good job bringing in memberships. I wanted to make sure as well, I sent out to both Mayor's and the County Council and the Commissioner's the READI grant, I'm sure you all read it and highlighted it, it is only 160 some pages. Mayor McCoy asked a good question and I am going to try and dig into that tomorrow to find out specifically what pages Randolph County are on. I read it in segments and edited it, I did edit it all in segments but haven't looked at it once it was compiled so I will go through that and maybe that will make it a little easier. The next step in the READI process is that each region has to make a presentation to IEDC, so we have retained the consultants to help us through that. There were enough funds from our \$15,000.00 we actually got our consultant who wrote the grant a lot cheaper than that full price, so were able to reengage them to help us with that presentation to make it a very formal nice professional presentation and then go from there. If you didn't skim it there were 17 regions, the total requests for the \$500 million dollars equaled \$1 billion and so there is a lot of cutting that the IEDC will have to do. Our group, our region feels that since it was such a political move to make sure all counties engaged, we are thinking, our opinion is that they will probably divide, everyone will get a little something. Again, that is just based on the expertise of the people but I did want to share that. Once I figure out exactly where Randolph County is and all those things, I will send out an email and give you those page numbers so you can reference. We have been told even though they have moved the application date from August 30 to September 30, IEDC is still on the end of the year time line but of course we know things are always evolving and changing. Right now, we have not been told different. The award will be made at the end of December. The other handout that I gave you is just to update you on Cause is ready to act. I am pleased that the planning phase of that is complete. We have about 150 people engaged in that to work on the efforts that Randolph County citizens wanted us to work on. All those committees are up and going having their first meetings and their first initiatives I passed out to you. We are looking at having coffee and conversation with our guest speaker marketing your business, Kristen Weigand who is a local person who has her own business in marketing, she will be presenting that, Mayor McCoy is hosting that. It's open and free to all businesses. The housing committee is up and going, looking and researching incentive

program to help either repair or demolish blighted residential properties. Quality of Life the first project there is working on connecting our parks in Randolph County. Quality of Like is creating a brochure, signage and location and amenities so people can use our parks across the county. We have actually two groups focused on education, one is the Workforce Development Coalition that's working on internships with local businesses, so we are excited about that. These are to be paid internships in the vocational fields. Then we have a group that's focused on starting a child care, childhood birth to care coalition to support our missing child care programs and of course the technology program has been very functioning and very helpful to our county. We're excited, these groups have long and short-term range goals, these are really the short term to really show progress and that we're moving forward. Each of those groups will have large goals in our offices. Greg Beumer is leading education, Jennifer Lee is leading and I am leading the other four. Really excited about that moving forward. We are having a first ever, our office is hosting a manufacturing round table in the morning. We invited, sent out twelve invitations to our key businesses in manufacturing and we have Greg Zirkle, of the executive programs at Ball State University coming in to speak to them in the morning and that's something that we are interested in continuing on a quarterly basis to bring our manufacturing and key businesses together and a time to network. The final thing we've been working on for the last few months is I've coordinated with Rachel Huser from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation to tour eleven of our businesses, she will finish up those tours this Wednesday. I'm going to Ardagh and Echo. She went to Wicks Pies on Friday. She also went to Silver Town Mint. She has two to go on that. It's important I think to get a visual and build that partnership with Indiana Economic Development Corporation and show them what Randolph County is doing and so if there are resources then she can connect those to us. I've been pleased with her and she's been excited about what she's seen in Randolph County. That's been what our office has been up to the last three months. Any questions?

Mike said I don't have any questions.

Mike Haffner – Resolution 2021-11 for Surplus Equipment, Frontier Utility agreement

Mike said you have truck B5 a 2000 Navistar International with 247,646 miles. Is this the truck and equipment that we've talked about?

Mike Haffner said yes that has the cold mix box.

Mike said this is a resolution to declare certain personal property of Randolph County as unneeded and to be considered surplus property for disposal. We talked about this at the last meeting and thought it was a good idea if Mike thought that he didn't need it anymore that we could call it surplus and give it to the Town of Farmland who borrows it most often.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike said they indicated that they would share it with other municipalities in the county if they needed it.

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY OF
RANDOLPH COUNTY, INDIANA,
AS UNNEEDED, AND
TO BE CONSIDERED SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR DISPOSAL

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners (“Board”) is empowered to declare unneeded property to be surplus property; and

WHEREAS, the Board may authorize the disposal of surplus property pursuant to IC 5-22-22 *et seq.*;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board that:

1. Pursuant to IC 5-22-22-8, the items listed on Exhibit “A”, attached hereto, shall be considered to be surplus property (“Property”) for purposes of disposal.
2. The value of the property is less than the estimated costs of the sale and transportation of the property.
3. The Property shall be donated to the Town of Farmland Indiana a municipality within the State of Indiana.
4. The Property may be removed from the Randolph County Indiana fixed asset inventory.

Tom made a motion to pass Resolution 2021-11. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said Farmland Town Board was very excited about this and were very interested in working with Ridgeville and Parker.

Mike said you have a couple of utility agreements. The first one is Frontier. Is there anything you want to share about that?

Mike Haffner said it is pretty standard.

Tom asked whose business it that, do you know? It’s on 500 South.

Mike Haffner said no, I don’t, it just gives you an address.

Mike said Mike Haffner is recommending approval on this. Are you not?

Mike Haffner said yes, it is just a simple boar under.

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

Mike said we have one from BSM Groups for QC communications located in Parker City. Are you also recommending this?

Mike Haffner said yes.

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

Mike asked Mike Haffner do you have anything else for us?

Mike Haffner said yes. A few years ago, we were staffed at 21 people and we kind of had some budget cuts, we didn't really have any prospects. I have an opportunity to hire a class A individual but right now I don't have any slots open. I'm not prepared to do anything at this meeting but in two weeks certainly when Council meets, I would like to maybe see if we could get one of them positions back and bump it up to 20 people instead of 21.

Toms said this would be an operator out on the road?

Mike Haffner said yes, he is a highly skilled, highly capable individual and again I kind of got openings now but we've got two trainee's that are going to fill that and I don't think it's right to when we hire them guys we said if you could achieve your CDL within a given period we'll hire you full time. So, I would hate to hire this guy in front of them and hang them out to dry. I told him I would talk to Commissioner's and Council and see if we can't add one of these positions. It's very difficult to get labor and when you have the opportunity to get an individual that is going to give us several years in the County.

Tom asked is timing pretty critical in this individual, the Council is meeting tonight with us?

Mike Haffner said I told him it would be in November and he was okay. He is presently working but he is very motivated to get on the Highway.

Mike said you are going to need him?

Mike Haffner said it seems like we work in groups and pairs and it seems like I always got one extra and it would really give us a better opportunity to be well rounded plus I wouldn't have to quite rely on part time CDL drives for the winter.

Mike said it sounds good to me.

Mike Haffner said I will get the paperwork together and present it to you and try to get funding out of Council to add.

Mike said you won't need any more money, will you?

Mike Haffner said I will have to shift some money in next years budget to accommodate that. We're not asking for any extra money. We've been so low staffed, we've got plenty of money to

do that. Other than that, I know we just took care of a resolution on a surplus truck, we have another truck, were getting two tandem trucks and their getting really close to being completed and I've got another truck that I'll be declaring surplus in the next meeting as well.

Tom asked is it a single axel dump truck?

Mike Haffner said single axel. We're getting a lot of people interested but we'll determine how we're going to get rid of it and go from there. Community Crossing paving is done on all four of the roads that we got the grant money for. Brooks is going to come back this week and tweak a couple of driveways that had a pretty steep incline and then if we have any others than I can help with that. Overall, I haven't had to many complaints, I think they did a wonderful job.

Mike said on Old 27 they did an excellent job but I have received complaints from those folks that live in the county north of the hog back or the base road intersection. There's 1/5 of a mile in there that didn't get paved in this project. My explanation was that a fair cut off point was where those two roads intersected and it is my understanding that the city was taking responsibility for the rest of that road to the city limits.

Mike Haffner said that is where the transition line is and that is what was agreed on, that's where we stopped. Hopefully in the future there will be plans to take care of the rest of it but I think that is going to take care of a lot of the water issues.

Mike said I don't know what the plan is but there is one area left on that quarter mile stretch that fills with water when it rains and it is in front of Mark and Shirley Rickert's house. There is as a pretty good puddle there. Nothing like what's south of there but its still a pretty good puddle.

Mike Haffner said next time it rains, I will drive that and definitely look at that. I know originally, we were possibly going to have to lay back another 20 foot of burming and reseed everything. Hopefully that's not the case now that we got the road done.

Mike said this is on the area that wasn't paved. Near as I can tell the area that's been paved the water is not there anymore. I've lived out there 40 years and there's not been a gravel shoulder on that road in the 40 years I've lived there.

Mike Haffner said we used finer materials so maybe easier on lawn mowers and stuff.

Mike said now the problem is they go to fast. Anything else for us Mike?

Gary asked are you still progressing with the fuel system?

Mike Haffner said we are waiting on that surge protector. I'll try to get an update but it should be in sometime this month and installed. If not the first part of next month. Originally it was like six weeks out.

Jennifer Earehart, Deputy Clerk – Redistricting update

Jennifer said Mindy and Stephanie are out sick, we are not presenting but we wanted to make sure you got the paperwork. Is there anything else you need from us?

Mike said no, I think we are waiting on the state to approve this and if they approve it then we can approve it too. We probably need to review this and when the state gets back to us.

Tom ask do we know if this is changing Commissioner districts or not?

Mike said we changed Council but probably not Commissioner but I think it looks like we are going to have to take some time study it, it changed precincts is what it changed. It is not going to change districts but it could change Council districts.

Bob McCoy, Winchester Mayor

Bob said I would just like to thank the county for providing a loader, one of three that were used out at the track to pull people out and smooth the ground out. The street department went to work out there and swept the track twice. Randolph Central stepped up and provided bus transportation. I think they had busses running all day yesterday and Saturday.

Mike asked were they setting off big guns out there?

Bob said yes.

Mike asked is that all you have for us?

Bob said we have about 5 or 6 more houses coming down in the near future. We are just eliminating more blight.

Mike said I learned from the housing committee meeting that the houses over on Washington Street, there is going to be a new house put up there.

Bob said Jamie Meadows is building that.

Chad Spence, Union City Mayor

Chad said I have handouts for you that will be pertinent to a couple different spots in the presentation. Basically, our presence here today is to further the efforts in terms of being good stewards of what we have been blessed with. We've got continuing opportunities that we are seeking to maximize and I hope you will see that in the course of this presentation which will shed light on the path forward. So, without further ado Blake we're ready.

Video presentation on Union City Indiana's mission and requesting a second \$250,000.00 for Vision Corner and an additional \$400,000.00 for a Housing project from the county.

Chad said hopefully now that you had a chance to see this and at the same time see the fruits of our labor and again, like I said in the beginning, being good stewards of what we been blessed with, we are very serious about the path forward that we are taking. In fact, you guys know this as well as anyone, what were presenting from the Vision Corner standpoint which is all about

economic development and working with our school and not only making our youth stronger but providing that guidance and that training for our adults is critical to help us be the community and the workforce that this entire county needs and deserves. Also, as you know when that grows stronger so does the need for housing. And so, they are very well integrated and in fact I have a couple gentlemen that were very gracious in attending that if you guys don't mind I'm going to put you on the spot here in a second. Just to speak to probably what you guys already know but the critical nature of housing today, especially but also the critical shortage that we're faced with. Paul we've had discussions but I remember as if it were yesterday you guys have moments when something happens and it's etched in your brain, you could remember it as yesterday and I was facing the hall in the city building and we were on the phone and Paul was telling me about the housing situation and he said Chad, and this was well before this, he said Chad at some point somebody has got to stand up and do something about it because it is not getting any better and were at a critical shortage.

Paul Faddis said I ran numbers today on our housing inventory, Union City right now there are three houses for sale, two of those are in need of complete remodel, I mean they are not livable. The only one that is livable is for sale on Elm Street at \$114,900.00. So, yea you have three houses right now in Union City for sale, there are 31 in the county, out of those 31, the first six are either in need of complete remodels or need tore down. Some homes that come to mind that I think are important to talk about when you talk about workforce and housing. I sold a beautiful home on Columbia Street last year, the people that bought that are from out of town. Just got a pending offer on Mayor Conklin's house last week. Those folks are moving here from Colorado, not moving back here but moving here from Colorado and there's a couple from Montana that were supposed to come in this week to look at that. We have people wanting to move here. I just closed on a house on Columbia Street last week, nice brick home and this is a professional couple that wanted to stay here but they had been looking to move to Greenville because we didn't have housing. Those are the people we need to stay here. We look at all the work that is going on downtown and the businesses that are there. Couples that are going to be spending their money downtown and want to but if we don't have housing it's not going to happen. Both of the houses out on State Road 28 last year that sold over \$300,000.00, both of those sold to folks from out of town coming here. So, were seeing people wanting to come here which are going to be workers and spenders in our communities and if we don't have housing not only are those folks not going to live here but the folks just like the ones on Columbia Street are not going to stay here. So, buy having that house it's a situation where it became the state and those kids stayed here and now their first home will be somebody else's first home. So, it gives everybody opportunity to move up. But housing is crucial as we do all the things that we need to be doing in our community.

Errol Klem said last evening I talked a little bit to Mike about this and I've talked to Paul about it, we have 55 residents at Willow Ridge and were going to expand as the Mayor had talked about we are going to come along Huntsville Road and build some more houses. Willow Ridge's 55 houses that started in 1993 so say 25 years there are now 21 of the original residents live there out of the 55. This shows you the turnover and some of those have turned over twice. It really works, I know you have a beautiful spot over there to build homes. We looked at it, we think it would work beautiful and I wish you all the luck.

Paul said to follow up on what Errol just talked about the amount of people that live at the golf course right now, you know we had a guy that came to a meeting last year to run a business as a new CEO and he wanted to live here but we could not find him good housing. We ended up losing him and his wife to Wayne County, they bought down there because we didn't have the type of nice housing that they wanted to live in. It's a real deal so now they're not spending their grocery money here, they're not going out to eat here, their doing it in Wayne County.

Bill Corbin said that's another concern I need to express to you, the letter that you have from Workhorse, the plant manager, that's the president of the truck division. The plant manger bought a home and he does not want to stay in that home, he wants to live in a better home and we don't have a better home for him right now and my concern is he would move to Wayne County or Darke County or somewhere else and we would lose that funding that we can profit so much from over the course of a year.

Chad said another thing to keep in mind too, we've put a lot of thought into this. The housing you saw on the screen, those are drawings of the way they would look. Ricky Ward is the name of the builder of these homes, he was referred to us by Senator Jeff Raatz and he comes with high and certainly has an excellent track record. But the money we're asking for obviously is for infrastructure itself, its not for building the homes themselves, its for the actual guts because we have pledged \$350,000.00 out of our ARP funds for this because it does speak to infrastructure that is allowable, we vetted that out with Baker Tilly. This is a good project that we want to be a staple and a shining star for Randolph County because in fact we've worked so hard on this that we've come up with the idea that since it's down from the school on Plum Street were going to bring this with your blessing and your help, we are calling it the Governor Isaac P. Gray Estates in honor of the Governor from Union City, he served two terms for the State of Indiana. But then were naming the streets after teachers that passed through the school system that had a significant impact on our kids. Because we realize that's important. We want this housing edition not to be just some random run of the mill edition. We want it to be something that is looked upon with pride and has a great deal of sentimentality and meaning to the folks in this community. So, when they live there, they're part of something special, not just Randolph County which is special in itself. That's why were making this ask because we feel like the two are so well integrated and so critical to what we are trying to achieve as a county and again it is our effort to be good stewards of every last resource that we have. I would entertain any and all questions, comments, concerns.

Mike asked what is, of the presentation, the housing was briefly mentioned. What is the status of it. Has the subdivision been approved, is it platted?

Monte Polling said basically the final set of plans have been submitted to IDEM and Soil and Water for their final approvals. We're moving through that process, its nearing a point in time where shortly after January 1st we hope to be moving dirt and actually doing the work to put the infrastructure in.

Mike asked so the subdivision has been approved by the Area Planning Commission.

Monte said yes sir.

Mike said one of our and you know this as well. One of our ARPA fund uses is water infrastructure and sewer infrastructure for plotted subdivisions. We would have those funds available to use for that and its kind of an exciting and obviously needed. You probably don't remember but back in the 80's when Workhorse first came into the community, everybody was scrambling for houses for the Workhorse management team and they all went to Greenville or that was what the word I got, they all moved to Greenville and set up households over there. It sounds like from the letter from Ryan that the opportunity is going to present itself again with a multi-million-dollar investment.

Chad said I can't stress enough a couple things about that, number one, the housing need was critical even well before this information and number two even with our Workhorse training development, that is not geared toward Workhorse and is not exclusive to Workhorse, they are just one of the benefactors of that. They are benefitting from that development because were trying to carry a blueprint that is available to everybody in the area. That's critical because we do not want and were thankful for them, we are thankful for every last individual. I don't care if it's an employer, were thankful for them and they are critical to us. But, we don't want to get back in the way of one large industry and the ups and downs of that because its brutal to follow that coaster, it is. And so, we want to be as diversified as possible and be as strong and flexible as possible as a community so we serve Randolph County better so that if they do have a down turn and industries always do, that we are so far diversified that the county continues to rise as a whole. We don't have those gaps, if you will in employment and mass elitists if you will of citizens. We can't afford that and so we are really overturning every rock in our area to be absolutely as strong as we can be so we serve the county better.

Bill Corbin said a related thought, here we are talking the present, things that are happening now. That slide we took in Workhorse's plant is 10 days old, so that's now. This thing going on in the country that we've said and reemphasized about the dissolution I guess you'd say with big town life a lot of people are experiencing. I was talking to somebody about this, somebody from some big town, they said well most people, I said we don't care about most people, if 500 people came here or 200 it would be a great big number for Union City. It's a clear trend when your reading Money magazine and people like that, that people are talking about in some areas of counties are already very aggressive where they're offering literal cash \$10,000.00 or whatever it is to move to our place. That trend, that is a certain trend, that trend will continue. I think what is underestimated is the extent of which the broadband side of that does play as we had in the one slide because when people come here, if they've got their job already then, all kinds of things are fixed. They've learned to make a living on the internet, we have to provide them the broadband and were way ahead of that game right now. I think the talk were having here is just preparing for the future is dead on because that will happen. It is happening, we've got people coming in that are doing various things on the internet. Vision Corner wants to have the ability for our high school kids to start a business and that creates the possibility that they stay here and do whatever they will do but also still have a worldwide or nation-wide opportunity. In that one especially I think we are having a great future talk and it really looks at the size of what we are talking about now gets us going. That can be big and it is absolutely not Union City. I would like to say one thing if I could about Randolph County United and us and part of what I want to say is that there should not be any Randolph County United and us because what we see and recognize early in

Randolph County United is what it really can do is assemble the talents from the small towns and the large towns it can consider them, one of my metaphors has been there's an orchard in Lynn of some kind and that orchard is some people there motivated, devoted, doing their thing and what Randolph County can and does do. I know it does nurture that orchard in Lynn. And then we say so that helps Lynn and helps the county but it could also will work in Farmland or Winchester or Union City or wherever else and part of the idea is to spread that ability. So, what we showed here in every respect is not chest thumping, is not anything, it is just that we've got some abilities that we put together. We met the people from Workhorse at their level, management level, I sat next to Rick Dousch at this dinner, super sharp guy. That's the biggest play in this whole thing is that they hired a real live turn around guy, he's not afraid of it, if you read the newspaper right now, we talked about that, he's facing it and he's got a plan. Anyway, to whatever extent we could bring to the party the ability to have that kind of conversation with possible relocations in this county we want to have it. Our small business thing originally certainly created it because we've got amazing things going on there and they need help they really do but at the same time there's new businesses of that type going on in the other towns in the county. We totally want have that thought of as collaborative and I think were just probably learning to do that. When I first heard of this, I said somebody has their progressive hat on here. Especially where we got some cultural of differences between our two main towns. The idea that we would figure out to reach across that divide and really make things happen, that's strong but it's a learning curve too which I think we're all on.

Mike said your request is two parts, one for Vision Corner for \$250,000.00 and one for the housing infrastructure for \$400,000.00. In April we granted \$250,000.00, \$100,000.00 out of EDIT and \$150,000.00 out of windfarm funds. It would help me if I could see a budget of what's been spent, what's been done, who spent it, I know Union City has spent some money and some borrowed money spent maybe and just see that laid out and then see what the \$250,000.00 that you are asking for today, what it's going to result in because we do have a READI grant. Your part of the READI grant and I don't know if that's counted on top of our \$250,000.00 or if our \$250's part of your READI grant match because it takes a substantial match to get in that READI grant.

Chad said it does and thank you for bringing that up, it does play a role in that match and for what it's worth our project was 2nd on this list. Your ask is absolutely spot on and we absolutely can do that.

Mike said and then the ARP, were discussing that tonight at our joint meeting but this would qualify for that and it's something we don't control on our own, the Council controls that with us. That would be something we would need to discuss and maybe we will talk about it tonight, I don't know. I think everybody knows we have a little over \$4 million dollars that can be spent for broadband, it can be spent for water projects and sewer projects like this. We have already spent some of it for L&M Water and that was a water project that we really loaned them the money but I think the consensus is that number one we can't loan the money out of ARP. I guess at this point I am willing to take both under advisement. I think their great projects, I think the housing is needed regardless of Workhorse. I am curious what Workhorse's employees are, how many do they have?

Chad said roughly 100. Their goal is 500.

Tom said can you share more plans of what Workhorse envisions happening?

Bill said sort of, it was flattering but in some regards we've got a confidentiality which really lets you know how far inside there they let us. That was a good moment I'd say because we met them at the level where we can help them control, they've got a problem, they're about 100 people, they want to keep that core and it includes direct and indirect people. They're investing right now with some number of months before they'll be a full capacity, so the commitment there is serious.

Mike said we don't want you to share anything confidential.

Bill said I definitely wouldn't but what I can share is this. They're working right now, they've got feelers out in a couple areas that could bring immediate production in. What happened with them was that the fellow we know here and this won't surprise anybody, great idea, great vision, electric vehicle, not squat did he know about trucks as it turns out. So, really what happened they tried to compete in that post office deal with an underpowered truck and it was just ugly. When Dousch came in, and they sued the post office, the biggest customer in the world and they sewed them, come on. So Dousch calls that off, we don't sue our customer were looking forward to the opportunity to prove to you that we'll deserve some or all of your business later, so he handled that like you would expect a pro to and he really just said stop, we do not have a product here that I want to sell and so he is lining up work for them now in other places that they can be an assembly for other product and that's new as of a month ago. The first time I heard the story, they might stop for a year until they got this thing right, now they're active. Long story short there is that he's got wheels turning, the build will be gradual.

Tom said I didn't know if they were planning on using robotics because labor is a real problem everywhere, so I didn't know how they planned to make these vehicles.

Bill said they think they can come up with the workforce. Your definitely right that is a tough one for everybody. This guy is the most impressive guy I've run across I'd say in my life. I went to school at GM Institute way back and this guy knows cars and stuff like crazy.

Tom asked where is he located?

Bill said the headquarters is in Loveland Ohio. Loveland will be their headquarters, it's a big moment though when they parted ways with Lords town but we thought until then that we'd be in the scraps, if it had been a postal thing it would have been serious scraps but now we have a plan. So, their betting the barn on Union City and they got a guy that really knows his stuff. We stressed I think as you saw there we never got giddy and excited, we didn't come running to you and say build for an exciting future, it's not that clear yet, they've got a tough road to go but they got a guy that can make it happen.

Missy Williams said I just finished reading this article, falling behind, how Indiana, Ohio continues to lose its place in the US economy top three things, we think small on housing

because don't think, its wonderful about Workhorse but theirs also Ardagh, people who hunt for housing that can't find it in our county, we're 11 miles away. We've got to think what can our county do, what can our region do to pull people in, housing those people, those people bring children, children go to our schools. We've got the housing study, Ceann just sent that to some of us the other day, it's a desperate need and we paid to have that done, we've got to think future wise. I'm saying that as a Council member.

Mike asked do you want to tell us the other two. You said the top three reasons we're falling behind, housing is one, what's the other two?

Missy said I will send you a copy of this. The epidemic is right up there.

Gary said I think it is a great project, I was at the meeting the other night when you had the builder there from Dayton and he gave a very impressive comment on what his plans were and how he was and is building homes. I have kind of followed this along a little bit and I've been very impressed with, it's been a rocky road over the last several years of trying to do something with that structure and bringing something in there to help not only the city but the county and the surrounding counties. It looks like maybe you are moving forward with that project and it may be well developed here in the next couple three years and that's what's positive. Coming back to your point on housing and that. Vision Corner, I have been in favor of that from the time I heard it, when I first saw the outlay of that. There was a lot of thought put into it and more thought put into it since then, since the initial discussion. Housing is and has been and as Paul mentioned I knew we were in the 20 something ranges of structures that were available for purchase in the county and that is pretty discouraging. I know in Southern Kentucky where my oldest daughter lives and manages a factory down there but, just drove through the town, the city and I don't know how many apartment complexes are being put up. She lives in a good size housing development, she said there were four homes available there for sale and those are all ¼ million or more-dollar homes and they are building as fast as they can build all that. Were not ever going to get into that range but we've got to be there preparing and doing what we can because whenever an opportunity comes along like this, we can't say we should have been there, we got to say we are here and we're at least even with if not a half a step ahead.

Mike said can you get us that information on Vision Corner and it would probably be appropriate to have, I don't know if you have any scannable documents that you can send on that subdivision. I have a general understanding of where it is. It sounds like a good project. We will take it up again on November 1st.

Other Business:

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

Art said I do want to tell you I've received the quote for the air conditioner for the one computer room that we have, I will get that to you in an email. I didn't bring that over to talk about it today. Other than that, I don't have anything new for you. I will report to you that the situation in the jail with regard to Covid is much better and we should be able to lift restrictions in the jail this week provided nothing else happens today or tomorrow I think we will hopefully be in good shape by Wednesday. Do you have any questions for me today?

Mike said I would raise that I don't know if any of you read the Muncie Star but the articles about jail suicide. The article was about Marion County and other counties throughout the state. I don't think it's an issue here but always could be and I don't know what we have in place.

Art said we have protocols that have been put in place, I am going to approach members of Council probably outside of a public meeting initially regarding some changes they've had with jail standards. I know we've asked for an additional jail position over the years, have actually asked for a couple. With technology we've been able to get that down to where we believe we are still one short to make sure we have everything adequately covered and things have gotten busy since we been through Covid and it seems like inmate populations have went up. The courts have more going on because they have been shut down for a while but it's something we'll discuss with them but we do have things in place for that. We also have a thread that is being shared with all of the Sheriff's in Indiana in regards to some of those issues that they are bringing up and some talking points that they have and some things that probably do need to be addressed in larger populations. I think we are in pretty good shape with everything we have in place.

Mike said assumed we were, but it seems to be a couple of days in a row they've had it in the paper.

Art said I think it is going to be a series for a little while, I know it is something they have been studying for six months because we've received some freedom of information requests that we have honored and I don't know that our facility is one of them they're looking at. I think some of the information they are going to put out is good for the public to know.

Minutes of September 20, 2021 Executive and Regular meeting

Mike said we have received a copy of these minutes via email. I would entertain a motion to approve them unless there is corrections, additions or deletions.

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

Regular Claims \$380,201.13

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

Payroll Claims \$ 218,777.12

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

Randolph County United Claim \$18467.67

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

Randolph County United Tourism \$2,365.67

Gary made a motion to approve Randolph County United Tourism claim as presented. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Barnes & Thornburg \$2,500.00

Tom made a motion to approve this claim as presented. Gary 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

Mike said then next five are MPX and Pyramid claims which we have been tabling for a while.

Tom said I don't see any reason to go forward with them.

Gary said nothing has changed as far as information.

Mike asked do you know if our equipment has been hung?

Gary said no, I tried to get a hold of Chris, I thought maybe he would be here today.

Mike said it looks like they got the green light to do it. The gal from Johnson was going to go ahead and schedule it.

Gary said we were hoping to get it done as soon as possible.

Mike said we will table those five claims.

Rex Collins Electric claim \$11,122.00

Mike said the next item is the Rex Collins Electric claim.

Tom said I would table that also.

Gary said it is just retainage.

Mike said okay, we will table that.

EDPR Claim \$2,000,000.00

Mike said the next claim is the EDPR claim in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 and this is the one we been holding waiting on the signed copy of the Headwater's II Road use Agreement Amendment. Which now we have in our possession. Is that correct Laura?

Laura said yes.

Mike said I would entertain a motion to refund this money to EDPR.

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

Baker Tilly Claim \$3,425.00

Mike said this is for services rendered for bonding issues.

Gary mad a motion to approve the claim for Baker Tilly as presented. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Comp time reports

Mike said we received a copy of the comp time reports via email, any questions or comments about our comp time report?

Gary said it looks better.

Mike said speaking of comp time reports, I believe the Highway's comp time will start to slow down because Council at their last meeting approved the Highway secretary for 40 hours. I'd like to thank the Council for approving that and thank Commissioner Tom Chalfant for convincing them that was the best thing to do.

2022 Holiday Schedule

Mike said our holiday schedule has not changed I don't believe.

Angela said this is a year that we have an election. So those were plugged back in and the two holiday's that we get instead of election were removed. I did not put any consideration in for the new Juneteenth.

Mike said 13 holidays. I would entertain a motion to approve the 2022 Randolph County Holiday's as presented.

Gary made a motion to approve the 2022 Randolph County Holiday schedule as presented. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

MPX Change Order number 03C-02

Mike said the MPX Change order has not changed so we will just leave it with the claims.

Angel Tree request

Mike said the Angel Tree request is that they want to use our lobby as they have in the past. The request is from the Angel Tree committee which consist of Melisa Patterson, Donna Halcomb, Chris Retter, Claudia Thornburg, Ellen Craig and Teresa Mosier. Applications started November 12 and the Angel Tree will be in the lobby November 18 through December 10, 2021.

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

Ambulance Provider report

Mike said the last thing on the agenda is the non-state government owned operated ambulance provider certified public expenditure certifying entity data collection form which I received a copy of this via email but it was blank so I didn't know, I could fill out part of it but I couldn't fill out all of it but now it's been filled out and completed by the Auditor's office and it is correct.

Angela said yes.

Mike said this basically says that the amounts certified is \$9,268.54 and the amount adjusted for Medicaid ambulance is \$6,676.13. We are the owner of the entity so we appropriately signing it.

Gary made a motion to approve this and authorize Mike Wickersham to sign it for the county. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Art Moystner, Response on Towers

Art said I have a response back from Chris Shaneyfelt on the towers. What he sent back is that there has been equipment on the South Tower, it still needs one antenna since the inspection there has not been anything happened that I am aware of. There were some people on the central tower last week, I have asked for a date from J & K on when the crews will return and have not received anything back.

Tom Chalfant, Winchester Speedway and Highway 32 Bridge closing

Tom said to discuss further we sent a loader out the race track to pull out some large RV's. I authorized it. They called Lonnie who talked with me. Anyway, probably about five or six hours with our large, probably about \$100.00 per hour for that front-end loader. It sounds like you were willing to donate those services to the race track.

Mike said I think so. Are you okay with that Gary?

Gary said yes.

Tom said also Perry Knox crafted a letter for me, the bridge on Highway 32 between 400 and 500 East is going to be closed next fall for repair. So, I am sending a letter to talk to them about trying to change the timing of that because it would be very hard on Cardinal Ethanol to have that road closed during the harvest when they get up to 500 trucks a day seven days a week. So, I will be talking to INDOT but I might request us to sign a letter.

Mike said do you want us to sign the letter?

Tom said I think the first stage is I talk with INDOT and then probably after that there will be a request for Commissioner's to send a letter. That might be forthcoming.

Mike said I would be okay to send the first letter if you want to. I think that would be a valuable thing.

Gary Girton, Saratoga Streets being paved

Gary said I was at the Saratoga meeting last week and they made note that they have now with the funding they've got from the state will be paving all their streets in town.

Mike said that is good news.

Tom said they have some of them done already.

Mike Wickersham, Parking on closed bridge, Title VI ADA Policy

Mike said I brought it up earlier and now Mike Haffner has left but I shared with Mike and Perry that we have people parking on our closed lane of our bridge on County Road 100 West and that lane is closed because that's where the beam on the bridge is broken. They are parking on the bridge to fish I believe. If we've closed it for traffic, I don't think we should allow parking on there. I don't know if we can barricade it more to keep parking off there but if it's okay I think I will say something to Mike to see what we can do there. The other matter Angela brought to our attention is our Title VI ADA policy is dated and needs revised, we did it internally before and we thing maybe we shouldn't do it internally now.

Tom said I think she does a great job.

Mike said I thought so, I read through it, it sounded good to me.

Angela said I feel with the complexity of it and the risk of us losing federal funding, I did the first one. I know Perry's company quoted doing it for us for \$30,000.00 and I did the first one and it needs updated every year, I just feel that it is time for a professional to do that just because of the severity if it's not correct.

Tom asked from year to year is there much change? Maybe every two or three years we can have somebody look at it.

Angela said every year, you have to do something and they give you suggestions and this year we were supposed to go out and measure all the parking spaces on all the campuses, how many we have, how many are handicapped, how far they are from front doors. I don't mind doing that but it's not usually what the Auditor's office does.

Tom said I think that would be something Jake could do.

Gary said I would think so. He knows where they are all at.

Angela said we have to have every year a goal and a plan.

Mike asked isn't Randy our ADA Compliance person?

Angela said in the name.

Tom said I would think he could help with that somewhat.

Angela said I can shift it over to him.

Laura said the problem is, if it is not done right or not done then we lose our federal funding or we could lose our federal funding. We were just talking about it and kind of felt it was a legalize type thing. It is not that she minds doing it, it's just that we don't want to be responsible if we don't do it right or something doesn't get done and we would lose that federal funding.

Gary said there could be two or three different groups working on it and compile it, have somebody go over it and finalize it.

Angela said it has to be submitted to the state for approval as well.

Mike asked when is that?

Angela said November or December.

Mike said of this year.

Angela said yes.

Mike asked do you know of any other firms beyond Highway or bridge engineering firms that could or would do that?

Angela said I do not, I have not put any feelers out but I would be glad to talk to some other counties. Laura and I leave for conference tomorrow.

Mike said I think I might find out, nothing against SJCA. There just might be a better source to do that.

Bob McCoy said I can check out my sources.

Laura said the \$30,000.00, was that not to write the whole thing and it's written, it just needs updated. So, it may be less just to have the update done each year.

Tom said I would hope so.

Mike said if you could get us that information and Bob if you could help us there that would be appreciated.

Citizen Comments

None

Adjournment

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

Reviewed and signed this 4 day of January, 2022

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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ATTEST: Laura J Martin
Laura J Martin, Auditor of Randolph County