

Randolph County Commissioners

December 20, 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 and Gary Girton. Also present was Randolph County Auditor Laura J Martin, Chief Deputy Sheriff Ken Hendrickson and County Attorney Meeks Cockerill.

Michael Wickersham, President presided over the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Stacy White & Page Story— Flatland Resources GIS layer request

Stacy said I am with Randolph County Soil and Water, Page Story is not here, she is the watershed coordinator for the 205 grant and I have papers in regards to that. What we are asking about is the \$1200.00 fee for the legal drain layers, it's never been for any of the grants that we've had, we've never had to pay that. When they wrote the grant, that fee was not included in there. Delaware, Henry and Madison County do not charge that. We are asking for that fee to be waived.

Mike asked Gary do you have any thoughts on that?

Gary said I don't have any objections at all, this project is certainly beneficial to us. I will make the motion to waive that required fee. Mike seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Darren James – Disposal of old Coroner's vehicle

Darren said we've got the new vehicle up and running and in service. We still have the old one and I was approached by the Union City Fire Department, they are interested in the vehicle. I told them I would come to the Commissioner's, it's up to them. They want to use it as a chase vehicle instead of using their fire engine. The Coroner's office, we don't want to put the money into it to fix it.

Mike asked do you have any thoughts on the value?

Darren said it's a 2004 Chevy Suburban, it has 87,000 miles on it and it needs quite a bit of work in my opinion. I would maybe value it at the most \$3,000.00.

Mike asked have you looked at the Kelly Blue Book?

Darren said no I haven't. It's got major rust underneath, it's got some holes, it needs new brakes, new headliner, new seats. They know what it looks like because they've seen it before.

Mike said they want us to give it to them I presume.

Darren said yes.

Mike said in order to do that we would have to have a resolution that it's surplus property and then once we've done that I think we can dispose of it, can we not?

Meeks said if it's to another governmental entity, you can do it for whatever you guys decide.

Gary asked is there a value that it has to be under for us to give it away?

Meeks said not if it's to another governmental entity.

Mike said why don't we proceed in that direction. The other thing is if you could maybe do a little research to see what a dealer would give you, then we'd know what kind of value we are giving away. You can just send us an email on that.

Darren said okay, I can do that. I do have one other thing, it was brought to my attention a week ago from St. Vincent's Hospital that the coolers that we use for storage are not ours as far as the county goes, they are owned by the hospital, the want to have an agreement between the county and the hospital for us to use them coolers. It has been brought up because they need some repair. The shelves in them need to be replaced and they are wondering who was going to pay for that. Technically we don't own them but they do let us use them and at any time they could tell us that we can't use them and then we would have to come up with something on our own. They are coming up with an agreement and I told them to send it whenever they were done and I would give it to you guys to look over. It's something in the near future that's going to happen and as far as repair goes it would be around \$2,000.00 and \$3,500.00 for repair, the shelves in it now are all wooden, not ideal, they are wanting to put in aluminum shelving, inside the coolers. I told them I would talk to the Commissioner's and Council about maybe who was going to pay, who's responsible.

Mike asked do you think this would be part of this agreement?

Darren said no, I think the agreement is going to be mainly toward the maintenance of them, which the way they talked they are going to take care of the maintenance on them and then for us to use them. So, they can't just up and give them away. They were asked two weeks ago by an Anderson hospital if they could have them and luckily Winchester said no because if we don't have them we're in a world of hurt. Especially right now.

Mike said it boils down to if they are not going to repair them and they need to be repaired, then it probably should be our responsibility to repair them.

Darren said they did say they are not saying they won't pay for that but they were just wondering if we could help out or take the cost of repairing the shelves, they use them maybe once or twice a year, the Coroner's office uses them a lot more than they do.

Gary said I would think under the circumstances from my perspective that we address it and move forward with us repairing them and them owning them. They would own them and we would just maintain them or do the repair that they are asking for. That is something we can decide once they give us a recommendation of what they are wanting to do.

Mike said it's kind of awkward if they come to us and say it cost us \$5,000.00 and we want you to pay half, that's a decision you either make or you don't, if they come to us and say would you like to pay up to \$3,000.00 to repair this, nobody is going to say yes to that unless they tell us to do that. I guess my response to them is for me I'd work with them on it. If you want to share that with them. I don't know who you're dealing with on this.

Darren said right now, I'm dealing with Jennifer Hendrickson and the CFO there.

Mike asked Rodney?

Darren said yes and they want to put some other things on them, some temperature alarms, which they said they would take care of that. Really there is nothing on them right now if they were to lose temperature no one would know unless the maintenance guys were out there. I told them the first thing is the agreement.

Mike said I think that would be a benefit to both parties.

Darren said I will let them know.

Mike said yes, let them know we'll work with them on any expenses that they feel that they can't or don't want to cover.

Ben Kapp – Secure Tech Systems (Emergency panic buttons)

Ben said I am from Secure Tech Systems, we are out of Dallas, Texas however I live in Union City. What we do and we stick pretty much to just courthouse security or jail, school security in the panic button realm. What we do is we have wireless buttons, we never drill a hole in the beautiful courthouses we never do anything that damages the facility, we just stick a wireless button up. If the staff has an emergency, so what happens here is the button goes to our control box, the Sheriff, the bailiff's, whoever gives us a radio, we go straight to their radio, so if that's the county sheriff's radio, if they're the responders, everybody carrying that radio gets that emergency alert. We get that signal out in less than a second, we are doing it straight to your first responders. This is all we do, this is the only avenue, this is the only thing we touch, we don't touch fire alarms, we don't touch video cameras, we connect to them but it's not something we sell and do. My boss started this in the 90's, came up with this technology and this concept that we're going straight to our first responders and we don't just go to radio's now, we can go to cell phones, we can go got emails, we can also do things like go to lights, so we can put a light outside of the rooms to tell people that's where it went off. We have become very much in demand of these lately. We can also put lights on the outside of the building to let people know not to come in because we have an emergency. We can also attach to paging systems, phone systems, we can also put buttons anywhere where the computer network in the county is at. If you don't want to do buttons, we can also do them on the computer, we can do what is called a

virtual button or a computer icon that they can click, does the exact same thing. We can integrate the jail to it. The entire county, they highway department, the Coroner was talking about the sensors on those coolers, we can connect to it, I can put a temperature sensor in the cooler that rings back and sends them a text or email that says hey the temperature sensor in that cooler went off. That's essentially what we do. We did generate a price that would encompass the courthouse and also take care of the health department. As you see in our numbers there, it's all scalable so you can pick and choose and pull apart and say add a button, take away a button. We did that math based on what we knew about offices.

Mike said what you quote has here is the alarm that goes to the radio.

Ben said that is the main thing we do.

Mike said that would be 31 of them as I'm reading this. What do the lights cost?

Ben said the lights would be, it varies based on how many and how we fire them off because we use relays that are built in here and transmitters, so lights are somewhere in the neighborhood of maybe \$900 to \$1100 a piece. What we would do at that point is see what do we really want to scale out because I didn't have that information when this quote was created. They would be able to sit down with us and we could drill in on an exact number. The wonderful thing is there is almost \$90 million in courthouse security grant money for 2022 that is being released on the Indiana courts website. So, I'm encouraging everybody that thinking about this to hop on there and start thinking about applying for those grants and doing those things.

Mike said I am a member of the committee for courthouse security. We have never had a presentation from somebody that, that's all they do.

Ben said like I said my boss got into this in the early 90's and he's from Texas so its cold up here and I was born and raised in Ft Wayne and live in Union City. I will give you a list of our current customers, this is everybody in the US.

Mike said you are in about ½ the counties, how long does one of these systems last?

Ben said we have several counties that have our older systems since 1994, 95.

Mike said they're still using them?

Ben said they are still using them. We are working on them because this system has come out with what we call the wave plus in 2013 and we can get parts now with the older ones we can't.

Mike said 2013 is your newest model?

Ben said it is the newest hardware model but we are updating the firmware consistently. Everything reports in. So, these are constantly checking in, we did have some problems before on the original ones we were getting some false alarms and the report sends and email to the maintenance or whoever you designate and says that button didn't check in. We have been

fortunate, they just don't break. We have a two-year blanket warranty for everything except for an act of god and in the last five years in all of our installed systems I think we've had three system failures and our guys were able to fix them remotely. What had ended up happening in two of those cases was they had some power glitch problems and they did not have the battery maintenance done. Because this has a backup battery in it as well that will run for days if you lose power. If this is not working and somebody hits that button and nothing happens.

Mike said I don't know if nothing happens.

Ben said if you're the Auditor your going to know because your pressing your button and nobody is responding.

Mike said but I won't know until nobody responds.

Ben said yes, accept for this does check in constantly. We encourage people, I can't control all of those environments but your maintenance people or your bailiffs, we put this box somewhere that they can get to it. It's your box, you own it out right and we don't tell you where to put it, we just put it where you tell us, somebody needs to check on it of course and keep an eye on it and say yes, its okay. Again, less than 1/2 percent failure rate over time.

Mike said it would be nice if when you pushed that button, if it responded it turned green so I would know it responded.

Ben said unfortunately we don't manufacture this button. I can ask that question but, you actually have to press and hold it, you can't just go like that and have a false alarm. We definitely don't want false alarms. If somebody hits this thing and a false alarm I don't want to see nine uniformed officers from the sheriff's department pointing a weapon at their face.

Mike said I think this is worth while pursuing with the courthouse security committee.

Ben said you have my information, I can present that again, just give me a call. Like I said I live in the area. I'm always around here, I can demo again and give you some more drill down details. My boss will come up and spend time with you as well.

Gary asked could DCS hook into that as well?

Ben said anybody that is on your computer network, that is not within 1000 feet of this box, we can connect in here. The jail is actually close enough that we can do some things, they would not actually have to be on the computer network. This is what we've had a lot lately. In that case if they are on the same computer network as the county and if they are that's a really easy thing or we do an expansion system, it's a \$3,900.00 expander and then buttons at \$125.00 a piece over top.

Gary said they are within a few feet of the health department but they are not on our computer system.

Ben said if they are within a few feet of the health department, yes, because once you add that box to the health department, you expand your window. We are just putting what's called repeaters out there. The remote receive is when we get past the 500, 600, 700 feet. I would say anyone that has public freely walking in and does not have to be checked to come in, that staff needs to have this considered.

Jentry Flesher – Cyber Insurance options

Mike asked Laura if she had heard back from Five Star regarding our cyber insurance?

Laura said no, he was going to forward it to the owner/CEO of Five Star and I have not received a response back on that.

Mike said we don't know whether or not we have to have this yet.

Laura said I sent information to Brandon from Five Star that you recommended self-insuring and he said he would forward that information to the CEO.

Jentry said the last time I talked to Mike, I went back and asked our broker, can we do anything else as far as lobby for a different option perhaps with less coverage, would that make more sense from a premium standpoint and he did some research but he said this is our best foot forward comparable to what we had. Mind you what we had was a million-dollar cyber liability policy for about \$8,000.00 expiring and then the retention was \$10,000.00, retention means deductible. What I've come back with is very comparable \$1 million, less favorable in terms of the retention, with options at \$50,000.00 and \$100,000.00. Of course, the higher the retention the less the premium, in this case if we do the math I would probably tend to not purchase the policy at \$100,000.00 retention because the premium savings take a lot of years to retain that to pay the excess.

Mike said the same company?

Jentry said yes, the same policy and everything, just change the retention.

Mike asked what is TRIA?

Jentry said Terrorism Risk Insurance Act.

Mike said that is required?

Jentry said you can accept or reject. That came in place after 911, George W. Bush, that event almost broke the insurance industry general so they came up with this fund where you pay TRIA on the policy and then it goes into a federal fund and puts protection in place. I did want to review a marketing summary, I did go out and look for other options, this isn't the only one I've come back with.

Mike said I'm aware of that.

Jentry said CFC blocked, it's nonrenewing based on municipality risk, Tookhue Marine indicated premium over \$30,000.00 with a \$75,000 retention, Coalition declined, willing to reconsider next year, Access declined, no longer writing in the class and then US Alli declined, no longer writing stand alone cyber. So, you would have to purchase a package policy, commercial policy with them for them to offer terms. The market is changing, I think right now St. Vincent's, I don't know all their locations but I know their payroll software dealing with some sort of extortion, cyber incident. I think the nurses are a little concerned they're not going to get paid before the holiday season.

Mike said your recommending self-insurance if our IT provider will accept that. I think we need to wait to hear what they'll do and we meet again on the 29th and I'd say we either do it on the 29th or we don't depend upon what Five Star comes back with.

Jentry said my question is what are the Commissioner's feelings?

Mike said I think spending all the money we're going to spend to protect our self against this and then buying insurance is a double hit and I'm willing to self-insure. But if we have to buy insurance then I would agree with you that we pay the \$21,000.00 for \$1 million coverage for a year's coverage. It depends upon what our technology firm requires. Right now, we're required to put \$1 million out.

Jentry said if anything this almost forces you to do some things that are probably good in the end.

Mike said that check list is a valuable thing, I'm not sure it's going to implemented fully throughout the, I haven't heard from the Sheriff's Department whether or not they've come up with a solution for the dual authenticity situation. I am in a lot of places where I have to do that and I get the code that you plug in to be able to go ahead and enter it which gives you a little sense of protection. We've been attacked before here and were fortunate enough to stop it soon and then went to a backup to replicate the days transactions between the backup and the attack. So, we will just see what they say. Do you want to do something today?

Gary said no, I think we need to know for sure if they're mandating us to have this.

Jentry said that sounds good.

Mike said you would be recommending the higher deductible?

Jentry said I would recommend the \$50,000.00 retention.

Mike said this is a 1-year premium, it's not locked in for five years?

Jentry said no, one year.

Joe Copeland - Annual bid items and recommendations for bridges, Task order No. 13

Joe said I sent the list bidders and my recommendations, I hope you all got a copy. I had four items dealing with bridges, first item is large equipment rental and labor, we had one bidder, Duncan Robertson Inc. I would recommend to accept their bid. The next item is item number 2, small equipment rental and labor, we had three bidders. We had Cobalt Civil, Pritchett and Duncan Robertson. I would recommend to accept Cobalt Civil and Pritchett, they were the two lowest and I would use Cobalt Civil because they were the lowest unless, it's depended upon their availability, if they're not available then I would move on to use Pritchett. Item 3 is pre-engineered, prefabricated bridges, we had two bidders, one was E&H Bridge and Grading and the other was Civilcon. I would recommend accepting E&H Bridge and Grading, they were lower by quite a bit. Item 4 was bridge deck and surface repair, labor and equipment, there's two bidders, one was Duncan Robertson Inc and the other was Cobalt Civil. Cobalt did not meet the specifications for prequalification for that item, so I would recommend to accept Duncan Robertson.

Mike said you heard the recommendations; do you have any questions?

Gary made a motion to accept the recommendations of the County Engineer. Mike seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said this is something new for us.

Joe said the idea is to get a contractor on an annual bid contract for labor and equipment and then I can send him out to do repairs and replacements and deck rehabs, overlays. There are several items they can do.

Mike said Task order # 13.

Joe said this is for bridge 250 down on 950 South over Mud Creek, this is the design fees and does include some right a way engineering staking and some construction phase services. I am not sure we are going to need a lot of that. The right a way engineering, I think I can save some money on, that's a not to exceed, so is the construction phase services. I had in my original estimate \$6000.00 less than what we have here before us. I think I can save that by doing some of the right a way myself.

Mike said your original worksheet spreads that over three years?

Joel said yes sir.

Mike said in 2022, your expecting to pay some where between depending on when that \$6,000.00 decrease falls between \$67,000.00 and \$73,000.00. And that is coming from?

Joe said right now bridge.

Mike said not having anything to do with this task order. In 2022 your worksheet has us spending \$337,620 out of wind, which I believe is already committed. With bridge and other

funds available to you, remind me again if we need to put up any other money to cover your 2022 expenses.

Joe said we'll be good through 2022 with bridge, it's those further out that we're going to get behind on. I'm going to need an average of \$750,000 a year to make that up.

Mike said starting in 2023?

Joe said 2022.

Mike said as an average?

Joe said yes.

Mike said you've heard the recommendation for bridge 250, which I believe is a number one priority.

Joe said yes.

Gary made a motion to accept the recommendation and move forward. Mike seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Joe said I have one more question. I am going to be buying a lot of smaller pipes, in other wards rebar, weather proofing membrane, water proofing membrane, epoxy body adhesive and things that are going to amount to a few thousand dollars or could be several thousand dollars, my question to you is and one of them is this Geotech report for this 250, \$6,500.00 for that. What is my spending limit without coming to the Commissioner's?

Mike said if you have the funds.

Joe said Henry set me at \$25,000.00.

Meeks said \$50,000.00 is the statute. We have to bid it. We've never really had one, but \$25,000.00 sound fine.

Mike said yes, I would say if you feel nervous about spending it, then I would say don't spend it and come ask us. As long as you're within your budget.

Joe said if there is fine print, do I need to forward that to Meeks for his review?

Mike said I probably would.

Joe said that is what I'll do.

Meeks said I've seen most of those contracts with Culy and some of them.

Joe said it's pretty standard.

Mike said is \$25,000.00 good enough?

Joe said yes.

Mike Haffner said I was telling him, we are already budgeted for some funds and he has that available to him.

Mike Haffner – Accept annual bids

Mike Haffner said I reviewed everything, standard what we've done in the past, like aggregate, just accept all the bids and depending on where we're at where I purchase it. The fuel is kind of the same way, we had two bids on that, we will accept them both and if we decide to lock in, I will call them both and whoever is the lowest at that point, we will review that. The only one that we have and Joe's been working on our emulsion companies, we use AE90S palmer additive, I guess years ago we went with Marathon, Marathon is your low but they haven't provided state, this is a new product for them, they're not able to give us a storage tank and then there was several things in there that we didn't quite like or agree to. Until some of those details get worked out, I'd still like to and probably will use Asphalt Materials who we've been using. Until they can meet some of our accommodations and maybe do some testing on that.

Mike asked until Marathon can meet our accommodations?

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike asked did they both bid?

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike said your accepting both bids?

Mike Haffner said yes, I'm just going to accept all bids at this time but will probably use Asphalt Materials.

Gary made a motion to approve and accept all bids as recommended by the Highway Superintendent, Mike Haffner for our annual bids of all items. Mike seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike Haffner said I have one question for Laura. All the bids, both bridge and highway. The last several years you've been having me keep that. Is that the way we still want to do it?

Laura said you can keep them, just don't get rid of them.

Other Business:

Ken Hendrickson, Randolph County Chief Deputy Sheriff

Ken said no business.

Sheriff's Compensation agreement

Mike said we do have a compensation agreement with the Sheriff, it looks like the standard agreement that we've signed in the past. Have you reviewed this Meeks?

Meeks said it looks the same, I did not review the numbers, I assume the Auditor's office did.

Laura said I believe it was just the \$1,000.00 raise that everyone received.

Mike said we did receive a copy of this via email, we've looked at and I would entertain a motion to approve the agreement and authorize me to sign on behalf of the county.

Gary made a motion to approve the compensation agreement with the Sheriff and authorize Mike Wickersham to sign on our behalf. Mike seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said this will go to Council for their approval.

Regular Claims \$956,633.28

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

Payroll Claims \$235,928.32

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

MPX Claim \$27,000.00

MPX Claim \$9,628.15

Pyramid Claim \$4,000.00

Pyramid Claim \$233.28

Pyramid Claim \$2,280.00

Pyramid Claim \$8,000.00

Rex Collins Electric claim \$11,122.00

MPX Change Order 03C-02

Mike said next is the communication project claims, I presume we are going to continue to table those.

Gary said yes.

Mike said I think Tom would agree too. The only thing I would say is that we have received a response from Terry Burnworth and they are working with IPSIC to try to get us that license.

Meeks said that is what it sounds like.

Mike said he indicated to me in an email that we could use that 4.8-megahertz microwave license for a year. That is the first time I've heard that.

Gary said which one, the one we get from IPSIC?

Mike said without IPSIC. That is the impression I got from his email.

Meeks said what day was that?

Gary said that is not what I understand.

Mike said it was a long time ago. Because it was in my junk mail.

Gary said that is not the understanding I got from John Shrew from J&K.

Mike said I will review it and send it to you.

Gary said they were supposed to be done, I tried to make contact with the climbers, they were supposed to finish all the towers Thursday with all their work. J&K, the guys doing the work there told me Monday or Tuesday when I saw him that they were hoping to be done by Friday and the line, if not Friday, the first of this week. That would mean the system would be ready to put up and go.

Mike said he sent this on 11/17 to me and like I said it was in my junk mail. “The 4.9 gigahertz can be lit up for 12-months without a registration, technically you don’t get a license on the 4.9 since it’s open spectrum. The registration is being held up in Washington DC do to partisan politics. I’ve been in contact with several people, both have indicated that it will happen but no time line. Your equipment was purchased prior to any of these issues, we are also exploring piggy backing on the IPSIC registration since they have state wide license” Then he goes on to say “the tower issues have been resolved, according to the discussion I had with MPX the installer. Todd will review this to make sure. The school tower sits in a flood area and may continue to have water, the other sites we require Cobalt or MPX to come back which Todd will have them do this. I copied Todd on this email so he can address the water issues.”

Gary said they are having Cobalt to do that?

Mike said that is what he said.

Gary said what are they going to do?

Mike said or MPX. I’ve not heard. It’s in a flood plain, flood area.

Gary asked have you heard anything from them Ed?

Ed Thornburg said I haven’t heard a word from anybody.

Meeks said the one I got from the last meeting is “We sent over lats/longs of the site to IPSIC on Friday, I actually have John Shrew from J&K send it to Kelly from IPSIC, we will let you know what is going on with the update at the end of the week. Yes, IPSIC has a statewide registration

to the 4.9 gigahertz. The latest they came over on the blogs today includes the following” then there’s a link to a web site. On December 7th there was an article about the 4.9 gigahertz.

Gary said one thing that we can do and I will do that, check with J&K to see if Rex Collins work is complete as far as they’re concerned and if it is then we can pay them but until J&K and Pyramid say that they are done.

Mike said Rex Collins is the retainage isn’t it?

Gary said yes, its just retainage and they do just electrical work, they don’t have anything to do beyond that and that is what determines if J&K’s equipment will work. They’re just hooking the cables from top to bottom, so if J&K’s equipment is operating then Collins can be paid in my opinion.

Mike said okay, that is another one we can take up on December 29th.

Gary said we just need to move forward, particularly since we have all the equipment on the towers hooked up.

Comp time reports

Mike said we received a copy of the comp time report via email.

Gary said it made a little jump.

Laura said these numbers are after a \$21,000.00 pay out.

Mike said it made a pretty big jump then. I think the jail and Sheriff’s Department been short a few personnel which are causing others to work overtime.

Revize Web site quote

Mike asked do you have any thoughts on that Gary?

Gary asked what’s our options?

Mike said we can stay with the one we have. The state gave us one or we could advertise for bids if we want to go there.

Laura said the current people have always been good to fix whatever I need fixed.

Mike said as I understand it, each department can do that. They have a designated person.

Laura said I go in and add my minutes, there are error messages that pop up when I do it. I can’t fix those error messages but if I send them an email, they upload, I just can’t fix the error messages.

Mike said so they are still responsive to you?

Laura said yes.

Gary said I would think we move in that direction from my perspective and see what we get.

Mike said from my perspective I don't think it's a bad website. I know other people have indicated that they don't care for it. So why don't we just go in that direction and make sure they still want to maintain and help us when we need help.

Updated Farm Lease

Mike said this is an updated farm lease with Phil Howell and this is for a three-year period 2022, 2023 and 2024 at \$110.00 per acre for approximately a little under 38 acres. It also is the same as the last one except we added paragraph 15, lessee may terminate this lease at the end of any calendar year that this lease is in affect if he determines that he is physically unable to use it the pasture for grazing of animals. I don't think that's unreasonable.

Gary made a motion to approve the farm lease. Mike seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

EDIT Plan & meeting date

Mike said this EDIT plan adds number 21, the Washington Township Library. We've amended our plan so we need to move to officially amend it and then set a time for an EDIT meeting.

Gary made a motion to approve the Randolph County EDIT plan as amended. Mike seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said if I recall I don't think they need this money until spring so I don't see a reason to set a meeting because we could have other amendments prior to. Why don't we just table the decision on the meeting.

County Attorney Employment agreement/conflict of interest

Meeks said I can leave it you need to discuss it.

Mike said I've reviewed it and I'd move approval of the employment agreement with the county attorney Meeks Cockerill as the agreement states. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Emergency Medical Service Director's position

Mike said we all know Diane retired at the end of November and we been operating with the assistant director, Duane Petry serving as acting director. We did meet in executive session and interviewed potential directors and I think unless we want to wait until the 29th I think it would behoove us to move forward with hiring a director and I would recommend that we hire Duane Petry as our director. He indicated that he did have a plan to go forward with the Emergency Medical Service Office and would like to do that. I think we should give him that opportunity. At Council's last meeting, I recommended Council change the salary ordinance to reflect a hirer pay for that job starting in January 2022 at \$50,000.00 which is after their previous \$1,000.00 increase, it's about a \$2,800.00 increase over what that job pays now. That's been decided

regardless of who we hire but I would recommend and move we hire Duane Petry as our Emergency Medical Services Director.

Gary seconded and I think that's a good choice. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said the other thing, I'm not sure if we can do on our own, but I hope we can. When Duane took over the interim job as Director, I'm not sure we changed his pay. I think he took over the first Monday after Thanksgiving, November 29th.

Laura said I talked to Paula and she can do an adjustment on the payroll that we have already paid for that period.

Mike made a motion to boost that pay to the director's pay for the time he served as the interim director, make it retroactive to November 29, 2021. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Laura Martin, MOU for Covid Test site contract employee

Gary made a motion to approve the MOU for a third-party contract employee Beverly Jenkins. Mike seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments

None

Adjournment

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


Reviewed and signed this 21 day of March, 2022.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS







ATTEST: 
Laura J Martin, Auditor of Randolph County