

Randolph County Commissioners

June 7, 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 Vice President Tom Chalfant and Gary Girton. Also present was Randolph County Auditor Laura J Martin, Chief Deputy Sheriff Ken Hendrickson and County Attorney Meeks Cockerill.

Tom Chalfant, Vice President presided over the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Paula and Laura – Insurance premium deductions/HSA contributions

Paula said you should have received a page which is our normal sign up form, on it, we will be offering the traditional PPO and the medical HSA option. The recommendation is to keep them both at the \$23.54 if they participate in the wellness or \$33.54 for an individual if they choose not to participate. For the family we would like to keep it at \$158.77 if they participate in the wellness, \$168.77 if not. These are the same rates as last year and we are proposing that we stay with the \$1,000.00 HSA contribution divided by four quarters for an individual and \$1,500.00 for family coverage into the HSA if an employee chooses to stay in the HSA. Laura had a conversation with Mike before he left.

Laura said that Mike said he was fine with staying with the same pay deduction that we are at now and the \$1,000.00 and \$1,500.00 for the HSA.

Tom said the committee has reviewed this and this is the committee recommendation.

Laura said yes.

Tom said any questions Gary?

Gary said no, I have looked over it and have been involved in some of the discussion, I think for this year it is an excellent plan. Considering where we were at back in January and February.

Gary said made a motion to approve the plan as presented by Paula. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Beth Kreig – Drug Free Randolph County grant application

Beth said I am not sure how many years I have been doing this now, awhile. I am applying for some grant dollars from Drug Free Randolph County to help the probation department with their drug testing expense. I don't know how much we will receive, it depends on how many entities apply. It usually runs anywhere from \$1,100.00 to \$1,500.00 and we use that for our drug testing expense.

Gary made a motion to grant the request for application to the Drug Free Randolph County. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Sherry and Wendy, Health Department – Grant approval

Sherry said the first one we want to apply for is the Preparedness Grant, that is with Cody Lemaster and Matt Simmons. We have had this in the past and it is the same amount that they received last year.

Tom said that is for \$25,000.00?

Sherry said yes.

Tom asked is there any questions Gary?

Gary said no.

Do we want to handle these both at the same time Gary?

Gary said yes.

Sherry said the next one is for the Covid 19 testing site, it is an extension to that and last through June of 2022. That amount is \$51,616.31 and that is to help us to continue to get the vaccinations out to Randolph County and the surrounding Counties.

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

Tom asked anything else ladies?

Wendy said yes, we want to know if we can use the old Highway Department offices to do Covid vaccines. Because we will be, right now we are doing mass vaccination clinics at the White Rive Volunteer Fire Department, the state wants us to cut down from doing one day of vaccines to everyday vaccines. We will need a place and we thought it might easier if we could set the Covid vaccines up there because when we get busy in the clinic doing back to school vaccines and things like that, flu shots and everything. If you didn't have any plans for it, if we could use it.

Tom asked do you have any idea how long that would be?

Wendy said we'll use it as long as you will let us, maybe a year, but if you find something else you need to do with it, we will gladly move to the clinic. We just want to get through our busy season in the office, we have so much to catch up on from Covid.

Tom said Jake is not, here is he? Gary do you know if Jake has plans for that room, the Highway has vacated it, right Mike?

Gary said we don't have any at the present time, because we were talking about the different office that were available and I think that would be a good use for it. Like Wendy said if we see a situation where we have to move, we can address it then.

Wendy said we can, we were just trying to keep all the traffic out of our area, with birth certificates and shots and things. Our Covid testing site is going on for another year, I mentioned that to Rod at the hospital and he went ahead and called the lawyer and called Mike. I meant to ask him if it was okay, then come and ask you guys first. I'm sorry that kind of got out of line there.

Gary made a motion to approve the use of the open room that use to be the Highway office at the RCFFO building for the use of their Covid vaccines. Tom seconded. All aye votes.

Wendy said our computers for our vaccine site and for my clinic for billing insurance is operated on WIFI, which we don't have that capability, we talked to Fred and he mentioned calling Verizon and seeing about a MIFI but we need your approval, our board has said we could do it but we have to get your approval. We are trying to get quotes, it's about \$45.00 per month. We think we can run a year contract, we don't have that on paper yet, we are waiting on it. I just wanted to touch base, we of course would fund it, but I wanted to see if that is something that we could do. Right now, to bill insurance for vaccines, we are hot spotting off of my phone.

Gary made a motion to approve the use of a Verizon hot spot to be paid for by the Health Department for use in billing insurance companies. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Scottie Harvey – Request to hang umbrella's

Scottie said its umbrella time again, I would like to have permission to string them on the Plaza this year. We are not going down around the square, we are downsizing quite a bit. We would like to have them on the plaza, especially for the gala on June 26th.

Gary said I thought it was great last year, I had not seen that before, but I think that is a good idea and it is up to the committee what you are wanting to do. I will make a motion to approve Scottie's request.

Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Jim Byrd – Tower King Proposal

Jim said I am here on behalf of Randolph County United and the technology committee requesting that you approve the scope of work from Tower King and also, they have a quote attached, the recommendation is from the technology committee, the RCU board and then Commissioner Girton and Councilman Lenkendofer met with Tower King last week and both agreed to the proposal. Mr. Girton can probably give you more insight on that than I would be able to.

Gary said we pretty well went over everything. We had a lot of questions and discussion but a Tower King representative was there and answered all the questions we had. I think Joe Batt is the chair of the committee, he felt that it was a positive way to move. They've got it broken down in the paper work that you have, the different aspects and so we don't have to buy the whole package. We have to buy issues or parts of it as we wish and I think as Jim said I think this is the best proposal that we have had. I know Jim has reached out to a number of companies trying to get information and get us to the point that we are at the present time.

Jim said two keys things in the proposal which I think is very thorough and has some flexibility is Tower King is only a couple hours away, they are not local but they are close but they do own an existing tower in Union City right now so they have some familiarity and I think the one thing in there too is basically there's some things that are no cost and when they are able to market the towers to providers and so forth, the county will receive 60% of the income. There is the possibility of money coming back.

Tom said I am not opposed to it but I would like to regroup with the Council because originally when we set this up we were going work on our emergency services and broadband sort of all under one umbrella and now we've got two companies, I would like to know how they are going to interface with Pyramid. I just want to talk with the Council, have a joint meeting because we all started this together. I just want to have some clarification because I am not completely satisfied with the work Pyramids done this far. I still have a lot of questions of how it is going to operate and how they are going to power it.

Jim said one thing through our committee and so forth Pyramid has dropped the ball and left us hanging on things. This company will come in and I think they can take care of everything basically. They will pick up the pieces and they are familiar with everything Pyramid has done and where you guys are on the 911 towers. I strongly believe they will be able to step up.

Tom said I concur with you but I would just like for them to maybe meet with the Council and Commissioners together. I would assume we could set up a meeting and go over this as a group and come to a consensus before we decide I want the Council's blessing.

Jim said I think part of it on the money, as I understood it was out of money that you already had appropriated for the proposed four towers to begin with. I'm not disagreeing with your idea, I just question the timeliness of bringing them on board and getting things moving forward for you. People are aware of the towers and the question is when and we don't know that.

Gary said I think David is on board very much so, in fact he has pushed for this from the start for this particular group once we interviewed them. I think he is very much in favor of moving forward from comments he has made in reference to his conversations with other Council members that they are also. I think like Jim said the issue now is timeliness because we have fallen behind several months from what we planned to be.

Jim said part of that is due to the prior company, they just aren't there.

Tom said I agree, I just want the Council because we are not going to have enough money to finish this, I'm afraid from what we've appropriated. It is going to be up to the Council to figure out how to fund it. If we set a date for a joint meeting, about how long would it be before we could meet?

Laura said I have to give a 48-hour notice.

Tom said it could still be later this week possibly?

Laura said they would not be able to get it in the paper until Thursday, so it would be next week.

Jim said I am supposed to go to Council tomorrow, based on you approving the recommendation and then they could approve the funding. Whatever you have to do.

Tom said I would like to have the Council weigh in on this as a body, I know Dave is in favor of it but I would feel better to have them to know that they are going to be committing more money than we've already committed.

Gary said not really.

Angela said it would have to be either EDIT or Windfarm and that discussion was never voted on. It was simply a discussion of \$400,000.00 could be available from windfarm or EDIT. Special lit is already committed.

Jim said like Gary said their \$235,000.00 that's not one lump, I mean that's done in sections and if there is some stuff they don't want to do, they don't do it. I think the money is, I understand your concern but, I hate to see us delay it anymore.

Gary said I think we approve the recommendation based on Council's funding. Since Jim is already scheduled to be there tomorrow, if they don't approve it, then we are back to the bank. I will make that in the form of a motion that we approve it as Commissioner's and it be up to the Council to make the final decision tomorrow on funding it.

Tom said I want to have their input because were looking at possibly a ½ million dollars to power the three emergency towers that we weren't anticipating. I just don't know where we are at I just want to have a meeting of the minds first and hopefully they would be able to meet as soon as possible to talk about this. I hate to drag it out but hopefully another week, I think would be valuable for us to all sit down together and hash this out and if we do have cost over runs how we are going to pay for them.

Chris said I got information late last week, we believe that the 4.9-megahertz spectrum has been taken care of. Adco International, the public safety spectrum alliance and the national public safety communications council all filed briefs with the FCC, besides Senator Braun and stuff and the FCC has issued a stay on the order prohibiting the 4.9 megahertz for the time being. The way we understand it at this point in time we are going to proceed with the 4.9 megahertz so we should be okay to put our microwave towers up.

Tom said that is not a permanent fix, hopefully it will become permanent but right now it is just a temporary stay.

Chris said basically what it boils down to is the director of the FCC the way I read this says that the spectrum is underutilized and they want to open it up to commercial and these organizations are saying that it is going to create a patch work of problems and will cause more harm than good and the board of the FCC agreed. I believe it is taken care of and them Pyramid when I talked to them last week was planning on going forward and we are expecting to get our temporary authorizations.

Tom said thank you for sharing that. That is good news but I guess I just want to have meeting of the minds with the Council. Hopefully we can set a meeting for early next week to finalize all of this. Hopefully Tower King can come meet with the Council if they have questions about all these things.

Mike Haffner – Federal aid engineering bid award, 2 Frontier Utility agreements

Mike said bridge 32 federal aid, SJCA was selected, that paperwork is with INDOT and they get to rate as well. I don't see why that would change.

Tom said is that just for that one bridge, weren't there two bridges?

Mike said there were two bridges but you have to have three and we only had two. On bridge 85 it had to be re-advertised.

Tom said if you don't get anymore than two can it ever be approved?

Mike said I already got three this time. The company said they would go ahead and at least submit a letter saying they didn't want to bid.

Tom said we just have to have a letter saying they don't want to bid?

Mike said yes, we just need a letter saying they do not wish to bid. I think we will be alright.

Mike said we have two utilities, I've been talking and texting Rick from Frontier. The one on 200 South and 73 West over by Parker is just a simple bore under repair. I am recommending that. The one on South Plum Street, 605 South in Farmland, there is some discrepancy there, we are trying to get a handle, is that in the city limits or not. It sure looks like city limits to me. On their end it shows the county. I am uncomfortable with that one until we pin that one down. I would say, unless you guys want to, I am not recommending we give authorization to work in city limits.

Tom said I don't think that is our call.

Mike said it would just be for the one. If it turns out it is we will bring it back in two weeks.

Gary made a motion to approve the Frontier utility agreement for 200 South. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said I was just down in Indy at the LTAP meeting for the Indiana Association of County Highway's. I received a quick reference map of all the accidents from 2016 through 2020 with fatalities and on the second page it breaks it down, time of day, month, what kind of crash it was and basically is the county getting better or worse. I did give a copy to the Sheriff's department and Chris. I'm not sure how their records show, I'd be interested if this is something they could use or not use.

Ken Hendrickson said this does not have any state highway crashes on here.

Mike said yes, this is just county.

Ken said that is the only thing I found. It just didn't have all the information.

Mike said it is just what LTAP put out and they gave each county their paper and they have it each year. Really nothing major out of the sessions mainly because things last year was tabled. The 50/50, restrictive, nonrestrictive, there was a lot of talk potentially doing away with that or going 60/40 they basically said they were going to continue that as is for one to two more years to get more audits down, certainly on the counties that did not make the 50/50. Randolph County has no problem making the 50/50, were in good shape in that situation.

Tom asked do you anticipate them changing that to 60/40 funding, do you have any idea?

Mike said I talked to Jacque Clements and its all over. She's heard that there is a push to not let any equipment be purchased through MVH and no benefit package to employees gets paid out of MVH. Right now, Randolph County is costing them, pushing close to \$500,000.00 and she doesn't see that any way shape or form passing because it would be too detrimental to counties. Right now, she thinks they are just going to stay with the 50/50 until they have more information and more audits. I don't see any changes down that path within the next couple years.

Gary said have we moved any farther with the Headwater's II roads?

Mike said the July 1st deadline, looks like it's not going to happen. Not anything from their end, they have got a lot of the blades loaded on trucks but they can't get the state police escorts because their short manpower and supposedly in northern Indiana theirs more blades being delivered and they have put the priority toward delivering instead of hauling out. I'm not sure what that does now.

Gary asked is the windfarm almost ready to operate at full power or do you know? I haven't heard anything for about two weeks.

Tom said they intend to be up and running by the end of the month, but I haven't heard anymore either.

Mike said I think a lot of it is that they can't take the access lanes out until they get the blades out of there. As far as operational, I'd say it's probably running on schedule.

Robin Vickery- Grant application approval

Robin said I am here to request to again write the grant that is from Indiana Department of Corrections so we can continue with programming at Community Corrections. The amount on there is \$218,700.00. This is a pass through, so it doesn't cost the county dollars. That number could change. I've got to talk to the state to make sure we are on the same page and see things the same way. If anything, it could be less because of a position that is currently not there. I am going to have to get some answers from the state on what direction they want to go. Naturally I am going by my past grant year and that's the dollar amount they funded us last time.

Tom said this goes from January 2022 to January 2023?

Robin said it goes to December 31, 2022.

Gary made a motion to approve the request to apply for this grant for Community Corrections. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Jamie Pegg – Ambulance bill

Jamie said this is my wife Nicole, she has helped handle some of this, I'm here because we received an EMS bill and it was about 18 months when we finally got it after the service had been given and it was to late to turn it in to our insurance company. We were hoping that you guys could let this be dismissed instead of us paying for it, we don't feel like we should be responsible for something the insurance company would have paid for had we gotten bill within a year of the date of service.

Nicole said I called and talked to the insurance company and they said that they have to receive that bill before that time and they never sent it to us. When I talked to the lady at the billing service and she said we sent you a bill. The first bill that the generated was the end of October of last year, of 2020 and that was 14 months after the date of service and we didn't receive that bill because they sent it to the wrong address two or three times, so our first bill we received in February 2021. By that time, we had, now were stuck with a \$1,000.00 ambulance bill that our insurance would have paid 100% had they just sent a bill to our house in a timely manner. I'm concerned about their billing practices and how long it's taking to get that and then it's past the time for us to file that and now we're stuck with a \$1,000.00 bill that would have been paid 100% by our insurance.

Gary said the original bill was 14 months late?

Nicole said yes and then when they sent it, it didn't come to our address, they sent it to 551 N Main Street which was a house that we lived in 15 years ago, that house isn't even there now. On their billing statement, like their history of everything, it has that they responded to the 1164 W 150 S which is where we live now, but the way I understand from Duane Petry that they got information from Ball Hospital that had our old address in there because when they pull it up in the computer, the send that information to the EMS. Is that right Duane?

Duane said yes, the face sheet from Ball had the address here in Winchester and that is what our guys put down for the billing.

Nicole said that is not actually where they responded too and Ball got the right address from us when they came in did the final registration because they had all the correct insurance information and billing address. We got their bills.

Tom said I know we have gotten bills two or three years after the fact. Apparently, there was a bill generated before a year, the insurance companies, they all contested. Do you know what the policy is?

Laura said I don't, they are not on our insurance.

Tom said your insurance says after a year they are not responsible?

Nicole said they have to have a claim filed before a year, there is a year time limit on that.

Tom asked any thoughts Gary?

Gary said that is an issue, it's a matter of passing the buck, it looks to me like.

Tom said we discussed this the last meeting, Duane gave us a history. It talks about, was it December 19, 2019, was that when the call was made?

Nicole said it was August 6, 2019 is the actual day the ambulance was.

Tom said in December they tried to get through to you.

Nicole said the issue really is, they didn't send a bill, they didn't even try to send a bill to us for 14 months and it cost us \$1,000.00 is what it's cost us and I don't think anybody in this room would be happy with having to pay a \$1,000.00 bill that would have been paid if they would have sent me a bill. He was in the hospital with Covid in November and we had an ambulance bill the fire department and it was paid, actually I thought that was the bill that we received and I thought they have already paid that, then I got to looking at it and I was like this is from when you had the stroke. To me that is the biggest concern that the billing company didn't send us a bill, he had a physician's bill that we received, they didn't turn it into the insurance from that hospital stay back in November and I called them and said we have insurance here, this was resubmitted and they paid it. But they sent us a bill to the house and I have had that happen on multiple occasions, but they send me a bill. Why would they wait for insurance, they don't even know if I have insurance, so why wouldn't they bill me.

Tom said they say they tried to contact you by phone, left voice messages and no one called them back.

Jamie said I get a lot of phone calls that I don't answer, if I don't know a number, especially a number I think they're out of Michigan maybe, I get emails all the time too that I can't even open.

Tom said they left you a voice message that you could have listened to.

Nicole said the thing is they had my address, why didn't they send me a bill, that's the bottom line. Duane said they usually wait for about a month and then they are supposed to send the bill, we never received a bill.

Tom said they sent the bill to the wrong address two or three times.

Nicole said 14 months later.

Tom said they said they tried to contact you before and you didn't return their voice mail.

Jamie said if they don't have my address, how do they even know that's my phone number? I don't know that they did that. They said they did but they could put anything on there.

Tom said they probably have record of calling a number and leaving a message. That is what they say in their notes, that they left a message and got no response.

Nicole said the lady when I talked to her also kept saying we sent you a bill. I was like I'm telling you this is the first bill that we received and then when I got the history of it then that's when I saw they sent it to the wrong address, that's why I hadn't received the bill. She was acting like I was lying to her, I was like I'm not lying to you. We have not received these bills that they said had been generated.

Tom said Gary this is certainly a colossal misunderstanding; do you have any suggestions?

Gary said no, I see their predicament. I don't understand that if that's true it took 14 months to send their first bill. I don't care about the phone calls. You contact somebody by sending them a bill, that gives you justification. That's how I run my business, if the bill comes back or something, anyway at least I have record that I sent them a bill and it was sent. We send ours monthly, so I don't know why them people didn't. Fourteen months seems extreme.

Nicole said I'm not even just talking about our case, is this happening, is this what they are saying their practice is and the EMS, the county could be getting their money timelier if they had better billing practices.

Tom said Gary do you want to try and reach a compromise, you did receive the service, you're not disputing that.

Nicole, said we are not disputing that, but this is costing us \$1,000.00 that our insurance would have paid 100%. To me it is the billing company that messed this up, but we have to go through you because we don't have no one else to go to at this point in time.

Tom said I didn't know if you'd be willing to split and you pay half and we pay half.

Jamie said I really don't feel like we should even be responsible for half of it, it's still \$500.00 that would have been paid and you would have already had your money also had this been billed within that year.

Gary said is there any other way we can resolve this Meeks?

Meeks said I don't know what you mean by that Gary, there's a bill out there, I guess you just keep the bill out there, you don't collect it.

Nicole said I don't want it to go against our credit either.

Meeks said if you're not going to collect it, just forget the bill, if you want to collect it and they don't pay it and then it goes to court, then the judge decides. They use Randolph Financial, it goes to Randolph Financial the get a collection, they say no, we don't owe it, they go to court. My recommendation is to just write it off.

Gary said I don't like to write bills off, but I see the predicament they are in. I guess I would feel somewhat that way also, if that bill was covered under insurance that I was paying, then I would not feel that I owed it. I guess I would recommend that we just write it off.

Tom seconded the motion that we write off the ambulance bill for the Pegg's. Is there any more Discussion? All aye votes. Motion carried.

Duane Petry – Lucas Device

Other Business:

Ken Hendrickson, Randolph County Chief Deputy Sheriff

Ken said we have no business.

Regular Claims \$678,410.09

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

Payroll Claims \$ 224,180.70

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

Randolph County United claim \$18467.67

Randolph County Tourism claim \$2,365.67

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

Dispatch Products claim \$ 2,681.35

Gary said this is the claim that we did not pay last time because it was the retainage. Chris you said everything was taken care of by Dispatch Products and that bill should be paid?

Chris said yes, that bill should be paid.

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

Children’s Advocacy Claim \$30,000.00

Tom said we have met a few times and talked with the Children’s Advocacy. Are there any more questions Gary?

Gary said no, I will make a motion to approve. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Minutes of May 3 and May 17, 2021

Tom asked are there any additions or corrections Gary?

Gary made a motion to approve the two minutes of May 3 and May 17th. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2021-04 Third reading

Tom said Ordinance 2021-04 third reading is the ordinance on ATV’s. I have not received any comments.

Gary asked Ken have you received any comments on this ordinance in reference to the ATV’s?

Ken said not that I know of.

Gary made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-04 on the third reading. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Covid test site employee contract

Tom said this requires one signature, so you would be approving the Vice Chairman to sign this contract. Do you have any questions about the contract Gary?

Gary said no, I will move approval of this contract and authorize Tom Chalfant to sign on behalf of the Commissioners. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s monthly report

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

Laura Martin – Dates for touring with 4-H Future Needs & Information on outsourcing IT

Laura said the first thing I received an email from Greg Beumer and he is on the 4-H Future Needs Committee and what he wants is for Council and Commissioner’s to tour the 4-H grounds with the Future Needs Committed. Meeks is this allowed for them to tour it all at once?

Meeks said yes, there is in the statute, if your touring facilities but you're not meeting or anything. But you have to advertise it. We did that for the courthouse a few times when we were redoing it.

Laura said what Greg is wanting right now, are dates of when you would be available to do that tour. I will present this to Council tomorrow.

Meeks said what you cannot do is set up three meetings of one Commissioner and two Council at each of them because that is like a serial meeting. So, you do one. You could probably have a second one but we would still advertise it.

Laura said what I need right now are dates that you would possibly be available to do that tour and then I will present it to Council tomorrow and try to come up with a combine date that works for the majority. He would like to do it in June and wants to start at 6:00 pm at the Best Way Hall on the date or dates that you choose.

Tom said I am free just about whenever.

Gary said I am too.

Laura said I will get a date with Council and then I will email everybody once I get it set up.

Laura said the other thing is Fred and I had a virtual meeting with Five Star which is a IT company that we actually contract with now and they assist Fred, like when he put in new switches they helped him program. So, they are pretty familiar with our system. I had said to Fred I am not getting any applications for the position and I was thinking about calling another company that had called me in the beginning asking about outsourcing. I told them that we were not interested in that at this time but it might something we would be open to if we don't get someone. We haven't been getting any applications, when I said to Fred I thought I was going to contact this company, he said let me contact Five Star first because they already know our system. So, we had a meeting with them last week and they sent me a proposal which I forwarded to you guys via email. For \$6,000.00 per month they will actually hire a person to be here but they would work under them instead of us. We would not have the salary or benefits, they would take care of that. They want at least a year contract, they said if at the end of that year we decided this is not working out for us, they would actually help us try to find somebody to put in that position. It was a really good meeting, I was really impressed with it. The \$6,000.00 per month comes to \$72,000.00 a year. Council had authorized me, if I could find a candidate pay up to depending on the candidate's qualifications up to \$60,000.00 and if you put benefits on top of that this is probably going to be about the same, if we found a candidate. They would like to if we decide this is the way we want to go, they would like to get somebody in here immediately because Fred is leaving on July 2 and he has no desire to stay beyond that. If we decide to go with them, they would like to get somebody in here as soon as possible to start getting all the knowledge they can from Fred. I wanted to bring it to your attention and if it's something your interested in and you want to approve it today, that means they will get

somebody in here to start following Fred around but then they will come to your next meeting with a contract.

Meeks said how does that work; do we have to give them space in the Courthouse?

Laura said we've got a space, Fred's space in the basement.

Meeks said that would be an independent contractor?

Laura said it is kind of like how the Assessor does with Lee in their office.

Meeks said what happens when you don't like that person?

Laura said what happens if I hire somebody and don't like them.

Meeks said did they tell you what happens?

Tom said do we have a choice; do we get to approve the person?

Laura said no, this will be totally on them. They said they have 150 employees at their company, 70 of them our outside service techs and they have them placed throughout, they said they would either relocate an existing or hire a new person for that position.

Meeks said the contract will probably address it, I didn't know if they told you.

Laura said I would think if I went to them and complained they would reassign someone. But I didn't ask that question.

Meeks said I think it's a good idea.

Tom said we don't have to many options.

Gary said I think the positive part of this is that they are already familiar with our system. They also have the people, like when Fred needed help, could help him, so they've got people that are going to fill in and do the same thing for the person that's on site.

Laura said the concern with out sourcing was, not having somebody here on site and they said they would put somebody in that chair for the 35 hours a week. We also mentioned that some times because of the Sheriff's department situation they would have off hour calls outside of that 35 hours and they were fine with that.

Gary said in the comments under overall support it says basic repairs. Are they going to spell out a little more than that on what's under this contract? I know with Fred we had to pay these people extra.

Laura said we have a contract with them now and its \$20,000.00 per year and that is just to be his support. When he needs them they are there?

Gary said they will supply everything under that. When Five Star came in before, that was \$20,000.00 yearly agreement and that covered everything over what Fred couldn't handle.

Laura said just service, the county still buys the computers. A big concern was that the Clerk is switching over to Odyssey later this year and how many computers, do you remember?

Mindy said there is 23 desktops and 6 laptops.

Laura said they are going to be switching out and we brought that to their attention and they were fine with that. That's going to be a big change over. Fred also brought to their attention that our switches are getting to the end of life, if a switch goes dead our county is dead, IT wise. They are familiar with our switching system.

Tom said this is on us, do we need Council approval?

Laura said the Council will approve funding for it, Commissioner's would approve the contract.

Tom said do we have money in our budget to pay for this?

Laura said right now we pay most of Fred's salary out of Cum Cap.

Meeks said if you choose to move forward with it, it would be subject to Council's funding.

Gary made a motion to approve the proposal from Five Star subject to Council's funding. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Additional Appropriations:

EDIT

Vision Corner	\$100,000.00
Children's Advocacy Program	\$ 30,000.00

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

Windfarm

New Ambulance	\$193,000.00
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Tom said we had an ambulance that was I think \$192,500.00 and now that's going to be 5% more if I remember right.

Duane said yes, at least, it will be a 5% increase July 1st.

Tom said even if we order it now?

Duane said if we order it before July 1st we wouldn't have that 5% but there is no way you can get it advertised and get the bidding process done.

Meeks said you are not going to be able to get the bids done and awarded.

Tom said that's too bad, that's several thousand dollars.

Meeks's said talk to the state, if its \$150,000.00 you have to bid it.

Gary made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for the new ambulance. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Community Corrections

July-December budget \$109,350.00

Laura said I think this is just the appropriation out of her grant.

Angela said this year her grant just went to six months rather than 12 months, so she could only appropriate for six months because that is all she had the cash for. So, this is the second half and she has received notice that she will receive the grant.

Gary made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for the Community Corrections grant fund. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Community Corrections (project income)

Office Supplies	\$100.00
Copier	\$1000.00
Utilities	\$1000.00
Equipment	\$1000.00
Drug testing	\$800.00
Data Processing Equip	\$1500.00
Misc. Services	\$750.00
Home Det Monitoring	\$17000.00

Gary made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for Community Corrections project income. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

General

Telephone recording equipment \$44,880.00

Gary asked is all of our new system in?

Laura said our phone system is. I think Joe has gotten everything worked out that has been reported.

Gary made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for the telephone recording system. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

General

Clerk of Circuit/Scanning	\$3366.00
Treasurer P/T	\$1328.00
Recorder P/T	\$2915.00
FT Basic EMTS	\$5127.00
PT Basic EMTS	\$7203.00
Extension PT Secretary	\$532.00
Extension Summer	\$798.00
P/T Circuit Court Prob Sec	\$2711.00
P/T Circuit Clerical	\$80.00
P/T Jailers	\$2113.00
P/T Cook	\$3493.00
Bldg. Comm P/T	\$2901.00
Aviation P/T	\$1627.00
RCFFO P/T Custodian	\$2437.00
RCFFO P/T Custodian	\$2328.00
Health Department	
Vital Records Clerk	\$2862.00
P/T Clerical	\$596.00
Social Security	\$215.00
Medicare	\$51.00

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

General Coroner

New Vehicle	\$54,585.00
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Gary made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for the Coroner's vehicle. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Laura Martin

Laura asked do you want to talk about the Veteran's office position. Mike Kennedy came in and then called me. I didn't know where we were at with it.

Gary said he and I are setting up an interview with the other fella.

Laura said so, you don't know where your going with it yet?

Gary said I will call and talk to the guy but we haven't set a date or anything yet.

Tom said so we are putting this on hold until you talk to this other guy.

Gary said I will talk to Mike too, to see what his real plans are. He said he would work full time or part time, I'm not sure what that means.

Laura said he said he would do either.

Tom Chalfant

Tom said I will read what Dr. Sowinski is recommending regarding masks.

Dr. Sowinski wrote I would recommend lifting the county government building mask requirements and making it a recommendation at the end of June. This is based on improved case counts in the last 2-3 weeks in Randolph County with an ongoing reduction in cases and death in Indiana and the United States in general.

The governor will be rescinding state mandates (e.g. requirement for masks in state buildings and requirements for masks in K-12 buildings) and making that a local decision after 6/30/2021.

I will still recommend limitations on indoor gatherings according to County Color metrics provided by the ISDH, but exceeding those limitations can be done with a safety plan submitted to and approved by the Health Department.

Tom said this is what Dr. Sowinski is recommending, I would be okay with just rescinding the mask mandate in our buildings right now.

Gary said I would not have a problem with that either, I will make the motion to rescind the mask mandate and make it as a recommendation to wear mask. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments


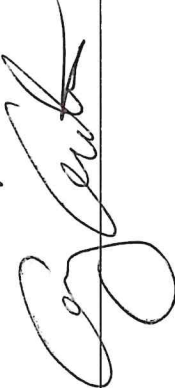
None

Adjournment

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

Reviewed and signed this 21 day of June, 2021.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Laura J Martin

ATTEST: Laura J Martin, Auditor of Randolph County