

Randolph County Commissioners

September 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 President Michael Wickersham, Tom Chalfant and Gary Girton. Also present was Randolph County Auditor Laura J Martin, Sheriff Art Moystner and County Attorney Meeks Cockerill.

Michael Wickersham, President presided over the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Caleb Beasley – Muncie Area Career Center – Use of RCFFO Building

Mike said we received a copy of the office building lease which is basically the same terms as it was last year, 650 square feet and we are participating in the service that you provide Randolph County and charging you no rent fees.

Tom made a motion to approve the lease as prepared by our attorney.

Mike ask have you seen the lease?

Caleb said I don't think I have.

Mike said it is the same as last year.

Gary seconded.

Mike asked do you have anything you'd like to add?

Caleb said we certainly appreciate the use of the space, I will say one of the things that we're really looking to do this year coming out of the pandemic year we had last year and the last 18 months is to recruit more students. Our focus with the program here in Randolph County as well as most of our programing in Delaware County is folks who don't have a high school diploma and serving those individuals. We appreciate anything anyone in the community can do to encourage folks to get in touch with us and work with some of our teachers to either get their diploma or earn their high school equivalency which used to be the GED. We just want to do everything we can to make sure were helping them take that next step personally and professionally.

Mike asked have you started classes?

Caleb said no, we wanted to wait until we had this officially done and then we'll start. We are open for enrollment all the time. Anytime anybody wants to sign up we can get them going.

Mike said will you amend your motion to allow for me to sign this, it just calls for one signature?

Tom said yes.

Mike asked will you amend your second Gary?

Gary said yes.

Mike said all in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Brandan Wright & Erin Kovacich, Five Star – Cyber security

Brandan said I brought with me Erin Kovacich, he is kind of our cyber security expert within FiveStar. We are here to kind of go over the mishap that we had here two weeks ago with our phishing attack and go over process that probably need to be updated a little more. Software that needs to be updated to keep you more secure from those types of attacks happening again. That's why I brought Erin here to explain some of those software and procedures that we have in place with schools and other corporations.

Erin said I will recap what basically happened and I don't know if anyone's had it happen to them. What happened was a phishing attack and it's called phishing because bad actors cast their line out there with malicious emails trying to tempt people with free prizes, free money or some sense of urgency, hey your password has been compromised or this or that has been compromised, so it scares them into doing certain things, clicking on links, downloading things. What happened was this email come through basically stating you need to update your Zimbra email password. A few of the users fell for that putting their information, user name and password into this form. It was actually a pretty simplistic attack, there wasn't anything, technically difficult about the way they did it. It was what they call social engineering using peoples basic need to want to help or take care of a problem and tricking them into doing such things. Adam was very quick to respond to this situation, he had some users call in and he started hearing some complaints about certain things coming in and he was quick to let us know. Quickly changed passwords for all the affected users. Went through and checked to make sure there wasn't anything malicious on the machines. I think the biggest thing here and this is the case with any organization is the users are always the weakest link in the equation. You can put all the technical controls in place but if the users are susceptible to falling for these types of attempts you are always going to run into these types of issues. One thing that we do in a lot of places that I think would be beneficial here is to do what they call phishing campaigns. As mean as it sounds, we send non-malicious emails to find out where are weak users are at, we find out who's clicking on what, what their doing once they click on it to see how short were falling as far as our staff training and things like that. What that allows us to do is to build up a portfolio of who needs that extra help that we can come back with and address with user training, reinforcing those cyber hygiene skills that they obviously need. Theirs multiple services out there that we can offer to help you with both performing the test, following up with remediation, training things like that. We would be more than happy to talk about that. The next thing in the

chain is end point protection, that is basically your antivirus, so if you've used a computer in the past you've probably heard antivirus. It protects you against something actually being opened, performed on the machine. Should the user make a mistake and click on, in most cases we expect that antivirus to intercept that and that is just a supplementary piece obviously with the issue we had a couple weeks ago there wasn't anything malicious about that, it was basically a web form they went out and clicked on. In that case that's a situation where antivirus wouldn't normally pick that up because nothing actually happened. It was no different than someone calling on the telephone and saying I need your user name and password and someone giving it up. In those cases where there is a malicious attachment or something malicious attached to a document, then we rely on the antivirus to be that safety net. Another thing that happens is if anybody received the information that you've been part of a data breach, they're happening all the time. The Experian, Equifax, a lot of those big credit unions have had big breaches where all their information has been leaked out to the public internet at some point. We could offer some services as well to scan what they call dark web so the unsavory portions of the internet where you find credit cards being sold, social security numbers being sold, identities being sold. Chances are a lot of that information that comes from those data breaches ends up on that part of the internet and is readily available for purchase. Some services we offer, scans a lot of those areas for user names, passwords, if you have any Randolph County Government employee, we can scan the dark web for their user name, password information if it's been part of a breach. We get notifications, we send that user information to say you need to reset your password, helps us keep better tabs on what's happening or things that they may not be aware of. Those are some things, we've worked with Randolph for a while and with Fred it was a little bit of a different relationship, we were more of a support role. With the way things are now we are a lot more involved and trying to be a little more proactive with how we're serving you and taking care of you and these are some things that we are seeing early on here. We just wanted to get the conversation started and answer any questions you might have and definitely follow up with proposals or some additional solutions.

Mike said we have antivirus.

Erin said yes.

Mike asked are you recommending that it's not heavy enough?

Erin said honestly, I think it's fine now, what you have. It's coming up for renewal and we definitely have some preferences on some solutions that we've used that we would probably recommend over just do to the ease of management.

Mike said we are getting a new email system. What you'd be recommending would be something new that would fit well with that one.

Erin said it would replace an existing, from a cost standpoint, I don't see it as being a complete lift, they would definitely offset each other.

Mike said the Viper system we have, it sets aside suspicious emails.

Erin said yes, and we made some changes on that recently to be a little more particular about things.

Mike said that is what I was going to ask, it didn't catch that one. You said it wasn't sophisticated, so I was curious why Viper didn't catch it.

Erin said in that case, Viper is the first place we went, it didn't even see it as malicious, it was basically an email that said here's a form. Their really minor changes and a lot of these things were recommending are relatively low overhead, not a lot of cost to do these things but I think it makes a big impact.

Mike said if you want to put something together, I don't know why we wouldn't want to look at it.

Erin said we can do that and have something to you maybe by the next meeting.

Meeks – Opening Bids on Engineering of Bridge 85

Meeks said the first one is from USI Consultant.

Mike said did it have an amount?

Meeks said not what I saw, it's more of what engineer firm do you want. It's not really a bid, more of a request for credentials.

Tom ask do we need to have three?

Meeks said no, you just need to put it out to bid.

Mike Haffner said I have letters from three other companies declining.

Meeks said there is a percentage here, the other one is from SJCA. It looks like they charge five percent and the other people charge 5%.

Tom said is that standard or can they change that?

Meeks said I have no idea if that is standard.

Mike asked can I see the first one?

Meeks said I guess it's 1% for SJCA. You usually just take them under advisement, let the highway look at them.

Mike Haffner said now that we have the other, I'll turn all that into the state and then they'll file it and they'll begin the selection where we have to rate the engineering firms just like we did before.

Mike said we have two bids and three rejection letters; do we want to take this under advisement?

Gary made a motion to take these under advisement. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike Haffner & Perry Knox – Bridge 304

Mike said we talked about this at our last meeting and we were going to find out if we had the money in our Cum bridge fund.

Mike Haffner said I did find out that I do have enough money in my Cum bridge if we want to do the engineering on it. We had a meeting out on bridge 308 and the Mayor, Ohio Valley Gas and everybody was there. I will let Perry kind of describe what we found on 308.

Perry said we certainly are recommending 308 for replacement, 304 also for replacement. Prioritization is the decision of the county.

Mike asked is 308 closed?

Perry said 308 is not closed. It is currently close to that 17 ton, it has got a lot of deterioration. The engineer, Dan Mullaney and Mike Ficaglia were there at the meeting and the question was asked if the posting would be lowered and it most certainly looks like it will be on the next round of inspection. A lot of deterioration, there are two holes opened up on that bridge right now there's metal plates over those holes.

Tom asked do you think it will go closed or will it still be usable?

Perry said I can't say, it just depends if something catastrophic happens. Like on 304 there was a beam there that definitely took a pretty hard deterioration there between the last cycle.

Mike Haffner said all it has to do is fall below twelve and then busses aren't allowed.

Mike asked Mayor do you have any thoughts on Carl Street and Short Street, which bridge you would do?

Mayor McCoy said my personal thought is probably Short Street do to the bus traffic. I know people want to see Carl opened up but, I think Short Street's probably got more traffic on it and like Perry said I think the future, I could see that thing being closed down at the same time as Carl if we don't get on it. We've got some infrastructure on both bridges, the one on Short and correct me if I'm wrong, I think may be able to work around it depending on the size of where we dig and everything else but there's a sewer line running right along that bridge as well. On Carl the sewer actually runs in the creek, so we've got to move both of them potentially.

Mike asked Carl Street doesn't have bus traffic?

Bob said I think it does, but I'm not sure how much, that's something we can, I can get with the bus barn and see just how many busses run across both bridges if you want me to do that.

Mike said I think if your thought is because of the bus traffic, it would be nice to know. Obviously, both are going to need to be replaced sooner than later hopefully.

Perry said on the Carl Street structure on the 2020 inspection report, the average daily traffic count was listed at 900 average daily, how much of that is school buses and garbage trucks and things like that.

Mike asked what about 308, do you have a number on that?

Perry said I don't have a number on it. Our engineer reviewed the Winchester bridges and of course he advised four of the City of Winchester bridges that he has on the list for replacement at some point in the future.

Mike asked does that include 85?

Perry said no, it was 303, 309, 308, 304.

Mike said where is 309?

Perry said 309 is number 25 on the list, I'm not exactly sure on the location.

Tom said it's north of 32.

Perry said 309 is on 4th Street north of 308.

Mike Haffner said I think the 304 and the 308 is probably the two significant ones. If we can take money from the highway to do one and we maybe find some other funds windmill or something to do the other one. We'd like to get both of these under engineering depending on the outcome, we can apply for grant money.

Tom said the state Community Crossings money won't pay for utilities.

Perry said it does not pay for utility relocation. That's correct.

Tom said federal does.

Perry said federal does, that's correct. Right now, on the proposal you have in front of you, were doing some preliminary estimates for construction cost replacement that's \$700,000.00 on 304. So, if you push that through on Community Crossings, which is our recommendation you'd be looking at 25% of that would be the counties match or \$175,000.00 based on the preliminary estimate. There will be a more solid estimate once we get to the design phase.

Mike Haffner asked what about the utilities, how much would that be?

Perry said the utilities are not reimbursable, so we talked to Chris Martin at the location for 304, he really didn't have any idea what he thought it would cost to relocate that sewer. There was a lot of discussion about combining bidding with the bridge contractor at that time could potentially save some money. He throughout \$100,000 to \$150,000.00 to relocate that sewer but that was just totally a guess from Chris's stand point. Mayor McCoy was there when we were discussing it.

Mike said we maybe could ask the City to participate in that.

Bob said if you could nail down a schedule where we know how to plan for it. Like I said my preference would be to do Short Street that way we don't have that. Eventually we are going to have to do them both.

Perry said the sewer on Short Street is probably 20 feet to the west of the structure opening that is currently there. Once we do hydraulics we don't know where the new structure is going to land.

Tom said 4500 people in Winchester, Mayor?

Bod said 4500, 4600.

Tom said it's hard to believe 900 people go over that bridge every day.

Meeks said I believe it.

Mike said my thought would be Carl Street and that's only because it's closed but if we close Short Street tomorrow then we got the same situation, that's kind of an unknown.

Perry said again you can never look into the future but the likelihood of closing a 17-ton bridge in the very near future is unlikely, I've not seen it. Remember Carl Street got reduced down to 4-ton and then closed. Unless you get into a flash flood situation or some sort of damage done to the bridge by some catastrophic event.

Mike said I don't want to disagree with the Mayor because frankly it ought to be his bridge anyway, but he is saying he would prefer Short Street.

Bob said I would really like to know the traffic count and I will get with Stacy regarding the busses.

Gary asked when's the next inspection?

Perry said it will be next year, it will be in 2022. It's every other year. The prioritization schedules are based off of our first round of inspections, that was last year. I will add another comment is that we did not get any estimated fees together on 308, I did talk to Shirly this

morning, she thinks that even though she didn't get it finished, 308 is very similar in costs to 304. Just for discussion purposes you can anticipate similar expenses on 308.

Tom said maybe \$100,000.00 less for utility reconstruction.

Perry said that is not part of our, we do the utility coordination as part of our proposal but the actual relocation is not part of the reimbursable expense that will be submitted.

Gary said you are projecting about \$1.3 million on Carl Street?

Perry said they are both similar according to our engineer, so \$700,000.00 construction costs estimate on 304 would be similar to 308 about \$700,000.00. We could take either one of these could be federal aids which would reimburse utilities but it's a lot longer process, right a way becomes an issue, it gets a lot more expensive.

Tom said would you double that?

Perry said it's a lot more restrictive, it's hard to put a number but it really escalates quickly.

Mike said it seems to me today we're in a position to approve Carl Street and then say that we are going to approve Short Street if it's the priority in two weeks or a month or we table Carl Street until we find out about Short Street and pick one or the other or do both.

Bob said if you do both at the same time as far as the engineering goes, your going to have your cost established, engineering is not going to change as far as cost, that takes care of both the bridges.

Mike said we don't have engineering on 308, Short Street. We don't have an engineering bid on that. We have one on Carl and if we do them in a reasonable amount of time, Carl Street would be the one to do. I think as Mike said if we do Carl and then Short were going to have to find the money for Short Street somewhere else. Not out of Cum bridge.

Tom said can we do either of them in house. Are those of the size and scope that we can do those in house.

Perry said no, a county engineer would not take on these projects if that's what your asking. These types of projects are way to involved, urban bridges are a lot of issues.

Mike said if were going to have state money on this, we're going to need the engineering in place before we really ever apply for it.

Perry said if you move forward today on 304, we'd be looking at a 3-year timeline to get it completed, probably a little less.

Mike said if we choose to do 308 next month we could flip flop that and 308 would be a three-year timeline.

Perry said they would both be ready and you could run them through Community Crossings when you're ready to execute. Once you run through Community Crossings, you apply for your funds and then you have four months to get it under contract and then 18 months to completion. So, when you pull the trigger to put them in through Community Crossings your 22 months to completion.

Tom asked could we get them both done at the same time with Community Crossings?

Perry said you can get some favorable bids, it's like the Windsor bridges, we intend to bid those together, even though they'll be separate bids but the contractor will look at both.

Tom asked does the state look kindly on that's Community Crossings granting, would that look good to them?

Perry said each project is separate to them, but they understand that bridges are priority and Randolph County certainly has some needs. I think on your Community Crossings this year; your bridge project was approved and the paving projects were not.

Mike said what is the maximum Community Crossing?

Perry said \$1 million. That's the full amount you can receive so \$1.3 million you can apply for and then pay the 25% match.

Tom said it could come close to covering both bridges.

Perry said that's correct.

Mike said I don't see any reason not to go ahead with Carl Street today. To pay the engineering fees and then we'll look at Short Street if we can get an engineering estimate.

Perry said you'll have it at the next meeting.

Mike said hopefully we can convince Council to use other funds.

Mike Haffner said can I ask Angela; do we need them to approve a line in Cum bridge to be able to pay for 304?

Angela said I went ahead and advertised because I had to advertise for other things, so actually there is an additional in their stack today that they can sign. I went ahead and prepared it just in case if they so choose. I went ahead and started the process in advertising the Cum bridge, if it is not in your stack today, it will be in your next month's stack.

Gary made a motion to move forward with bridge 304. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said we will look at 308 at the next meeting.

Tom asked Mike Haffner they are getting ready to do paving down there, do we have any culverts or any work.

Mike Haffner said we are changing two today.

Mike asked anything else this morning.

Perry said one comment on urban bridges is that we do these in stages, our plans our three stages, so the first stage is called a preliminary field check and we will meet with the Mayor at the site to go over what our initial plans are, what the engineer says the size, type and railing. We will be getting his input and the highway's input at that point for review before we move on to final plans. Everybody will have a chance to review.

Tom asked will they be allowed to put sidewalks in if they want them?

Perry said sure, we want to review drainage, we want to make sure during that stage that everybody understands what we are proposing.

Mike Haffner said I want to introduce Cody Lester, he is my new assistant. I've got two utility agreements.

Mike said we have one from Frontier along 700 South.

Mike Haffner said I've got one from Indiana Michigan Power and another one for BMS Group and I think there is a Frontier one but our internet was down and I couldn't get it.

Mike asked are you recommending those two?

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike said I am going to give you this to see if you want to recommend this one too.

Mike Haffner said to explain the BSM is over on Stockyard just right outside of town, they want to add a cabinet in that short stretch and they sent me diagrams and it's back off the intersection, I don't see any but they didn't have ballard's protecting the cabinet, I told them I would talk to you and I'm okay with it if they'll add in because somebody mowing or something like that it really just needs a little bit of protection.

Mike asked are the ballards included in that?

Mike Haffner said they was not in that one. I told them I didn't want to recommend it myself without it. Theoretically you approve it with the ballard's to protect it. They didn't have a problem adding them.

Tom said I'd think they would want to.

Mike said we are going to approve it subject to the ballards or are we going to wait and have them bring it back?

Meeks said they need to add it to their form.

Mike Haffner said can we just approve it as long as the ballards are there?

Meeks said it has to be in writing, if it's not in writing they are not going to do it.

Mike Haffner said I will take that one back and have it rewritten. The other Indiana Michigan Power, they just want access to our roadways to put their wooden planks down, they are not going to be putting any structures or anything. There are multiple locations, several locations but it's just for them to work on the lines, they need to be able to get access.

Tom asked will they be closing roads to do this?

Mike Haffner said no, they will not be closing roads.

Mike said is that for the solar farm or are they just upgrading lines?

Mike Haffner said they are just upgrading lines. As far as the Frontier, I'm okay with that.

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

Mike said we have the Indiana Michigan Power temporary construction entrances, showing on the map attached to the agreement. Does anybody have any other questions about that?

Gary made a motion to approve the Indiana Michigan Power utility agreement. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike Haffner said the surge protectors on the fuel island, I've got two quotes from Butterfield Power. He inspected everything and said there are added surge protectors that need to go in a couple other locations closer to the fuel island as close as you can get to the tower and fuel island the better. There is a quote for \$2,300.00 and the ones slightly higher in cost but he is still recommending them over the other one even though it is a little bit higher because he is used to working with this company.

Tom said Butterfield is doing the work but this is what he recommends us to do?

Mike Haffner said yes. This is basically added on to the system we already have.

Mike asked it's a different material from a different manufacturer?

Mike Haffner said it's a different type surge protector that would catch, there are not guarantees but he said he's installed this system in several places that had lightning strikes and this system took care of it. His first initial quote was in that \$7,000.00, \$8,000.00 but since we already had the main one installed that saved a lot of expense.

Tom asked does he say why this doesn't get built into the system?

Mike Haffner said he said basically they never are. He goes around, there's churches and everything else that he's installed these systems, surge protections and he said typically they don't know if they have a problem until it exists and then they go in with this system and take care of it.

Gary said this is for low voltage?

Mike Haffner said this is low voltage yes. In addition to what we have, it's a smaller unit that is located more at the source.

Mike asked he is installing either one of these?

Mike Haffner said Butterfield is going to install.

Mike said he is recommending the one that is \$75.00 more.

Mike Haffner said Butterfield works with this other contractor, so they will both be coming there.

Mike said but he is recommending the \$2325.00 as opposed to the \$2250.00.

Mike Haffner said correct. If we want to continue this, we about need to put this in but keep in mind all the boards are blowed out so we are going to take another \$8,000.00 hit just to replace what boards are out.

Mike said as I understand it he has solved this problem in the past with other highway departments.

Mike Haffner said with highway departments and other businesses that's had lightning strikes.

Mike said I would say were unprotected now.

Mike Haffner said if you agree to this then I will go ahead and get this installed and pay for it out of our funds. I'm working with Angela, we'll definitely have to probably transfer some funds around, I don't have what account I will pay this out of today.

Mike said the recommendation is to have Butterfield install the current technology CG3040 transit voltage surge suppression unit an ABB product at a cost of \$2,326.80.

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

Gary asked when is he going to do this?

Mike Haffner said the sooner the better but when I talked to him he acted like it was something he could work in right away. I got some updates on some paving. Brooks on our Community Crossing's paving, their saying the last week in September.

Mike asked where is that paving going to be?

Mike Haffner said it will be Old 27 South, 300 East from Union City Pike down to State Road 32, it will be 900 West from State Road 36 up to 400 North and around the corner from 900 West to 1000 West n 400 North, by the golf course. Then they are starting paving the windfarm area, they've done some spot paving and then Wednesday they are starting on 300 South paving that and then they are moving to 400 South and then down.

Mike asked is that the paving that we don't have an amended road use agreement signed yet?

Tom said I think so.

Gary said it is.

Meeks said do you have a draft?

Mike Haffner said no, not yet.

Zach, EDPR – Amended Road use agreement

Not here.

Mindy Peed – Employee Duties

Mindy said today I am asking for an amendment to the job description that I have for Circuit Court Deputy. I have additional copies, I did email them.

Mike said I have a copy.

Mindy said basically, I have lost employees and had to restructure some things, most of the responsibilities have been put on this position so I'm asking for the job description to be changed to include those duties.

Mike said this is the records deputy?

Mindy said yes.

Mike said so you've added duties to this job description?

Mindy said yes.

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

Part Time Veteran's Service Officer job description

Mike said we have a part time Veteran's Service Officer job description that was emailed to us and Mike Kennedy is here. I have been informed that it is basically the Veteran's Service Officer's job responsibilities except it's a part time position working the number of hours. The job description hasn't been changed other than the full time has been replaced with part time. You know what that job description is don't you Mike?

Mike Kennedy said I been doing it for a while, yes.

Mike said I don't see any reason spending a lot of time discussing it.

Tom made a motion to approve the job description for part time Veteran's Service Officer as presented. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Art Movstner, Randolph County Sheriff

Art said I have something that I would like to pass out, I wasn't expecting it until later in the week and they got it back to us, I am not really looking for an action today. I'd talked to Gary a few times about the building and so on and so forth. This is the quote for replacement of the fire control panel which we still have the original. This cost came in a little lower than I was expecting, I think that is something that I would like you guys to look at maybe we can take an action on it at the next meeting if there's funds there. I would like for you guys to have the opportunity to look it over first.

Mike asked is our system not working?

Art said we have had several problems over the years. Part of the issue we get into is there is no longer replacement parts. That would replace the panel between the doors at the entry which tells the fire department where we have a problem and it would replace the control panel in dispatch. The existing system stays as it is and as needed as we go we can replace those as they fail. I don't see a point in replacing the whole building at this point but it would give us, the places we see where it's failing is at that door, there's a part that one of the lights will no longer light up, that's where we have the issue and we kind of know that because we've had the issue in the past, so when it prints out we know where it's at but if we were to have an actual issue and the fire department show up it doesn't light up on the panel like it should. This would also give us the ability in the future to integrate this system into the door control system also. In the event that you would have a catastrophic fire within the jail it puts safety measures in place that are a lot better than what we have currently.

Mike said do you say if we had a catastrophic fire then an integrated system with the doors, all the jail doors would open so there wouldn't be any delay in prisoner release?

Art said it would be set up in a timed system to where initially you would have the alarm and if it's not acknowledged within two or three minutes it would pop certain doors it would go an additional two or three minutes and pop additional doors as assigned so depending on where the alarm is at you could actually have the doors pop that would funnel the inmates to the safe area that they are required to go in the event of a fire.

Mike said and jailers would go there.

Art said correct plus obviously we would have the alarm so we would have units responding to the jail from throughout the county to contain the situation and the fire departments would respond also.

Mike asked when was our jail built?

Art said I believe the started it in 92 or 93 moved in 94 or 95. I think that system is one of them we need to do. We are getting quotes on different things as we move forward but I think this is next. If you want to look that over then we can discuss it the funding portion at your next meeting.

Mike said it don't mean a whole lot to me when I read this.

Tom asked what is the tax?

Art said it's something that I would have to have corrected. I received the email over the weekend so I was able to print it this morning. There wouldn't be a tax on it but that's something I would have to talk to the company it's probably a standard format that they do once they plug it in it automatically figures that so they would have to take that off.

Mike said it would be helpful if, we have 14 notifiers on here, I assume they are the same and I don't know that but maybe a breakdown of how this breaks out.

Art said would you prefer to have an itemized?

Mike said it would be more beneficial to see. Typically, we see that.

Art said I can have that corrected.

Mike said the labor is by lot, it would be interesting to see that. Is this the best fire alarm jail system out there, is there another one out there that could compete with this that would see more than one quote?

Art said I can get another company to come in. We've had the same service provider, this was their recommended company is the reason I contacted this company. If you're wanting one from another location.

Mike said I don't think it would hurt.

Art said I can look into getting another quote.

Mike said I think that would be beneficial.

Art said we lost another jailer over the weekend, that resigned. We also had and I don't know if I've had an opportunity to share with you, we actually had inmates that tested positive a few weeks ago. The staff's done really well in mitigating that circumstance.

Mike said I may have seen that on Chris's weekly report.

Art said we are getting back to the point where the one that was positive should be out of the woods now. I had restricted what I was allowing to come to the jail, with regard to intakes, still keeping the public safety in mind and I think we are going to be able to ease some of those restrictions at this point if everything's cleared back out and start functioning more normally moving forward.

Minutes of August 7, August 16 and Sept 1, 2021

Mike said we have minutes from three meetings August 7 and 16th regular meetings and our September 1st executive session. We received a copy of these via email and unless there are any additions, corrections or deletions I would entertain a motion to approve all three sets.

Tom made a motion to approve all three sets of minutes. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Regular Claims \$829,714.82

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

Payroll Claims \$218,019.23 & 218,514.98

Gary made a motion to approve the payroll claim for \$218,019.23 as presented. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Tom made a motion to approve the payroll claim for \$218,514.98 as presented. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Indiana Earthworks LLC claim \$21,000.00

Mike said Indiana Earthworks LLC a claim for \$21,000.00 per Tom Chalfant.

Tom said it was going to be \$18,000.00 originally but the handholds cost more.

Mike said materials \$7,650.00 and \$13,350.00 of labor.

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

Gary asked where are we paying that from?

Angels said windmill.

Mike said that was for the handholds in the windmill fiber conduit.

Union City Claim \$150,000.00

Union City Claim \$100,000.00

Mike said the two Union City claims are for a combined grant from windfarm funds and a grant from EDIT funds, \$100,000.00 from EDIT and \$150,000.00 from windfarm for Vision Corner.

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

Barnes & Thornburg Claim \$2,500.00

Mike said the next item is our Barnes & Thornburg claim for the retainer for the month of August in assisting us with the use and distribution of the American Rescue Act funding in the amount of \$2500.00.

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

MPX Claim \$27,000.00

MPX Claim \$9,628.15

Mike said the next two items are the claims from MPX one in the amount of \$27,000.00 and one in the amount of \$9,628.15. The \$9,628 is the retainage on the Communication towers and the \$27,000.00 is the on-going rebar for the broadband towers.

Tom said I would put them both on hold.

Gary said I agree.

Mike said I agree as well. We still haven't got that report from Pyramid about those two claims, which brings us to the next two claims.

Pyramid Claim \$4,000.00

Pyramid Claim \$233.28

Mike said a Pyramid claim in the amount of \$4000.00 and a Pyramid claim in the amount of \$233.28.

Tom said I would hold those too.

Mike said the \$233.28 is for travel and the \$4000.00 is on site field representation. Do we have a consensus to hold these as well?

Gary said I agree.

EDPR Claim \$2,000,000.00

Mike said the next item is the EDPR claim in the amount of \$2 million which is the refund of the road use agreement deposit that they made several months ago.

Laura said we haven't got that road use agreement yet, you were going to table it until we received that.

Mike said we will table that as well.

UMR Inc. agreement

Mike said this is our third-party administrator for our health insurance. Have you reviewed this?

Meeks said I've read it. Yes.

Mike said what do you think, should we go ahead and enter the agreement. They are providing a service.

Meeks said if you want them to be the administrator I would sign it.

Tom made a motion to approve the UMR Inc. agreement and authorize Mike to sign it on behalf of the Commissioners. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Ertel Health Event agreement

Mike said the next item is the Ertel Health event agreement and this is the bus coming in for physical exams and labs. Basically, payments for those not covered under our qualified health plan will be paid by that individual. Our health plan pays our fee. Coming in October 25 – 27th.

Gary made a motion to approve the Ertel Health Event agreement. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Randolph County PSC Project change orders

Mike said the next items is the PSC project change orders which have created some confusion. This is a change order for the concrete which the original contract sum was \$205,103.00 we added to that \$25,000.00 which through the emails I've read that was for the Randolph Eastern project which made the total contract \$230,000.00 and then it was decreased by \$76,398.00 which would have been broadband.

Angela said your broadband quote was \$101,332.00.

Mike said for the concrete?

Angela said correct.

Mike said so that is the confusion.

Angela said correct.

Mike said so it is our position that, that should be \$101 which would be another \$25,000.00 and then we have the same thing for the labor which added \$31,000.00, which was decreased by \$125 is that correct?

Angela said yes, it is.

Mike said that is correct.

Tom said is that MPX?

Mike said yes, MPX Solutions.

Tom said they did the stacking?

Mike said yes.

Tom said and they did the concrete also.

Mike said they did the concrete.

Tom said I don't think we still have a resolution.

Mike said change order CO03C-02, we need to discuss why our broadband change order is not \$101,398.00 and that should be a question of Terry because he signed this. Change order CO35TL02 with the new contract sum being \$223,563.00 and that they have decreased that contract by the proper amount based upon the broadband bid.

Angela said correct.

Mike said that could be signed.

Tom said there is no net cost to us?

Mike said no, we are saving money there. It reduced the contract sum from \$317,599.00 to \$223,563.00 after we added the Randolph Eastern portion of it. Which they are going to pay us through a separate memorandum. I would entertain a motion to approve change order number CO35TL-02 with the new contract sum being \$223,563.00 which basically approves the change order reducing the broadband.

Tom asked will that complicate their claims to us that we don't want to pay?

Meeks said I don't know how it would complicate it, I think it would make it simpler.

Angela said they have not submitted any claims for broadband tower installation.

Mike said it's just acknowledging that we don't owe them for the broadband tower.

Gary made a motion to approve change order CO35TL-02. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said I will reach out to Terry and find out why \$25,000.00 is missing from the change order on the broadband tower concrete. Of course, that brings up the question of rebar and what the status of that rebar is for the broadband towers and where is that rebar.

Comp time reports

Mike said we received copies of the comp time reports via email. Does anybody have any question or comments? Hearing none, we will move on.

Airport manager vacation carryover

Mike said we have an airport board member in our midst today. Good morning Bill.

Bill Richmond said the board at our meeting last month voted to approve carrying over Eric's vacation.

Mike said was there a rational for that. His reason was because of Covid-19 he couldn't go anywhere.

Bill said I told him that he needed a better reason than that. The reason that he gave the board was that it had been a very busy few months and as usual they are sometimes short staffed and he had to fill in a lot here and there and work on his days off sometimes because the other guy's been ill on a few occasions and couldn't come in.

Gary made a motion to take the airport board recommendation and grant the airport manager Eric Livingston the potential of losing 77.5 hours, allow that to carry over to his anniversary date of 2022. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Neglected Horse invoice

Meeks said I don't have any news, the judge denied the motion to correct errors, so I was going to ask to have an executive session before our next meeting.

Mike said why don't we just plan on 8:30 am.

Meeks said I think somebody needs to talk to Bob and see where the money went. I can't I am going to recuse myself from those discussions and if we need to get somebody else we can.

Mike asked do you thing we need an attorney?

Meeks said I just thing one of you guys need to talk to Bob. I don't necessarily think so at this point, if it becomes that problem, I think you just deny and let somebody sue you. I think Bob has the same comment.

Additional Appropriations:

Tourism

Randolph County United \$20,000.00

Mike said the first one is the additional appropriation for the tourism director's salary in the amount of \$20,000.00.

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

General

Group Insurance \$300,000.00

Employee Separation \$20,000.00

Comp/Video Equipment \$17,000.00

Gary made a motion to approve the additional appropriations from general. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Airport

State and Federal tax \$4,000.00

Airport

Fuel \$60,000.00

Tom made a motion to approve the additional appropriations for the airport. Gary second. All aye votes. Motion carried.

American Rescue Plan

L& M Water District Loan/Grant \$296,500.00

Mike said I think at the time we did this it was a loan.

Gary made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for the American Rescue Plan fund. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Non-Reverting

Equipment \$10,000.00

Tom made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for the Sheriff's non-reverting fund. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Meeks Cockerill – Highway Engineer

Meeks said if anybody has comments on the highway agreement with Henry County engineer just send them to me. Martin Shields was supposed to have called me last week and he was on vacation.

Mike said the details are not all worked out yet are they not?

Meeks said were pretty close.

Mike said I know that but it seems like there was some things?

Meeks said I think they have to figure out on their end with that benefit package is and what they're going to charge us. I'm not sure there is anything on our end going back other than if were providing a vehicle, how do we charge the cost of a vehicle.

Mike said it's been established not a 60/40 but a 50/50.

Meeks said that's how I read it.

Mike said we got an answer on our legal question?

Meeks said I got three different ones from the state all saying we'd get the \$40,000.00. If we don't we have it in there that we can back out.

Tom said do we want to say that we'd furnish a vehicle and they would reimburse us at federal rate. Do we want to agree to that, do we want to negotiate that down?

Meeks said I think federal rate would be for gas and were not spending money on gas are we. There's a wear and tare factor on vehicles. I don't know.
Tom said if he would fill up here.

Meeks said or if he did in Henry County, I don't know.

Tom said somehow, we need to understand where he'd get fuel and how that's reimburse or whatever.

Mike said we could throw out the federal rate and see what they say.

Meeks said when you do federal mileage, I thought about it because we talked about it at the last meeting. It's difficult not knowing where you are fueling is a major component of that 50 or 60 cents is supposed to include everything, right wear and tare maintenance and the fuel but if were not providing the fuel all 100% of the fuel and their providing some.

Tom said it would be simpler if all the fuel came from the same source.

Meeks said I would think that would be difficult if he's driving around in Henry County. I don't know how you'd be able to do that.

Mike said so what's the state rate?

Meeks said 39.5 or 40 cents.

Mike said we could do federal rate and just reimburse him for the fuel he uses.

Meeks said I think the bigger question is not going to be the vehicle, I think were going to be able to work that one out, I think it's going to be this benefit thing because it sounds like their benefit is exactly like ours, it's partially self-insured.

Tom said when I had the discussion they said our benefits were better than theirs.

Laura said cost wise, when I talked to their Auditor, I think were pretty close cost wise.

Meeks said what it is if somebody gets sick, they are partially self-insured up to I'm not sure the amount.

Laura said I'm not sure what their stop loss is.

Meeks said let's call it \$50,000.00 like ours, you know we are going to have a reimbursement back, it could be one month, if somebody had a heart attack, of \$25,000.00.

Mike said ours is \$60,000.00. I think your right; the vehicle will be an easy agreement once we get by the benefits. Is there anything you need from us other than comments?

Meeks said if you have comments other than those two issues I would like to send them to him. Tom had a comment of making it 120 days and I haven't sent that yet on the termination clause.

Gary asked is January 1, 2022 our projected time schedule.

Meeks said I don't have one.

Mike said the sooner the better I think.

Meeks said I thought we were heading toward the first of November. I could be wrong on that.

Gary said I agree it needs to be sooner the better but I didn't know when it was.

Mike said were waiting on them to provide us the benefits?

Meeks said I feel like were treading water, I feel like I have nothing more to add until they get this worked out on their end.

Mike said they want to do that, they want to develop the benefit package.

Tom said it's up to them to do it because he's their employee. I don't think they want him to be our employee.

Meeks said it certainly didn't sound like that's what they wanted.

Mike said I just wanted to make sure that were not the hold up.

Meeks said at this point I don't feel like we are.

Gary Girton – Tower Inspection

Gary said the tower inspections are scheduled for the 16th and 17th and I contacted Gary Bates with that information so he could get a hold of J & K and get them to schedule the tower climbers back.

Mike said after that.

Gary said after that assuming it's okay.

Mike Wickersham

Mike said I receive a letter from Achieva Resources and as you recall we've supported Achieva Resources last year with EDIT funds in the amount of \$5000.00. They're the group in Wayne County that offers guardianship programs to adults who need supervision and assistance and they are given grant in the amount of \$75,000.00 from the state if they can come up with matching funds and based upon our population of adults in their program they've requested us to give \$5,000.00 towards the Indiana Supreme Court Adult Guardianship Program and their requesting that again for 2022. I think it's a program that benefits not only Randolph County but East Central Indiana as a whole and all counties are participating in it and I think we should participate in it again.

Gary said I agree. I will move approval of \$5000.00 form EDIT funds. Mike seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said I think I shared with both of you Dr. Sowinski's email conversation with the school corporations with Meeks and his position on masks and Dr. Sowinski cannot be here today but he is concerned about our school corporations in the county not following the recommendations of the state board of health and I'm not going to get into whether or not they're not following the state statute or not but he seemed to think that they're not following the state statute and some of their quarantining and class separation and not requiring masks and their not following his recommendation and he's getting some parents calling him and he's contacted me indicating that he has no authority unless we one give him that authority or two we act on our own. The first level is the school boards have the authority to dictate what goes on in their schools which I fully agree with and he's saying the next level would be the county executive body would have the authority to impose rules on the school board through the board of health. Obviously, other than the state statute the governor is not imposing anything other than recommendations and frankly for me I'm not one that wants to get in the school boards business and they can take care of their schools and operate the way they want. I bring it to you today just to get what your thoughts are

about it. I don't know where to go from there, other than that's what he's indicated. Dr. Sowinski's indicated he's following the CDC recommendations that masks should be worn inside, none of us have masks on. The first recommendation is vaccination and I've been vaccinated, I can say that I'm not anti-vaccinator.

Tom asked is that legal for you to say that.

Mike said I can share anything I want to about myself, I'm not going to tell anybody to be vaccinated and I'm not going to make anybody be vaccinated. I don't feel comfortable telling the schools what their rules should be for school children. They have a school board that's duly elected and they have a close connection to the parents of those children to determine what they feel is best for those children. Does anybody want to share anything about that?

Meeks said I read all the information that Dr. Sowinski sent, I think he probably is correct. He did also tell me that almost all in Indiana it's coming from the school boards. It's not coming from the executive telling the school boards what to do. These mask mandates and everything else is coming from the school boards.

Mike said evidently Muncie schools put in a mask mandate, so their other measures can be lightened up because they have a mask mandate. It sounds like an effort to get people to put masks back on.

Gary said I think it's the responsibility of the school board in my opinion but I would encourage them to do everything they can to mitigate all the problems their having. I know some schools are having more than that because of the student population, it's still an issue for them. I know when I was talking to different school board members in the county last spring, they thought it was over and now it's back. It's worse now because the student population seems to be more affected.

Mike said I think Dr. Sowinski's real concern was our numbers went up almost six-fold in two weeks. Since that time, they've kind of leveled off and stayed the same but he had a two-week period that it went up and I guess that's the Delta virus. I agree you would hope they would take everything into consideration for what's best for their students and act accordingly.

Citizen Comments

Ceann Bales said I want to update you on the READI grant. It will be due the end of September, the state has gone from 19 regions to 17 regions, there are a couple of regions that's gone together. Our top three projects that will be in the final proposal is Vision Corner, rated one, 4-H grounds project is number two and then the broadband is three. I would assume if we get one cut as we still some things up it will be the broadband project. I am fairly confident that the fair grounds and the Vision Corner will be in our final proposal.

Mike said that sounds exciting.

Ceann said it is very exciting.

Tom said Fayette County is part of our new group.

Ceann said Fayette County was the only county in the state that did not join a region and so we adopted them into ours, they were already in the 21st Century, they were already in our region and so they have joined our group.

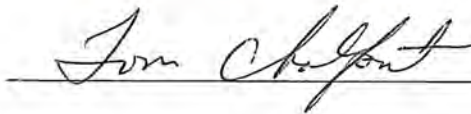
Adjournment

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

Reviewed and signed this 20 day of September, 2021.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS







ATTEST: 

Laura J Martin, Auditor of Randolph County