

Randolph County Council

February 6, 2024

The Randolph County Council met for its regular meeting at 8:30 AM in the Commissioners and Council Room of the Courthouse with the following members present: Council President David Lenkensdofer, Tom Chalfant, Mike Stine, Tom Kerns, Todd Holaday, Missy Williams and Beverly Fields. Also present was County Auditor Laura J Martin.

Council President David Lenkensdofer presided.

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner's update

RAZ 32 and a joint meeting of Commissioners and Council (March)

Dave said first item on the agenda is the commissioner's update. Gary, would you like to come forward?

Gary Girton said a few of the items we discussed yesterday, one, we met with Jennifer Lee who is, works at the State department of childhood development. And she's wanting to set up a program, which I guess, there's a federal grant came to the state, and the program she's wanting to set up is called talking is teaching. And so, she's going to set up somewhere in the RCFFO building either, well she talked about the entryway, but Jake and her are working on a plan of where some chairs, tables, book rack, where people are coming in, if they just want to sit with their children, and either the parent or the guardian or a chaperone, whoever, can read to them and help them read, and they can take the books out, bring books back, whatever. So, her and Jake are working on a couple of options. And they're going to bring those back to the next meeting, and make a decision on where they want to put this. This is, to say, federal money came down through the state and then she's overseeing part of it. And she works with our local committee on childhood development. I think she lives in Parker, somewhere, I'm not sure. She lives in the county. And then David Reese, who is head of the Drugfree Randolph County committee, which has been in existence for a number of years. He was here to discuss setting up a board with a director to handle the opioid funds, which are coming into the county now, through different lawsuits that's being funneled through the State Attorney General's office, and then back to the counties. So, we asked him to go back to his committee that he has and set up a plan of what they thought about how to set up the board and how to set up a director and etc., and then come back and give us further information, and then we'll go from there. So, that's where we're at for there. I don't know, I didn't write down the figures of what we have in the account right now. If Laura was here, she might know off the cuff. But anyway, there're several thousand dollars, and there will be a lot more once all the settlements are done. There're even more suits in the

pipeline right now to come forward. So, that's being worked on. Then we hired a company to do the design and engineering on the trails. The grant that we got, a 4 million dollar, some dollar grant, for the trail development over in the Losantville area. So, we hired a company. It's the same company that did the initial work for the grant request. So, we felt they were the best qualified since they did the initial work. And just continued right on with that. So, that's what they'll be doing. And that'll be paid for out of the grant. We also hired a company, the name of TrueRoll Company to audit our homestead exemptions and possibly the 65 and over exemptions. And they're paid for out of funds that they save the county. So, it's not extra money coming out of our funding. I think it was 35% that they take, and anything over and above that that they save the county, then that comes back to the county.

Missy Williams said yeah, you were too, so, yeah.

Bev Fields said I was there and yeah, that's how I understood it, as well. There're a couple companies that do that, and that's how they work.

Gary Girton said right. This is the one that came to us. We've talked to him before.

Dave said where are they located at?

Missy Williams said I thought Indianapolis, I don't know.

Gary Girton said I think so, but I'm not 100% sure of that.

Tom Chalfant said is a 65 and over exemption statewide, is that a county issue?

Missy Williams said I believe it's statewide.

Gary Girton said yeah, now we're not sure that that will be part of it. That was not in the paperwork they gave us. There are companies that do that, I am sure. We know that, but we're not sure, if they do, we're going to ask them to just put that into the process so that they're going to be handling those papers anyway. And so, we're trying to get that corrected somewhat. The Farmland EMS building is trudging along, little by little. We did sign a contract with the Ertel Company, which are the ones that bring the health bus through for our insurance. And that has worked out very well. Since they've started that, they've caught a number of our employees' situations which could have been serious if they had not been identified and encouraged them to go see another doctor or specialist. They have a doctor and nurse on board so they're qualified and capable of doing this. And we have, I think we just got our twice a year, they were talking to us about four times a year. But I think right now, I believe it's just twice. But it has, I think you could show a correlation between when they started coming through with that bus and our number of claims for insurance. So, it's worth the extra money that we're paying. Initially, when we started it, we paid people to, was it \$10.00, to attend and go through the bus for evaluations. And now we're not going that because so many people found out that it was so beneficial to them that they wanted to go. I'm not sure, Duane told us a few months back, what the percentage was, but it was up around 80% of the employees use it.

Dave said yeah, I have a lot of confidence. They caught a very serious thing for me. Can't say enough good about them.

Gary Girton said once they started, they've been very, I think really overall very beneficial to us. Well I know it has. That's all I have.

Dave said any questions for Gary and the county commissioners? Thanks Gary.

Chris Shaneyfelt – J&K Tower Maintenance agreement

Dave said okay. Next up, Chris, would you like to come on up?

Chris Shaneyfelt said good morning. I think I'm here to talk about the maintenance agreement or the contract. When we initially came to budgets, which June or July, whatever that was, I had a vague price amount for printing contracts. And at that time, I still have a hard time believing some of the costs but, software and computer hardware being the cost of what they are. I guess you're just waiting for that computer piece to go bad or something along that line, but I, we set a price of \$50,000.00 for the budget. And then in November, J&K sent out a 10-year and 5-year quotes for service contracts. And I sent it to you guys as an informational thing, but it also has, to me, this is a little bit better just for the mere fact that knowing we would have set prices, and we would be able to budget with consistency what it would cost us for the service contract, for the microwaves, for the Ztron system inside the jail, and then the backbone system that's out at each tower site. So, what I was doing was just informing you guys of that, and then trying to make a decision on if that's what we wanted to do. I will say that I have zero complaints with J&K's service. They've been very proactive and I believe that they've been doing very well. Our systems finally tuned in and we've stopped getting complaints from emergency services. And they've caught some things like they've notified me before that the south tower is down, and I didn't know our south tower was down. And there was a generator failure out there and we had to go take care of. Their service I think, is good. So, I'm bringing this to you guys and trying to decide if this is the route we want to go where we had to set prices and then we've got budgeting, and then go from there. What they're looking for is they've talked with the Kenwood Corporation and our service contracts are up in November. And they've extended those out until we were able to get clarification on what we were doing for right now. So, they've been doing some additional work for us on the extended part of it without any cost. And I did some math. I mean, we budgeted \$50,000 and their price for the year 2024 is \$156,473. So, if we extended, and we did the 2024 contract, it would need an additional \$106,473.

Dave said Chris, they sent three different quotes in here.

Chris Shaneyfelt said right.

Dave said one is a 5-year.

Chris Shaneyfelt said there's two 5-years and one 10-year, which I, the 10-year doesn't show all ten years. It shows like 8 if I'm doing the math in my head right, or 7 years.

Dave said that \$1.1 million for that quote. The first quote was for 5-years \$97,919.

Chris Shaneyfelt said yes.

Dave said and a third quote was \$78,447.

Chris Shaneyfelt said right.

Dave said so how's that play into the 156?

Chris Shaneyfelt said they're billing per year instead of all up front.

Dave said okay, so, 156 is one year only?

Chris Shaneyfelt said yes. That's for 2024, and for all three sections. The microwave was \$19,390 for the year. Ztron radio system inside the jail is \$11,790. And then the backbone was \$125,293.

Dave said are the 5 and 10-year contracts, are they billed annually?

Chris Shaneyfelt said the quote says that they would be billed annually.

Dave said okay. It did say that on the 10-year or whatever that contract is, but I didn't see it on the 5.

Chris Shaneyfelt said I think they're on the last pages. That one does not say it. It's not listed there, but in talking to Ted, it would be billed annually, so we wouldn't have to come up with a million or whatever it is, up front, because he understands budgets.

Dave said okay. I guess we've got four different scenarios here guys. Ladies, what do you think?

Missy said I would like to hear from the company. It's not that I, I understand what you're saying, but I would like to hear from the company tell us if they can, I don't know if that's possible, if they can come and explain it to us, because I'm looking at all this and there's a couple of things when I read through the paperwork, and I appreciate getting that, but I'm not a technology, you know. And you, I know you're very knowledgeable, but this goes way above.

Chris Shaneyfelt said it's above, yeah.

Missy said I'd like to hear from them about where do they see us going in the future? Is there a different system when, if we are going to be paying this kind of money and it, I think I thought it was 42%? So, I guess I'd like to, if it's possible, I don't know.

Dave said I think it's a good idea. So, do you want to have Chris bring that in next month at our meeting and discuss it to move forward on it? Because it looks like the 5-year is definitely, let's say we go that way, it's definitely a better option than the 1-year.

Chris Shaneyfelt said paying it all at once?

Dave said well yeah, the 156.

Bev said it's good to hear that you're happy with the company, itself.

Missy said yeah.

Chris Shaneyfelt said yeah, and you know, we've even had some, when we had discussions yesterday with the commissioners about pushing some of the local fire departments to go to 700 megahertz, you talk to some of the fire chiefs and they're all pleased with it. It's running well.

Bev said that's good.

Tom Chalfant said do you have an opinion on all of the things that are exempt from the service contract and risk of those things happening?

Chris Shaneyfelt said I don't. I don't even, to my knowledge, everything would be covered but, obviously, I mean, there're probably some things on it that are not going to be covered. But, he doesn't have those listed per say on what those are. So, I don't have an opinion on it. I suppose that's something you guys need to discuss with him.

Dave said I think it's the opinion of everybody that, to try to get him in here next month Chris, if you could, and we'll talk to him, and see how you want to move forward on it.

Chris Shaneyfelt said alright.

Dave said anything else for us?

Chris Shaneyfelt said to just let you know, we got, we're still in training with a lot of people. We have five people training. Some, we have a couple of them, they're two weeks into training and we have a couple others that are a couple months into training. So, we've got that going on and then, we met with the commissioners yesterday regarding coming up with a drop-dead date that some of the fire departments are still operating on VHF, have to have radios purchased on the 700-megahertz side, because we've got some fire departments that are, they're concern isn't so much the radio side of their operations, it's other equipment needs and things like that. And they're not buying radio equipment, it's starting to affect other operations with other fire departments because other fire departments are getting rid of the VHF, so when they go on fire scenes, then they're not able to communicate with each other. So, they're causing their own problems. So, we're trying to get a drop-dead date agreement so that you know, they buy, even a few would, that way they could communicate, the leadership could communicate with each other on the fire ground, and be able to operate more safely that way.

Tom Chalfant said are those department of agricultural grants, the fire departments, would that include radios, I mean is there money available?

Chris Shaneyfelt said there're grants out there that they can get radio comps.

Tom Chalfant said to help them do that.

Chris Shaneyfelt said there're five departments in the county that just got grants from either, some of their smaller ones, the federal one, and some of the departments chose to purchase communications equipment. Some of them chose to just purchase regular equipment. When I talked to the fire chief representative he said you know, the communication isn't their main concern at the moment. So, we've just got to push them. This is becoming an issue.

Missy said so, what's your opinion on this being a main concern, I mean if those fire departments are all at a big fire, like you mentioned I think yesterday, the fire over here, and you can't communicate with everybody on scene?

Chris Shaneyfelt said it's a problem. You know, when we put the system together you know, we said we would keep VHF and we have. It's there, but most of these fire departments, because it's been going on for so long, they started budgeting for new equipment and new radios and stuff and they bought that. But, you have a few that it's not their over concern or it's just a lack of funding that they're not getting them. But I think this far into us having this new system, they should have been able to find some funding sources somewhere, whether it's through their own taxing entity, or the townships, because all of these volunteer fire departments are contracting with townships. And then, there're also the various grants. You know, as long as they are compliant and meeting the federal requirements, they can apply for them and they typically try to go together so that they've got a better chance of getting these grants. And so, some of that's just not happening.

Missy said your key word though is they're volunteers for that department. And you know, they're not grant writers and they're not.

Chris Shaneyfelt said uh huh. Right.

Missy said I'm not saying that toward you. I'm just saying, yeah, yeah, write a grant. Oh yeah, sure, and they're not grant writers.

Chris Shaneyfelt said and yeah, and depending on the grant, I mean, some grants are incredibly easy to do, some of them are very cumbersome. And that's why, you know, they're encouraged, especially when they do like the firefighter assistance grants, they usually do them like several departments because there's usually somebody that's been writing them enough that they do okay. And that's you know, been happening. We've got some departments that have been doing well with those grants.

Todd said do we have any surplus radios? I know, it's been several months ago, so my memory is not great on this, but I thought when we first started talking about the maintenance agreement that you mentioned, that there was quite a bit of extra equipment purchased, perhaps more what they used. Is that not true?

Chris Shaneyfelt said the equipment that we had that was surplus, is for our system internally inside the jail or at the backbone sites. It's not portables or mobiles. I have like three at the jail that we use for a cache in case something goes wrong. You know, the sheriff has a couple extra. Most of these departments have a few extra, but, some of the departments don't have any you know, and we talked yesterday, the town of Modoc, the fire chief down there came up with money to buy 700 megahertz pagers. So, you know, if Modoc's able to find money to buy them pagers so that they can hear the pagers from our 700 system, then some of the, it just tells you some of the other little departments aren't really researching their options, whatever that may be. I'm not bashing them or anything, because I, the money, the small-town departments don't take many runs, and fire fighter turnout here is 10, 11,000, \$13,000 and then you tell them that they've got to buy a \$2,000.00 on top of it, they struggle and not all your line firemen for the small departments need radios. There're only a few people that really need radios in fires. But that's really about where we're at with our update as far as that goes. You have any questions about the operations

Dave said anything else for Chris while he's here? Okay, thanks Chris.

Rhoda Davis - CY25 grant application

Dave said Rhoda, would you like to come up?

Rhoda Davis said I am here for the grant application for the calendar year 2025, and again, we are only going to be requesting the same amount as we have in past years, so there won't be any changes.

Missy said what's that amount?

Rhoda Davis said \$218,700.

Dave said any questions for Rhoda on this, just a routine grant application to get monies to run her department? If not, I'd entertain a motion to approve.

Tom Kerns made motion to approve. Bev seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Dave said okay. Anything for us, Rhoda?

Rhoda Davis said I don't think so. That's it. Thank you.

Wendy McDavid and Sherri Thompson – flex hours, monthly phone stipend

Dave said okay, Sherri, would you like to come on up?

Sherri Thompson said good morning. One of the reasons that I'm here today is to ask for the new clinic nurse, a stipend for her phone. That would be \$40.00 a month, of course. The money would be just transferred from one line to another. It's not, we're not asking for extra money or anything.

Dave said we have a lot of other stipends I think, in the county currently, for a lot of phones. Are there any questions for Sherri on this one? I'd entertain a motion to approve that.

Tom Chalfant made motion to approve. Missy seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Dave said okay, you had something else on our agenda here.

Sherri Thompson said we need to rearrange our schedule, our hours, so that we can you know, meet community needs a little better for those that can't make it in on our regular hours. The commissioners asked if I could put all that in writing, and asked if I would come back next month for that.

Dave said okay. And you'll let us know month on our meeting also?

Sherri Thompson said yeah.

Dave said any questions for Sherri on that one? I do have a question. Your scheduled hours now are what, 8 to 4?

Sherri Thompson said yes.

Dave said and is that straight 8 to 4? Is there somebody there at the desk from 8 to 4?

Sherri Thompson said yes, yes. There's always somebody there.

Tom Chalfant said but there's usually an hour break.

Sherri Thompson said yeah, we offset, so there's always somebody there to give vaccines or birth certificates, whatever they would need.

Tom Chalfant said are you anticipating having some night hours?

Sherri Thompson said what they are wanting to do is they want to do on Tuesdays, there are six of us, so four of us would work 8 to 4 and then 2 would work 10 to 6. So, that way, you know, we're, and we'll alternate that so that not everybody has to stay every Tuesday. Also, they would like to be open on Saturday from 8 to 12. So, then, whoever does that Saturday would offset their hours on Friday. So, you know, we always would have the 35 hours.

Dave said okay. And that will all will be explained in your report to the commissioners?

Sherri Thompson said yes, uh huh.

Dave said any other questions for Sherri while she's here?

Missy said I was reading about a couple of other counties, in fact, one of them, I'm going to talk to today or tomorrow, there's a couple counties, more than, probably more than those two that I know about, that actually go, let's say, they would go, say two of your people would go to Modoc on Saturday morning and actually say, if your children need any other vaccines, we're here, because they can't get to you. Is that something you might consider doing?

Sherri Thompson said yes, actually, we've already talked about that.

Missy said they're going to give me a list of how they're covering that because one of them, it's a county much like Randolph County, where they have a lot of outlying areas.

Sherri Thompson said yeah, we've actually been discussing that.

Dave said okay. That's all I have today Sherri.

Sherri Thompson said thank you.

Other Business:

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

Dave said Sheriff Moystner, come on up.

Art Moystner said morning. I had sent an email to everyone last week or the week before, I don't remember, regarding K-9. Obviously, we do the budgets mid-year then you guys do that towards the end of the year, and our K-9 currently, has some health issues, that I'm needing to retire him. I would like to have one in place before I retire the current one. I know I have a class that's coming up in April. Where we normally go to get the K-9, those spots sometimes fill up fast, and I guess I would like to be able to know that I can move forward with this and go ahead and lock a spot in, understanding that as far as any type of a funding source, we wouldn't have to have that until it gets into April probably. But, I want to know what the council is thinking because the cost, I believe I sent to you, was 15,9 maybe. I have lots of numbers running in my head so. I do not have that one with me.

Dave said okay, maybe I can get it real quick.

Mike said 15,9.

Art Moystner said thank you.

Dave said okay, and you don't have anything in your budget for that?

Art Moystner said I do not. This was something that we, we have a K-9 item that covers maintenance and medical, and food and everything like that, but I wasn't expecting to have to purchase one this year.

Tom Chalfant said how old is the dog you are retiring?

Art Moystner said the dog is either 6 or 7. I can't remember specifically, off the top of my head. And the issue we're having, it's a shepherd and starting to have some joint issues. We've actually tried some medication. It's been treated since June of last year. There're just some things that we've noticed that at anytime you use any type of law enforcement equipment, you want it to be a 100% reliable, and there's been a couple instances of late, that I don't know that the dog is that anymore.

Tom Chalfant said are there better breeds out there?

Art Moystner said you trade one for the other, regardless of what breed you get. You know, obviously, shepherds are very good dual-purpose dogs. They do a wonderful job in tracking when they're trained to do that. You know, they're protective of their handler. You could get a Malinois, which is wonderful for drugs and sniffing, a little harder to do tracks with. So, you trade, depending on the breed for this area, either a Malinois or shepherd are good, but you end up with the same problems with either one of those breeds. And the average working life of a K-9 is anywhere from six to nine years, depending on the health of the dog.

Dave said the life of a shepherd is about 9 years.

Art Moystner said correct. And the one we have currently, has been a very good dog for us.

Missy said Sheriff, how many other cities and towns have K-9 dogs?

Art Moystner said I would share with you that I think Winchester has two dogs currently. I believe Union City has one on the Indiana side, and they may have one on the Ohio side. So, I would also share that I think the one, when I was talking to Chief Ater the other day, I know one of the dogs over there is a single purpose dog. So, it's not used for any type of a criminal apprehension. It's drugs and it can do searches, but I wouldn't send it out when we're looking for a known felon. The dog is not trained to deal with that situation. I would also share with everyone, we've had a K-9 since the early 80s. Mike Hubbard was our first K-9 handler. And we've always had a dog. The comment I would tell you is I handled a dog in the late 90s, early 2000s, and they're an expensive purchase, I have no doubts. But, the first time you find a missing child, that dog is worth his weight in gold. So, I did that twice when I was a handler. So, we've had different situations for that. I know the other places have a dog. I'm pretty adamant, I think we need to have one too, because there's some other case law that has come down with regard to open air sniffs on traffic stops, and a time required for the officers to have the dog on scene in order for it to be a legitimate K-9 sniff, and if you have the availability of more dogs, you have more availability to make that happen.

Dave said I think it's a very worthwhile program.

Art Moystner said it is.

Missy said and you take them into the schools how many times a year, three now?

Art Moystner said they go in the school a few times usually, there're some laws that affect that, so that has to be by invitation from the school. But I know our schools are very proactive with that. So, yes, they'll go in and do, as far as any type of K-9 sniff's in the schools to keep the schools safe. They also go in and do some demos when they have the opportunity to have that public relations piece too.

Dave said okay. So, what's the council's wishes here?

Bev said I think we need to get funds.

Missy said yeah. I'll make a motion that we fund the new K-9 dog, and is there a price we need to set for that? Do you know for sure it's the 15,9?

Art Moystner said it is. We received that from the company where we get the training, which is just across the state line and they work really well with us. And I think the handler's gone 5 or 6 weeks. I don't remember. The dog is already trained. It's the handler that doesn't know what he's doing.

Dave said I think we probably could bring it from the General fund, if you want to put that in your motion, Missy.

Missy said I make a motion to bring the funding from the General fund for the 15,900.

Mike seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Todd said just out of curiosity, how old is a dog when you get it?

Art Moystner said they usually are a year to a year and a half old. What a lot of the, a lot of the vendors in the United States, what they do when they get these, is they go over seas to get the dog, because the towns get together and raise these dogs, and this is what they do on the weekend for fun, is they go train the dogs. And they train the dogs on obedience, apprehension, tracking, all of that stuff is what they train them on. Then our vendors go over and get them, bring them back, and they spend a few weeks teaching them the drug part of it. And then we send our handlers to school so they can learn the dog and know what they're doing. So, normally, you can't, they have to wait at least a year to a year and a half before they can actually evaluate the dog to make sure the dog has the proper drive to do what it needs to do.

Tom Chalfant said are these dogs bilingual?

Art Moystner said I can tell you that most of them, their commands are in a different language. The K-9 I handled, all of my commands were in Dutch, was the way that I would talk to my dog, so that you don't have other people giving the commands. So. But I appreciate it. There're a couple of other things I'd like to share with you guys. One is, that we recently received word, my jail commander had sent a letter of intent to the Indiana Department of Health, and we received, recently received \$50,600.00 for purchase of, we're going to use it to buy washers and dryers for the jail, because those are 30 years old. There were a couple of things that they turned

us down with that money, so I'm going to be coming back to the commissioners, hopefully, to use some ARPA funds to get some of that equipment replaced in the 30-year old building. The interior cameras, I think they're five left to install, of the projects we've been doing there and all of our cameras are going to be IP inside and out, with regards to that. And I believe Cobalt Civil is coming in in the next 6 weeks to put in our last cleanout for the projects we've been working on with the septic. And that will be complete. So, there's been a lot of things that have moved forward at the jail, which is pretty neat to see, those getting finished. The other request I would have from council is I'm not sure how quickly the salary committee is going to meet, as they start meeting, one of the things that I would love to discuss, and I would like to see some other, either department heads or office holders be involved with, one of the things that the county hasn't addressed or changed in many years is the benefit package to employees. The employees max out at 3-weeks' vacation at 10 years. That's been that way for the 35 years that I've been here. And I think that's one of the things with the salary committee, and I know that's a commissioner issue for benefits, but with the salary committee, maybe we could discuss some of that. I know we are falling behind with other similar entities in benefit packages as far as any type of longevity system. Some of the benefits that are given, I know, Todd Holaday, last year had made the comment that we're giving comp time and that is a, you lose with that comp time, maybe discuss a way that we could start moving to an overtime type platform in certain areas. And just things to try to move us forward to help with the employees, get people in. I'm getting ready to lose two, both positions, shortly. And I've been taking applications for two weeks. I have two applications for that. You guys gave us a new jail position starting January 1. I'm not even sure I've been able to fill that position yet. And we're into February already. I think we need to, I would like to discuss mutually, ways to make us look more attractive as an employer, and try to get employees in here. Just a suggestion of something that I know, when we get down to it, everything comes pretty quick when it gets to budget time. And maybe we can start moving on some of that a little earlier if we could. Other than that, I don't have anything else. If anybody would have any questions for me.

Dave said any other questions for the Sheriff?

Art Moystner said thank you.

Minutes of January 3, 2024

Dave said we have the minutes of January 3rd, 2024.

Tom Kerns made motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mike seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Encumbrances

Dave said okay, next thing I have is 2023 encumbrances, or I'm sorry, 2024, what's left over from 2023. This amounts to about \$33,832, and it's in various departments. It's a normal thing we do at the yearend, start of the next year. I'd entertain a motion to approve.

Bev made motion to approve. Missy seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2024-02

Dave said the next four ordinances are to do with the salary ordinance that are just adjustments from the budget. The first ordinance is 2024-02. It's for the amending Randolph County Sheriff's budget for the deputy and a sergeant for the operation pull over grant. I'd entertain a motion to approve.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-02

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND 2024 SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2023-23
AMENDING RANDOLPH COUNTY'S SHERIFF'S BUDGET

WHEREAS: There has been a correction to Ordinance No. 2023-23 with regard to the Randolph County's Sheriff's Budget and it is necessary to amend the 2024 Salary Ordinance and to change the following pay in the Salary Ordinance effective beginning paid date of February 9, 2024 pay as follows:

OPERATION PULL OVER GRANT (5900-0634)

Deputy	(\$37.73 per hour overtime pay)
Sergeant	(\$39.35 per hour overtime pay)

IT IS THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF RANDOLPH
COUNTY INDIANA THAT:

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 2023-23, 2024 Salary Ordinance pertaining to Randolph County's Sheriff's BUDGET shall be amended to read as follows:

OPERATION PULL OVER GRANT (5900-0634)

Deputy	(\$37.73 per hour overtime pay)
Sergeant	(\$39.35 per hour overtime pay)

Bev said I move that county council pass ordinance 2024-02 after the first reading.

Mike seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Bev said I move that the rules be suspended and have the second and third reading by title only, and adopted the same day.

Mike seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Bev said I move that county council adopt ordinance 2024-02.

Mike seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Dave said 2024-02 ordinance is now passed.

Ordinance 2024-04

Dave said the next ordinance we have is 2024-04. It's an ordinance amending salary ordinance number 2023-23, amending Randolph County's Extension office. It's for the office manager's bi-weekly amount. Entertain a motion.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-04
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2023-23
AMENDING RANDOLPH COUNTY'S EXTENSION OFFICE

WHEREAS: There has been a correction to Ordinance No. 2023-23 with regard to the Randolph County's Extension office salary ordinance and it is necessary to amend the 2024 Salary Ordinance and to change the following pay in the Salary Ordinance effective beginning paid date of January 12, 2024 pay as follows:

COUNTY EXTENSION (1001-0009)

OFFICE MANAGER

\$1383.20 BI-WEEKLY

IT IS THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF RANDOLPH COUNTY INDIANA THAT:

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 2023-23, 2024 Salary Ordinance pertaining to Randolph County's EXTENSION OFFICE shall be amended to read as follows:

COUNTY EXTENSION (1001-0009)

OFFICE MANAGER

\$1383.20 BI-WEEKLY

Bev said I move that county council pass ordinance 2024-02, which is amending the 2023-23 ordinance on the Extension office.

Mike seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Bev said I move that the rules be suspended and have the second and third reading by title only, and adopted the same day.

Tom Kerns seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Bev said I move that county council adopt ordinance 2024-04.

Mike seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2024-05

Dave said okay, the next ordinance we have is 2024-05. It's an ordinance to amend salary ordinance 2023-23, amending Randolph County's Community Corrections department, the work release salary and the case manager, case manager, misdemeanor assistant.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-05
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2023-23
AMENDING RANDOLPH COUNTY'S COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS: There has been a correction to Ordinance No. 2023-23 with regard to the Randolph County's Community Corrections Department salary ordinance and it is necessary to amend the 2024 Salary Ordinance and to change the following pay in the Salary Ordinance effective beginning paid date of January 12, 2024 pay as follows:

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT (9000)

WORK RELEASE (portion from project income)
\$1614.20 BI-WEEKLY

CASE MANGER MISDEMEANANTS – ADMIN ASSISTANT (Potion from project Income)
\$1568.00

IT IS THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF RANDOLPH COUNTY INDIANA THAT:

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 2023-23, 2024 Salary Ordinance pertaining to Randolph County's COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS DEPARMENT shall be amended to read as follows:

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT (9000)

WORK RELEASE (portion from project income)
\$1614.20 BI-WEEKLY

CASE MANGER MISDEMEANANTS – ADMIN ASSISTANT (Potion from project Income)
\$1568.00

Bev said I move that county council pass ordinance 2024-05 after the first reading. Amending the salary ordinance 2023-23, Community Corrections and.

Mike seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Bev said I move that the rules be suspended and have the second and third reading by title only and adopted the same day.

Missy seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried

Bev said I move that county council adopt ordinance 2024-05.

Todd seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion.

Ordinance 2024-06

Dave said okay, and the last ordinance, 2024-06. It's an ordinance to amend the salary ordinance 2023-23, amending Randolph County's Veterans office, and it's for the full-time VSO secretary.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-06
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2023-23
AMENDING RANDOLPH COUNTY'S VETERANS OFFICE

WHEREAS: There has been a correction to Ordinance No. 2023-23 with regard to the Randolph County's Veterans office salary ordinance and it is necessary to amend the 2024 Salary Ordinance and to change the following pay in the Salary Ordinance effective beginning paid date of January 12, 2024 pay as follows:

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER (1001-0036)

FULL TIME VSO SECRETARY (35 Hrs per Week)

\$1152.20 BI-WEEKLY

IT IS THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF RANDOLPH COUNTY INDIANA THAT:

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 2023-23, 2024 Salary Ordinance pertaining to Randolph County's VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE shall be amended to read as follows:

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER (1001-0036)

FULL TIME VSO SECRETARY (35 Hrs per Week)

\$1152.20 BI-WEEKLY

Bev said I move that the county council pass ordinance 2024-06, which amends salary ordinance 2023-23, the Randolph County Veterans office secretary, after the first reading.

Todd seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Bev said I move that the rules be suspended and have a second and third reading in title only, and adopted the same day.

Todd seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Bev said I move that county council adopt ordinance 2024-06.

Todd seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Clerk's request for grant application

Dave said next item we have is the clerk's request for grant application. This is for the election security and the amount is \$9,600.00. It's for them to, I guess spend it, it's reimbursable.

Tom Kerns made motion to approve. Bev seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Discussion on Highway Superintendent salary

Dave said okay, the next item we have is discussion on the highway superintendent salary. It's up for discussion. So, what's anybody's wishes on this to move this forward?

Todd said I think just look at this a little bit with different people and to get a feel for what it takes to get someone with experience, and it seems that a figure in the high 60s is sort of what I'm hearing is workable. So, I think that's what we should be prepared to offer when we, if we find the right candidate.

Tom Chalfant said guess I was thinking 65.

Mike said I was kind of thinking somewhere 70 to 75, if you get the right, I mean, just talking to other people.

Tom Chalfant said I don't think we have to go that high, but, it's just.

Todd said yeah, I think there's not much difference what you're saying and what I'm thinking, so.

Tom Chalfant said and once it gets out there, then that sort of raises the ceiling.

Dave said so, I'm hearing anywhere from 65 to 75.

Missy said I would tend to go even higher than 65, 65 to 70, just because that particular department spends and leads to more, have more of an impact on the county, and not that others aren't important. But you get the right person and they can save some money on redoing projects, you're going to save it in two days.

Mike said I agree.

Todd said yeah, it's just an investment to a certain extent.

Bev said I agree with what, anywhere, 67,000 you know, I mean that's, I meant 67 to 70.

Missy said are we allowed to come up with that range and then post that?

Dave said we are.

Missy said and then say, depending on the experience and credentials that the individual comes with?

Dave said yes, we are, put a range on it.

Tom Kerns said if we put a range on it, who makes the decision on where it hits in that range?
Do the commissioners make that decision?

Mike said I think so.

Tom Kerns said yeah, once we put the range.

Dave said once we've approved it.

Tom Kerns said right.

Dave said I would say a good range would be 65 to 70 and let the commissioners decide where they want to let it fall.

Tom Chalfant said well I don't know that I'd put the bottom, say up to, I guess I would say up to a certain thing, so.

Dave said up to \$70 then, is that what you're thinking?

Tom Chalfant said no, but.

Missy said to compete, even in the East Central Indiana area, I think you've got to go 65 and 70. If you look at all those, the average is all, well there's two that kind of bump it up pretty hard, but I think the average was 72, 72,6 or something like that, I feel like there's a couple that are pretty high.

Tom Chalfant said I think most of those, most of those counties you're looking at 5 days a week, and we're four days a week, so, that's.

Missy said yeah, but the total number of hours, that's the thing, I mean, it's the 40 hours.

Tom Chalfant said yeah, but there's a lot of people that like to work four days a week too.

Missy said yeah.

Dave said that's definitely a plus.

Todd said I think also, you have to look at what other counties are doing with support staff too. There're some that hire an assistant.

Tom Chalfant said some have more help.

Missy said some of those Todd, when you get looking at even have what they call crew chiefs, in other words, for particular jobs, that person gets a bonus for having expertise and training in that area.

Dave said so, am I hearing up to \$70,000 then?

Bev said that's what I think.

Dave said what a recommendation would be? Meeks, do we need a motion on that?

Meeks said probably.

Dave said yeah, it involves dollars so, yeah.

Meeks said and then you'll put it in the salary ordinance when they figure out what actual value is.

Dave said okay.

Missy said do we leave it at the commissioners' discretion on what if you get the perfect person and they say I got to have 72. Who looks at that and says we've got to come back and revisit that? Is that possible? I mean, I'm not saying it will. I'm just, if you got the perfect person for two or three, four thousand, is it worth it? In my opinion, it is, if you get the right person in there.

Tom Kerns said we set the limit now and they can always come back.

Missy said they can always come back.

Tom Kerns said they can always come back, but we don't want to be setting two or three limits.

Missy said right.

Dave said Sherrie is sharing with us that they would like to post it pretty quick.

Sherrie Timmons said they want Laura to get it posted soon.

Missy said why can't we finish it today, we do it.

Dave said we need to finish it today. So, somebody want to make a motion?

Bev said I'll make a motion that we approve posting the position up to 70,000 for the highway superintendent.

Missy seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Approval for Baker Tilly to update the Comprehensive Financial report

Dave said Baker Tilly financial plan. Jason Semler came to me in a meeting about a week ago, and I know he's also contacted Laura Martin about updating. It's been two or three years now, a financial plan. And with all the changes we've had this past year, in my opinion, it would be a good idea to get a new financial plan going because it's been very beneficial. And moving forward, I think it's really going to be needed so.

Tom Chalfant said did he give you a price?

Dave said he did not. It's, I think it usually runs around \$25,000.

Tom Kerns said I think it's important to go ahead and do it. We're operating blind without, in some ways, without it. The way the tax situations has changed in the last three years have been drastic.

Dave said I don't know about you guys, but I look at that all the time to see where we're at on.

Bev said it's a good resource.

Mike said I do too.

Tom Chalfant said do we, do we need to say requesting information, we just say do it, or do you want to get a price first?

Meeks said they'll give you a contract. You just, what you'll do is have them give you a contract and at the next meeting approve your contract.

Dave said is that okay, Tom?

Bev made motion to contract Baker Tilly to update our Comprehensive Financial plan. Mike seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Additional Appropriations:

Drug Free Community

Prevention Education	\$2211.65
Treatment	\$2211.62
Criminal Justice	\$2211.62
Discretionary fund	\$2211.62

Dave said so, the first one we have is the drug free community.

Missy said I've got questions about this. I'd like to see details on what this is going to, and how do they work with people who are leaving the jail and whatever means they, who is checking in with them? I mean, I had probably three or four years ago now, it's probably been three years, a person, a mother, came to me and said you know, I've got, my son is going to get out of jail. And he can't come to my house because he's already, I mean, we've gone through that, didn't work, blah, blah, blah. Long story short, she'll find out that he goes to, he has to go to sign up,

you know, the jail and whatever has to happen, he has no place to go, no car because he's got a felony, so he can't have a driver's license. And hunting for a job, he has no car to get there because he has a felony. But long story short, where is the help? So, this guy that night, slept on somebody's front porch. And then finally, with the help of Claudia Thornburg, a lot of help from her, he was a veteran, he'd been turned down at the Journey Home to start with because he was a coast guard veteran and they said they didn't take coast guard. She stepped right in and fixed, I mean, got that taken care of. So, but actually, before he even got there, I got him into the Muncie Mission. So, he goes there and things are working out pretty good. He, you know, likes it, goes and gets a job working from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Things are going great. So, he goes back to the Muncie Mission, can't stay here. Nobody can stay there during the daytime. I'm not questioning, it's just the rules. Can't stay here, can't sleep here during the daytime. Where's he going to go? And he's worked all night. He's going to work, you know, 12-hour shift, because he can't get a driver's license until he can pay off all of his fees. So long story short, he stays one night in the Muncie Mission, can't stay, so he comes back, and Claudia gets him in at, kind of reverse that, into the Journey Home. Stays there about I think 11 days, and then they said hey, we're bringing people back from somewhere else, so you're going to have to give up your bed. And so, then he's out. So, he's living in somebody's barn inside a camper. Long story short, he overdosed again, started the whole thing over again. So, I just, what does the drug free Randolph County do?

Dave said would you like to have somebody come in?

Missy said I would. I want to know details.

Dave said okay. Who is, who actually heads that?

Missy said Dave Reese, doesn't he?

Tom Chalfant said we have a system. It's sad.

Missy said yeah.

Dave said okay so, we'll move that on until March and we'll have to get a hold of David Reese and see if he can come in.

Missy said and have him bring any information that he can. I mean, what, I don't know what you call them, clients, I'll call them clients. Do you work as drug free at Randolph County, work with, I mean, are you hands on with any of these people to try to help and get them there, because I tried to get them in there and no response? I don't know, I just, you know, we see so many, every time I read the paper and see all the people back in jail for drugs, drug something and I've seen that person the last six months, every other month, they're back in there. You know, I don't know. But yeah, I would, that would be great. I'd like to table that.

Dave said okay. Let's go down to the Health Department.

Health Department

Registration/Conference	\$1785.00
Office Supplies	\$12004.00
Enviro Health care	\$211.00
Travel/Mileage	\$2000.00
Clinic Supplies	\$31135.00

Bev said I have, I mean I have a question. Office supplies, \$12,000 and we don't have any itemization as to a cost or what for. I can understand clinic supplies at \$31,000, but we have nothing in hand.

Dave said Sherri is still here.

Sherri Thompson said the, we have everything, they lumped it all in one. But, when I'm doing the letters and things, it's all divided out. We have environmental. We have, there's diabetics things in there that, you know, that we need materials for. There's also the tobacco cessation that we'll be doing and working with. So, it's just all lumped into that line instead of itemized out.

Missy said I'd like to see it itemized out so we can see what's going on. I would personally.

Mike said I would too.

Bev said I would too.

Dave said okay, let's table that one until the next meeting and Sherri can, can you get us a list of that itemization?

Sherri Thompson said sure.

Dave said okay.

Missy said for all, can you do it for all of those, like the mileage, who's driving and where did they go?

Sherri Thompson said yeah, who drives, and mileage,

Missy said yeah, sure. It'd just be nice to, I'd love to know.

Health Department

Coordination/Registrar	\$7353.00
Public Health Nurse	\$13741.00
Sanitarian	\$7226.00
Social Security	\$1756.00
PERF	\$6078.00
Medicare	\$411.00

Dave said okay. The next one is Health Department also. It's, I guess Sherri is still here, so, if there're any questions. I think it's for the.

Tom Chalfant said the salary.

Sherri Thompson said those are, that's the additional.

Dave said additional salaries?

Sherri Thompson said yeah. And, if you don't mind, the money that is in that additional appropriation, the first section, that is the extra money that the state, once they saw how many counties were going to opt in, they had extra funds and then they divvied it up between the counties, and that's what all of that is. That's just extra money that wasn't in the budget at the time, because we didn't know how much we would be getting.

Missy said what's the mileage rate?

Sherri Thompson said 40.

Missy said yeah. That's a lot of miles. 2,000 miles is a lot of money.

Dave said it's 39 cents on the bottom?

Sherri Thompson said yeah.

Dave said 39.

Sherri Thompson said they're going to be doing a lot of training, so, there's going to be lots of trips to Indy.

Missy said how, what's the time span? Is this for six months or a year?

Sherri Thompson said a year.

Missy said okay. That makes more sense.

Sherri Thompson said yeah, it's all for a year.

Dave said I think the county pays 39 cents a mile.

Sherri Thompson said 49.

Dave said 49?

Sherri Thompson said 49.

Dave said I thought they paid the state rate. That sounds more like the federal rate.

Meeks said federal rate is 60 cents.

Tom Chalfant said yeah, federal is up there.

Tom Kerns said .54 is federal? Is it up in the 60s now?

Meeks said I thought it was 62 ½, but I could be wrong. You might be right. It's been awhile since.

Dave said I'll stand corrected until I find out. What would you like to do with this additional appropriation of the Health Department?

Meeks said 65.5 is federal.

Bev made motion to approve. Tom Kerns seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Tom Kerns said quick question. So, the other, the one before that is basically, just extra money you had coming in and you had to put it in certain line items just to place in your budget?

Sherri Thompson said yes.

Tom Kerns said so it's not necessarily that you have those exact needs in those lines?

Sherri Thompson said right. The state allows us to move it if we need to.

Tom Kerns said so you're just budgeted the money, budgeting the money you got?

Sherri Thompson said yes.

Missy said oh, so, you don't have it appropriated yet?

Sherri Thompson said well it's appropriated into those lines, but yeah. But when I do my ledgers, I have it all separated.

Dave said okay, let's go down to this next one on the back page.

ARPA

Spillman Update/Upgrade Motorola	\$33,529.54
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Dave said it's Spillman Update/Upgrade Motorola, \$33,529.54.

Tom Kerns made motion to approve. Bev seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Wheel Tax

Road Projects

\$900,000.00

Dave said next one we have is Wheel tax, road projects, \$900,000. Do I have a motion?

Bev made a motion to approve. Tom Chalfant seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Landfill Host Fees

Road Projects

\$800,000.00

Dave said next additional is Landfill host fees for road projects, \$800,000.

Bev said I have a question.

Dave said okay.

Bev said so, similar, I mean like wheel tax, you know, we know that money comes from the state. So, the landfill, itself, pays this kind of money to help maintain the roads, I mean because of their use of the roads.

Dave said they do so much tipping fee.

Tom Chalfant said I think it might be good for everybody to know that the, well the tipping fees are set at \$1.50 a ton, and that's in perpetuity. That was done a long time ago. And so, half goes, 75 cents goes to the county, 75 cents goes to the solid waste district, which Dave represents us there. And that's, I assume, that's \$400,000.00, that's a lot of money, I think. I mean with all the occurring cost, recurring cost, increasing cost, I wonder if it's time for discussion, maybe split that different than 50/50, because they will spend it if they get it. And another thing that, well it's just, this one is personal to me, 4-H has had the campaign for improving the fairgrounds and a lot of people donated generously. The Best Way, you know, it's the Best Way Center, it used to be Husted Hall and they have the naming rites of that. And they did that, I don't know, six, seven years ago. It was like ten years for \$80,000.00. So, they had naming rights of Husted Hall. And that building is used at least 300 times a year, and recently on this campaign, the kitchen was sold, the naming rites of the kitchen sold of for a \$100,000.00, the dining room a 100,000, the outside dining, 25,000, and so on and so forth. So, anyway, I was thinking, if you know anybody at Best Way, it would behoove them if they want to continue having Husted Hall's name Best Way Center, to me, that is worth a half million dollars, which is very high for Randolph County. But, in light of the fact that they've got a sweet heart deal on our tipping fees, anyway, I think you should be aware of.

Todd said something that's just constantly irritates me is as I drive down Highway One and see the amount of trash out in the fields. It's just, this time of year especially, just notice it. Is there any responsibility or any way, that someone can be held, you know, what can we do about that?

Dave said they need to contact Best Way and say hey. They used to be pretty good. And I know when Gary Fine used to run that out there, he always made sure it was kept up.

Tom Chalfant said they send reports to us, and we sort of sign off. And Solid waste sort of signs off on their performance also. I had a similar thing come up 15 years ago that we were driving a semi into town, passing a Best Way truck, and something flew off the truck and broke the windshield in the semi. And I called and they, we got the runaround, you know it was, Danny is on vacation, two weeks later, he's busy, yeah, I had to eat a \$400.00 windshield. You know, and I can understand people are going to call in and say you're throwing rocks, that this hit a semi, you know, this, something heavy flew off and landed you know, when they dumped, something landed on the ledge and it flew off as they were driving out of town. Their performance could be better in some areas. They, you get a lot of people trying to get cheap, free windshields out of it too.

Dave said Danny Chalfant runs that now, doesn't he?

Tom Chalfant said Tinsman.

Dave said Tinsman.

Tom Chalfant said I think he's about ready to retire.

Dave said yeah, like you said, they used to keep it pretty clean all the time.

Todd said there's plastic, it's plastic everywhere.

Dave said okay.

Tom Kerns said can that tipping fee be changed?

Meeks said problem is you change it, but you don't get any more money. It doesn't go to the county.

Dave said Best Way, it wouldn't bother them at all.

Tom Chalfant said we need to change the amount of the tipping fee, but that's.

Meeks said well you need to change the ratio between those two entities.

Tom Chalfant said but we could try to raise it a dollar fifty.

Meeks said but if you raise it from a dollar fifty, we've looked at that right? You don't get that raise. That raise doesn't go to the county.

Missy said who does it go to?

Meeks said I'd have to go back and look. We looked at it. It might go to the solid waste. It didn't go to the county highway.

Tom Kerns said who decides where it goes?

Meeks said the contract, it's contract.

Tom Kerns said entered with the contract?

Meeks said I'll pull the contract out and send it to you.

Tom Kerns said and how long is that contract in place?

Tom Chalfant said it's in perpetuity.

Meeks said as long as you have a landfill up there is how I, my memory serves.

Tom Chalfant said so, it's hard to break a contract.

Meeks said I pulled that up four or five years ago and we looked at it. My memory, my memory is that oh yeah, you can raise it, but it's why, it's not going to help us at all.

Tom Chalfant said Best Way is not going to let you raise. When they say we're paying you a dollar fifty perpetuity, why would they want it?

Meeks said I'm not sure you can raise it. It wasn't any benefit for the county to rise, financial benefit. There was no incentive. I'll pull it out and send it. It's been such a long time ago.

Bev said overall, they've been pretty good about cleaning up. I mean, I'm sure it's worse because of the snow melt we had, and you know, the trash, you can't get to it, whatever. I know they drive, they all drive past my house.

Dave said okay, so, what are we going to do here going forward?

Bev made motion to approve. Mike seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

MVH

Bridge/Structure	\$1,000,000.00
Bridge/Structure	\$700,000.00

Dave said next item we have up is MVH for bridge structure of \$1,000,000, and another one for \$700,000.

Tom Chalfant made motion to approve. Bev seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Transfers	From	To
<u>Public Safety</u> \$1700.00	Maintenance	Office Supplies

Dave said okay, last item here is the transfer of public safety funds of \$1,700.00 from maintenance to office supplies. I'm being told that's for a printer.

Missy made motion to approve. Mike seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Dave said did you have something Daniel, you wanted to bring up today?

Daniel Baker, Randolph County United update

Daniel Baker said Stellar pathways is the only thing. I sent you an email today about a meeting that we'd set up for that. That's the OCRA program that came out. Other than that, I didn't have anything.

Citizen Comments (3 minutes)

Dave said anybody from the public want to speak? Okay, we've got permanent minutes from December 5th we need to sign, already approved.

Dave said Missy, do you have anything?

Missy said I can't think of anything.

Dave said okay. Bev, do you have anything?

Bev said I will not be at the March meeting. I'm going to be out of state.

Dave said Tom, do you have anything?

Tom Chalfant said we haven't set a date for a joint meeting yet.

Todd said the 13th works better for me. I'm out of the state on the 21st.

Tom Chalfant said March 13th.

Todd said I saw several people said both dates would work, but the 21st doesn't work for me.

Missy said I think; did they mention that yesterday?

Sherrie Timmons said we were going to send an email out to everyone, so you would just respond back to here with your dates.

Dave said we'll have to get what the best dates for everybody then we'll have to set it.

Tom Chalfant said we don't, do we have an idea what works best for us?

Dave said either day works good for me.

Mike said I can do either.

Tom Kerns said I don't have any conflicts right now.

Tom Chalfant said I don't have any conflicts. You have a, have you got a conflict with Tuesday?

Bev said I don't know, I may or may not be back, depending on when it is.

Dave said 13th or 21st of this month.

Bev said I won't be here, not this month.

Dave said that's in March.

Bev said yeah, we'll be back sometime in the second week, so, I can't tell you whether I will be or not at this time.

Dave said okay. Mike, do you have anything?

Mike said no.

Dave said Todd.

Todd said I did not make the East Central Indiana meeting in Union City, but I think you did, right, the board meeting this quarter? Well anyway, I saw on the 22nd of this month there's a morning, all morning session at the Horizon Center of the annual, so, I'll be at that. Just throwing that out there in case anybody wants to know if we've got anybody at that meeting.

Missy said I'm going to be a that too.

Mike said when is it?

Todd said it's the 22nd. It's from 8 to 1:30 at the Muncie Horizon Center.

Tom Chalfant said well what's the title of that one?

Todd said it's East Central Indiana elected officials economic development best practices and lunch.

Missy said want me to send you the information on it?

Mike said yeah, if you would.

Dave said okay. Anything else, Todd?

Todd said just that when we do talk with J&K, my question is can we assume some risk? I think that's what we wanted to find out all along. In their quotes, we don't know how much they're allowing for replacement of parts, how much of it is a service contract that they're just passing along to us at a higher fee on the software. We don't have any detail really. And a \$150,000.00 a month committed for five to ten, I'm sorry, \$150,000.00 a year and a long-term commitment, I just wish they would work more with us on an opportunity to have some options that involved us taking a little risk. They mention in their quote, you know, the cost of replacing some expensive pieces of equipment is \$50,000.00 for a repeater and \$30,000.00 for a control. They built that in, I think, I assume, but it's just such a big number on our maintenance contract, which is really an insurance policy.

Tom Chalfant said and there're some things that are, that we eat, regardless. There are some costs or some things that they won't insure, they won't maintain for us.

Todd said I'm just thinking with the relationship that they're wanting to have, it's so long, it would be nice if they would work with us a little bit on trying to make them more manageable, because this just feels like we've got ourselves into a radio system that is more than we need, and we're having to pay for it over and over and over.

Dave said and I think that's the thrust for the meeting to have them come in here.

Todd said I'm just saying that's what I, my hope is.

Dave said that's a good idea.

Tom Kerns said I really don't have anything, but one comment. Next year it looks like we're going to have a pretty big changeover on this board? And whether, there is a sheet or can be made available that shows all of our revenue streams and where and what they can be used for and stuff. So, if, you know, we're going to potentially have three or four new people, I'm sure that would help everybody coming in.

Bev said that would be helpful anyway.

Tom Kerns said so, whether something like that could be put together?

Dave said yeah, I was going to bring that up myself. Sherrie does an excellent job of setting up the monthly spread sheet. If you have the fund ledger accounts, Windfarms, Solar Farms, ARPA monies, spread sheets, all very good in detail. That's where a lot of your money is come and go. You have your EDIT sheets controlled by the County Commissioners. You have the budget, and then you have the financial plan. All these pieces go together and I can put a list together of the major components. Somebody else will have to come in underneath and tell what some of them are for. I know most of them, but I don't know all of them.

Tom Kerns said right. And that's just, I mean, somebody mentioned earlier, how highway was funded. And there's you know, you've got MVH, you have you know, wheel tax, we have stuff coming from tip fees. There're all kinds of places, but what truly funds that? So, that every, you know, especially if somebody comes in new next year that that would be a big jump ahead.

Dave said yeah, I will be more than happy to sit down with Sherrie and Laura to get the details. I'll put the major things together, then the details underneath those.

Todd said I never really see where the income on the Indiana, I can never remember the name of the pool of money investment fund that you're allowed to have

Dave said Indiana Bond Bank.

Todd said okay.

Dave said it goes back to the General Fund.

Todd said yeah, because that's significant now, and probably will be for a few more years, hopefully.

Dave said anything else? And the second thing I have, I'm officially retiring this year, so, I will not be running in the primary.

Missy said congratulations you quitter.

Dave said 32 years. I think it is time for somebody else to move forward on that.

Missy said Todd, the Indiana Bond Bank is really a unique organization. They are really helpful. I judge there, they have an entrepreneurship where you can pitch your business, so I have judged that, not this year, but the last two years. And so, I was able to sit down with them and ask questions, and they helped me so much in trying to understand some of the, I mean they could pull up stuff. I had sent them emails and they'll even come here. I happened to have met them there, but they said let us know and we'll send somebody there. The bond bank, there're a lot of cities and towns that are using the Indiana Bond Bank to finance their projects at a much lower rate of interest than what they can get anywhere else, with more security on it. And they'll help them along the way, saying don't finance that, we've got, they're really beneficial. I'll get a card because they'll be at that session tomorrow.

Dave said anything else to come before the county council?

Adjournment

Tom Chalfant made a motion to adjourn. Bev seconded the motion. All aye votes. Meeting adjourned.

Reviewed and accepted this 2 day of April, 2024.

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