

Randolph County Council

November 9, 2022

The Randolph County Council met for its regular meeting at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners and Council Room of the Courthouse with the following members present: Council President Gary Friend, Rick Brown, Tom Kerns, Max Holaday, David Lenkendofer, Missy Williams and Beverly Fields. Also present was County Auditor Laura J Martin.

Council President Gary Friend presided.

Pledge of Allegiance

David Lenkendofer – Introduction of new Randolph County United CEO

Dave said hey Gary can I introduce our new Randolph County United Director. Daniel do you want to come forward. This is Daniel Baker. He will be our new president and CEO of Randolph County United. He's all ready on the ground running. And I think he's going to move.

Daniel Baker said three days on the job, so I've got a lot to catch up on, but I look forward to working with each and all of you. So, in the next coming of weeks, I may ask to meet with you if that's okay, just to get to know you.

Gary said okay.

Missy said give us a little of your background.

Daniel Baker said okay Missy. I just give that about an hour ago too. So, I am a Randolph Southern graduate. I graduated from Randolph Southern in 2003, but I joined the Air Force and was in active duty for about 9 ½ years on the C-17 Globemaster, which is a cargo plane. So was actually part of the air crew, and I flew around the world many times. And then within the air force I had a lot of leadership opportunities. One was planning a large-scale naval exercise. We had 28 different countries that actually came into Hawaii with airplanes and housed over 700 people. And I was on the airplane commission, if you will. After that, I worked with Hewlett Packard for about 2 ½ years in accounting and other functions. And then, I worked for TC Energy which was formerly TransCanada. I was a business analyst there for their supply chain department. And then I worked for Cornerstone Building Brands. Cornerstone Building Brands creates windows and siding for Home Depot, Lowes, and they offer also make metal manufacturing for a lot of the stadiums around the country. And then the one that Missy really wants me to talk about is my wife and I actually own Always Home Custom Designs down here, an interior design firm locally. And the reason we opened it, because we want to showcase to the youth that you can live in Randolph County, and you can still do what you love, because my

wife is an interior designer. And when I grew up, I was told you can't make money in art. She's proven us all wrong. Right, and we have a lot of that now. And so, we actually work with, my wife, I can't say we anymore because of the transition, but my wife works with designers across the nation. And she actually brings in, from her revenue stream, she brings in the design work that she does into the county. And that's what I want to do here is to show case small business entrepreneurs, and that we can start bringing that money back into the county. We have three full time employees, and one part time, and we've been open for two years. And all of those employees are from Randolph County. I'm sorry, except for the part time, she's at Ball State right now. But, she will be in Randolph County when she finishes. So, my passion is business. I also have an MBA from Rice University in, there in Houston. I know it's not very well known up here, but if you look up Rice University, they're actually number five from entrepreneur for the courses. So, I have that background and my passion is to help, like I said, the youth, and I look young, but I'm a little bit older. But I'm not going to go there. But I want to show case that we can do a lot in Randolph County. And we can, we can show this state and the region that we are here, right. And we're open for business, and we may need to do that in order to make sure Randolph County succeeds. So, I'm looking forward, like I said, working with each and everyone of you. Please let me know what you need, and if you have any issues, if you have anything, if you have any success stories, let me know, right. Don't want to just talk about the issues, but I want to talk about successes too. So, I want to get the story out of what Randolph County is doing. And that's why I took the position that I did. And so, I have a huge passion to support our county. My wife and I moved back about two years ago, and when we drove around Winchester, Randolph County, we were asking ourselves what can we do to support Randolph County. We could have easily started our business in Indianapolis, Ft. Wayne, or somewhere over there, but we wanted to support Randolph County. We wanted to make sure that we are involved in everything. So were already involved in all five school districts, right. We already started that. So, this transition is not that big of a transition. So, thank you David for introducing me. Hopefully I didn't take up too much time. I'd like to get to know each one of you. Thank you for having me.

Gary said thank you.

Dave said I'm so excited for Daniel coming on board. I think he'll move Randolph County forward so, welcome aboard.

Gary said anybody else, Tom.

Tom said good luck.

Gary said Max.

Max said good luck.

Gary said Rick.

Rick said good luck.

Gary said Bev, Missy.

Missy said glad to have you and your family back.

Daniel Baker said yeah.

Gary said thank you Daniel.

Jason Semler – Comprehensive Financial plan

Gary said okay Jason. Did the Judge come in by-the-way, I didn't see him?

Laura said I haven't seen him yet.

Gary said alright Jason. Go ahead Jason.

Jason Semler said thank you for having me back. I think I was here maybe in August or September with a draft of the financial plan that we do every couple years for the county. And at that time, we went through our assumptions, and I presented the final comprehensive financial plan reports. And with that we've included, I believe what the final budget being approved for 2023. So, I, we kind of went through this in pretty good detail, back a couple months ago. But just again, want to hit some of the highlights. And then also, with the final 2023 numbers to kind of see what, if you spend your entire budget for 2022, that you had advertised what, if any balance, could potentially look like. And then compare that to what you approved for 2023, just to kind of show you what any balances would look like for 2023 going forward. They, to help you make decisions, as this year ends, and 2023 begins. As you go through this, I'd be happy to stop and, ask any questions that you might have. First couple of pages, general comments, executives' comments, but I do want to touch on page, well let's see, page 5. In the graph there, this shows your historical assessed value, and then project the assessed value. And when I was here back in August, the county was still going through certifying the net assessed value for 2023, so we didn't have that number at the time. But as you can see in there, the pink graph, in 2022, the net assessed value of the county was 1,114,000,000 and in 2023, the certified assessed value is 1,265,000,000. So, an increase of about 14%. As we talked about before, that's really substantial. That's a pretty healthy increase, which we weren't surprised, because we've seen that across the state just with you know, increased costs, increased farm land. We were expecting an increase in assessed value. And we did see that. Again, how that's going to benefit the county is in theory, that should decrease property tax rates for 2023. And as you know, that should draw down tax rates and should reduce circuit breaker losses. And so, we've kind of estimated a reduction in circuit breaker losses for 2023, which what that means is that means you're going to have more money for your budget and going forward. And then we have estimated a slight increase in 2024 going forward as well. But just wanted to bring that up because that was something that we kind of talked about a couple months ago, but didn't have that information at the time. Next couple of schedules, just some executive summary, we've kind of talked about before. Page 8 and 9 again, as you're approached with questions about what money can be used from what different funds. Page 8 and 9 is a good resource for you. It's something you've seen there before. So, I'm kind of, I mean nothing really else has changed besides what we've talked about the last couple of months ago, except adding the 2023 budget.

So, I'll kind of jump right into the numbers. Page 14 is a summary of all the funds that we looked at and kind of the estimate in your balances for each of those. Now I'll hit, I'll hit each one of these briefly, but then again, this is just kind of a summary. And you can kind of see here and look in the general fund, the first one, you can see the trend, a positive trend where the ending balance has increased and see 2020 the ending balance of the general fund was 4,679,000. 2021, 5,147,000. 2022, we're anticipating ending around 6.1 million. 23, 6.9 million, and 2024, 7.6 million. So again, and that's a positive trend. As you can see for most of the funds that we looked at, that's similar trend. So, I know we talked about this a couple months ago, if you go back to 2017, 18, when we first looked at this, the projection was much different. So, you guys have made great strides in turning things around, so I compliment you for that.

Gary said now on line 20, that \$105,000.00 carrying, should that be there.

Laura said no. I think we talked about that when you were here before.

Gary said oh yeah.

Laura said you were going to take it out. The NextEra Windfarm.

Jason Semler said oh, oh that's right, we were going to take that out. So, all the other funds, you could see the positive, positive trend there, except for a couple of funds that we'll talk about. So, if there's no questions on that, we'll kind of jump to the individual funds. Page 15 is the general fund. This is the detail of the summary. So again, kind of looking at the general fund, you can see the line 19, total operating receipts. So, this is looking at the property taxes that you are going to receive, less the circuit breaker losses, plus altogether, miscellaneous revenues, and your certified shares. Looking at, for instance in 2022, if everything comes to fruition looking at you collecting \$11,545,000.00. If you'll look at line 29, if you spend your entire budget for the year, you are going to spend about \$10,600,000. So, look at line 31. If that were to come true, you'd be spending about \$950,000.00 less than what you are bringing in. So that's good news. You have a balanced budget bringing more in than what you're spending. Again, at the beginning of the year, you had a beginning balance of \$5,147,000. So, adding in that increase, that's how you get the balance, in that 6,100,000 balance. And as you can see on line 39, that operating balance percentage is about 57, 58%. If you remember, we've talked about at the minimum, we'd like that to be about 15%. That's basically so you have two months of expenses in the bank at any time. And as you can see, with the 6.1 million at the ending balance, your total operating expenses is about 10.6. So, it's showing you how you know, more than 50%. That's a very healthy ending balance.

Gary said which is projected to go through 2023 too.

Jason Semler said yes. Yes, it's anticipated to increase because as you can see, if you look at line 31, or line 33, the increase and decrease for the year, you know, but even based upon your 2023 budget, and estimated revenue, you've anticipating about bringing about \$800,000.00 more than what you budgeted to spend. And that's why you see your ending balance continuing to increase each year. So, any questions. Like I said, it's a very positive trend, even with the increase in, in a slight increase in your budget for 2023, you have more than enough revenue to

take on that additional expense. If not, next schedule, our fund is page 18, the property reassessment fund. Again, if you look at your ending cash balances line 27, again you are showing an increase each year. And again, your balance is more than enough to cover 50% of your expenses for the year. So, you get another healthy balance is what we're showing here. So even in 22 you spend all your budget, you're still bringing in about \$10,000.00 more than what you are expending. And then next year, we're showing on line 24 bringing about \$26,000.00 more than what you're spending if you spend your entire budget.

Gary said right.

Jason Semler said getting very healthy, have some capacity there. Page 21, the health fund. Same story here in bringing in more revenue than your budget, and you can see your ending balance compared to your operating disbursements. Your balances really can cover an entire year's budget if you wanted to. So, you can, if you needed to, you could reduce your levee in your health fund and move it to your general fund or some other fund if you wanted to, and be able to cover all other expenses. So again, you have a lot of flexibility there. I know the health fund, that's one fund where I, a lot of counties I work with, that's one fund that's usually hurting. You guys are doing a good job of maintaining your budget within your revenue. The next one on page 24 is your public safety fund. So again 2022 estimating collection of \$4,000.00. The 2023 amounts are available now so there, we're showing that you are going to receive \$716,000 in 2023. I flatlined that for 2024, hopefully that will continue to increase. To be conservative, I just kept it flat.

Gary said does that mean the wages in the county have leveled out. That's an income tax.

Jason Semler said yes that's income tax yeah. It went up from \$655,000 if you look at line 2, \$655,000 to \$716,000. So, it has gone up. But for 24, I just kept it flat.

Gary said what's the supplemental in there.

Jason Semler said if you remember the state, they keep so much back each year from the county. And once it hits, I think 15% of your typical distribution, once it goes over that amount, they'll send out a supplemental distribution. And so, this year when they did that calculation, they had accumulated more than 15%. So, they gave you an extra \$48,000.00 this year. So that's a calculation they make each year.

Gary said if nothing happens in the years to come, then they make it right.

Jason Semler said yes, yeah. I haven't assumed that that would happen, but it could. So again, if you spend all your budget for 2022, you see that you have to shortfall \$27,000.00. I mean you are spending \$27,000.00 more than what you are bringing in, they again tell you, you have an ending balance of \$100,000, we're still showing an ending balance of about \$74,000. And then going forward, a slight decrease in public safety. That is one of those funds that you often spend what you bring in because it is for public safety.

Gary said on purpose.

Jason Semler said uh huh. The next line we're on is the economic developments, page 27. This is one fund that we're showing a continued growth each year as the year current budget is about \$270,000 less than what you're bringing in. So, a lot of capacity there to fund some additional projects expenses if the county so desired. The next schedule is the LIT special purpose fund. There again in 22, you'd receive about 1.2 million dollars. You did get a supplemental distribution in this fund as well, about \$90,000.00, a total of 1.3 million. Your budget for this year was the bond payments for both the 2005 and 2019 bonds.

Gary said excuse me. That means we got that in our certified shares too then, right.

Jason Semler said yes, yes. I need to go through that, but you'll get a supplement on your certified shares too.

Gary said what was that?

Jason Semler said \$160,000.

Gary said 160. Okay. Alright thanks.

Jason Semler said uh huh. And so, then 2023 on special purpose again, you have the bond payments for the 2005 and 2019. So, this is one place where we talked about a couple months ago where you budgeted. You also have the 2020 bonds, that are outstanding, that currently have a property tax levy as you are paying for that. I saw where you had budgeted a property tax levy for those bonds as well for 23. But you could pay for that out of this fund, and not put in a tax rate. It's really small. It's less than a penny for this year and next year. Annual payment is only about \$90,000.00 a year. But in 2025, it increases to over \$200,000.00 a year. So even if you budgeted the tax rate for this year, when you get your 1722 notice, probably in December if you decide you want to make that payment out of this fund instead of having a tax rate, you'd have to amend your 1722 notice and send it to DLGF. You still have the opportunity. You could keep it for one more year, but in 24, I would recommend maybe paying that bond payment out of this fund, because that's kind of what we intended when we issued those bonds, to try to get that tax rate off, you know, off the tax payers.

Gary said I think it's around a penny right now.

Jason Semler said yeah, it's less than a penny right now. It's about a half a cent, .006 is what we're estimating for 23 and 24. But again in 25, it's going to jump up to over \$200,000.00 in debt service, it'll be a bigger impact. I mean we're showing here on page 30, you have more than enough revenue to make that payment.

Gary said right. With that coming off too, it'll help the circuit breaker.

Jason Semler said yeah exactly. And again, because this, as you remember the special purpose LIT, it's very restricted what it can be used for. And again, when we issued those bonds, we intended for this fund to pay for that. Any question on the special purpose.

Gary said I think the only comment from me is we were starting to get healthy before we started.

Jason Semler said well yeah, within 2020 and 21 with COVID and just the uncertainty of the, what the local income tax would do. We wanted to keep that tax rate on a little bit because we didn't want to take it off and have to put it back on again. With it being strong, with your balances accumulating, you'd have some flexibility there. Even if the economy were to take a little downturn, you'd have room to cover those payments for quite a while. Page 33, the statewide 911 fund, this is one that you will want to pay close attention to because as you can see, looking about \$414,000.00 of revenue a year. The budget for 2022 is \$514,000. So, it's showing a shortfall of \$99,000.00. So that's one where it looks like it could be a decrease. So, we'll just want to follow that, make sure that we do have enough money coming in to cover that. If there are more expenses than the budget, we have room in your general funding to maybe move some expenses over there. Local road and street, page 36. This is another fund where you kind of spend what you bring in often times. But here we're showing that you do have a healthy balance, but if you continue the budget that you'd have for 2023, it will start eating into that cash flow and the ending balance. Again, that's also a fund that you kind of spend what you bring in, based upon your projects and your revenue. Same thing for the next two funds, the MVH and the MVH Restricted. Again, with the year 22 and 23 budget, we did, if you look at the line 13, we did take your budget and moved 1.1 million dollars over to your restricted amount because you know there's only certain projects you can pay out of your restricted. So often recommend as much as you can out of your restricted fund, we recommend that. And then what's left to pay out of your regular MVH fund. Page 39, it looks like the value is going down a little bit. But any balance, if you look at page 42 restricted is increasing so. Very healthy. Cum bridge, page 45, that's another one. I know you have a lot of bridges in the county, so a lot of times you accumulate funds and pay for a big project at once. But it's, it's growing as well. So, this is another one if you think about, you know, in the future, you know like your reassessment, you have lots of extra revenue in your reassessment right now. And extending your general fund, if you wanted to, you could move some of that levy from funds into your bridge fund.

Gary said I think our cum bridge is max levy.

Jason Semler said that's right it is. But it's accumulating to help fund larger projects. Cum cap development on page 48. This is a similar trend where we're, what you're currently budgeting in 23, and is less than what you're bringing in, so it's a good positive cash flow.

Gary said we made some changes in this year's budget too to start moving things out of cum cap.

Jason Semler said and that would make sense because I can see in 22, if you spend everything in your budget, you're going to spend about \$140,000.00 more than what you brought in, which you can handle that because you had a nice balance there. But it's not something you could sustain. That's why I moved it but. Even with this budget, it's still showing you're ending the year with \$300,000.00 so it's still a very healthy balance.

Dave said I have a question on that tax rate. I know, I think maybe Laura you answered that for me. It went down this year. And we have to apply each and every year for that to make sure it's at the max. Is that right.

Gary said the property tax rate.

Jason Semler said the cum cap. So I think you will need to re-establish it next year. I think after that the law has changed where you don't have to do that. I think you'll need to re-establish it one more year.

Laura said okay because we missed the re-establishment date this year. It was May 31st, and we didn't realize it until.

Jason Semler said it used to be later in the year and they've shortened it.

Laura said yeah. Okay.

Jason Semler said so right now you're looking at about, we won't know what 23 will be until the 1722 notice comes out at the end of the year but it's still going to be about a little under a .033 so you could generate a little bit more money by re-establishing that.

Dave said okay.

Jason Semler said next fund, Rainy Day funds, we've kind of kept that constant from what you've done in the past. I think that's something that we talked about last month is should you be transferring some money from your general fund into rainy day. And that's something that they might want to consider since your general fund is so healthy. But I always like to think of your Rainy-Day fund as something that you don't touch unless you really have to.

Dave said yeah, I went to the county commissioners Monday and expressed our interest of, we're wanting to, over the next five years, try to put 2.7 million dollars in there from windfarm monies to get that up to 4 million. I think would pretty much do any catastrophe type thing for Randolph County.

Gary said that would really just cover our insurance program if we hit the max on it, if we had enough of it, stop gap on it. Our stop gap's 3 million dollars, but we could experience, we'd have to have some way to pay that if a catastrophe hit us and caused that.

Jason Semler said page 52 is the county wheel tax. So, to cut the revenue's flap for 2022, it does appear a bigger budget for 2023 of a million dollars. If that does come to fruition that is going to eat into your balance quite a bit. But we just carried that order for one more year so that you could even support that for one more year. But then after that, we'd have to adjust the budget. But again, that's another, you don't usually, you probably fund projects based on what's available.

Gary said right.

Jason Semler said page 53 is the courthouse bonds. It has one payment left in January 2023. So, after this year, that fund will go away. You'll no longer have that bond payment. And in page 54 is the communication bonds originated in 2020. Look at line 10, this is the payment that I was telling you about that we could move that to the special purpose.

Gary said that would mean, then you're looking at 1.6 cents because that rate is going to terminate too, right.

Jason Semler said right, yeah.

Gary said plus the 6/10s.

Jason Semler said yep.

Gary said is that figured into our circuit breaker reductions that you projected going down from the next year.

Jason Semler said no I didn't include that.

Gary said so that's actually going to make it bigger impact.

Jason Semler said yeah, if you get rid of that tax. And then the next couple of slides are the one Economic Development and I'll, I've forgot, I've had that note and forgot on page 57, I'll change that \$105,000. Then after that is just supplemental information that we had shown before. What outstanding bonds that you have at the very end. I know we went over this a couple months ago, but I'd be happy to answer any questions that you might have.

Gary said Tom.

Tom said I don't have anything.

Gary said Dave.

Dave said I'm just thankful we do this every few years. I keep encouraging at county council association that all counties need to do this, and there's not a lot to do to actually get it.

Jason Semler said we do probably about 10 to 15 a year, and some counties do this every other year, some counties have it every year. But yeah, it's, there's other counties that don't get us to do it. But I would suggest even if we don't it, they should have it done because I feel like, I mean, and I always appreciate the kind words that you say. I feel like you guys really use this throughout the year as people come with requests. That's, I like to hear that because I feel like it's a tool that you're really using which is the purpose. But it's like, I don't see how counties who don't use something like this can make really good informed decisions.

Gary said I don't either.

Dave said well I think that it helps us get from where we're at today from about what, five or six years ago.

Gary said yeah. Can you give this to us in pdf format so, we can load it on the computer?

Laura said I just sent it but you know what, I was just telling them, I sent it from my phone yesterday, because I didn't get it out Monday. So, I'll get it to you.

Gary said okay.

Jason Semler said and let me, I'll make that change on the windfarm, the \$105,000.

Gary said Dave anything else.

Dave said no that's fine.

Gary said Max.

Max said no thank you.

Gary said yeah thank you it's been a great tool. Rick.

Rick said no. It's been really good information.

Gary said Bev.

Bev said same thing, good information.

Gary said Missy.

Missy said you did a great job explaining it to us. Thank you.

Gary said you got to see the wall coming before you hit it.

Jason Semler said exactly. You know, it's easy to make a decision when you're just looking at the end of the year, but if there's the, it multiplies, so you kind of need to look at that a couple years in advance to see whether you can really afford it or not. I believe this helps.

Gary said anybody have anything else for Jason. Thank you for your time. I appreciate it.

Darin James – funding for a printer

Darin James said so I'm just, I'm needing a printer. I got this photo off of LEAP. They recommend the second one. I don't know a whole lot about printers, but we can try other places too, but we do need a printer. We don't have one at all. I use mine a lot at home for now.

Gary said what's the appropriation for. Are you looking for more appropriation?

Darin James said yeah because I don't have a lot.

Gary said how much.

Darin James said from there, the one they recommended was \$1595, plus \$900.00 for setup and delivery.

Gary said okay. So, you really need \$1700 more dollars.

Darin James said yeah.

Gary said in additional appropriation in office supplies to buy a printer.

Darin James said yes.

Gary said okay. Missy, any input.

Missy said I read a lot about that. That second one, do you think that's going to do everything as quickly as you want to do it. I mean it's got \$5900 color yield.

Darin James said I don't know, all I know is I have to have a color printer.

Missy said right.

Darin James said uh, with our toxicology reports, anything that comes out positive has to come out in red, or it comes out blank. So other than that, I'm just going off what the IT guy recommended for me. It might be overkill. I don't know.

Missy said I don't think it is. A Canon, Canon is a good printer. They don't break down as, you can buy a cheaper, lease a cheaper one, you'll have problems with them. You'll be calling them and they're going to walk, try to walk you through how to fix it without coming to the lab.

Darin James said that's why, that's why I went through our group here. I assume they'll help us out if we need it.

Gary said anything else Missy.

Missy said no.

Dave said no as long as you go through our group here, I'm comfortable with it.

Tom asked did you ever get anywhere with computers?

Darin James said everything's all fixed, up and running. And it's fine now. Everything, he came in and he downloaded every program I needed. So, everything is good. Once we get this printer ready, everything down in the office is set up.

Gary said okay. Somebody like to make a motion to allow the Auditors office prepare an additional appropriation for \$1700.

Dave made a motion to have the Auditor's office prepare an additional appropriation for \$1700.00. Rick seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried

Laura said do you want this out of county general.

Gary said yeah that's what I was thinking. County general. Everybody.

Darin James said how long does that take?

Laura said a month.

Darin James said the printer. He has, they have then in stock. He had three left when I talked to him last. So, I told him that you guys would probably go with it.

Gary said it takes a month.

Darin James said okay.

Laura said so when you call and tell them, just tell them it will be a month before you have the money so however they want to do it.

Darin James said okay. Thanks.

Jim Michael, RC Airport Board – Ordinance 2022-28 Aviation fuel fund

Jim Michael said good morning. Do you guys have a copy of the ordinance that we are proposing?

Gary said yes. Okay you are requesting a non-reverting fund for your fuel.

Jim Michael said correct.

Gary said why.

Jim Michael said to eliminate some of the issues of like we have right now where we have to come back and ask for additional funds to get more fuel. I think this is the second or third time we've done that, doing that this year. It would eliminate that. We could also eliminate some of the other line items when we come for our budget every year, some of the different maintenance items. The other reasoning is per the FAA grant assurances program, this is something that they are pushing as well. I have a copy of that here. It states that the revenues generated from the

airport on aviation fuel should be put into its own fund. So that's a, I don't know, I'm not speaking on behalf of FAA, so I don't know if that's something they could ever come in and say that they're going to stop with grant money until that happens. But that's listed in their grant assurances. We've contacted other airports around to see what their, you know, what their ordinances are, what they're doing. We've got a copy of Jay County ordinances that we provided with Meeks when he initially drew this one up.

Gary said I've never been a fan of non-reverting funds because the reason is, is when the County does have issues, and we've had to do it before, that's why the airports had to come in before because we've had to put less in until we gets receipts back to help us get through another draw, to go on. So, I'm, personally, I don't see the need to put it in there because we've never let the airport down. Never since I, I can't ever remember a time that we have not done what we needed to do at the airport as far as getting the funding. All's the non-reverting does is allow that fund to begin to grow, when we, the county, needs revenue, we would lose receipts. And still be obligated to pay, to build a budget. Without that receipt to help us bill our budget. That's why I don't like it and I'm not in favor or it. It's nothing against the airport, its nothing against the airport board. I personally don't like non-reverting funds. I mean because if it's a restricted fund versus a general type of fund, or the money can be fundable to go where it needs to.

Jim Michael said right, and that's why, that's the way it's outlined.

Gary said yeah. It'll start growing you know because first one we have to put the money in there to get it going. That money will remain and the receipt profits will remain.

Jim Michael said right.

Gary said they'll begin to grow. And then it'll have restrictions on what it can be used for. And all of a sudden, we're still, that the county pay for personnel services, because you can't pay for them out of that restrictive fund. So that basically will cost Randolph County money to do that. We need it where we can get to it in general funding. We don't have to do any of those steps and it doesn't put us, I mean our financial health is really good. But we have had to use monies and not restrict them so we could pay bills we need to pay, so, into the future. That's why I say I don't like restrictive funds personally. Our LIT fund for emergency services, we run it to zero. So, it's not holding money and we can't use to fund something the county needs somewhere else. So that's kind of where I'm at. So, nothing against the airport. I really appreciate everything you guys are doing. You guys are doing a good job out there. Everything's running smooth. I don't like them, so I'm not going to vote for it myself. I vote against it. It's not personal at all. It's my philosophy.

Jim Michael said thank you.

Gary said Tom.

Tom said I agree because it takes part of our budget out of our control. Nine out of probably the last twelve years, we've been up against the wall on our budget. I mean to the point of cutting postage in every department and everything. I mean we're looking at every little line. And this

would pull a little bit more of that income away. Like you said, right now our looking at our financials look fantastic. Two years from now, something could happen.

Gary said two years ago it was different.

Tom said two years ago it was different. And it changes within a year. And that would be my biggest concern.

Gary said Dave.

Dave said yeah, I'm the same way. From financial, I think we need to maintain the control here. And like Gary said, we've never, never let the airport down when they need more money. We always tried to find it from somewhere.

Gary said Max.

Max said I can understand why they're asking for this. It makes life easier for the, for the airport. I think it might add additional work for the Auditor's department. Being a representative of the airport, I'll stop there.

Gary said okay. Well the good thing for the hassle of coming in is our budget looks like we won't have to short the fuel in the next year's budget and the year after, because we know the receipts will come back so.

Jim Michael said yeah and you don't know what fuel prices will do.

Gary said you don't know, that's right. That's exactly right, yeah. Rick.

Rick said I, just from when I first started twelve years ago, where we were at to where you know, we probably need to just kind of keep it as it is, just in case. I mean, I understand why. I really do, because I mean, it beats you guys coming back up here every couple of months saying hey can you give us some money to buy fuel, which we get back, you know. But I, just from where we were at to where we're at now, I agree with everybody else.

Gary said Bev.

Bev said no more experience than I have, this is the first experience I've had with this particular line item, and what I'm hearing is things are going quite well right now. And maybe this is the time to keep it as is, status quo, rather than changing.

Gary said Missy.

Missy said I agree with everybody. I understand the need for it, but it does create more work for an office here in the courthouse. So, I'd like to keep it the way it is, knowing that we support you.

Jim Michael said just to be clear that I want it to be on record that the FAA gives us a \$160,000 a year in grant money that we could lose.

Rick said well I think if that's a possibility, I mean, if they come to you and say well that's going to happen, then we would come and revisit that.

Conan said okay. It's part of theirs, where we have the grant, it's part of the assurances that we sign off on that the airport revenue does stay with the revenue.

Rick said right.

Meeks said I think it did. I actually think it is in the grant stuff right now. That you keep it, and I think, what I have been told this is a trend that's going on in the state. And I mean, it's just a shifting of however much from one fund to another fund. It's not, the county's not losing anything.

Gary said we said that Meeks because we have to, there's certain.

Meeks said it's not going to short your budget \$18,000 bucks.

Gary said I know that as long as what we showed their budget is allowed to be spent out of that fund.

Meeks said and I, and the fund says you can use it for almost anything at the airport. I wrote it pretty broadly if you read it.

Gary said I didn't read it because I'm not in favor.

Meeks said I know you don't like it.

Gary said I'll read it.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-28

An Ordinance Establishing a Non-Reverting
Aviation Fuel Fund

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Council finds that funds are being collected by the Randolph County Airport Board of Commissioners from the sale of aviation fuel and other fuel.

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Council determines that funds collected by the Randolph County Airport Board of Commissioners from aviation fuel and other fuel sales should be used for the following purposes:

1. Purchase of aviation fuel and other aviation fluids; and

2. Repair and maintenance of any and all fuel stations, buildings and grounds as needed.

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Council desires to establish the non-reverting Aviation Fuel Fund.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDAINED by the Randolph County Council that the Randolph County Council hereby establishes the non-reverting Aviation Fuel Fund to be used by the Randolph County Airport Board of Commissioners for the following purposes:

1. Purchase of aviation fuel and other aviation fluids; and
2. Repair and maintenance of any and all fuel stations, buildings and grounds as needed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED by the Randolph County Council that funds which are being collected by the Randolph County Airport Board of Commissioners from the sale of aviation fuel and other fuel shall be deposited in the non-reverting Aviation Fuel Fund.

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED by the Randolph County Council that it may deposit money in the non-reverting Aviation Fund as the Randolph County Council deems appropriate. The funds in the non-reverting Aviation Fuel Fund shall not revert to any other fund for any other use or purpose.

Meeks said buildings and grounds. Any repair. Anything that they need to do out there. So, the only thing that's not in there is the salaries.

Gary said personal services.

Rick said so just that I'm clear, what you're saying is that's part of their grant, they have to have this fund.

Meeks said that's what the grant documents say. That's what your assuring, the FAA you're using. You're telling FAA that any fuel sales is going back into there.

Gary said what the language said in there.

Conan Wallace said this is, you know, it's, airport revenues, this is part of the grant assurances with the, that we have with the FAA. It says all revenues generated by the airport and any local taxes on aviation fuel established after December 30th, 1987, will be expended by, will be expended by the airport authority for the capital or operating costs of the airport, the local airport system.

Gary said how about this.

Meeks said well if we got audited by the FAA, I think you can show we spend money out there.

Gary said yeah.

Meeks said I mean we spend money more than the fuel, but this is going to be an easier way to prove it when you do that audit. That's how I viewed it. We're going to be able to prove it, but.

Gary said okay. I think what I would want is I would want a copy of that so that I can study it myself to change my mind. And table this and review it next month.

Jim Michael said right. And I don't have proof, we don't have, we've been told the State Board of Accounts leans this way too.

Gary said we've had several audits. We've never been picked up on that in an audit have we.

Laura said not that I'm aware of in the four years I've been here, no.

Jim Michael said we could look into that and see.

Gary said and if there's supporting language that says we going to be at risk to lose it, then you know, I can be influenced. I'm sure everybody can. If there's not and it's just a, then I couldn't be. I wouldn't forfeit a \$160,000.00 over it over me just not liking non-reverting accounts myself. You get that information for the council to all have to review and we'll bring this ordinance back up in the December meeting. How's that.

Laura said just email it to me and I'll forward it to all the Council if you want.

Gary said somebody like to make a motion to table this ordinance.

Dave said I have another question. If we're going to go that route, I'd like to see an analysis on it for the last three years, of the revenue from, from the county to the airport, with the airport's money coming back in. See how much per year that it's actually going to cost this county. And I'd like to see an audit done, full blown audit on fuel.

Gary said okay. Does somebody want to make a motion to table this ordinance.

Bev made a motion to table this ordinance to the December Council meeting. Max seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Laura said did you say to the December meeting.

Gary said the December meeting, yeah. And I'm open minded enough to look at it.

Jim said okay. We'll send it to you.

Judge Arnett – funding for part time & salary Ordinance 2022-33

Judge Arnett said I don't know how many of you know it, but we've got another person retiring. Pam has been, I think, 16 or 17 years and she's retiring at the first of the year. And we've made another hire. And I need some part time money because I want to get her in here as quick as possible. Because since Rhonda Detwiler retired, we hired Rhonda Davis, which is Fred's daughter. I don't know how many of you know her. But she's still relatively new. And we need to get the other lady in as soon as we can in order to make things run smoothly because Rhonda Davis is not yet ready to teach how to do it. And we're still struggling a little bit to keep going smoothly. She's doing a good job. Don't get me wrong, but you know, it takes a while because there's a lot to do there, especially on the criminal side. And I figured out we need about \$1,200.00 for part time help. And there's one other thing, just as far as security, one of the stop gap things that we want to do as soon as we can is we want to have a buzzer where you buzz into the court. A few weeks ago, as a senior judge, there was a gentleman that used to be on the supreme court who's now a senior judge, he came in and did a couple of days for me. And he was appalled at the lack of security there, how people can just walk into the Superior Court and the fact they could walk all the way back to the Judge's office. And we'd like to get a buzzer, and then have a little different camera angle, and maybe another monitor where we could see who is coming into Superior Court. Now I talked to Mike in Circuit Court, and he said he's just fine with, he's got that long hallway, that half door, and as long as he's there, they feel pretty secure. But the way ours is set up, it's not very secure and anybody could walk in there any time. And there are crazies out there. I've only had one death threat. It can happen. It can happen anywhere.

Gary said sure.

Judge Arnett said and we're working on trying to get you know, I had a security council meeting. And we're going to have another one this year. And I've talked to Meeks about it. There's things that we're going to have to do according to Supreme Court Order. However, you know, we want to keep it as well within the budget as we can. We don't want to, you know, we're not out to try to get the county to cough up a bunch of money. We're trying to get things so we'll be within the Supreme Court Order from 2019 that we haven't done yet.

Gary said that's all commissioner activity. The council, we would just fund it so we'd have to know how much that's going to cost to do all of that if.

Judge Arnett said right.

Gary said if we're going to take it out of cum cap, the commissioners cum cap. But the council don't have any decision on putting in that security. It would be the commissioners.

Judge Arnett said right. I wanted you to know about it because I don't have an estimate on it yet.

Gary said got you. I understand.

Judge Arnett said okay. But what I need is \$1,200.00 to pay part time help so we can get somebody in as quick as possible so we can keep running smooth.

Gary said okay. Missy, anything on this.

Missy said is Pam going to stay.

Judge Arnett said she's staying. She's going to stay until the first of the year. And we've got another person hired, but I don't have them in there yet because we need the funds.

Missy said right. She's been so dedicated to this county that I have no doubt. But, I mean she's not going to take off a month of vacation or comp time.

Judge Arnett said no. She has told me she's going to stay here and make sure that we're running smoothly before she leaves.

Missy said I'm in favor of it.

Gary said Bev.

Bev said I don't see any problem with it either.

Gary said Rick.

Rick said no I'm for it.

Tom said definitely transition training is very important.

Max made motion to approve the \$1200.00 out of County General. Rick seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said and now we need to approve an ordinance to make that salary. So, we have salary ordinance 2022-33, an ordinance to amend a salary ordinance 2021-21. Superior Court reporter.

Laura said so this is a full time pay, and that's what he's wanting to do.

Judge Arnett said I want to pay her full time, because she's coming from a job where, you know, if I pay her 10 or 12 or even 15 bucks an hour, she'd be taking a pay cut.

Gary said but it's a total of \$1,200.00. It's not full time, so it's not going to come with benefits.

Judge Arnett said right, not right now. She'll be starting her full-time job as soon as we can get her at, we've got money to pay her.

Laura said we've talked about it. I just wanted to make it clear that this ordinance is for a full-time paycheck. So, she'll be getting full time.

Judge Arnett said yeah.

Laura said he's paying it out of his part-time line and he has enough, except he's short \$1,200.00.

Gary said so this \$1,200.00 approved, we need to approve a salary ordinance to take care of exactly that.

Judge Arnett said yes.

Gary said so then it says the Superior Court, court reporter, \$1367.80 per pay. Someone like to make a motion to pass the ordinance 2022-33 on the first reading. This is an ordinance to amend the salary ordinance 2021-21 by title.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-33
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2021-21

WHEREAS: There have been changes in the 2022 Salary Ordinance with regard to multiple budgets. It is necessary to amend the 2022 Salary Ordinance and to change the following salaries to the Salary Ordinance effective the paid date of August 12, 2022 as follows:

SUPERIOR COURT
COURT REPORTER
1367.80 PER PAY

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

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 2021-21, 2022 Salary Ordinance pertaining to multiple Randolph County's budgets shall be amended to read as follows:

SUPERIOR COURT
COURT REPORTER
1367.80 PER PAY

Max made motion to approve Ordinance 2022-33. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Max said I move the rules be suspended and have second and third reading by title only and adopt it the same day.

Gary said we have a motion to suspend the rules, have second and third reading and adopt on the same day. Do we have a second?

Missy seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Max said I move the council adopt ordinance 2022-33.

Gary said we have a motion to adopt ordinance 2022-33. Do we have a second?

Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Judge Arnett said okay I want to thank everybody. I'll get her in here.

Gary said thank you Judge.

Missy said courthouse security is getting to be something around the state that's coming up isn't it.

Judge Arnett said it is. It's everywhere and we're behind according to the ordinance. However, we have had one meeting and we're going to have another one hopefully, before the end of the year, and try to get it in order and do it as efficiently, cost-effective as possible to comply with the Supreme Court Order that's out there.

Gary said right.

Judge Arnett said thank you.

Gary said thank you. Duane.

Duane Petry – Paramedic School funding

Duane Petry said so, I have one of my part-time employees ask if we would pay for paramedic school for him. I think he's already applied and he's just waiting to see what we're going to do. I think, I've got \$4,000.00 in training next year. I'm kind of thinking if we pay half and have him sign a contract that he'll work for us for two years, and I gave Meeks a copy of what New Castle uses.

Gary said I read that.

Duane Petry said I think if we paid for it all, he doesn't have any skin in it and he may not work as hard to complete it so I'm kind of thinking if we pay half, if you guys think we need to pay more, when he finishes it or whatever.

Gary said well we can, what's the amount for half today.

Duane Petry said I think it's like \$3,000.

Gary said and for the council, that would need to be an additional appropriation in your training fund.

Duane Petry said no. I've got \$4,000 in training for next year. So, it wouldn't, I wouldn't need any money to pay the \$3,000.

Gary said then that's a commissioners' issue I would think. I mean, I'm in favor of it.

Duane Petry said well that's, I'm just trying to cover all the bases. I kind of thought that I've got the money there, I don't, you know, I don't know if I need anybody's permission, but.

Gary said well you do need the commissioners' permission to enter into any kind of personnel.

Duane Petry well like the contract part of it.

Gary said as far as you have the funding there, I think it's wise to bring it to council and make sure that we're all, appropriating and approving your funding, what's really, that line's really going. I'm not against it. I think we have more money than that in training other personnel within the county anyway. I know the sheriff's got at least, there's a lot of money getting a deputy trained.

Duane Petry said well maybe EMS has looked at it wrong all along. But we've kind of went with okay, you guys got the certification to begin with. It's yours to maintain. And so, we've pretty much left it up to them to get a majority of their training to save the county money.

Tom said so, if you put this program in, shouldn't we also offer eventually, advanced EMTs potential for continuing taking step-by-step that some of them.

Duane Petry said well there's a class going on right now. I think there's, I've got four left in it, and I was going to pay about \$300.00 apiece on theirs once they get going.

Tom said to do the advanced.

Duane Petry said I think there's been two or three that's dropped out. And the commissioners concern was if they pay for training now, then other departments are going to come up and ask for training to be paid.

Gary said they already get that don't they.

Duane Petry said that was just a comment made yesterday, like CDL highway department, wanting CDL for their employees.

Gary said but the highway's trained their people for CDL. Just recently, there's going to be a class I think, they trained. We pay it all the way through, pay, paying wages is paying training. So, I mean I don't think you should be anywhere lower, I mean, I don't know how to pay, but the sheriff's department costs us a lot of money per person too to get them trained. Maybe we are missing something by not getting some funding in there to help recruit for some training people

to get them in here. Now keeping them is the other part you know, we get them trained and then they go somewhere for, you know, more salary. To get the money back is difficult sometimes.

Duane Petry said right, even if we had the signed contract that doesn't mean we're going to get money back.

Gary said and you have a contract, is that for two years.

Duane Petry said yes.

Gary said that's why I think my take on it was, it would be nice if we just paid it all and got a three-year contract. I was just thinking out loud. Tom do you have anything you want to put on this.

Tom said I, I'm 100% in favor of it. I and, and maybe it's something that if they stay the third year, they we pay them back the other second half.

Gary said there we go.

Tom said you know, we pay them back at the end instead of the beginning so that will give them incentive to live their contract out, something the two or three years.

Gary said yeah. Pay half to get them going and then after the third year you get the other half reimbursed.

Tom said if you stay the full contract.

Gary said well all's we can do is just put the money in there. For that to happen the commissioners will have to agree with such things. But I think we have to work with making it easier for you to get people and keep trained people.

Dave said yeah I'm in favor or it. I'm in favor of what Tom's saying, doing it at different levels. And I'm in favor of CDLs and other areas because it's time you know, times have changed drastically, and we're going to have to stay up with them so. I'm in favor of the education part.

Max said I'd like to thank Duane for all the efforts he's put into this. You've done a great job in giving us the information. I'm definitely in favor of it. I know you've struggled over the years to keep your staff up, if this would help and it's a benefit to the county. That's for sure.

Gary said I think maybe you can bring to council when you get time, what other training programs that we don't help with that benefits the county, because if people are not being paid to go train.

Rick said I agree with everything that's been said. Hopefully, that will help keep some good quality people here. I know we've had problems keeping folks here. My only concern is I don't know what the contract, how it's going to work, as far as keeping people, to pay someone to go

through the training then up and leave to go to I don't know, Richmond, New Castle, somewhere for more money, you know, is that going to cost more, bite us in the rear in the long run. But, if it's what we need to do to keep good quality people, I'm all for it.

Bev said I think it's a good idea. It's definitely worth a try with the losses that have been incurred. Hopefully, that can turn around.

Missy said so I read that agreement that New Castle has with their employees. So is the training about \$5,900.00, is that what it is.

Duane Petry said I think the one at Franciscan, which is he, was what he was looking at was \$6,000, and then it, there might, I think there was maybe a couple of hundred dollars more on like uniforms or books or something.

Missy said yeah. I think we're going to have to start doing some of this stuff if we're going to be competitive and try to keep good people. I'm a 100% for it. I don't want any person not to go do the training because they have to come up with \$3,000.00 of their own. So, would you pay \$3,000 or \$4,000, they have to come up with the other 2 or 3,000 just because I think it will keep some young people from being able to come up with that money. And this, I know this kid, this young man, not well, just know he's been in some group things that we did with leadership. But I think we're going to have to encourage in every way we can. And sometimes you lose.

Everybody who trains somebody in any other job. You put the time into training them and they may leave anything. And I hate to see it, but that's why I think we have to make Randolph County more attractive that they want to stay. I mean, I know our sheriff's department struggle with the same thing. We got to look hard at salaries again next year. I hate to throw that out there now, but just I think we're going to have to, going to have to be competitive in our world.

Gary said what does that training do for Randolph County. What makes it better for us that he has this knowledge.

Duane Petry said well we've been talking as we, you know, Winchester and Union City, we've been talking for the past two or three years that all our medics are getting to the age of retiring and you know, in another two or three years, if we don't get some paramedics in, we're not going to have any, an ALS service in Randolph County.

Gary said ALS standing for Advanced life support.

Duane Petry said paramedic, yeah, advanced life support paramedics, paramedic service.

Gary said yeah, there's a reason why we're doing this, not just let somebody go get a bunch of education they don't need. It's needed. Meeks when we've decided, he has the money, it's really the commissioners call right now in his training fund. It's just how much money we want to put in there if this continues to be a thing, is that correct.

Meeks said I would, the reimbursement agreement will be between the commissioners and them.

Gary said right. He needs \$3,000, he's got \$4,000 in his training. He really doesn't need any council. Other than support, he's got what he needs, right.

Meeks said if you want to put more money in.

Gary said well they don't need it right now, but that's what we're talking about, about putting more money in as time goes on if we do more of this.

Missy said Duane what if you have an opportunity to hire another employee and they said hey, I hear that you are paying for this and you have an opening and somebody else wants to come in. I mean, I'm in favor of paying theirs too. I just think we're going to have to do some of that. Are you.

Duane Petry said that's fine.

Tom said well we need to, it just needs to be passed to pay for whoever comes into that position, not just one individual person.

Missy said right. Yeah, I don't want to, that's my point.

Gary said we should look at the training line that he has, and boost it up a little bit next year, after the commissioners decide how they want to do this.

Tom said I can say, just for example, Duane knows my daughter is here in Randolph County. She's at New Castle now, and one of the big reasons is they're paying for her training. She's at the same where he's talking about sending them. And New Castle is paying for 100% of it. That's one of the reasons she moved on there as a young person because they're paying for it. And if we was paying for it, she might still be working within the county.

Missy said Meeks is it legal to say you have a binding contract of staying at employment for so long at this time.

Meeks said not for staying in employment. It's legal to say we will forgive so much every year or we'll forgive it after a year and a half. If not, you have to pay it.

Gary said well one of the discussions was. One of the discussions I can recommend is, the council is in favor is you suspend the third year of employment here than we reimburse him what he paid for half. But that's still the commissioners call.

Meeks said at that point, that's more of a benefit. So that's going to be open bonus that you would receive after so long.

Gary said okay. Well Duane anything else you need from the council right now. We realize we may have to put some funding in your training lines. I'm in favor of you starting to recruiting by using training as paid for with employment.

Duane said I'll go back to the ambulance thing, to where you know, it's two years out to take delivery and we really need to order another ambulance probably. I've got two with over 200,000 miles on them, and another one is getting up there. So, I know we have one ordered, but we still really need to probably get another one ordered. And I haven't talked to the commissioners yet, but I'm just saying that we probably need to.

Gary said you know I was talking about personnel right. How you jumped to an ambulance, I don't have any idea.

Duane said yes, I, I've got one paramedic that has called me a couple of times and he might be interested in a job the first of the year when the pay jumps up there. And we're still staffing two ambulances. We always have, no real issues that I've been told about any way. Everything's about as smooth as it can be.

Gary said ambulance is still 200,000.

Duane said plus. I think the last one was 212.

Dave said will they require a down payment or something, two years out.

Gary said just a commitment.

Duane said they didn't on the last one.

Dave said okay.

Gary said just a commitment.

Dave said I'm surprised they didn't.

Duane said yeah just a signature or two, go ahead with it.

Dave said written commitment.

Missy said they're not because they know they can sell immediately if you don't take it.

Tom said when did we order the last one. When was that.

Duane said was it three months ago

Laura said yeah probably about that.

Tom said they'd be three or four months apart if we could get it ordered in the next month or so.

Gary said that would get them both coming in the same budget year though.

Tom said yeah.

Gary said I don't, I kind of would like to have it in the two budget, two different budget years, yeah.

Laura well and if you're, just saying if you are considering ARPA, it has to be committed by the end of 24 and spent by the end of 26. So, we would want it to come in so we could have it paid for before the end of 26.

Gary said what do you think about a new ambulance Tom.

Tom said I don't think we have a choice. It's just a matter of time.

Gary said Dave.

Dave said if it's 24 months, we need to do it now.

Gary said Max.

Max said I agree.

Gary said Rick.

Rick said I agree.

Gary said Bev.

Bev said same.

Gary said Missy.

Missy said same.

Gary said someone like to make a motion to approve Duane to move forward financially to order a second ambulance.

Tom made a motion to approve Duane ordering another ambulance. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Laura said where are you planning on funding this from?

Gary said don't know yet.

Laura said okay.

Gary said we are just committing we're going to pay for it.

Gary said so you can go to the commissioners you have a commitment from council to fund it.
Duane Petry said okay.

Gary said where, I'm not sure, but it's committed. Anything else you need.

Duane Petry said no I think that's it.

Gary said anybody have anything else for Duane. Thank you for your effort Duane. I appreciate it.

Jane Grove – Sworn Statement & Ordinance 2022-34

Jane's out with a personal situation today. We have an ordinance we do every year for her. It's an ordinance approving a request for Randolph County Recorder to use monies from Recorder's Preparation Fund to pay for operating expenses, additional part-time salaries and full-time deputy benefits for the 2023 calendar year. The majority of her budget runs through this. So, somebody want to make a motion to pass the ordinance on the first reading, 2022-34.

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2022-34
ORDINANCE APPROVING REQUEST OF RANDOLPH COUNTY RECORDER
TO USE MONIES FROM THE RECORDER'S RECORDS PERPETUATION FUND TO PAY
FOR OPERATING EXPENSES, ADDITIONAL PART TIME CLERICAL SALARY AND
FULL TIME DEPUTY BENEFITS
FOR THE 2023 CALENDAR YEAR**

Whereas, pursuant to Indiana Code 36-2-7-10.2(b) Jane A Grove, in her capacity as Randolph County Recorder, presented her sworn statement to the Randolph County Council requesting to pay operating expenses, additional part time wages, and second Deputy Recorder benefits
from the Recorder's Records Perpetuation Fund, for the calendar year 2023; and

Whereas, a copy of the Recorder's sworn statement is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

Whereas, pursuant to Indiana Code 36-2-7-10.2(c), upon receiving the Recorder's sworn statement, the County Council may adopt an ordinance approving the Recorder's request; and

Whereas, the Randolph County Council found that the said affidavit complies with the statutory requirements of IC 36-2-7-10.2 and no reason exists for the request set forth in said affidavit to be denied.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

The Randolph County Council approves the request of Jane A Grove, in her capacity as Randolph County Recorder, to pay the operating expenses of the Randolph County Recorder's Office for the calendar year 2023, in addition to part-time wages in the amount of \$1,000, and the amount of \$6,000 for Second Deputy Recorder benefits from the Recorder's Record Perpetuation Fund.

Rick made a motion to approve. Max seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gray said somebody like to make a motion to suspend the rules and have a second and third reading on the same day.

Bev made a motion to suspend the rules and have second and third reading and adopt on the same day. Dave seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Rick made a motion to adopt. Max seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Report from Commissioners

No Commissioner's present.

Minutes August 2, 2022 – August 23 & 24, 2022

Gary said minutes from August 2nd, 2022, August 23 and 24, 2022. Somebody want to make a motion to accept the minutes.

Max made a motion to accept the minutes. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Budget Ordinance 2022-30

Gary said we have the budget ordinance 2022-30. Okay ordinance 2022-30, the 2023 budget ordinance. Does somebody want to make a motion to approve on the first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-30

2023 BUDGET ORDINANCE

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Randolph County, Indiana, that for the expenses of county government and it's institutions for the year ending December 31, 2023, the following sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein shall be held to include expenditures authorized to be made during the year, otherwise expressly provided and stipulated for by law.

Dave made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-30. Max seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

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

Gary said we have a motion to suspend the rules, have second and third reading, title only and adopted the same day. Do we have a second?

Missy seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Max said I move the council adopt budget ordinance 2022-30.

Gary said we have a motion to adopt budget ordinance 2022-30.

Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Salary Ordinance 2022-31

Gary said we have salary ordinance 2022-31. Would someone like to make a motion to pass the salary ordinance 2022-31. This is the 2023 salary ordinance.

ORDINANCE 2022-31

2023 SALARY ORDINANCE

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Randolph County, Indiana that the salaries for all elected and appointed officials, their deputies, and employees will be as follows.

The Prosecuting Attorney, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Circuit and Superior Court Judges are excepted due to their salaries being set by the State of Indiana. Also, exceptions are Probation officers paid by the state pay schedule.

SECTION 2. Beginning with the paid date of January 13, 2023, elected and appointed officials and employees shall receive the following compensation, based on a bi-weekly or hourly rate, and subject to the provisions of the Salary Ordinance located in the Auditor's Office.

Missy made a motion to approve. Max seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said someone like to make a motion to have second and third reading by title only and adopted the same day.

Max said made a motion to suspend the rules and have second and third reading title only and adopted the same day.

Gary said we have a motion to suspend the rules, have second and third reading title only on the same day. Do we have a second?

Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said would someone like to make a motion to adopt the ordinance 2022-31, the 2023 salary ordinance.

Max made motion to adopt. Missy seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Amended Salary Ordinance 2022-32

Gary said and here comes ordinance 2022-32 and ordinance to amend the salary ordinance 2022-31. The amendment of the Area Planning Executive Director, Building Commissioner, Building Commissioner, pay the Circuit Court Bailiff and the Superior Court Bailiff. Someone like to make a motion to have the, pass the first reading of ordinance 2022-32.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-32
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2022-31

WHEREAS: There have been changes in the 2023 Salary Ordinance with regard to multiple budgets. It is necessary to amend the 2023 Salary Ordinance and to change the following salaries to the Salary Ordinance effective the paid date of January 13, 2023 as follows:

AREA PLANNING COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1388.10 PER PAY

BUILDING COMMISSION

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

1556.80 PER PAY

CIRCUIT COURT BAILIFF

1431.50 PER PAY

SUPERIOR COURT BAILIFF

1431.50 PER PAY

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

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 2022-31, 2023 Salary Ordinance pertaining to multiple Randolph County's budgets shall be amended to read as follows:

AREA PLANNING COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1388.10 PER PAY

BUILDING COMMISSION

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

1556.80 PER PAY

CIRCUIT COURT BAILIFF

1431.50 PER PAY

SUPERIOR COURT BAILIFF

1431.50 PER PAY

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

Gary said someone like to make a motion to suspend the rules, have second and third reading by title only on the same day.

Rick made a motion to suspend the rules and have second and third reading the same day. Max seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Max said I move the council adopt ordinance 2022-32.

Gary said we have a motion to adopt ordinance 2022-32. Do we have a second?

Missy seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

2023 Council meetings

Gary said okay 2023 council meetings. Everybody has theirs, seen it.

Missy said no.

Gary said somebody, no. The first Tuesday after the first Monday, except for on election day and holidays.

Laura said yeah there's four Wednesdays on there.

Gary said this is, there's a mayor's race next year. We just need to approve the dates.

Laura said I have it on the computer.

Missy said I make a motion we approve.

Gary said we have a motion to approve the dates. Do we have a second?

Max seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

APC Attendance Report

Gary said APC attendance report. Everybody got it.

Additional Appropriations:

Community Correction

Payroll/Personnel -\$4,500.00

Gary said additional appropriations. Community Corrections. They're bring \$4,500.00 back in the county general fund.

Laura said right.

Gary said somebody like to make a motion to re-appropriate that funds back to the county general.

Bev made a motion to approve. Rick seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

ARPA

Mount Mobile Radio (19) \$56,173.69

Gary said ARPA. Mount mobile radio 19. \$56,173.69. We have already approved this verbally.

Rick made a motion to approve. Max seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Children's Advocates of Randolph County

Volunteer Recruitment \$,5000.00
Equipment \$3,000.00
Training/Schooling \$2,000.00
Mobile Phone \$20.00
Travel/Mileage \$5,000.00

Gary said Children's Advocates of Randolph County. This is the grant.

Max made a motion to approve. Dave seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Airport

Fuel \$20,000.00

Gary said Airport fuel, \$20,000.00.

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

LIT Special Purpose

Communications Project \$36,952.98

Gary said LIT Special Purpose, a communications project. This finishes the tower project. It is \$36,952.98. Someone like to make a motion to approve.

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

Transfers:
Health Maintenance
\$124.37

From: Training/schooling
To: Perf

Gary said Transfers, Health Maintenance. From training/schooling to Perf. \$124.37.

Missy made a motion to approve. Max seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Jail
\$16,000.00 Part Time Jailer Utilities

Gary said Jail, \$16,000.00 from Part Time Jailer to Utilities.

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

Highway
\$300,000.00 Paving Bridge Repair

Gary said Highway. \$300,000.00 from Paving to Bridge Repair.

Missy made a motion to approve. Max seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Highway
\$20,000.00 Rental Equipment Stone & Gravel

Gary said Highway. \$20,000.00 from Rental Equipment to Stone & Gravel.

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

EMS
\$5,000.00 Full time EMS Billing Fees

Gary said and then from EMS, from full time EMS to the Billing Fees for \$5,000.00.

Max made a motion to approve. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said alright, Tom, anything to add.

Tom said no.

Gary said Dave.

Dave said not today.

Gary said Max.

Max said I do not.

Gary said Rick.

Rick said there is going to be a push in the legislature next year to fund public health like it's never been seen before, due to the recommendations of the governor's council for commission on public health that met this past year. And it is passed through the legislature, counties will receive funds. I can't be sure the exact amount because you won't know until they pass it. But a county the size of Randolph should see an influx of \$500,000.00.

Dave said to help, our health.

Rick said to help fund public health.

Dave said okay.

Rick said and so that would take some burden off but, you also, there's some certain requirements by Indiana Code that public health departments have to meet. And some have difficulty meeting those because they don't have enough fundings, especially smaller counties in southern Indiana. They just, some of them, there's cases where they don't even have a public health nurse. So, look for that. I know, believe it or not, there's been some push back by some commissioners and councils that have heard this because they just think it's another grant, but it's not. It's more funding to help plan these programs. So, just be on the lookout for that. And I won't be here next year so, just be on the lookout for that. And hopefully, that'll help ease the burden too. And then I think our Health department has done a good job over the last few years of COVID, and monkeypox and everything. So, that's just something that the state, it's not an unfunded mandate. It's not like it sounds like it'll be funded.

Gary said did it say where the funds are going to come from.

Rick said no.

Meeks said I went to a, I went to a conference, so did Judge Arnett. You can talk to Judge Arnett about it too. Dave Daly was there, Matt Daly was there, Jason Welch was there, Mike Wickersham. They want to take people out of the jail and give them more help.

Gary said now we're talking about.

Meeks said no I'm talking about that too. That's part of it. A big part of it.

Rick said yeah I didn't know that much about the public health, the mental health aspect. But the public health, yeah, not up on that.

Gary said okay. Bev.

Bev said no more.

Gary said Missy.

Missy said yeah. Just a little, quick, on the 22nd of November, the Association of Indiana Counties is having a meeting in Indianapolis about what they perceived the legislatures, Dave are you going to that.

Dave said I was not even aware of that.

Missy said I just got an email from Jackie this morning on it.

Dave said I would have got. Yeah, I would be interested in going. I think we should take two or three of us at least.

Missy said I have to check my calendar. I think it's important for us, I know you worked a lot getting some things kind of squelch there a little bit. And I think they're going to be on the agenda for some people again. I think we need to, rural counties sometimes, you have to make sure your voice is heard.

Dave said you've got to be there.

Gary said anything else. Missy anything else.

Missy said no that's it.

Gary said Meeks, anything.

Meeks said I do not.

Gary said sheriff.

Art Moystner said let me give you a quick update. The updates on the mobile radios, we had those put in last week, that's the radios you just paid for. I actually had an opportunity to be in Yorktown and was able to communicate back with dispatch on our system. So, I think the system is working very well. So, just wanted to give you an update on that. The other thing I would like to plant a seed for is I've talked to Dave and I've talked to Gary a little bit. And kind of looking at possibly contracting out the kitchen service for the inmates. One of the things I'm looking at with that is to give you guys an idea of what brought this to my attention. In March of 21, for food alone, we paid about 72 cents per meal per inmate, in March of 21. In October of 22, the food alone was \$2.01, per meal, per inmate. So, it's went up considerably. I'm trying to dial down or drill in on what exactly we pay per inmate per meal with staffing, which is a trick at times, because our population is always moving. So, I would tell you the companies I have talked to, the contractual amount that they talk about for 64 to 84 inmates is, they're all right in the neighborhood of \$3.27 per inmate per meal. But that includes the food and staffing. So, they would provide that. If you're at 85 to 106 inmates, your cost would be \$2.98 per inmate per

meal. From what I've been able to dial down with benefits, salaries, and food costs, in October, the most recent one I turned in, we paid \$3.87 per inmate per meal for that month. Over the last six months, the average has been \$3.35 per inmate per meal. Now I would tell you it's interesting sitting down with these figures because obviously, some prices have changed between 21 and 22, and to do a yearly average with the inflation rate over the past 12 months, it's really difficult. But I can't see inflation stopping anytime soon. And I think this might be a way to go that could save the county money in the long run. So, as I get more numbers and more information, I'm going to send some emails. But when I started sending those emails, I kind of wanted to make the council aware of where we're at with this. And I'll talk to the commissioners at their next meeting because some of the numbers just came in yesterday.

Gary said will these contractual numbers be for a period of time or will they have surcharges on that.

Art Moystner said I have not seen the actual language in the contract. All I've seen is the proposal of where they're at right now. So, I would have to get into that contract. They're supposed to be preparing some of those to send to me so that I can read that to see if there's something that would fluctuate up or down as things change. I can tell you our inmate population is fluctuating anywhere from 60 to 85 over the last several months. So, it's just trying to hit a moving target right now is what it feels like. So, I just think it's something that in the long run, I think it would actually save the county money. I think worse case scenario, we break even and best-case scenario, we could save 30, 40,000 dollars over the period of a year.

Gary said and they don't, they're not our employees.

Art Moystner said they are not our employees.

Tom said a Union City School just switched to this. You might see how this year for the first time or what to contract for lunch. See how it's working for them.

Missy said Randolph Central is doing that.

Art Moystner said and I've talked to several sheriffs. I know the Wells County sheriff does it, New Castle just signed a contract last week to do this. But Scott Holiday up in Wells County, has had four years of one of these companies, and he absolutely loves the service they provide. Said it was the smartest thing he's done as sheriff. So, he said it's been a tremendous lift, because you don't have to worry about the different meal variations that some of the inmates require because it's all taken care of. They have a dietician on staff. So, that's all ironed out. The food, you don't have to worry about. I know there's been times during COVID that we've had to supplement off of our meal with food because we weren't able to get things. So, you're just constantly trying to hit some of that. So, I actually think it's a good idea, but I want to get the numbers specifically, because I know with an average population based on the \$3.27, if you have a population of 75, you're looking at about \$268,000.00 a year for the contract. And obviously, that's going to go up if your inmate numbers go up, because you're going to be providing more meals.

Gary said well I think it's a good thing to look into for sure.

Art Moystner said so, I just wanted to plant the seed today, and that way, when you start receiving emails from me, because it's something that I would like to put into place and discuss with the commissioners at their next meeting, and if serious about it, bring back to you guys in December. Maybe we could kick something off in January of next year. So, if it all works out.

Gary said January of 2023.

Art Moystner said January, upcoming January.

Gary said it would need some budget modifications if that's necessary.

Art Moystner said and that would be the kick, because I believe between the salaries and the food budget we currently have, we should be really close. I just know that food has went up on us. So, I think it's something worth looking at some. Do you guys have any questions to me with regard to the jail or the sheriff's office.

Gary said we just want to see the numbers.

Art Moystner said okay I will get those to you.

Missy said I know Tom mentioned, Randolph Eastern does that, Randolph Central does it. I think Monroe Central does it too, several of them.

Art Moystner said and I think it's a different company than what they use.

Tom said same concept.

Art Moystner said it is, yes.

Gary said okay. Thank you.

Tom said I have one thing I forgot. The second Tuesday, or Tuesday before Thanksgiving, Union City has their community Thanksgiving out at the high school usually, 700, 800 people they serve. So, everybody is welcome.

Bev said the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

Tom said I think it's the 22nd.

Citizen Comments (3-minute limit)

Gary said before we adjourn, anybody else have anything to bring to council.

Adjournment

Gary said somebody like to make a motion to adjourn.

Rick made a motion to adjourn. Max seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Reviewed and accepted this 7 day of February, 2023.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COUNCIL

Tom Chalfant
Conny Felds
Michael A. Stone
John Hobbs
John L. ...

ATTESTED: Laura J Martin
Laura J Martin, Auditor