

# **Randolph County Council**

September 7, 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.

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Council President Gary Friend presided.

Pledge of Allegiance

Gary said so without objection, the judges aren't here so we can go. Rick needs to leave by 9:30. So without any objections, we'll go to ordinances for the budget right off the bat while we have him here.

## **Randolph County Budget Ordinance 2022-26**

Gary said okay this is an Ordinance or Resolution for appropriations and taxes. This is for Randolph County Ordinance 2022-26. Somebody want to make a motion to pass the county budget and tax rates.

**ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES**

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Ordinance / Resolution Number: 2022-26

Be it ordained/resolved by the Randolph County Council that for the expenses of RANDOLPH COUNTY for the year ending December 31, 2023 the sums herein specified are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year, unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided for by law. In addition, for the purposes of raising revenue to meet the necessary expenses of RANDOLPH COUNTY, the property tax levies and property tax rates as herein specified are included herein. Budget Form 4-B for all funds must be completed and submitted in the manner prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance.

This ordinance/resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Randolph County Council.

Name of Adopting Entity / Fiscal Body	Type of Adopting Entity / Fiscal Body	Date of Adoption
Randolph County Council	County Council	09/07/2022

Funds				
Fund Code	Fund Name	Adopted Budget	Adopted Tax Levy	Adopted Tax Rate
0101	GENERAL	\$11,318,258	\$6,262,519	0.6615
0124	2015 REASSESSMENT	\$201,430	\$220,000	0.0232
0181	DEBT PAYMENT	\$0	\$0	0.0000
0254	LOCAL INCOME TAX	\$701,500	\$0	0.0000
0580	COURT HOUSE LEASE RENTAL	\$0	\$0	0.0000
0616	CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU	\$61,000	\$0	0.0000
0702	HIGHWAY	\$3,520,686	\$0	0.0000
0706	LOCAL ROAD & STREET	\$630,000	\$0	0.0000
0790	CUMULATIVE BRIDGE	\$0	\$389,846	0.0350
0801	HEALTH	\$233,555	\$221,000	0.0233
1156	EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM	\$570,080	\$0	0.0000
2391	CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT	\$394,000	\$353,089	0.0317
2411	ECONOMIC DEV INCOME TAX CEDIT	\$440,327	\$0	0.0000
		<b>\$18,070,836</b>	<b>\$7,446,454</b>	<b>0.7747</b>

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Home-Ruled Funds (Not Reviewed by DLGF)		
Fund Code	Fund Name	Adopted Budget
9500	Auditor's Platbook	\$20,014
9501	Community Corrections 9000	\$0
9502	County Identity Security 1160	\$5,000
9503	Community Corrections Project Income 1122	\$89,665
9504	County Sales Disclosure	\$8,000
9505	LIT Special Revenue	\$741,000
9506	Tobacco Settlement	\$17,372
9507	Windfarm 4915	\$219,209
9508	Community Corrections Grant	\$0
9510	Elected Official Training	\$4,825
9511	Airport - other #1 Fly-in	\$4,000
9515	Surveyor's CP	\$60,000
9516	Clerk's RP	\$10,900
9517	Supplemental Probation	\$42,190
9518	Misdemeanant	\$42,500
9519	Supplemental Public Defender	\$60,000
9520	Child Advocate	\$21,000
9521	Local Health Maintenance	\$33,139
9522	Clerk's Incentive	\$17,038
9523	Prosecutor's Incentive	\$4,000
9524	Accident Report	\$4,000
9525	Handgun Permit	\$16,000
9526	County User Fee	\$66,444
9527	Local Emergency Planning	\$5,900
9528	Community Corrections Grant 9001	\$218,700
		<b>\$1,710,896</b>

Max said I move that the county adopt Ordinance 2022-26 at the first reading.

Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Max said I move that we suspend the rules and have a second and third reading by title only and adopted the same day.

Rick seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Max said I move that the county adopt Ordinance 2022-26.

Dave seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Solid Waste Budget Ordinance 2022-27**

Gary said and now we have Ordinance 2022-27. This is for special solid waste management. Somebody like to make a motion to pass Ordinance 2022-27 on the first reading by title.

Ordinance /Resolution Number: 2022-27

Be it ordained/resolved by the Randolph County Council that for the expenses of RANDOLPH CO SOLID WASTE for the year ending December 31, 2023 the sums herein specified are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year, unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided for by law. In addition, for the purposes of raising revenue to meet the necessary expenses of RANDOLPH CO SOLID WASTE, the property tax levies and property tax rates as herein specified are included herein. Budget Form 4-B for all funds must be completed and submitted in the manner prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance.

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Fund Code	Fund Name	Adopted Budget	Adopted Tax Levy	Adopted Tax Rate
8210	SPECIAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT	\$391,900	\$0	0.0000
		\$391,900	\$0	0.0000

Rick made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-27 on the first reading. Dave seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said somebody like to make a motion to suspend the rules.

Dave made a motion to suspend the rules and have the second and third reading by title only and adopt the same day.

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

Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Max said I move the council adopt Solid Waste Budget Ordinance 2022-27.

Rick seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Judge Toney and Arnett – Bailiff’s salary**

Gary said everybody got the letter from Judge Toney and Judge Arnett. Is there any discussion on making an additional appropriation in the next year to equal those salaries?

Max said are they proposing that we lower the reporter’s salary to the level of the bailiff.



Gary said I don't think so. I personally think we should, I didn't see it.

Dave said I think it would be alright. I mean, they were all even last year. The number we are wanting though, is that \$37,218.

Gary said whatever we approved for the court reporters.

Dave said that was the committee's recommendation.

Gary said yeah. And the bailiff's salary was a little below that.

Dave said right. About \$150.

Gary said right. Any discussion Missy.

Missy said I think we should raise it.

Gary said Rick.

Rick said I'm good with it.

Gary said me too. Max.

Max said I would agree.

Gary said Dave.

Dave said yep.

Gary said Tom.

Tom said yes.

Gary said somebody want to make a motion to that effect.

Max made a motion to approve raising the bailiff's salary to equal the court reporters. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Art Moystner – additional funds for fuel**

Gary said Art. Which fund is this?

Laura said that is special LIT. We fund that, their fuel out of special LIT. But there wasn't enough to fund this and he needed 60. So, we only get half of what he needs.

Gary said he had emergency services special LIT. Not the one, the 60, right.

Laura said right.

Gary said and that account has \$30,000 in it.

Laura said it has 60 in it. We're using 50 of it.

Gary said okay. Art.

Art Moystner said well initially I went to the Auditor's office, I believe it was in August, explaining that would be fuel prices and what they've done over this summer. We are definitely going to run short. The way they fluctuated, I'm not sure how short we're actually going to run. So, it's kind of a guessing game. So, I guessed that \$60,000 should get us through the year. I know we had reduced that two years ago during budgets in that line. But we're at a point where we need, we're going to have to have more money for fuel. I know, I believe the auditor's office had approached the commissioners about possibly using ARPA funds. They did not agree to that.

Gary said I wouldn't either.

Art Moystner said so I'm just in a situation where we're going to need more funds in that account.

Laura said so this is added to that. So, this is what we're taking out now.

Gary said so all three of these are going to hit in special LIT account.

Laura said yes.

Gary said the report has nothing in there, liability.

Dave said how much is in there.

Gary said zero on the report.

Dave said well I meant.

Laura said well a little over 60, but we're using that up here.

Dave said but there's.

Gary said there's 62 here.

Dave said 62. Is there 62 in there.

Laura said yes. Danita said we can do this, but that would wipe that account out.

Dave said okay.

Gary said what would be repair, just high maintenance on something.

Dave said that's EMS.

Laura said that's EMS.

Gary said EMS. I'm sorry.

Laura all he's asking for is this part.

Gary said what is that.

Laura said what is what.

Gary said what is the fuel here, this here, but yet EMS is over here. Why is this.

Laura said I didn't do it sir. I'm not going to answer that question. I don't know.

Gary said I have a request for the two additional appropriations here. One is for \$30,000.00 for sheriff's fuel. The other is \$20,000.00 for EMS vehicle repair. And we can deal with that one first. Somebody want to make a motion to approve these additional appropriations.

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

Rick said you said how much you would need.

Art Moystner said it's going to be 60. But I believe we've taken 30.

Laura said 30 here and he needs 30 more. We don't know where to take that other from.

Gary said which we'll probably have to be dealing with next month and we have what, three months left. He needs 60. That's 12.

Art Moystner said possibly yes.

Gary said a month.

Laura said and we need to put the additional in by the middle of this month. So that's why I asked Art to come and if you have any questions. So, we need to come up with where we want to pay the other additional 30 from.

Gary said do you have any funds that's healthy enough to go to help out.

Art Moystner said that would pull over to fuel.

Gary said yeah.

Art Moystner said I'm not sure what fund it would be at this point. I know there's some concerns that I've talked to Danita in the Auditor's office about regarding meals. We'll probably be submitting and additional appropriation in the misdemeanor fund to help with the meals because there is a line for that in there, which takes that fund down a little bit more. I think, if I remember the conversation the other day, we have about \$30,000 that I could have appropriated in that fund. And we may end up using all that for meals. Everything has just gone up. So the things that we can't control are the meals, the fuel, and then anything that happens to the vehicles. And I talked to Dave the other day about, I'll discuss more in a minute about the building maintenance over there, and just some of the issues that we've had this year.

Gary said alright well let's go on in getting this particular one passed. We have a motion and a second. All those in favor, certify by saying aye. All opposed same sign.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said and then the second additional appropriation is for fuel for the EMS. Someone want to make a motion to pass this additional appropriation.

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

Gary said Art.

Art Moystner said I have a bill for subpoena duces tecum that I'd received for \$34.74.

Gary said for what.

Art Moystner said it's a request for records from the hospital for an investigation.

Gary said okay.

Art Moystner said so they have billed us for that records request. It's \$34.74. And I have no account to pay this out of. What I had thought about was using the commissary fund to do that. In order to do that, I have nine categories, and it doesn't fit the eight that I get to pick from, so my ninth category is something to mutually agree upon, between the council and myself. So, I'm asking the council for permission to use the commissary fund to pay this particular bill.

Gary said explain this again, it's \$34.00.

Art Moystner said it's for a record search.

Gary said we did that, you asked for records.



Art Moystner said we did.

Gary said okay.

Art Moystner said and it's related to a criminal investigation.

Gary said sure, I just wanted to make sure. We asked for that search.

Art Moystner said we did.

Gary said okay. Yeah, does anybody have any problem with that. Someone want to make a motion to allow the sheriff to use line nine of the commissary funds, is that what it is.

Art Moystner said it is. It's one of the nine, if we're allowed.

Bev made a motion to approve the use of commissary funds to pay for this records search. Rick seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Art Moystner said thank you.

Gary said what else.

Art Moystner said the other thing that I will share with you is it's been kind of an interesting year for building maintenance at the jail. In doing claims earlier in the last week or two, I had looked at lines and apparently got those crossed. So, I have about \$7,200.00 in current bills and a \$1,000.00 left in the account. So, I'm going to request an additional appropriation. And I wanted to make you guys aware of why I was requesting that. We've just had some interesting fixes that we've had to do to the building. We've had a few things that have went down unexpectedly in the building. I still have some other things that are outstanding. I know they're currently working on the overhead garage door. We're having an issue with that. I have a window in one of the cell blocks that's broken. It has to be replaced. We've been waiting on the door to come in. With some of the other repairs that we've had to do this year, we've already used that money to get things caught up. And we were in a situation where our maintenance person had passed earlier in the year so we had about a 60 day, give or take a few, where we had to do a lot of outside contracting for the maintenance in the building. So, it's just been an expensive year for us this year. So, I wanted to make you guys aware and let you know. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me. And I can explain to you all the different things that have happened. But we're in a 28-year-old building, and as I explained to Dave yesterday, we've had a few leaks in places that we haven't had leaks in 28 years.

Gary said didn't we just get a new roof on that, five years ago.

Art Moystner said it's not a leak in the roof. It's plumbing, piping. But inmates' sinks, toilets, showers, all that stuff's 28 years old. So, we're constantly repairing. It may be at some point in time, we start looking at what it's going to take to redo some of that and put in new. But none of that is cheap, so we're trying to repair what we can repair. So, I know I've got locks ordered,

I've got a door ordered. So probably the additional appropriations is going to involved 25 or 30,000 if it's there so, just in case some of those items come in.

Dave said I do concur with Art on this. I mean, I was here as commissioner when they built the jail, and being 28 years old, it's time that some of that stuff is going to fail. And it's still a lot cheaper to repair than to build a 22 million-dollar jail as they're costing today.

Gary said that would be additional appropriation under Cum Cap.

Art Moystner said and I'll get the additional appropriation submitted to the Auditor's office, but I wanted to come to you guys this month and kind of explain why I'm asking for that amount, and where we're at with it.

Dave said is there monies available in Cum Cap.

Gary said well right now it says there's \$106,000 available. We have \$297,000.00 unexpended yet. We'll have to look and see if it's committed. This line wasn't supposed to be committed though.

Art Moystner said I'm not planning on doing any.

Gary said either way, we'll have to do it so.

Dave said yeah we've got to do it.

Art Moystner said this is just to catch up what we have outstanding. And I know we've had things on order since February and March that still haven't come in.

Gary said okay. Thanks for the heads up.

Art Moystner said you're welcome.

Gary said anything else.

Art Moystner said I do not. Do you guys have any questions for me.

Gary said I do not.

Art Moystner said thank you.

Laura said do you know where you want to do the additional for his fuel, that 30. We have to advertise that next week if we're going to do it, for October.

Gary said we'd have to do it out of general. Nowhere else to do it.

Laura said okay.

Gary said that's all we have. Anybody have any thoughts on that.

Laura said I just need to get that additional advertised. I didn't know where you wanted that from.

Art Moystner said I'll get with you Laura. Thank you.

**Mike Haffner – Purchase of paving equipment**

Mike Haffner said we're basically asking there's a LOIT fund that's been on the records for many, many years, 1228. It's got a little over \$605,000 in it. We've got a Source well quote for a CAT 555 paver for \$523,891. And then we've got rollers and actually, a skid steerer. So, there's not enough in the total LOIT fund. But basically, I want to get the approval to use that complete fund to take it off our records for paving equipment. And we'll use the balance in our 73 and 76 equipment line plus local road & streets to purchase whatever the \$605 didn't purchase. But right now, I'm just going to sign for the paver if it's approved. Paving equipment, just like anything else is getting very hard to come by.

Gary said so can you explain to council what you are planning to do with this paver. The last time we discussed pavers, the council wasn't really in the thought pattern of getting into paving roads. This is different.

Mike Haffner said uh, basically, we've got, this paver is kind of a middle line. It can do small jobs to a complete wide road. We've got all these structures and bridges that's going in, and every one of them pretty much needs some sort of pavement cap to them. Perfect example, bridge 110 out on 1200 West sat for four weeks because they couldn't get paving equipment and milling equipment. The bridge was done, but we couldn't get anybody to pave, to bring pavers in. So basically, with Joe Copeland and all his projects, he's got bridges that he needs to mill the deck off. If we had our own equipment, pretty much when outfit comes in to mill the deck off, basically, we can go right in there and pave it. And we won't have to keep that road closed. If he brings his equipment in the middle and then we try to hire a paving, they might say we can't get you this year, or it will be a month or two before he'd get you. So, it just helps coordinate the equipment with the project.

Gary said and how are you going staff that.

Mike Haffner said basically we're going to staff it, right now our operators that we presently have, and then we will have to, if we're at full staff, it won't be a problem. So, we're going to have to work really hard to try to hire a few more guys. You guys gave us the tools with the increase, so hopefully improve on being able to hire. That management, to me is going to be more of a problem. I got to have a road foreman or at least an assistant.

Gary said Mike do you have any thoughts on this. Have the commissioners discussed this.

Mike Wickersham said well is this part of my report.

Gary said it should be, yes sir.

Mike Wickersham said it's on my list. We did discuss it. And one of the keys is that we've gone into the process of inspecting all of our culverts 10 foot and under. We have a lot of them that are in disrepair that Joe has on his list to replace that we could replace ourselves. And with a paver then, we could finish that replacement. Without a paver, we replace the culvert, we wait on a paving company to come in and do the approaches. So, that was one advantage of it. Mike indicated the other advantage of it and small patch jobs so. The difficulty, at this point in time, with 11 road workers, is how we're going to manage it. But I think we retrain our best operator's to man it. And that's a favorable thing if you can get full staff. I may be putting words in Mike's mouth, but that's kind of the way I understand it's going to work. Would that be fair Mike.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike Wickersham said we agreed with it. We know it's a lot of money. We've investigated used ones that are on the west coast that we'd have difficulty getting back here. They're about \$395,000.00 used ones. That's really too much paver for this county and our needs. So, I can't, we've looked for a long time for a used paver and haven't found anything that's I guess, workable for us and close enough for us to implement buying a used one. So, a caterpillar can last a long time for us if we don't abuse it. And will be an asset to us if we do use it.

Gary said so the commissioners are prepared to approve the additional appropriation.

Mike Wickersham said we've already approved, yeah we're in favor of this.

Gary said okay.

Tom said since you're buying it here, do they send somebody in to train.

Mike Haffner said yeah they, McCallister Cat, that comes with training, school training, on the job training. You get full warranties of that. And quite frankly, you know, that's what we're going to have to have, because the personnel, including management, maintenance and operation, none of us know much. Now we've been really researching this for a couple of years, so we have to rely on somebody that can give us this support. And I think we've found that company. And they have enough support people to help. And then we've got a couple of adjoining counties that have expertise personnel's that can help out as well. I have no doubt we can make this program go and the county desperately, I think can utilize this piece of equipment. But there's definitely concerns that we're going to have to continue working on.

Gary said is it possible to ruin that equipment.

Mike Haffner said no, no it's pretty, certainly this new stuff has shut down modes and everything. So, and you know, I've got good people.



Gary said that wasn't my concern. It's just when you don't have enough, but a procedure may get skipped at the end of the day. We're not going to have a bulk of asphalt sitting in that thing one morning by accident is what I'm asking.

Mike Haffner said starting out, we'll probably do as much work with what they call pug or cold mix. And the worst-case scenario, if something doesn't go right, you take a pay loader and scoop it all back up, and you can reuse it. Now, we definitely need to get into a hot mix, especially on bridge decks and stuff like that. So, I think with a combination of starting out cautiously, in the hot mix, that's the way we are going to approach it. First of all, they'll be bringing sand and we'll load sand in this thing. And just lay down sand out somewhere just to make sure the operators have, you don't waste material. You just use sand you throw into it, and you lay down the sand. I'm not saying it's going to be an easy project. It's going to be a challenge, but I think we have personnel that is capable and you know, we'll get there.

Gary said I wasn't concerned about the people, it's the amount of people we have is all I was concerned about. Tom anything to add or ask.

Tom said I think it's necessary because of the lack of subcontractors available now. There's very few contractors to do the small jobs. So, we all of us need to try to figure out a way to do those jobs.

Gary said Dave.

Dave said does Henry county have a paver.

Mike Haffner said Henry County does have a paver.

Dave said okay.

Mike Haffner said they actually bought a little bit bigger size than this particular paver I'm buying. It's a paver they bought through Southeastern. And now Joe Copeland in another county, he bought a 655 paver which is one size bigger than this 555. He had excellent service from McCallister and everything. Now Southeastern, that equipment sat for a couple of weeks because they couldn't, the company couldn't get repaired and sent somebody up and they tried three or four times, to try to repair this, and they didn't have the knowledge. So that's the bad thing about some of these off-brand pavers, something goes wrong, they don't have the staffing to even come up and look at them where McCallister you know, pretty much all your big companies are all caterpillar. There's a fleet of extra parts on hand and everything, and service technicians and Joe agrees with this as well, that for Randolph County, Caterpillar makes sense.

Gary said Dave anything else.

Dave said no that's all.

Gary said Max.

Mike Haffner said I might say Wayne County has got three caterpillar pavers.

Max said that's my concern. I've got to believe that our surrounding counties have got pavers that are sitting idle majority of the year. And it seems to me like we could get an agreement where we could have them do some of this, because I know you're not going to be using it every day of the year either.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Max said and it seems to, I just feel like it's a lot of money to spend for something that there may be an alternative.

Mike Haffner said I actually talked to Joe, and I'm not sure if the commissioners has asked that same question, but it's the time frame, when they need it, we need it. So yes, it's sitting a lot, but some of this, you know, you have to transport it back and forth. Sometimes county, this is an expensive piece of equipment, you really don't want to just start loaning stuff out for somebody else and putting wear and tear on it.

Max said I'm more inclined to think that they would do it, rather than us doing it. They would operate the equipment. We would hire them to do that.

Mike Haffner said well with using MVH funds in your county right-of-way, they wouldn't be able to use their own manpower. They can bring their manpower and assist in train, but state statute, I don't think you can take laborers from county and move. I would, you know, that would be maybe a Meeks question. I would have to look into that.

Max said I think it would be worthwhile myself.

Mike Wickersham said I could Max. I understand where you are going with that, and if on the surface, it does make sense, but one of the issues would be, it would put you right back in the position of trying to contract paving, because you would be subject to their schedule. And if it's not available when you need it for these culverts, then you're going to close that culvert, continue to have that culvert crossing closed until you can pave. And it, again, I think it looks like a viable alternative on the surface, but I think it doesn't step too far away from contracting with the paving companies.

Max said well I understand. I guess I felt like with a little effort with scheduling ahead of time that it might be something that we could work out. But I'm an ignorant person. I don't know all the problems with that. It wouldn't be as easy I understand, as owning our own toy and doing it, but, okay.

Gary said anything else Max.

Max said no.

Gary said Rick.

Rick said I'm not against it.

Gary said Bev.

Bev said I agree we need to do something is basically where I'm at on it.

Gary said Missy.

Missy said I agree with it. I think there's enough work to be done, I've been talking to Mike to keep it real busy for several years. Are we, are you posting jobs so we can try to get some guys hired before winter hits and snow removal

Mike Haffner said yes I need to get with Laura yet today just to see where we're at.

Laura said it's still listed.

Mike Haffner said buy everything's still open, even the management position is still open that she'll advertising.

Missy said could you put it in the newspaper and on the radio, where people could hear it.

Mike Haffner said I've advertised on WPGW out of Portland, because they've got a pretty good listener.

Missy said I know.

Laura said I could just check on cost and where we are going to fund it from, because we have just never paid for advertising.

Missy said these advertised on that online site.

Laura said Indeed, yes.

Mike Haffner said on that site, plus a little bit of face book. I personally posted stuff on my personal face book that we're looking as well. And you know, it's just like any other, I'm sure the sheriff's department and any other department in the county, is struggling to get help. And the highway is just no different. My real concern you know, beyond this, is how are we going to get the plowing done this year. You know, when you're talking four to five areas that doesn't have drivers, you can't just say hey we're going to work an hour over and tag team another, you know. It's hard enough to cover one area, but it's impossible to try to carry four vacant areas. So, and we are looking to outsource it, but it's super expensive, and quite frankly, our 76 funds can't take that big a hit.

Gary said okay. On business here that we're dealing with, with the Loit, would somebody like to make a motion, because it's not even appropriated yet. We have to advertise appropriation.

Dave said let me make one other comment.

Gary said sure.

Dave said Mike, in my memory, Mike Wickersham, yesterday, the rollers were a \$150,000 and then skid steerer was 140.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Dave said so that takes it up to about \$814,000 total that's needed to actually make to implement that program. So, I guess what we need to think about, where's the rest of that money coming from.

Mike Haffner said I can, yeah, that's new. I'm hoping to find a roller and skid steerer used to help on it. But it's still going to be an expense. You know, I've got a used roller right now that I can buy if we want to go that route, but I'd want to go see it first, for a \$115. So now the skid so far, they haven't been able to find any used ones with the high flow option for the grinding head that is needed. So yes, you know, it's not just the \$523, there's a potential chance of \$200 more thousand, \$250 more thousand on top to finish it out, because you have to have that.

Gary said do you have a roller.

Mike Haffner said we've got a steel roller that is not adequate enough for paving that we'll be trading off you know, and everything.

Dave said I'm not opposed to it, just making sure that the numbers.

Mike Haffner said yeah, some other expenses.

Gary said well 1173 and 1176 can be worked around to get some of this cost.

Mike Haffner said yes and I've been told right now, dump trucks, tandems, it'd be, we've got two slated to come our way, but it would be August of 23 and more than likely, we're looking actually, into 24. So, we can skip a cycle on dump trucks and use that money to pay to finish out the paving equipment.

Gary said okay. On this particular item of, that we're working on here, would somebody like to make a motion to approve this appropriation. Apply for. We have to advertise for it. The exact amount if how much. Do you need to use it all up?

Mike Haffner said I would like to go ahead and just apply it all.

Gary said appropriate all \$605,000.



Mike Haffner said appropriate it all to empty that line. But \$523,891 would be just for that, then the left-over money will be used for the balance of equipment.

Rick made a motion to approve.

Gary said okay we have a motion to advertise an appropriation to use this \$605,566.41 for the paving project. Is there a second.

Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion granted.

Gary said anything else Mike.

Mike Haffner said no that's all I've got.

**Other Business:**

**Report from Commissioners – Mike Wickersham**

Mike Wickersham said the commissioners met yesterday until about 3 o'clock. We recessed, it was a long day, but I don't have a lot to report. Had a lot of discussion. The first item I want to share is that we had a presentation again by Greg Beumer and Mike Reed 4-H Incorporated, about their expansion project and remodel project. And they wanted to see if we would commit to \$650,000.00 for that project. We were advised that that's what the council had committed to supporting that project at their last council meeting. After that time, we found out it was \$600,000.00, so I think council and commissioners need to resolve that discrepancy by the end of the month, so Greg and 4-H can submit their forms to the state showing a resolution by this body that they support it to a tune of \$600,000 and we're going to have to adjust ours, unless you want to adjust yours, we're going to have to adjust ours to \$600,000 to show support for the project. So, they can get their READI grant money from the state or put them in line to get that qualifies them to do that so. We did not decide, although there was a lot of discussion about it coming from rainy day funds, which we did not decide where those funds would come from. I don't think we need to do that until they're ready, for a long time.

Gary said we didn't either.

Mike Wickersham said so obviously, there's lots of different funds or lots of different ways to fund this project. But I think we're all in agreement with you that it is a project worth funding. So, I just wanted to report that but. Unless you're, I don't know if you did a resolution at your last meeting or not.

Gary said no.

Mike Wickersham said I don't know if Greg's ask you for a resolution, but he did indicate we had to have a resolution, and I thought it was by the end of this month it should be sent to the state.

Laura said both bodies need to sign it. So, we may have to have a special meeting to do that.

Mike Wickersham said we'd have to have a resolution or authorize a resolution today, have it prepared by Meeks and then come in and sign it.

Meeks said usually Greg would prepare that.

Mike Wickersham said okay maybe I misunderstood, but I thought it was the end of the month. Anyway, I'm going to follow this group's lead. If you're set on 600, I think we would be 600.

Gary said I'm not, that was the number that was brought to, I mean I would do 650.

Mike Wickersham said he didn't remember. And I guess I thought he had talked to you, and maybe he didn't talk to you.

Dave said I wasn't at the August meeting so I didn't know.

Mike Wickersham said he didn't share, you didn't know.

Gary said well we, I can just poll the council really quick and see.

Dave said we already did. It's 600 I think.

Gary said well no, I mean if they would go 650.

Dave said oh okay.

Gary said well what's your thoughts on that Bev.

Bev said I'd go 650.

Missy said I'd go 650.

Gary said sure, Dave.

Dave said yeah 650.

Gary said okay 650.

Dave said I'll let Rick know about it. And then I'll pin him down on when he needs that resolution. I thought Mike it might have been at the year end.

Meeks said that's what I thought he needed, by the year end. But he wants to send it in under a month.

Mike Wickersham said the other item we discussed that you're all aware of, Five Star is leaving us as our IT management firm effective Monday, 9/11. And we interviewed, briefly interviewed two other firms yesterday. LEAP Management IT out of Muncie, Indiana, and Taylored Systems, our phone company people out of Noblesville. They both made pretty good presentations. And our decision yesterday, which we felt like we needed to make it yesterday since we are losing IT support on Monday, and it wouldn't be until the 19<sup>th</sup> that we could. We agreed to contract and hire with LEAP Management IT as opposed to Taylored. Two of the reasons that we, and I recommended that decision, and Gary and Tom went along



with it, but we felt like LEAP was going to give us more hands-on support in the first 90 days. And that technician here, with that technician here, having somebody on site, their cost per month in the long run, was going to be, with the technician was going to be less than Taylored Systems. So, both offered services at a higher expense than we were paying Five Star. Anyway, so we chose LEAP IT and I don't see any lap top computers out on the desks, so I don't know if council are using the lap top computers that Adam provided us or not. But one of the concerns that we've had is failure to log into the system in over thirty days, they indicated that's kind of a security concern. And I suspect that those that don't have the lap tops in front of them may be some of those security issues they're raising. Anyway, I'm just sharing that, and I do have, and Laura has a LEAP presentation that you might be interested in reading the security issues that LEAP's already raised in our system. Nothing to lose sleep about as far as security concerns. So that's, and one of the main reasons also recommending is that we cancel our order for a switch that Five Star requested we order a new switch, which it was a \$51,000.00 purchase. And it's been on back order, so we're going to cancel that purchase. The other thing we had we talked about the highway purchase of the paver. The fourth thing we talked about was the South street bridge, bridge 305. That was a federal aid project started back before 2015. I went to look at the timeline. It finished in 2019 and it's design at some point in time, that the highway department approved. They took out a north side drainage tile and it's caused major problems on South street to one resident in particular. And she's rightfully complained to us and complained to the drainage board. And the drainage board decided that that drainage tile needed to be put back in there. It is not a drainage board issue, it was more a county issue. So, the commissioners approved the repair of that drain, or replacement of that drain at a cost of \$33,620.00. And we voted to use ARPA funds for that one-time expense that we felt like ARPA funds would be appropriate to use and pay for that. And then the fifth thing that I have is through EDIT, we funded the contracting with a group called a Housing Resource Hub. A group out of Ft. Wayne, and I'm a member, and Dave's a member of the Randolph United Housing Committee which was developed out of the cultivating community project. And the housing committee kind of struggled on what type of plan to implement. Now we met, through the help of Ball State, we met with two folks from the Housing Resource Hub regarding what they can do for a community or a county in respect to strategic planning for housing in the county. And everybody on that committee was quite impressed with them. Randolph United board was impressed with them. And they come in and basically help you develop this strategic plan to the point of helping you pick strategic sites for housing that your county needs. And it's market-based housing. It's not subsidized housing, but it's market-based. They've helped LaGrange and they've helped Wabash. That's two projects they shared with us, and provided a nice slide deck to show what they've done there. And we recommended to the Randolph United board, and Randolph United board was fully in support of engaging their services for a two-year period. The cost of that engagement is \$130,000.00 over two years. Dave and I over a breakfast meeting with the two mayors in the county, convinced them, and it didn't take much convincing. They were in support of enlisting their services as well. Both mayors have committed \$36,000.00 over the two-year period to the Housing Resource Hub. And we expended EDIT funds yesterday to pay the balance of \$58,000.00. It's payable \$10,000.00 in the first, as a down payment, and then \$5,000.00 a month over a two-year period. So, and then, the other proviso there is there is some discussion on the housing committee that the \$10,000.00 might be reimbursed to the county from the funders forum. The funders forum is starting to be established and starting to have funds that, when they get to the point of being active, then there's going to be a request that that be recouped to the EDIT fund. So, kind of a shared partnership all the way around, county and both cities and then the funders forum is a not-for-profit group. The idea would be that how the Housing Resource would come in and they promise one viable project. In Wabash and LaGrange, they'd gone out and really found funding for that as well. I think that's probably an extra expense when you do that. But they, and probably through a grant

repayment program, just like Greg Beumer gets paid. They, and the opportunity for us is we've got a lot of places in the county that beyond Winchester, beyond Union City, Losantville, always comes to my mind, just because it's location in the county, proximity to the major hubs of Indiana. And my personal like down there is the Cardinal Greenway so. We're going to meet with them Thursday night, and I look forward to starting the process with them. And that's all I have.

Gary said thank you. Anybody have anything from Mike.

Missy said Mike on the READI Grant, anything on the READI Grant that can help with that you know, the 4-H project.

Mike Wickersham said they're going to give \$270,000.00 I believe.

Dave said I think \$230,000.00.

Mike Wickersham said that's already been earmarked and approved if they can meet their other requirements, which is public local funding and private funding, which they're going to start a capital campaign rather soon I believe.

Gary said and that's not a 100% on them because it's an aggregate. So, if they get more than necessary at another region, at another part of this region, it goes to help the 4-H's under funding of private if necessary.

Mike Wickersham said any other questions. I appreciate Dave coming yesterday. He stayed throughout. Didn't come back for the recess.

Dave said I'd had enough.

Mike Wickersham said thank you.

#### **Minutes May 4, 2022**

Gary said the Minutes from May 4, 2022.

Max made a motion to accept the minutes of May 4, 2022. Dave seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

#### **Area Plan Commission Resignation**

#### **Area Plan Commission appointment – Abby Journey**

Gary said okay on Area Planning we have a resignation from Andy Fall and we have a candidate, Abby Journey who would like to take that position. So, we need to accept Andy Fall's resignation.

Meeks said I think he resigned.

Gary said okay it's noted right so.

Meeks said noted.



Gary said he's resigned. Would somebody make a motion to appoint Abby Journey to his position.

Max made a motion to appoint Abby Journey to this position. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Additional Appropriations:**

**Area Planning**

Secretary	\$7,448.00
Executive Director	\$7.70

Gary said alright this is the additional appropriations for Area Planning being split from Building Commission. We've already approved it. We just need to approve the appropriations.

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

**LIT – Sheriff & EMS**

Sheriff – Fuel	\$30,000.00
EMS – Repair Vehicles	\$20,000.00

**LIT – EMS**

EMS Fuel	\$12,000.00
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Gary said we have already approved the Sheriff and the EMS repair, EMS fuel.

**Multiple Departments – Bonus**

County General	\$152,625.00
Health Department	\$5,250.00
Health Maintenance	\$1,500.00
1173 MVH	\$18,750.00
1176 MVH	\$6,750.00
E911	\$9,000.00
Community Corrections	\$4,500.00

Gary said this next appropriation, additional is for the bonuses that have been approved for multi departments. Somebody like to make a motion to approve the appropriations for the second half of the bonuses.

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

**Airport**

Fuel	\$65,000.00
Fuel taxes	\$2,400.00

Gary said Airport fuel and the taxes on it.

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

<b>Transfers:</b>	<b>From:</b>	<b>To:</b>
<b>Area Planning/Bldg. Commission</b>		
\$1,370.60	Bldg. comm/Area Plan director	Area Plan Director
\$8439.30	Admin Asst/Recording secret.	Executive Director

Gary said okay Transfer, Area Planning/Building Commission from Building Commission/Planning director to Area Planning director, and Administrative assistant to the executive director. Someone want to make a motion to these transfers.

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

<b>Circuit Court</b>		
\$10,000.00	Pauper Attorney Fees	Law Books

Gary said alright, Circuit Court. Transfer from pauper attorney fees to law books. Somebody like to make a motion to approve.

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

<b>Auditor's Platbook</b>		
\$1,500.00	GIS Program	Office Supplies

Gary said Auditor's Platbook. \$1,500.00 from the GIS program to office supplies.

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

<b>Auditor</b>		
\$480.00	Mobile phone	Office Supplies

Gary said Auditor, 480 from mobile phone to office supplies. Motion to approve.

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

<b>Highway</b>		
\$60,000.00	Road Equipment	Truck Driver
\$40,000.00	Road Equipment	Equipment Operator

Gary said and then the highway for road equipment, transfer from the highway road equipment to truck driver and equipment operator.

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

Gary said alright. Anything from anybody else. Any citizens?

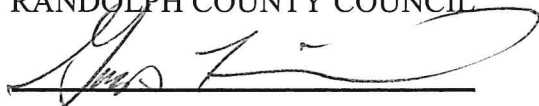
Citizen Comments (3-minute limit)  
None

**Adjournment**

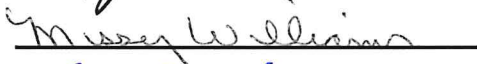
Dave made a motion to adjourn. Max seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Reviewed and accepted this 6 day of December, 2022.

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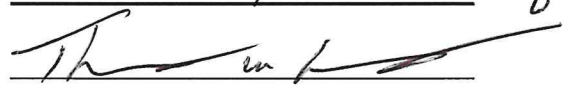
  
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