

Randolph County Council

April 5, 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 Lenkensdofer, Missy Williams and Beverly Fields. Also present was County Auditor Laura J Martin.

Council President Gary Friend presided.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chad Spence – Union City Housing Project funding request

Gary said okay we'll open up the council meeting this morning, and first of our agenda, Mayor Chad Spence.

Chad said thank you. It's certainly a privilege to be here today. I have with me, Mr. Bill Corbin also who handles a lot of communications for in Union City. The reason we are here today, we are here with and opportunity for Randolph County. This isn't for just Union City, what we feel is a needed element for our county for this decade, this century and beyond. On Plum Street, if you haven't heard, we have a housing development that is shovel ready and what it would amount to is 62 homes in the course of three phases. And one thing I cannot stress enough though is that this is not a housing project that I am presenting today. This is an infrastructure project. This is infrastructure to allow housing to take place. Basically it's 62 homes amounting to a 1.639-million-dollar infrastructure, and we were able to borrow \$910,000.00. So, our ask today, and we are going to present some supportive evidence to help in your deliberations, before we're all said and done so you don't think we are coming out of left field or have our head in the clouds. We're asking for \$350,000.00, which is roughly a fifth of the entire infrastructure project. And we originally asked for, we were asking for it to be obtained from, to consider if you will, to use ARPA funds, which would be 7 % of the original ARPA allotment to Randolph County. I understand that has changed a little bit since then. But there is something I will add to that later. So, what we're looking at is the builder is covering 12 million dollars on his own for the homes if the infrastructure is in place. He's on loan for 12 million. The city is covering 1.3 million. We are asking for \$350,000.00 if you see compelling evidence today that means this will be a benefit to the county. What this amounts to also is our ask would be roughly \$7,777.00 per home in infrastructure. Now I don't know, everybody has varying views on what's high or what's low, and what's indifferent \$7,777.00 is a lot of money to me. But in doing some research, a family of four roughly spends 7,000, I think this is high, spends \$7,000.00 a month, a family of four. Now again, I think that's high, but that's everything. That's your housing costs, your utilities, your everything. I think that's high. Let's say half of that in Randolph County, which is probably a little low. But let's say this, let's say half of that, that's \$36,000.00 a year roughly that family is spending in Randolph County. If, if they live in

Randolph County. So, what we will then proceed to do is show you why we strongly urge you to consider this ask. Vision Corner, I stood here a year ago, well I stood in front of the commissioners and my other gentleman sat here in front of you a year ago about Vision Corner. The good thing is Vision Corner is happening. These are construction phase you see to the right. This is supposed to be done by December 31st of this year, the first floor. Second floor will be done mid-year of next year. I am very proud and very humbled, and by the grace of God, I hope his grace, to say that this project was ranked number one, scored number one out of 140 in the READI program across eight counties. So, I say that, when we come to you it's because we are serious about what we are coming to you with. And that when we say something, say we are going to do something, we are going to do it. So again, this is county-wide economic development that we are talking about. And so, I humbly ask that you watch this ensuing video to show what it is and why it is that we are here today.

Video shown.

Chad said thank you very much. I want to finish with this, then turn it over for questions. I absolutely appreciate the position you guys are in, and I empathize. I know the burden that it is to bear of having multiple resources at your fingertips, having to allocate them. I know that's not easy. I assure you. But the fact of matter is, is that, and I know this, there's countless miles of roads, there's countless bridges. There's a million other things that we as average citizens, do not realize that is on your plate to oversee from a county prospective. Thank you for the job you do. But the trouble is, if we don't end the tide of a declining population, we will create a burden that's intendable for future generations. And I know that's not anyone's desire or purpose here. So that, I will absolutely turn it over to questions and comments.

Gary said okay mayor. A couple of things for everyone. You are going to TIF this project, correct.

Chad said that is correct.

Gary said so the county is already invested hugely, because we won't receive one penny of tax dollars for how long.

Chad said you will, well it's a twenty-year TIF but, to say you are not receiving anything is in all fairness, in respect is a misnomer.

Gary said okay how.

Chad said because as I said earlier, if you have a family living in Randolph County, you are gaining the money that they're spending. You are gaining the money they are spending in their groceries. You are gaining the money they are spending, they are sending their kids to your schools, so the school is getting money. You are helping the infrastructure, so to speak, of the community by having them here. Granted, you will not get the tax dollars for twenty years, but that is to fund the infrastructure project is keeping because we're on the hook for nine or ten thousand in bonds that we got to pay off that we are using the TIF to pay off the bonds. So, with that being said, the other twenty years you will have had a new family in the community, but you

will also be able to start using the tax dollars for the home. That, what's based on homes in this county, are at a hundred years and beyond. So, you'd be looking at 70, 80 years in tax dollars from new structures.

Gary said unless it gets held over with legislation changes that continues those TIF's. I understand it's 20 years now. Why are you doing a ten-year bond on this. Could a twenty-year bond take care of whole thing?

Meeks said they are doing a twenty-year bond.

Gary said I assumed it was a ten-year bond.

Chad said is it twenty or ten?

Steve Shoemaker said I believe it's ten the way it's set up.

Chad said okay it's ten the way it's set up.

Gary said well Mayor why not go twenty years then be able to finance it. I mean, and like you said, the ARPA funds, because you used all \$700 and some thousands of yours in your city, correct.

Chad said but \$350 of this is our match. We are using \$350,000.00 for this match.

Gary said right buy you get two draws on it, correct.

Chad said yes correct.

Gary said so that's what we're running into too. We've got a lot of infrastructure that we've got to do for Randolph County alone and we don't have any cities or towns to ask to help us pay it. I'm approve of what you are doing. I do, but it's just going to have to be another mechanism to get it done. I think there's ways we can structure our loan. We did a loan for Modoc and Losantville, but to give our ARPA funds up, away, we're going to have, Winchester next. We are going have every city out there and by rights they are going to want to do their own project. So, what would you say that we should do about that.

Chad said well I didn't clarify enough, when I initially asked for ARPA funds, that was because of what I thought the, I was under the impression that there were no distinct plans for the ARPA funds. I've been told otherwise, that there are plans for the ARPA funds from the county perspective. I haven't seen those but I've been told there are, so I would trust that there are. But I am absolutely pliable to any means necessary for us to cut and dissect this in order to get it done. In other words, if it's a zero-interest loan or a low interest loan, as long as the terms of the agreement make it flexible enough for the community to continue to do other projects that we are working on because we don't want to stop everything else that we are trying to accomplish, because that's not fair to the citizens or the county for that matter.

Gary said the loans that we have put up have been zero interest loans to pay back.

Chad said well I appreciate that.

Gary said the 62 homes, what is the prospect of having the first one built.

Chad said this fall. Because it's shovel ready. The sooner we can get moving, the sooner the infrastructure begins.

Gary said so on the infrastructure are we talking having the mains put in or are you talking about attach these services to the home.

Chad said both.

Gary said well why wouldn't that be onto the contractors. Once the mains are at the sidewalks let's say, that's part of development to take it into the house. That's not, let's just say the contractor whose building it is going to make \$7,000.00 more when this part of building the house. If that's part of this, how's that fair, to the best for the community throughout Randolph County who has to pay for their own hookup fees.

Steve said it's my understanding that what we are putting in is basically to the curb stop.

Gary said not to the home.

Steve said not to the home.

Rick said that's what it should be.

Gary said I'll go around the council and I appreciate the work you are doing, it's not that I personally don't believe in this, but I also believe we have to be fair as we do allocate and just because we have at our ARPA funds, we could use every bit of it and still not get all of our projects done.

Chad said absolutely. I'm with you a hundred percent. We're in the exact same boat.

Dave said just to clarify ARPA, the qualifications for that has changed from day one. Before it was only about three or four items we could use that monies for. But now, we've put all our monies into what we call lost revenues and we can use, we opened that up for us to be able to use it for anything we can use it for.

Gary said okay. Tom do you want to start.

Tom said sure. I think we need to do everything we can for the project. I really do. I agree with on going the direction of a loan. And we have different funds we can pull it from, but if we don't support projects like this, we're going backwards. And there's a lot of great things

happening all over the county right now. And I, support the project 100 percent. It's just a matter of where, what and how to help them.

Dave said I'm behind it a 100 percent also because you know, we did loans for Lynn, Modoc, Losantville to improve, enhance their sewer systems. I think my recommendation, now the commissioners are going to have to be involved also. The commissioners maybe use some combination of wind and EDIT funds. There's enough, but it would have to be a loan because the others are.

Max said well I'm in agreement with that as it's been said. I appreciate your efforts to bring more people or to keep, retain those that we have. I don't know, some time ago, I read that Randolph County had reached its peak in population in the 1800s, 1840 I believe. And I thought that's a sad commentary. I see a lot of young people leaving, it has a lot to do with the housing that's available and job opportunities. Anything that we can do. I am in favor of.

Rick said I would be in favor or a loan type opportunity like we provided for Losantville, Modoc, Lynn, and I'm sure there will be Winchester or Parker, Farmland, Ridgeville, they'll be coming too. So once the word's out, they'll be here too. But as long as it's a loan type situation where we can re-coop our funds, I'm not against it.

Bev said it's a refreshing idea that Union City has more than an idea at this point. It is true, our population has dropped. I had a daughter who moved out of town because she couldn't find work in her area. And now she does live remotely, although she lives in St. Louis. We know personally what the past twenty years has done to many of the young people of the area, which is a sad thing. But this is a plan to turn that around over the course of the next, who knows, twenty years and beyond. I would very much be in favor or a loan and appreciate the patience, and I look forward to seeing more information.

Missy said of course I live in a TIF district. I just did a little research last night on inside Indiana, about four course which they do their research before they publish anything. And they are anticipating a growth of 120 to 150 jobs in ten years since that what your hearing also. So, to get workers particularly for management, you are going to have to have some housing, which I am all for your project. I looked around my neighborhood and I was one of those people when I played golf out there many years ago, looked at people buying those lots and build those houses, and I said there is no way you are going, there were two houses, there's no way they are going to sell these lots at the price they are asking. Now there are no lots for sale. People are wanting to buy houses out there. So, my neighbors are from St. Louis. I'm not giving them in order because I'm going to jump around, because I'm going to get lost. Three from Portland that live right up, and I can hit a golf ball to their front yard maybe, if I hit it straight. Jay County, Japan, Richmond, but anyway, and whatever Scott Hawkin's sister, where ever they came from. They came from outside in. And why, I don't know, several of them for jobs, I do know that. Also, for some people who retired who don't want to take care of an older home, want to move into a new home that maybe is even a duplex. I don't know if you are planning on any of those things or not. After being at the commissioners meeting yesterday, one thing I wasn't aware of or thought about or whatever, is that Ceann was talking about some projects they have about 400 and some odd thousand dollars that they can do some things with too. And so, I would like to see us think about a partnership with them because they are, that is one of their major missions

they are working hard on is housing. And I know you guys were there yesterday too so you heard that statement. I am all for the project. But I understand we've got a lot going on. So, funding, we've got some more experienced people, but I sure want to see this thing go. I mean it's 11 miles away. It's a county, the housing project on Huntsville Road, I know they have people stopping in the golf course every day, when are you going to be ready, when can I buy a lot, is everything ready to go. And they laid block on one of those houses. It's done. I walked last night. People want to move to rural Indiana. Do you want to be where they are shooting people up in Indianapolis or even Muncie, or anywhere else? Union City has done a lot. Winchester is doing their housing project and doing a lot. Losantville going up, we've got people, we've got it going. I just think we just really need to encourage it so I'm a 100 percent behind it also.

Gary said okay well it sounds like.

Bill said I'm Bill Corbin. I'm from the class of 1962. And I just had the privilege of coming back home in a way to do some of the projects like this we've worked on together, the tower and that kind of thing. But two of the parts of this really are dramatic. When you talk about this possibility of people wanting to move here and the work, and they can work remote, and let's just take our person from New York. To survive in New York, you know that she had an income that's substantial. When we're talking about the benefit to the county, it isn't just the people might move here who will work remote, but their paycheck will come here and it will be substantial. Just the economic impact of the dollars to spend change when we can begin to attract people like that. And they are just delighted. They look at, you couldn't put a garage on the house in California for what you can do, what you can buy the type of homes that we are talking about here. So that whole idea of the benefit structure is big. But then just personal experience that we had, we did like everybody did which is you assume you would go to college, and you assumed you would leave Union City. And that was just part of it. You know, it was kind of like you, some of the kids stayed and worked and had good jobs, then about half of us just left and never thought about it again. I thought about it again when we wound in Carmel school system and the Carmel school system played the game that Muncie Central did years ago of course, and just kept one school for the whole city. So, they had the power house sports and all that stuff. Our kids, good kids, kids were swallowed up in that school system. And if I had it to do again, and had I thought about it then, I would have come home. And part of the reason I couldn't of course, was that there was no possibility of a job here and so it didn't happen. But the benefit of the small-town community and the school system compared to what we went through there, is just dramatic. It really is. And we've turned out kids from Winchester, all these schools are turning out kids that go out fully competitive. It's sure not like we don't have the school systems to do that. I really think that this idea, that if I could have worked, and I probably could now if you think about it, work somewhere else, lived here, I would have done it. And I think we are really talking about a serious, well we know we are, we're talking about a serious trend in our country. So, I really do think it's true. We're on the right edge of that trend here. And one thing is true, when powerful trends are at work, with all the trends that closed the plants, that's bad if they are working against you. But when a powerful trend is working for you and we've recognized we are on the front edge of it, that's good. And I think we really are there now. Thank you.

Gary said so it looks like the council is in favor of doing a loan structure for you, zero interest. We'll have to talk with the commissioners on that. Like I said, I'm fully for it. I would like to know why you didn't, why the bonds are only ten years. Why you didn't just want to finance it.

Chad said Gary that's a wonderful question. I don't like for us to be in anymore debt than we need to be. But I will certainly broach that with Heidi and Baker Tilley, who is far smarter than I am in helping us with our municipal finances.

Gary said what's your reasons. I'm thinking of one is the amount of time it's going to take to develop. If the revenue is coming off tips, you'll get at least 18 months behind. That's going to be quite a load on your general budget I would think if you don't.

Chad said yeah I'm honestly, I will vet that out and we'll get clarification on that.

Gary said we're staying consistent too. You know the county can't just give money away. We're partners with everybody. And it got loans out a couple million dollars probably.

Chad said my apologies if I ever conveyed or ever gave the perception I'm asking for you to just give money out, what I simply am trying to do, which I think you guys appreciate, is making sure that we are stretching our resources every bit as far as we can and in looking at the efforts of everything that we have, and everyone that we have at our disposal, because if it's the projects that we've had, it's not the usual. We have to upturn every stone we can to make things happen. And we will be relentless in doing so.

Gary said this is the way we have to work the Randolph County budget too. I'm not offended as long as you're not offended answering the hard question. Does anybody else have anything for the mayor.

Dave said I just have a real quick question. What type of square footage of homes are you talking about?

Chad said 1800, 1900 square feet.

Dave said and two-car garage?

Chad said yeah the homes you saw were the actual models of the homes that will be built and no home is alike we want a unique neighborhood. And the streets actually, this is meant to be something special. The streets are actually named after teachers in our school system from years past to recognize their efforts because we want this project to be special.

Missy said are there going to be any build your own, you could buy a lot and...

Chad said toward the back potentially because the back would be higher end homes, the 17 homes that are phase three will be average \$300,000. But there will be, that's part of the development because we're trying to thin way down the road. Because we have to lead into the development 20 years from now. We want this to be a project that's not just here now. We want to continue to push ourselves to expand and to grow.

Tom said how many homes does this first phase of infrastructure.

Chad said 23. Twenty-three in first phase and 22 in second phase.

Tom asked and this infrastructure is just for the first phase.

Chad said this infrastructure is actually for the first two phases. The seven thousand dollar figure I gave you earlier was per home infrastructure cost was based on 45 homes.

Gary said we'll work with the Commissioners; our windfarm funding is pretty much tapped out. When do you have to have the money? Do you just need a commitment?

Chad said asap is what I told Mike, just as quickly.

Gary said our windfarm populates in February.

Chad said that would be a little late.

Dave said I got some numbers from Angela today. I think there's potential, with the combination of Next Era's Windfarm, the regular Windfarm Headwater's II and EDIT, and there's potential there, there's enough.

Gary said well those three together.

Dave said like Missy said, I'd like to see what Randolph County United could maybe offer also.

Tom said with where are they at on this project I think it's something we pretty much, we need to do now. I mean not necessarily this minute, but pretty close to this minute now and get it pushed forward. That's one opinion I got. They are ready to start with infrastructure now. They have the contractor, they have a construction meeting is next week. That contractor is already there.

Gary said well we should probably see the commissioners and set a joint session of the council and commissioners to push.

Dave said yeah it would be nice to have a joint on windfarm money. My recommendation would be the commissioners to use those sources to go forward with the projects. They meet in two weeks again. I did talk to them yesterday, but, they will be discussing that again.

Gary said one reason for my question, it could go to next February and not get in any kind of default, because we have a lot of revenue coming in then and it doesn't strap whatever we have clear out. However, I agree with everybody, if we could put together a bid, then we can wiggle things too.

Chad said appreciate that.

Gary said okay, anything else for the mayor.

Chad said thank you so much. I appreciate every one of you. Thank you for your time.

Debbie Preston – Copier lease funding

Debbie said I went to the commissioners yesterday because my office really needs a copy machine, because the one that we have, I think Jane bought which it would be about twelve years old. And it's obsolete. I can't get parts for it, and all that good stuff. So, I had Weber Office come and give me a quote, because that's what the other three offices on the first floor has is Weber. And it's going to be exactly the same except ours is going to be a little bit smaller. It only has two trays instead of everybody else's three. They gave me the permission to go ahead and come to you guys and ask for funding, which they said they could take out of County General Commissioners Budget. It's going to be, they decided on the 60 months, at \$71.07 per month. And the maintenance and all that will be added onto the ones that we have with the other copiers. I'm just asking you guys to approve.

Gary said it's my understanding the line already has enough funding in it to do it does it not.

Debbie said yes.

Gary said then it's already approved.

Debbie said okay. I just thought I'd come and talk to about it, so glad I'm talking to you guys.

Gary said appreciate it. You are good to go. Thank you for your update.

Sherri Thompson – Health Department pay supplement, Salary Ordinance amendments 2022-09 & 2022-10

Gary said good morning. Before we start can I clear something up.

Sherri said yes sir.

Gary said and the council can certainly join in. There was some confusion, it was never at least my thought, that that extra revenue would be a bonus. It would be added to the hourly pay throughout the year. So, I read Dr. Sowinski's report and I didn't pick that as a bonus. I picked it up as supplemental hourly pay. Did anyone else think it was a bonus.

Gary said okay good.

Sherri said and it is supplemental pay. It's not bonus. And the reason for the supplemental pay is you know, all of our, everybody was affected by Covid. But the Health Department really affected. And during that time, we were thrown some curve balls that we did figure out, and we got through, and I don't know, you might ask Rick, but we felt like we did a good job with the small staff that we have. And this is not in any way to, as you say, give a bonus to us for what we did. It's to help us get through what we have to make up for because you know at that time, we could, what we giving 100% of our time to went down to 15 or 20 percent of our time. And

the school liaison, that wasn't a mandatory thing but we felt like it was a necessary thing for the community, because our children are behind on immunizations, and all of that. And we want to get that taken care of and caught up. But that also means more time on top of that. So that's what this was meant for. It wasn't meant for any kind of bonus for anything that was done in Covid. It was to help us continue taking care of the community. And with the extra and trying to make up for what we didn't have time to do, we felt like this was a fair thing. But if you, you know, any question you have, we're more than glad to answer.

Gary said I agree with all that. It's just the perception that it would be a bonus check, I think is the wrong perception. Wanted to make sure that was clear as we go through.

Rick said what would be the benefit on the school grant is once the Health meets its deliverables, that is basically, the rest of those funds are to be spent as the Health Department feels needed or necessary. So that's one of the benefits of that grant, is once you meet the deliverables of that grant, the rest of the funds you can use as you guys deem necessary. So that's an added benefit.

Wendy said and at the end of the day, even though we did hire two people to cover that grant, at the end of the day, Sherri and I are still responsible for that. If they don't get it done, then we have to step in. And because of funding, I mean, we're still going to be working to help the school liaison with immunization statuses, things like that. Sherri is still going to manage the fund, so we are still going to be a part of that. Just hoping not to be 100% of that, so that I can get back to the things I did pre-Covid and get everything caught up, because the whole state's behind.

Rick said that's the intent of the grant.

Gary said speaking of the new people, is any of the supplemental, does it go, is it figured into the salary of the new people.

Sherri said the new people that, okay so, the one that is going to do the nurse and the school liaison, yes because there's a raise in that for that. Plus, she's going to be getting benefits.

Gary said benefits don't matter.

Sherri said right. But I mean there is a huge part of that that.

Gary said what I recognize part of her pay reflects the fact that there was supplemental pay coming in from the grant.

Sherri said no because bring home she's taking a pay cut but she got the benefits instead.

Gary said well that's different. She's paying for benefits.

Sherri said yes. We're going to be paying the package for her.

Gary said she also has to pay some.

Sherri said yes.

Gary said alright. So, there's no confusion amongst your people about whose getting extra money and who's not.

Wendy said no. We're it.

Gary said alright that's all the questions I have. What do you have for us. Is that it.

Sherri said yeah. I just wanted to make sure everybody, if anybody had any questions, and are things clear and how.

Missy asked are we looking for a new sanitarian?

Sherri said yes. We actually did some interviews which went well. We are going to do a few more, and hopefully within the next few weeks we'll have a new sanitarian. We do have some good prospects.

Missy said there's a lot of sewer systems that people are wanting, are waiting on.

Sherri said yes and until that time, Joe from the state is coming in. He's coming in every other Monday. He was here yesterday to help with all that. And I have Jay County helping with inspections as far as food establishments and things like that until then too.

Bev said pay supplement. I'm just a little bit fuzzy, I'm not real sure. But I mean, because you are catching up, is there any overtime involved in any of this.

Sherri said well unfortunately we both have lots of comp time. We're hoping, I mean that's going to cover some of that so we don't have as much comp time as what it would be.

Gary said but I think the pay supplement was too bring your wages more in line with the duties that they are doing. And the comp time is just the comp time. They have to work at that on their own.

Bev said alright. That helps. Thank you.

Gary said okay we have two ordinances here. One is Ordinance 2022-09.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-09
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2021-21
AMENDING RANDOLPH COUNTY'S HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET

WHEREAS: There has been a change in the 2022 Salary Ordinance with regard to the Randolph County's Health Department Budget and it is necessary to amend the 2022 Salary Ordinance and to add the following pay in the Salary Ordinance effective beginning April 8, 2022 pay as follows:

HEALTH CO-OP AGREEMENT
CLINIC NURSE/SCHOOL LIAISON
\$20.00 PER HOUR

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

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

HEALTH CO-OP AGREEMENT
CLINIC NURSE/SCHOOL LIAISON
\$20.00 PER HOUR

Max made a motion for Council to pass Ordinance 2022-09 after the first reading. Dave seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Max made a motion that the rules be suspended and have the 2nd and 3rd reading by title only and adopted the same day. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Max made a motion for council to adopt Ordinance 2022-09. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said and this is Ordinance number 2022-10. This ordinance is for adjusting the pay as we discussed. It's supplemental grant money. Someone want to make a motion to pass 2022-10 on the first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-10
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2021-21
AMENDING RANDOLPH COUNTY'S HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET

WHEREAS: There has been a change in the 2022 Salary Ordinance with regard to the Randolph County's Health Department Budget and it is necessary to amend the 2022 Salary Ordinance and to add the following pay in the Salary Ordinance effective beginning April 22, 2022 pay as follows:

HEALTH CO-OP AGREEMENT
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE
\$5000.00 ONE TIME INCOME SUPPLEMENT

HEALTH CO-OP AGREEMENT
COORDINATOR/REGISTRAR
\$5000.00 ONE TIME INCOME SUPPLEMENT

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

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

HEALTH CO-OP AGREEMENT
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE
\$5000.00 ONE TIME INCOME SUPPLEMENT

HEALTH CO-OP AGREEMENT
COORDINATOR/REGISTRAR
\$5000.00 ONE TIME INCOME SUPPLEMENT

Max made a motion for the Council to pass Ordinance 2022-10 after the first reading by title only. Missy seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Max made a motion that the rules be suspended for 2nd and 3rd reading by title only and adopted the same. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Max made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-10. Dave seconded. All aye voted Motion carried.

Mike Haffner – Part-time office

Missy said hey Mike can I clear something up real quick before we start. I've had several people who said you recommended this person be hired, and they didn't hire. I didn't know that girl, never in our discussion that I said I don't know her, I couldn't recommend anybody that you were talking about. I just wanted to clarify.

Mike Haffner said I didn't say you recommended, I said I had talked to you. We've hired a full-time office administrator and. Jessica Olsen was appointed yesterday. And we have a part-time clerk, part-time secretary. In lieu of the training and the county engineer having a lot of extra

work himself that needs some clerical work done, I brought it to the Commissioners to see if we can keep this part-time person going for a few months longer. And they gave me that blessing. We'll have to do some easy transfers of some funds to be able to support this, which we have available at this time. We would at least bring it into budget time and then re-analyze to see where we need to go in the future with, do we need part-time to keep up, do we need a full-time to keep up. I think that will be determined at a little bit later date, possibly see where we want to go.

Gary said so you just want to get more money in the line to support

Mike Haffner said well up until now, I was only budgeted for \$2500.00 and that's only going to last a few weeks. I have other, well first of all, we're not a full staff right now. I've had, we've got a bridge tech position that is open. Then I've got seasonal summer help lines that we possibly might not need. So, I have funds that I can transfer into the part-time to we see where we want to be.

Gary said are you working that person 29 hours a week?

Mike Haffner said 28. We had a meeting with Paula yesterday and as long as we don't go over the 14 hundred and some hours in the fiscal year, we can work her a few more hours, as long as we stay away from that 14 hundred. So, I presented that to her and with Commissioners blessing, how many hours. You know, it might be 40 hours for several weeks and then if Jessica starts needing less, then we'll back them hours. It's still a part-time position.

Gary said has the other administrative assistant already left.

Mike Haffner said yes. She's already left.

Gary said alright I mean I don't have any problems.

Mike Haffner if you've got any questions for you know, for Tom?

Gary said I want to get Tom's input on it. Tom what do you think?

Tom Chalfant said I think hiring an engineer, we've got, generates paperwork so.

Gary said this is the consensus of all the commissioners too.

Tom Chalfant said I think we are all aboard. And Jessica is very capable, but we don't want to burn her out. So hopefully, if this, this might be full-time, might be part-time. A few months from now we should know before budget time what we are looking at.

Gary said sure.

Dave said who will be doing the community crossing grants.

Mike Haffner said Joe Copeland and Jessica Olsen.

Dave said cause isn't there a round coming up shortly.

Mike Haffner said yes. We've already got the three Windsor bridges that will be submitted in the fall session. SJCA didn't have their work done, so we couldn't make the spring session. So that will be applied, and I believe we've already got the paperwork ready to go once the engineering gets their stamp.

Dave said it's imperative we apply every spring and fall to make sure we get that funding. Cause that will help us tremendously.

Mike Haffner said the ERC will transfer over to Jessica as well.

Gary said I would just make sure you get yours transfers in for us in plenty of time. If I was you, I would go ahead and make a one-time transfer of enough to get into August until the budget time as we review it then.

Mike Haffner said on the one line, I got \$5,000.00 that I know I can transfer and then I'll work with Angela

Gary said you've got more than enough to transfer.

Mike Haffner said I've got, definitely more than enough.

Gary said if you want to stay in the series or not, if you want it to come out of the series.

Mike Haffner said oh yeah. The 100 series.

Angela said Mike you actually have enough cash if you just want to do an additional appropriation. That way you are not borrowing from other lines.

Mike Haffner said would we have to advertise all that.

Angela said we do.

Mike Haffner said well we could do that later on, but right now, until we have additional appropriation, I'll need a little bit more money to finish the next couple weeks.

Gary said do you have enough money to get in to when the council meets again.

Mike Haffner said not until I transfer.

Gary said but you got to stay the 100 series then.

Mike Haffner said we really got about another week and a half of the original line left. If I could do a small easy transfer and then ask for additional.

Gary said that's as long as you stay in the 100 series.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Gary said alright. Anybody else.

Ceann Bales – RCU update

Ceann said I'm here for my quarterly update. I'm here just to update you on what we are doing and then answer any questions that you might have of our office and what we are doing. In your handout, the first item I bring to you every time is just for your reference, membership list. So up to about 131 members. I'm excited about that. The Chamber division and then just had their business expo this weekend. It was a big success. The booths were full and I know the members and that division is doing very well. We are excited about that. The goal this year is to increase our revenue from memberships from the 55 last year up to 70. So, we do, are looking at a great increase in that. The other thing in here as I do want to focus on is the cultivating work and then this the latest newsletter. But, they also, on the READI process, you heard Mayor Spence reference that, Vision Corner will be one of the first five projects in our eight-county region to start through the process with IEDC because it is literally ready to go. So, we are pretty excited that our county is going to have one of the first five projects. We think it's a good win to be able to get the elected officials from the state level down and get it promoted and doing the READI. It is, it'll be a process. The first step is just to get in what they call the cory and then it starts down the road to get funded. And that's at this point, all we know. Our region is assigned, how IEDC is doing it, our region is assigned a liaison from IEDC that we will be beginning to meet. We've had one meeting. Our eight-county group will be meeting with them monthly to walk us through these. Our ARPA funds, federal funds, so we have to jump through all those hoops and so we have a lot of requirements. And that's why our group will be evaluated by IEDC and a consultant they have hired. They'll be working with all the regions in the state.

Gary said did they get fully funded, do you know?

Ceann said uh no. What, our region.

Gary said no, Vision Corner.

Ceann said ours is the last piece of it. The READI money is the last piece of it is my understanding that I was told.

Gary said do you remember how much they.

Ceann said about \$260,000 was what our last piece was to come in.

Gary said how are they making their grant matches, do you know?

Ceann said I do not know. I mean, I am sure I have that in a file, but I can't, I'm sorry.

Gary said well yeah. Can't expect you to.

Laura said I know they put ARPA toward it he said yesterday.

Gary said yeah I guess my thought isn't there a piece of that, that requires private funding match.

Ceann said it's in the, it's collective. So, our project, this project could be saying 100% funded through public funds, and then the project for Richmond could be 100% by private, just as long as the entire region meets that, our specific project doesn't have to align with that. So, we could have a project that's all public funded and somebody else is private, vice versa, just as at the end of the day, the \$15,000,000.00 our region is getting collectively, has to meet those requirements. And it's done that way to make it easier, because some counties might not be able to support specifically public is what they are concerned about. The smaller counties.

Gary said any news on the 4H.

Ceann said I was at a meeting there last night. So 4H is not even close to being ready to submit through that. We do not know for sure if it will get funded. What our region has decided is that every county will get one project, regardless. Our one project is definitely Vision. The hope is that our smaller counties, we will get two, because the money that we are asking for and getting for two projects is less than like Richmond and Muncie is looking at for one project. And I can tell you that the Richmond and Muncie group are more than willing, Missy has worked with that group, she knows that they are a good group. They are willing to work with us and say look we'll take less to make sure. But that's not in stone yet, so I don't want to give anybody false hope. But our 2nd project that we are submitting, ICDC knows, our group knows that we are submitting is our 4H project. But I don't have a definite and it's not remotely ready to even start that process. Greg and I are meeting this afternoon to walk through the matrix, as required as part of the ready to see where the 4H aligns to make sure we help get it more ready to start down the process. And then, on to the Cultivating committees, I'm pretty excited about that work, continuing to engage more people. The two groups, the Kayak route, the goal is to open that up by this fall, the Missinewa River. If that's not possible, be in the spring. But we do have a great group of volunteers who are very passionate about that. I'm working to get that done. We have a trail group that's just met once. We have a group that's getting ready to publish a brochure that will promote all of our county parks, to encourage people to use all of our county parks. The two that are really impactful, I believe is the county-wide internship program that we are working with all five schools. Our staff person Lynette Clark is heading that up. She has built a portal, online portal. So, we have 22 businesses who have committed to that. They are on the portal. So basically, the kids right now as we speak are going in and submitting their resumes to those companies they would like to apply to. On April 19th, all those 22 businesses will be at the fairgrounds, and we will have a speed interviewing process, where the kids will have a seven-minute interview. They will get up, they'll have three minutes to shift and they will have another seven-minute interview. They each will have three interviews that day. And then the businesses will select a person on that. We are also, David Lenkensdofer had reached out about partnering with the John Jay Learning Center. We took a team last week there, met with Rusty, took a tour

for a couple of hours. And he is going to start, I am going to get him in front of our manufacturers, and then he is going on my business visits with me to see, make sure our businesses know the opportunity is there that they can send their employees to get trained and paid for. And so, we are excited about that. And then I think the Commissioners' Report will tell you the work that we are doing with helping with the Farmland Tower, and then the help that we are trying to do with Omega, looking at a partnership with the county to help support that equipment. The county I know, they are looking at doing \$143,500 in the loan. I'm going to take that back to our board as we're talking about the money that we have. To use that, I know we are using some of our savings, is how we are able to decrease the amount we have from the county. To use that for operations we used about \$35,000. I can tell you of that \$400,000 that's being talked about, \$179,000 is EDA funds. I'm not sure how that can be used. I have to check into that. And then we only have \$35,000 in our USDA. So, we have about \$239,000 that's actually cash, \$66,000 which is in our capital. So, if we had to take Omega, if our board does vote that, that's going to deplete that fairly quickly. And again, I'm trying to use those savings intentionally, which it's been decreasing the last two years to fund us so we don't have to draw as much on EDIT. So those EDIT funds could be used for other things. Cause we did feel that our savings was too high and we need to start using that for operational expenses.

Gary said the Omega, I don't have all the information.

Ceann said it's a loan.

Gary said okay it's going to be a loan from RCU.

Ceann said yes. Going to be a loan from RCU and match, with a loan from the county from EDIT. It'll be five-year term, zero percent interest. And again, that's what I am proposing. Our board doesn't even know about it yet. I mean it just happened yesterday. They could say no I have no idea. But in our discussion, that's what I'll be taking back to our incentive committee. The incentive committee are the ones who said they did not want to give a grant to Omega, but they would support a loan concept, but not an outright grant. And Jimmie doesn't want a grant. He doesn't want to be given something, but he wants to help to get that equipment in quickly so he can start turning that around.

Gary said it's different in my mind when it's a loan versus a grant because he's just one of many people who could use new machinery.

Ceann said no it's not a grant. Any questions.

Missy said I was here yesterday, but can you give them a little update on the broadband tower at the northwest corner.

Ceann yeah, Derek at Tower King presented us three options, which I just gave to the commissioners to ask them what their input was. My concern was that they were looking at almost \$500.00 a month in rent, and the original agreement thought was they only going to do \$200.00 a month per provider. So, if you only get one provider, that means the county is out \$300.00 a month, not only building the tower, but then you are also paying rent for the land.

And that was not the thought. So, the first, that's private. The other two are Purdue land. And so, I'm going to go back to Purdue to see, Commissioner Girton had talked to them in the very beginning, and Purdue looked like they were interested in donating the land. The private person is the closest. It's the best location, but the two locations at Purdue are still within the parameters. I'm just very concerned. That just puts the county in a very bad position is my opinion. To subsidize something even more than the county is already subsidizing.

Dave said we got to be careful on private. We learned that in the meeting last fall. That could change.

Ceann said how so. Oh, the prices.

Missy said well they could sell the property.

Ceann good point.

Missy said the speedway is a perfect example. That lane that goes down to the timbers addition, the racetrack owns that. And years ago, there was a 99-year lease Frank Funk gave I don't know who when it was just a place to ice skate for the churches and whatever else, but that agreement is going to expire soon. And new owners could say hey we're just going to use it. When you live back there you always complain about the races blocking the road. You can't get in, you can't get out. They could say sorry timbers you know, you need to buy ground and go west and make your own road. I mean, I don't think they will, but it's scary when it's privately owned.

Ceann said and one more thing, we're talking about money, Lisa, Jenny and I are in the process, we just started this week, we are making three visits with private industries to raise money for this funders forum that's going to be housed at the Community Foundation to help fund projects that are coming from the Cultivating Communities. We are trying to get money raised so as people are doing these projects like the kayak and you know, all these missions that they would actually have a fund that they could go to and apply for a grant through that. And so, Lisa and I have started to raise, going to individuals to raise money. How it works is Randolph County United has already put in \$30,000.00. It's \$10,000.00 a year for three years. Then you kind of get a vote at the table on those applications. But how it was written into the Lilly grant through the Community Foundation is the funders forum would be totally designated to cultivating communities, those five pillars. So, we're trying to get private entities involved and funded to help move these projects forward.

Dave asked is Clyde Shaffer head of the kayak?

Ceann said no but he should be. I'll tell him that you said so.

Dave said he was very interested at one time in creating one over by Albany.

Ceann said what I've been loving about the kayak and the trails groups is there's people that are joining those communities that I've never worked with before and that's pretty neat.

Gary said Missinewa has a boat launch on 750.

Ceann said yes they've talked about, I heard there's two launches. I heard that there were two launches at one time but I don't know. But Matt Garringer who is our current DNR officer and his dad Rick, they are both on there and they're very passionate about it. And so, they're two people who are on the kayak committee as well as Julie, what's her last name, Red Tail Conservatory. She's on it as well.

Gary said yeah they've got a parking lot already.

Ceann said yeah that's what Matt said, that we've got to go in, our first step is to get an assessment and just to see, he said it was cleaned out about two years ago. There was a big grant and it was all, all the tree, ash trees and stuff were cleaned out. But he says he knows that there's more that's fallen down in there and like you said the dams.

Gary said alright anybody have anything else. Thank you. Mike Reed.

Mike Reed said I'm with the Future Needs of the 4H grounds. Just wanted to give you a little quarterly update. Came there before the end of the year and going to give you an update of what we've been up to. So just kind of getting back into our meetings here in the last couple of months. That had slowed down with the holidays and Covid and everything. Really wanted to get back on track towards our capital campaign and get back raising money for that. We kind of looked at a little bit of a strategic plan or fund raiser. We kind of went different ways on those. We feel like it's best to raise those monies from us on the committee then some outside source. Sometimes those in other counties have caused some friction and things where they get kind of pushy and things. So, looking at ways of going about raising more money for the capital campaign. We have raised about ten or twelve thousand dollars since December since we were here last.

Gary said how much.

Mike Reed said ten or twelve thousand. I think we are pretty close to \$200,000 total right now. Like Ceann talked, we've been meeting with Ceann and will continue to meet with Ceann on the READI grant to see what the best avenue is to go with pursuing that. I had a meeting last night, real good meeting with the contractor that is going to be getting us some updated quotes. Prices were kind of vague you know, just when we originally got the quotes and prices have gone up obviously so. We're going with two contractors right now just to see where we are at on some hard numbers, where we are at on the total project. Things out at the fairgrounds we have done, we just, water line project is completed, all except for doing our testing. They've got to do a pressure test but was kind of waiting until the colder weather so we don't have to worry about winterizing anything. But that project is done other than getting that tested. And that was water lines on the whole fairgrounds. Installed new sidewalks there in front of the Best Way Center, Husted Hall, there to the north where we didn't have any there. And then we are looking into updating our well pump and our water quality up at the Husted Hall. That facility, or that

structure, it's an old steel pressure tank. Actually, the water line is still hooked up to the county infirmary. Water comes across from it.

Gary said is that where the pump's at?

Mike Reed said there's a pump, there's a well there at Husted Hall but all the wells on the fairground are all hooked together in case one would happen to go down. And that was the same way with the infirmary. But its, do away with that. With the community using the building and a lot of meetings and that kinds of stuff out there, never had any type of water softener or rust filtration or anything. We're getting quotes to do that. A lot of the grants for as far as the water project, the water lines and pressure tank, a lot of that is money that we are seeking out grant money. All the capital campaign money that we have raised, that's all earmarked and set aside. The projects that we are doing out there is above and beyond, and other grants that we pursue. There was a lot of activity out there this past weekend. Horse & Pony was working, home show was there. Ag days starts tomorrow so come out for breakfast tomorrow morning.

Gary said I'm looking forward to get to the position we can do an upgrade out there. I know it's not easy, mostly volunteer work so I appreciate it.

Missy said can you give them an update on the roof over the kitchen?

Mike Reed said yeah that's what, we talked about the two projects, the show arena and the cafeteria kitchen area, and maybe which, if we can only do one maybe what project to go towards. I mean we've all basically come to the conclusion that that cafeteria kitchen has got to be addressed first. We've done some small patchwork and new guttering and tried to band aid as much as we can. We're still getting a lot of water leaks coming in.

Bev said the original cost on the proposed changes, it was around \$400,000. Is that right?

Mike Reed said the cafeteria I believe, and this was just off of the architectural so much a square footage, just kind of shooting from the hip, it was originally \$550,000. And I think the show arena was \$750,000.

Missy said so Gary are your prices going to go down any. Do you see prices going down any?

Gary said not in the near term.

Mike Reed said and that's what we talked a little bit last night you know, whether those original prices for, I mean we all know the prices have gone up. But I guess until we get the contractor's more definite cost of the project, I mean, the \$550,000 may not have been, it may have been too high to begin with.

Gary said the kitchen, I don't think it was out of order. It's the marrying up to what's left is going to be the hard work on that.

Mike Reed said new structure, probably be less expensive than adding on.

Gary said any other questions. Thank you Mike.

Missy said one thing Mike last night that the gentleman who came in and talked, he was really good.

Gary said let's take a five-minute break please. Recess for five minutes. Let's make it ten.

Gary said Tom Commissioners' update please. And Gary, I see Gary back there too.

Tom Chalfant said you guys covered a lot of things. We did, there's two or three things I might mention. We had, we've had the EDPR, they gave up the update on the pavement, and the road use agreement. And so, we just went through that and reviewed it. They did offer a chance, they said they've done this in Benton County since they've had multiple projects with them, they would delay payments and pay us four percent interest if we wanted them to hold money. And we said show us the projections, I don't think I'm too interested. But anyway, at least we are going to look at it. We talked about the sign ordinance. That's not really on your purview but I think the commissioners want to convey to the area planning committee, we'd like to have signs stay 25 foot tall. If somebody wants to replace a face or something, we don't consider that repair where they have to bring it down to 15 foot. We'd like to use signs of 25 feet. And so that was something we talked about to take back to the Area Planning Commission. Talked about river it wasn't discussed yester, but something that might impact our county is there's an upper White river water shed study, and I don't know who instigated it, but it's basically, they have a score card and supposedly, Indiana rivers are the dirtiest in the nation someone said. This crew mostly from Indianapolis, they're concerned, but they don't seem too concerned the rivers below Indianapolis but above Indianapolis they want to watch and see what's going on. But anyway, there's a lot of talk about farm pollutions, nitrates and so forth, which a lot comes from failed septic systems. I don't think get captured that way. Anyway, there's a move to work towards adopting what they did around the DC area. And that is very, again the soils are different. But again, there's going to be a move that could impact waste in people farm the land around here, very restrictive on fertilizers. And it might come back as some kind of a mandate on septic systems for every home, rural home. So, as we see all the cities being updated, I'm sure they are going to want regional septic systems, sewer plants or whatever. But anyway, that's something that I see coming down the road. Well those, I think we covered most of everything we talked about. If you have any questions or anything.

Gary said EDPR continued, I guess we'd have to get with Meeks and everybody see all the logistics and legalities involved in something like that. In, with the default, I don't know about that.

Dave asked which project is this on?

Meeks said this should be Riverstart II.

Laura said three.

Gary said three.

Meeks said three. I thought it was two. I'm sorry.

Laura said one and two was combined so this is three.

Tom said I think it was, I think you were talking about, although this is three. Yeah this says three here.

Gary asked did they give you a financial sheet, an outline?

Meeks said they just gave us is what they are paying today.

Tom said yeah but they are going to get us a projection. So, they are going to give us what it would look like through the ten-year delay.

Gary said they might want to get the council involved sooner.

Meeks said revenues from Riverstart roll off in 2033. So, 2032 is your last payment. And that's about 2.6 million dollars. And so, they were saying made then 2033, they would start these payments. And Tom's exactly right. We asked, give us the projections. And I asked, and they still want that ten-year 100% abatement. So, the abatement structure would be the same. The payment is different, they said they did this in Benton County. I did reach out to Rick yesterday after the meeting and Jason Semler and they both are on board to help. When we get those projections, I'll send it out. I think they also want to pay us to fix the roads, is what the other, is what I took that meaning. I have not looked at the road use agreement proposed. They just gave it to us yesterday. They are supposed to give me a red line so I can look at it. It's 3.5 miles of roads. So, the roads are going to be a lot less than the other.

Max said this is the Modoc project, is that correct?

Tom said yes.

Max said so they did get the permit to proceed?

Tom said yeah they got the BZA approval, so it's more contentious.

Max said I knew that it was.

Meeks said it's by Huntsville Road.

Tom said yeah Indiana Trail Road and, yeah between Modoc and yeah there's a map.

Dave said I'm like Gary, I'd like to see them in our meetings since it involved financial.

Gary said it requires us to grant the abatement.

Meeks said I will say this. I have not seen, I didn't even realize they were going to be here yesterday.

Tom said Chris called me Friday, and I said well go ahead and come and present it to us. We're not going to act on anything, but at least bring it to us. So, they'll be glad to share that with you I am sure, in the future, so tell them to come to your next meeting.

Dave said I keep hearing 2nd hand information, getting concerned.

Gary said they skipped the last two.

Dave said I'm not in favor of it if we're not getting money for it, personally.

Tom said well personally, I don't think 4% isn't enough.

Meeks said I don't know what the guarantees, we'd have to look and see.

Gary said yeah absolutely. Is that 4%, would that be a yearly payment on for ten years.

Meeks said I'd like to see the projections.

Tom said that would accrue.

Meeks said I assume, I assume it's \$615,000 times 4% over the next ten years, whatever that figure is. And then it's seven hundred and something, is what I am assuming. But I don't want to assume it.

Gary said got it. Okay we do need to see it.

Missy said will you be looking at how much the schools are, you know, there's a little bit of a question on.

Gary said they are not getting anything.

Missy said okay.

Meeks said the schools aren't affected.

Missy said okay. It's not that, I'm not saying.

Gary said that ought to change. The law changed on that a few years ago. Where a capital development projects, now were set outside the circuit breaker, I believe that's what it is. So, they're not affected.

Meeks said you are not affected. I think they have one fund that might be affected. It's with,

CCP fund.

Mike said yeah the Cum Cap fund.

Meeks said we call it the CCD and that's not affected as much because it's not taken away from it.

Gary said right, and the schools are hard hit entities, all the TIF's that are going on. It's a great development thing. Somebody has to sacrifice.

Missy said they are hard hit but if it's not there, they are not getting taxes with it, if it's not there. So, they are not getting taxes. So, they are going to build it and they are still not going to get the taxes. But eventually they are going to get the taxes. And if they bring children in, then they get those kids in their schools, and more than \$6,000 a child so. In the long run, it benefits them.

Gary said wouldn't benefit Randolph County, I don't think.

Missy said I don't know.

Gary said it's the same argument on the flip side of what Mayor Spence had said about how all this money comes in economically. It is a tool they have to use. I'm not talking about that.

Gary said anything else for Tom? Another thought on that Missy, the tool that's not there, that's also how communities continue to grow through revenue is to build up. And all of a sudden, we get fixed and we don't get to take inflation on, that margin hurts us because it's not there. Our expenses go up with more population by public service. So, there is an expense to Randolph County, and all municipalities.

Missy said so I know, can you give us a legislative update just real fast. I mean you did a really good job of organizing I know, to get some of the bills that would have really hurt rural Indiana.

Dave said there was nine bills presented that affect County Council's in the State of Indiana. Five of them were at the senate, four were in the house on various things that were going to cost the counties more monies. Our legislative group at the County Council Association was fortunate enough to get all nine of those bills shot down this year. And one of them was personal property, which is a big one.

Gary said that went away?

Dave said for this year.

Gary said for this year.

Dave said but our group is gaining strength as we're talking the other day, and will be even more strength when we have our, you know I was going to bring that up, our annual meeting is June 24th and June 25th in Monroe County, down at Bloomington this year. So, it's going to be a two-

day conference. But we should gain more strength at that time. We had 38 members in that legislative committee alone. About 20 are pretty active in it. Like Missy said, I'm one of them to help form that group to get it, because we just can't take anymore hits. And we've got 11 legislative items already for 2023 that we will be discussing it in June and again in September. So, we're not very fortunate this year.

Missy said I called the senator and he said you can stop. I already talked to Mr. Lenkensdofer so I know what you are going to say. And I said yeah pretty much so.

Dave said even our attorney, Ryan Hoff, he even mentioned how effective we were this year they did the entire list calling and commenting so we did our job.

Gary said alright thank you.

Other Business:

Minutes – December 7, 2021, January 5, 2022 & January 10, 2022

Gary said alright moving to Other Business, we have minutes – December 7, 2021, January 5, 2022, January 10 2022. Someone make a motion to accept these minutes.

Bev made a motion to accept all of these minutes as presented. Dave seconded. All Aye votes. Motion carried.

TIF Management Annual Report of the Redevelopment Commission

Gary said we have the TIF Management Annual Report of the Redevelopment Commission. Which one, county?

Laura said yes this is county

Gary said we need a motion to accept this.

Laura said yes.

Rick made a motion to accept the TIF Management Annual Report of the Redevelopment Commission. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Additional Appropriations:

EDIT

READI Grant	\$15,000.00
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Gary said okay Additional Appropriations, \$15,000.00 from Edit Funds to pay for READI Grant.

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

Windfarm Headwater's I

Bridge 173	\$271,241.77
Professional Svc	\$9,845.00

Gary said Windfarm Headwater's I. Bridge 173 for \$271,241.77 and Professional services, \$9,845.00.

Max asked what is that professional service for?

Gary said I think it's Engineering. SJCA task order number 8 increase. Somebody make a motion to approve.

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

Windfarm Headwater's II

Town of Lynn Loan	\$150,000.00
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Gary said Windfarm Headwater's II \$150,000.00 appropriation for Lynn water tower. This is a loan too.

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

ARPA

Recorder Scanning	\$12,333.00
Cooling System	\$25,400.00
Security Camera's	\$13,000.00
Culvert Inspection	\$298,086.00

Gary said ARPA. We have a recorder scanning, \$12,333.00, cooling system, \$25,400.00, security cameras, \$13,000.00, culvert inspection, \$298.086.00.

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

Citizen Comments (3-minute limit)

Gary said anything from the citizens.

Art Moystner, Sheriff – Purchase tasers

Art said I am needing to purchase a couple tasers for the jail. And what I needed to make sure that I am within the guidelines of my commissary restraints, is I'd like the council to approve with me using that funding of commissary to purchase those two tasers. So, I just need you guys to vote to agree that I can spend it for that.

Gary said I can do that. Somebody like to make a motion that we agree to let the sheriff use commissary funds to purchase tasers.

Dave asked what kind of money are we talking about?

Art said it's a little over \$5,000.

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

Gary asked is that all?

Art said no. I would like to share with you that I have received an email from the State of Indiana regarding the body camera grant. We were denied. It doesn't surprise me at all. So, we did not get that funding. I would also share for you that we still have open jail positions. I don't know if the salary

committee has met at all or not. And with the one open road position I have, I actually hired one of my jail staff. So as soon as I have a pre-basic set up, we will have another opening in the jail. I just wanted to share that with you guys.

Gary said thank you. Anything for the sheriff.

David Lenkensdofer

Dave said like I said earlier, the state called county council association meeting is June 24th and June 25th at Bloomington. And details will be coming out shortly.

Gary said the state called the meeting.

Dave said yes.

Bev said and you do plan to be there.

Dave said I do I will be leaving early Friday morning to be down there.

Gary said is the 25th a Friday.

Dave said Friday.

Gary said and then on Saturday.

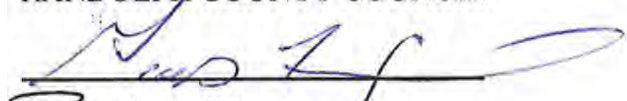
Dave said yeah I've got to go down early because they want to talk to me.

Adjournment

Rick made a motion to adjourn. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Meeting adjourned.

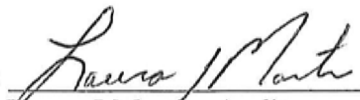
Reviewed and accepted this 2 day of August, 2022.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COUNCIL



 Ricky Brown

 Cheryl Fields

ATTESTED: 
Laura J Martin, Auditor