

Randolph County Commissioners/Council Joint meeting

October 18, 2021

The Randolph County Commissioners met at their regular meeting at 9:00AM in the Commissioners and Council Room in the Courthouse with the following members present: Board President Michael Wickersham, Tom Chalfant and Gary Girton. Council President Gary Friend, Rick Brown, Tom Kerns, Max Holaday, David Lenkensdofer, Missy Williams and Beverly Fields. Also present was Randolph County Auditor Laura J Martin, Sheriff Art Moystner and Attorney Tom Cockerill.

Michael Wickersham & Gary Friend, President presided over the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

LIT Increase Public Hearing

Gary said this is a joint session of the Randolph County Commissioner's and the Randolph County Council. Before we start that joint session, I will open this meeting up for the Randolph County Council for a public hearing on an ordinance to raise the LIT tax .05%, one half of one percent. At this time anybody that would like to come forward and have a discussion on this feel free to come forward and sign your name. I will wait a minute or so and if nobody comes forward we will close the public hearing and open our general meeting.

Gary said we will now close the public hearing, nobody has come forward or has even indicated so. The public hearing about the LIT tax is now closed.

Gary said we will now open our general meeting, a joint session of the Commissioner's and the Council.

ARPA fund Plan

Gary said we need to discuss, we have about \$2.1 million that's lost revenue based on our report. What are the feelings of everybody on how we should proceed.

Mike said we have \$2.1 million to spend based on lost revenue. We have another \$2.6 million to spend for specific projects. We heard one this morning of a request for \$400,000.00 for Union City water infrastructure. The Mayor of Winchester happened to be in our meeting and after that meeting he emailed me and I think Gary Girton and maybe Tom was included on that email. He's got another subdivision north of town on Old 27 that has, I didn't count the lots but needs both sewer and water infrastructure put into it. As I understand the ARPA funding, you can support water projects to new homes if it's a platted subdivision or planned development. So, that qualifies for ARPA funds. We also discussed this morning with running fiber to our central communications tower at the highway department which would serve two purposes, it would run fiber to that tower, or really three, and it would open up more connectivity to residences between 100 South and new 27 and then it would also....

Laura said Winchester Speedway.

Mike said that is another, and then fiber to Winchester Speedway was suggested this morning as well as an economic development project. If you run fiber and you have enough homes that can take advantage

of that then those funds would qualify for ARPA funds as well. So, those are some of the things that are coming from the communities regarding the spending of the ARPA funds. I think your well aware that we've also already considered the L&M Water District to match their grant and at the time we discussed it we talked about loaning it to them but I do not believe we can loan ARPA funds, it's either a grant or you don't give it. That spends that \$2.6 pretty quick. I thought tonight we were looking at the \$2.1 to consider something in the way of salaries for those people that qualify for that.

Gary said part of it, is should it be given, a bonus pay. On the cities requesting, did they get their own ARPA funding.

Mike said they would yes and Bob McCoy did indicate in his email that he's going to use his ARPA funds for some of this project. He didn't say how much he was going to need, he just wanted us to be aware that, that project is there and might do something down the road and indicated that he was going to use some of his ARPA funds for the project. I don't know how much. Chad didn't really say if he was using his ARPA funds or not and we didn't ask him. He didn't talk about sewer, he talked about infrastructure generally. When they were on the agenda for the first of October, Monte had indicated it was water infrastructure. So, I don't know how they are going to run sewer out there, it's north of the school on Plum Street.

Dave said the sewer plant is directly behind it.

Mike said he might be using his ARPA funds for that, I don't know.

Dave said I would recommend that they have some sort of match.

Mike said the third reason to run fiber out to the central tower, that would give us an opportunity to connect the highway department to the rest of the courthouse system. Right now, the Highway Department is on their own out there with its own email system and its own internet system and if we ran fiber out there they could become part of our system here.

Dave said the numbers I saw on that Mike, correct me if I'm wrong, would require a bid process.

Mike said what we decided this morning was to turn the whole thing over to Adam to develop a bid document for us for Meeks to review and see if that works and then we would put it out to bid and see what kind of a cost were looking at.

Gary asked on the \$2.6 I think the county could easily use it for our own needs all the way through. Not to ignore the cities and towns, we have communities with no sewer out there that we got to really be thinking about. Out by the airport, out by Modoc and Losantville. The way I look at it, I would want to be sure before any of the cities and towns come for the funding that Randolph County has to use, that they have exercised all of theirs. We could probably just as easy use all of ours on our infrastructure. Anybody else have any thoughts on that?

Tom Kerns said I agree. I assume we can use this on bridges and such too.

Mike said no, we cannot. Infrastructure is broadband, sewer and water. That is pretty much it as I understand it. It has to qualify for the CWSRF or the DWSRF and that permits new water main extensions to serve existing residents not served by safe supply of water and that's what our advisor indicated but then she also checked with Jim McGough at the IFA which is the Indiana Financial Authority that I think controls the distribution of that money and he said under an SRF program, if it's a new area, if the area is platted, if its not, it can only go to existing residents. Like L&M Water would be a

repair for a project which qualifies. Union City if that's just laying out there in a field, that wouldn't qualify until it went through the process to plat the lots out. I think they said they've got Area Planning approval on that subdivision.

Gary said Winchester's, out north of town, is it plotted yet?

Mike said he had a drawing, I think it's pretty new. The other thing this money can sit around for a good while.

Gary said yes it can.

Dave asked where are we at on broadband, was that discussed today?

Mike said the only thing we were requested to do this morning was to establish the amount of rent we would charge for an ISP user on the tower. The broadband consultant, Tower King kind of indicated that before they could go further they wanted that number so they could market in in that way. Building it I'm not sure where we are. I think maybe Gary can share that.

Gary Girton said they are moving forward with getting the paper work for the one they are going to build on the Davis Purdue Farm. Purdue has agreed to go to their attorneys.

Dave said that's good there but my interest is can we use the ARPA funds to do those broadband towers?

Mike said no. Whatever you do to use those ARPA funds you have to provide faster speeds than those towers are going to offer.

Dave asked what were those speeds?

Mike said I want to say it was 100 up and 100 down.

Dave said actually I ask that question in our Council meeting, Bev and Missy were there. It's actually 100 down and 20 up would qualify. I talked to another gentleman that does broadband and we'd have to find somebody and maybe Adam needs to get involved to see if that can be handled. I think the 20 up is the main concern. I checked mine at home, it's 115 down, I have Spectrum and 11 up and I have no trouble getting zoom meetings at home.

Mike said I am operating on what I was told. I was advised that you can't get that speed without fiber.

Dave said that is probably correct if it's 100 down and 100 up but the ARPA funds do qualify with 100 down and 20 up. That came from Lisa Lee at Ice Miller at our conference back in September. I don't know who's right and who's wrong.

Mike said the first tower is being paid for with EDIT funds.

Gary Girton said we just need to listen and see what's out there and then discuss specific items later. As you said we can easily spend all this on the county. Excluding the two cities. We've already talked about in previous discussion of putting some money aside either from the windmills or solar or something to the potential projected revamping of the Modoc, Losantville sewage system. I think we need to look at as many issues as we have and then start prioritizing. Come up with them and then see how much money we can commit to their part of the funding and what we can do to help contribute.

Rick said when I was reading through this one of the first things they talk about is public health emergency response and the negative economic impacts. Has any of that been taken into consideration. Does the Health Department have what they need? Do we need to check with them to see if they have any needs? This is one of the main reasons we are getting the funds anyway. Just a thought. I know they are getting a lot of grants but when those grants go away, what is left.

Tom Chalfant said I agree with you about looking at our own needs. That's our charge to the county. I don't think I need to remind you but we are getting ready to hire a highway engineer hopefully starting November 1st. I think we are very fortunate to have probably one of the premier bridge engineers in the state with experience. Really, no sense hiring him if we can't give him the money to work. We've got about \$350,000 or so in our bridge cum fund but he could easily use \$1 million a year fixing bridges. We've got 40 some bridges to go to federal aid, he could fix a lot of these himself, he could hire an engineering firm and we can bypass the bid process. We just need to remember that we need to try to come up with six or seven hundred thousand dollars a year for the next 10-years to go with our bridge cum fund to really utilize his expertise in fixing our bridges that are in dire need. We are going to be closing more and more bridges over the next five, ten years if we don't really work at it.

Gary said we can't use any of this.

Tom Chalfant said yes but everybody is going to have their wish list and if we don't take care of ourselves and we take care of everybody else.

Bev said it would be curious to know the cost of some of the projects that are on this list. Then prioritize and get some idea of some costs would really help.

Gary said the broadband for the race track, that was solicited by New Lisbon, wasn't it?

Mike said it was more of an economic development.

Tom Chalfant said the question is what guarantee's that track will stay open and viable, five, ten, 15 years from now for that investment. There are a lot of homes there, but if the main reason is to do it for the track, is that track going to stay in operation and how do we know that.

Mike said and those homes may not be underserved now. If you have a reliable service out on 32, its not going to be fiber and it may not be Comcast cable but it could still be fast enough that it's not an underserved area so it would not qualify for ARPA funds.

Missy said I think we need a list of projects and what the expense is going to be and then determine what would get the best exposure and completion rate for the county. I think that may involve helping Union City and Winchester with some housing projects also. We know we need housing, were going to bring people to the county, we know we have to have someplace they can live. What I would like to see is to come up with a list.

Gary said the issue with the housing project is if they throw it into a TIF, were 20 years before we ever see anything from it. All the gain goes to the Redevelopment Commissions and the county doesn't get to recognize it.

Mike asked are we certain they are doing that?

Gary said no.

Mike said it would qualify.

Gary said for a TIF?

Mike said if we put \$400,000.00 into your project then were going to get tax revenue out of it.

Gary said it would definitely be a good point of discussion. I know the one that is going up out by the golf course could very well end up in a TIF. As a way to even fund the infrastructure part of it.

Mike said I am curious, you mentioned east of town on 32 as a county project, are you thinking that might be something we connect the sewer at the YMCA and run on out to the airport and then the airport gets the benefit of that sewer and Shaded Acres houses.

Gary said yes and I was thinking of Indian Trail lakes of how can that hook into the system that may go to Losantville and Modoc type of thing. Those projects are within our county boundaries and we could use all that money taking care county residents because cities and town have their own structure to build with. Sometimes I think when we get a lot of things going here were looking for our own way to create revenue. I've never known a city or town to help the county build one thing. Maybe that's the way it has to be, I don't know. As we know there's a lot to talk about, think about.

Dave said I had a message about the fiber at the highway, its \$225,000 and then Winchester Speedway is \$250,000.00.

Mike said that's without bidding.

Dave said that's correct.

Gary said the more difficult part of the conversation is the \$2.1 lost revenue. The \$2.1 lost revenue is almost nonrestrictive, if it fell within any boundary of expenditure for county general it's open for use. Does anybody disagree with that?

Tom Kerns asked what's the timing on that, when does it have to be spent by?

Laura said it all has to be spent by the end of 2026 and we have to have a plan in place, I want to say by the end of 2024 but I would have to check those dates for sure. Which Commissioner's set up the plan and then Council appropriates the money. That is why we were having the joint session. Barnes and Thornburg said that if we send them a list of things we is basically our wish list for those funds, they would draft that plan for us and then send it back for Commissioner's approval.

Dave said Angela graciously gave me a report tonight, I would really like to review that before making a decision on how to spend that money. I want to know where the losses were. This should show us.

Mike said I wasn't at your Council meeting when it was brought up that Madison chose to pay premium pay to everybody across the board. It would be hard for me to distinguish a non-essential employee from an essential employee.

Gary said me too.

Mike said although some employee's have higher risk than others. I think that's worth pursuing and worth discussing. I've not deciphered this either, although we received a copy of it. I went to the bottom line and saw how much money we could put in rainy day if we wanted.

Gary said we can't put any of it in rainy day.

Mike said I thought you said we could spend it anyway we want.

Gary said expenditures out of county general but we can't put it in rainy day.

Mike said unless the Council is concerned about the level of pay that our employees have gotten, I think it could use some deep thought. If you think we need to go ahead and act that way, I would like to see a proposal from Council on how you want to spend some or all of that money on wages. We have roughly 160 employees.

Laura said we have right around 245 total employees but some of those are part-time and we just raised part-time pay, so I don't think that was even being thought about.

Mike said one way to look at it is every department head, I don't know how you do it other than establish an amount or let the department heads choose the amount for the employee. I know the Sheriff has an interest in longevity pay that's based upon the structure of his office and I think if we ask him, hypothetically if we gave him an average number per employee and say this is the total for your department, you bring us a plan on how you want to spend that. Do that with the Clerk's office, do that with the Auditor's office and see where that takes us. That's just an idea of something we could do, the other way is that everybody gets the same amount across the board, every full-time employee, every part time employee.

Gary said we have to deal with the logistics to of how, what we have already done is considered special pay because you can't do both.

Mike said I understand that. I think our attorney should guide us through that. If we can tell them what were planning to do and tell them what we have done and see if that fits. If they say that doesn't fit then we would have to redo that. I think if were going to consider premium pay for some or all the employees, we have to have a plan on how were going to do that. I'm not sure we can treat every employee the same because every employee has not had the same risk and every office, I don't think we can treat them the same either but I don't feel comfortable choosing who gets what, I think that should be the department head and trust the department head to treat their people, if were not going to go even across the board, I think there should be some way to determine the best solution for each office. That's one way to look at it, I don't know if there are others. That might be too complicated.

Gary said I don't think all \$2.1 million should be considered for pay.

Mike said I wasn't considering that, that's why I didn't mention a number. If were going to consider any pay, we have to have a way to do it and it needs to be equitable.

Dave said another question, at the AIC we had a special break out session on ARPA monies and Lisa Lee was one of the moderators of it, she's an attorney with ICE Miller and she felt that not all departments would qualify as essential workers. She advised us to get with either our local attorney or if we've hired somebody to consult with. So, I agree with you Mike, I think somehow, we need to come up with who is and who isn't and go from there with the plan.

Max said I looked at the Association of Indiana Counties 2020 fact book and compared our county wages at different positions and we are kind of all over the board, we have some positions where we rank number 1 in our pier group and we have some where we rank at the bottom. To say that across the board

award the same amount to everybody, I don't think that is really what we, I'm just saying I'm not sure that I want to do that. I think we need to take a good look at how we compare and try to make things equitable.

Gary said I do to. My point is I think all employees are essential or we wouldn't have them.

Max said I don't disagree.

Gary said in Madison they used the term public facing and Barnes and Thornburg said if that's something we want to consider we should get a hold of them.

Missy said what's public facing mean?

Gary said I think it means service to the public.

Mike said this email that Veronica sent from Barnes and Thornburg. "ARPA defines essential workers as those workers needed to maintain continuity of operations of essential, critical infrastructure sectors and additional sectors as each Chief Executive Officer of a metropolitan city, non-entitlement unit of global government or county may designate as critical to protect the health and well being of the residents of the metropolitan city, non-entitlement unit and local government or county". I guess I'm not sure of any department that we said close. I think we told them to keep the departments open through the whole thing, so I don't know how you can't call them essential.

Gary said I agree, clear down to the janitors who were dealing with places people touched.

Mike said I would disagree with the gal from Ice Miller.

Dave said she did mention one department and that was highway. They questioned that, if it was essential or not. I think we need to run it through our local attorney and our hired attorney to see what's qualified and what's not. I'm like Gary and you, I think they are all essential. What we don't want to get into is pay back.

Gary said on the \$2.1 million, here's what I was looking for. The final rule gives recipients broad latitude to use funds for provisions of government services to the extent of reduction in revenue. Government services can include but are not limited to maintenance of infrastructure or pay those building new infrastructure including roads, modernization of cyber security including hardware, software and protection of critical infrastructure. Health services, environmental remediation, other police, fire and public safety. However, paying principal or interest or replenishing rainy day or other reserve fund or paying settlement or judgements would not be considered provision of government service since these uses of funds do not intel direct provision of service to citizens. We can actually use part of the \$2.1 million to build a bridge if we want to.

Gary Girton said we need to spend more time to get this put together, I am not opposed to putting this into salaries but I'm not in favor of putting it all there unless were sure that, that's based on our knowledge of what is the best way to spend the money because I think we need to help our employees because they aren't paid the best but I'm not sure right now for what I'm seeing on the table that that's where we want to put everything.

Dave said we've got plenty of time, we don't have to hurry into it.

Tom Kerns said I would love to see, if we can spend that on bridges, that would set that up to get that started.

Mike said as far as study, I think we need to rely on department heads to tell us. It just came to mind, I think the Prosecutor's office closed on their own accord. I don't know if those employees were paid or not. If they were, that would be different than another office that stayed open and were paid. If we could see that in front of us, it might be helpful to distribute funds.

Laura said I will say on the plan that we are being asked to put together, it's basically a tentative plan and can be changed. So, once we put the plan together and submit it, if we want to change that we can.

Gary said I would imagine that this will be on the Council's agenda over and over again as we discuss it. The Commissioners are in charge of the Ordinance and the council funds it. At all times we need to be thinking as a joint body while dealing with these funds.

Tom asked where is this money coming from?

Gary said United States debt.

Art asked just for clarification, you talked about the \$2.1 which is the lost revenue versus the \$2.6 which is held to the standards. In hearing the discussion, it sounds like were looking at the essential employee part coming out of the \$2.1 which is less restricted and my understanding from what I am reading is that would be able to come out of the \$2.6. That is one of the four things that you are permitted to spend that on. That is a clarification that I am looking for because you are looking at spending it out of the \$2.1 for that which you would be able to spend for lots of things for this county that's less restricted versus that \$2.6 which is tied up to the four, but one of the four is to give it to the essential workers.

Gary said right, that's a good point.

Art said the \$2.6 is very restricted to you where the \$2.1, especially with as many employees, if you decided to go that route. I would rather see it come out of the more restrictive than the less restrictive fund.

Ridgeville Public Library Budget Adoption

Gary said we have the Ridgeville Public Library and as stated before this was not a mistake made by the Council or Ridgeville. It is a SBOA issue. We had the public hearing at the Council meeting for this.

Rick made a motion to pass the Ridgeville Public Library budget on the first reading. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

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

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

LIT Ordinance 2021-16

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-16
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF RANDOLPH COUNTY,
INDIANA MODIFYING LOCAL INCOME TAX RATES**

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Randolph County, Indiana, that the following the Local Income Tax ("LIT") rates imposed within the County shall be modified in the following way:

Allocation Rate Category	Existing LIT Rate	New LIT Rate
Certified Shares (IC 6-.6-6)	1.25%	1.75%
Property Tax Relief (IC 6-3.6-5)	.50%	.50%
Public Safety (IC 6-3.6-6)	.25%	.25%
Economic Development (IC 6-3.6-6)	.25%	.25%
Special Purpose Rate (IC 6-3.7-7)	.25%	.25%
Correctional or Rehabilitation Facilities (IC 6-3.6-6-2.7)	.00%	.00%
TOTAL	2.50%	3.00%

The new local income tax rates proposed above shall become effective on January 1, 2021 and will remain in effect until modified by ordinance of the County Council.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a public hearing was held on the proposed local income tax rate modifications on October 18, 2021. Proper notice was provided pursuant to IC 5-3-1.

Tom Kerns made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2021-16. Max seconded.

Gary asked is there any further discussion? I will just call out the votes.

Gary voted aye, Rick voted no, Bev voted no, Missy voted aye, Tom voted aye, Max voted aye, Dave voted no.

Gary said it's 4/3 for the first reading. Motion carried. We will not ask for a suspension of the rules tonight, we have other meeting set up. What are those dates?

Laura said October 25 and October 27th at 7:00 pm.

Salary Study Committee

Gary said we have a salary study committee that the Sheriff has brought up. Mike did you bring this up with the Commissioner's as well.

Mike said it was not on our agenda.

Art said the Council talked about it, it was suggested that we talk about it tonight. Whether we set up a committee to look at salaries.

Gary said it goes along with what we have been discussing. Do we want to build an official committee for that? It can be one Commissioner and up to three Council, it would be an advertised meeting and public is allowed.

Mike said if it is an advertised meeting it can be more than one Commissioner.

Gary said we will be meeting in November. Do we want to establish the members that we'll have on there? Or do we want to just discuss it in our regular Council meetings?

Mike said I'm not following that.

Gary said the committee can just be Council, we can discuss it with department heads at our Council meetings if we choose to or we can have a committee and just discuss what the committee found. I'm just throwing out options. Do Commissioner's want to talk about it at their next meeting?

Mike said we will discuss it at our next meeting. I don't think that would work for us. I think adding that to our agenda would make our morning too long and we would be limited to the number of department heads that we could talk to. I think the committee structure for me would be better.

Gary said it would be for the Council too, I just threw that out as a possibility.

Mike said I would say that the Commissioner's will determine who their member of the committee will be at our next meeting.

Gary said the Council can determine who our members of the committee will be at our next meeting. Which will be the day after your meeting.

Rick asked how many department heads are we going to include on that committee?

Tom Kerns said I don't think we include any, they are just invited to talk to the committee.

Coroner Transfer from Lab fees to Autopsy fees \$1000.00

Gary said the Coroner has requested a transfer, he is out of funds for autopsies.

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

EMS Transfer from Gas-Fuel-Oil to Motor Vehicle Repair \$6000.00

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

Sherri Thompson - Health Department Grant application

Sherri said I spoke to the Commissioner's this morning, the grant is to hire two part time people to be a liaison for the schools, support them, make sure they meet their deadlines, their vaccines for the kids.

Gary said it is not a reimbursable grant, it's an upfront grant?

Sherri said yes.

Rick said it is what they call deliverable, as soon as they hire the people, the money comes in and they can spend it.

Angela said do you still need job descriptions and who determines the salaries?

Sherri said we are working on the salaries right now, there is no stipulation in there as far as what we can pay to who. What were looking at is possibly a nurse for one and then and admin for the other.

Angela said I wondered if our Council had to determine the salary.

Sherri said sure.

Tom said I would think it would need to be part of the salary ordinance.

Mike asked would they be independent contractors or will they actually be employees of the health department.

Sherri said it doesn't say.

Ricks said it can be however you want to do it.

Tom Chalfant said they are part-time so there wouldn't be any benefits with it, it would just be straight salary.

Gary said if it's a contract, it wouldn't be a salary ordinance issue.

Mike said if it's not and it becomes a salary ordinance with part-time people, it's already established how much people get paid.

Rick said I think they can be contract employees.

Sherri said I do believe that is how Dr. Sowinski was going to do this.

Gary said contract?

Sherri said yes.

Dave made a motion to approve this grant applications. Max seconded. 6 aye votes/ Rick abstained.

Mike Wickersham – Additional appropriation for Tourism

Mike said I would like to revisit your decision from your last meeting in not approving the additional appropriation by the Tourism Commission, \$20,000.00 for the Tourism salary paid to Randolph County United. We approved that additional appropriation at our meeting on the 4th of October and we went ahead and approved a claim on that day for that \$20,000.00 anticipating that the money would be there to pay it. Really, our approval was based upon the Tourism Commissions decision to do that back in March at their meeting and they unanimously agreed that, that \$20,000.00 should go to Randolph County United for the payment of Scottie's salary. I am just not quite understanding why the appropriation wasn't approved. This is the first time I have experienced an unapproved appropriation, I am just curious as to why?

Gary said it came out to a 2 aye/ 3 nay/ 1 abstention vote. You don't have to but Bev if you want to explain your thoughts on it?

Bev said is that the way she has always been paid?

Mike said no, this was a new request from Randolph County United that the Tourism Commission help with the salary this year. Ceann took that to the Tourism Commission in March and they agreed to fund that.

Bev said I am clearer now, but I wasn't clear as to whether or not. It sounded different for some reason, historically on how that position was paid. That's why I voted against.

Mike said I think part of the reason it was asked for, it was asked for as part of Randolph County United's reduction in their budget. They reduced their budget from County EDIT funds and part of that reduction was made up by tourism paying more for tourism than they have in the past. That's where the \$20,000.00

came from and the budget was reduced by more than \$20,000.00 but this helped make up that deficit for Randolph County United's budget. They didn't take it right away because they were just using their own funds but the year's about up and it's time to reimburse Randolph County United's budget to pay that salary. That's what I recall. It really all goes back, it was either this year or last year that we separated out the tourism portion of the Randolph County United budget as well, there's a separate Randolph County United Tourism claim each month because tourism does get some funds or we do support tourism in the Randolph County United's budget out of EDIT funds. I think its \$36,000.00. Tourism don't contribute anything towards the tourism expenses. They spend all their money on marketing and so EDIT supports Tourism to the tune of \$36,000.00 and this is the first year, you are correct, that tourism has supported tourism personnel or any other office related expenses that are not marketing. That is why the request was made and the request was approve, it was unanimous. The department said please do this and we agreed and I just don't understand why Council said were not going to let you do that.

Gary said Max do you want to add anything?

Max said I will give you my reason, we're already short on funds and I wasn't to wild about another department deciding they were going to stop funding something and let us fund it. That opens the door for other things.

Mike said the funds were coming out of the tourism, innkeepers tax fund, they're not short, they have a lot of money.

Max said I'm saying that Randolph County United opted to reduce the budget and not pay that right and shift the expense to us and were already short.

Mike asked who's us?

Max said the County general fund.

Mike said it is coming out of the tourism, innkeepers' tax.

Max said then I misunderstood, I thought it was coming out of general.

Mike said they reduced their budget in anticipation of tourism supporting this.

Max said then I don't have a problem with it, I misunderstood.

Bev said I wasn't clear either.

Gary said this is an allowable expense of the tourism funding. To reconsider it would take Max and/or Bev, one to motion and one to second to bring it up for another vote.

Max made a motion that we approve the Tourism additional appropriation of \$20,000.00. Bev seconded. Six aye votes. Missy abstained. Motion carried.

Mike said thank you.

Gary said we have competed our agenda. Before we adjourn does anybody have anything to add.

Dave said we are forming a legislative committee with the state of Indiana County Councils and we are getting ready to meet. It is for legislation coming forward. If there is any legislation that you would like

