

Randolph County Commissioners

December 29, 2022

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. Also present was Randolph County Auditor Laura J Martin, Sheriff Art Moystner and County Attorney Meeks Cockerill.

Michael Wickersham, President presided over the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Other Business:

Payroll Claims \$ 230,186.14

Mike said first item of business is our payroll claims in the amount of \$230,186.14. I'd entertain a motion to approve the payroll claims.

Gary made a motion to approve. Tom seconded. Motion carried.

Payroll Expense Claims \$267,095.65

Mike said next item is the payroll expense claim and that's in the amount of \$267,095.65. I'd entertain a motion to approve the payroll expense claim.

Gary made a motion to approve. Tom seconded. Motion carried.

Regular Claims \$1,128,813.55

Mike said that brings us to our regular claims, end of year regular claims dated 12/29/22 in the amount of \$1,128,813.55. If there's no corrections or comments about the claim, I'd entertain a motion to approve them.

Gary made a motion to approve. Tom seconded. Motion carried.

J&K Communications Claim \$5,000.00

Mike said next item is the J&K Communications, the retainage claim of \$5,000.00 for the communications project. Are we ready to approve this claim?

Gary said I haven't had any communication in the last week, 10 days with Chris other than, for weather conditions, so I think we still need to hold it until he gives us an okay.

Mike said I'm okay with tabling it. Want to table it Tom.

Tom said yes.

Mike said we'll table that.

EMS Training Contract

Mike said the next item is the EMS training contract which Duane provided us a copy of completed by Ethan St Myers, a cost of \$3,500.00. And Ethan St Myers has signed it, and Duane has signed it, that's the chief emergency medical services. This is a contract we reviewed earlier. Is there any questions or comments about this contract? I'd entertain a motion to approve the contract.

Gary made a motion to approve. Tom seconded. Motion carried.

Head Start modification approval letter

Mike said we have the Head Start approval letter. I think Jake raised one concern about this.

Tom said locking escape doors.

Mike said yeah. And I'm not sure if we've got an answer to that or not yet.

Laura said he's not told me, so I don't know.

Mike said well we probably ought to reach out to, or have Jake reach out to.

Tom said well he was going to reach out to them I think.

Mike said we don't know whether he's responded to that.

Laura said well I think he sent them an email because he cc'd on it. But he didn't, as far as I know, get a response.

Mike said well if we don't know yet, we probably shouldn't move on it. Would you agree with that Tom?

Tom said yes.

Mike said Gary.

Gary said yes.

Mike said okay. We'll table that until we find out whether to move on it.

Laura said okay.

Mike said that brings us to the end of our agenda. Laura do you have something for us.

Laura said permanent minutes.

Mike said permanent minutes. Anything else this morning.

Laura said no that's it.

Mike said Meeks do you have anything for us.

Meeks Cockerill – DCS rental contract

Meeks said yeah just a couple of things. DCS, we're still trying to get a contract with them. They don't like the layout of the space. I don't know if you have a copy on that or not. And so, they're going to give us a work out of what they would like to see, I guess. I guess they would want us to do it, but they would pay for it through a three-year lease. So, I told them sure, tell us what you want.

Mike said well I'd like to see what they want first.

Meeks said yeah, I mean I basically told them I, we'll certainly entertain it, but I'm not sure that we'll go through with it.

Mike said okay.

Meeks said so when I get that back, I'll send it to Jake and see what he thinks.

Mike said okay.

Meeks said I sent in my contract and that would be something that you guys were going to look at. If you have any questions about it, let me know. But it's the numbers that Laura gave me, so I hope they are right.

Laura said they're right off the salary ordinance.

Meeks said and then, I have asked Luke Britt to come to speak in Randolph County. He has agreed to come and speak to Randolph County. I think we need it from all these people coming and recording and being disruptive. The question I would come is would it be okay if things worked out to use this room to have him do this speech. I guess that's a formal request if that works out. I want all those agitators listening to what Luke Britt says. So, either here, the Beeson, or the community room over here.

Mike said how many do you expect.

Meeks said I don't know. I can get, I'd like to see most of the council and all the commissioners, and all the, you know, I think we can get a bunch of Union City people. And I think we can get the Winchester, I mean that's six.

Mike said it only holds 50.

Meeks said yeah that's why I was thinking over there.

Mike said I'd say schedule-wise, if you want to use this room, I don't have any problem with that.

Meeks said okay.

Mike said is it you or is it.

Meeks said it's the Bar Association.

Mike said Bar Association.

Meeks said I'm going to see of Rotary will maybe, does Kiwanis want to sponsor too. I'm trying to get two or three sponsors.

Mike said come and ask.

Meeks said I'd like to get two or three, you know, sponsors. The Winchester Foundation, Chris didn't think that was as, I don't know, with the mission of the Winchester Foundation. I'm not, so I did ask them, but I have not asked Kiwanis.

Tom said how about the Liberty Foundation. Do you think that.

Meeks said well I wouldn't really think.

Mike said why don't you ask Dane to ask the Liberty.

Meeks said I will ask. I was thinking of that.

Mike said because they've got deep pockets.

Meeks said yeah, I mean, what's it cost to rent that room over.

Mike said \$450.00, I think

Meeks said yeah, I think you could fit more people in here than the Beeson can.

Mike said I think you would be more comfortable here.

Tom said you can't hear very well in the Beeson.

Meeks said you can't hear well.

Mike said and you probably could get 50 plus another, I don't know what the capacity is.

Tom said yeah we could overload it. We could put a 100 in here I think.

Mike said 75 probably.

Meeks said if you'd get probably 10 or 15 of the public though have been complaining a lot, but then I would think, is what I was, I think that would be a good turnout. I mean, I would be happy with that.

Mike said it would be.

Tom said aren't public buildings supposed to have the fire number posted.

Meeks said I'm not sure. Okay well I'll use this as the backup. I just wanted to ask.

Mike said okay. Is that it.

Meeks said that's a good question about Dane. That's a good, I'll email him today. That is, it for me.

Mike said do you have anything Tom.

Tom Chalfant – Farmland EMS Building

Tom said yeah, I guess I'm trying to tie up all my loose ends. Danny Houston is working on building an ambulance station in Farmland. He said he's going to get on it right away. So, hopefully, that'll come to fruition pretty soon. And the, I talked with J.D.

Mike said did you make promises to him.

Tom said I said well, yeah, I said I don't know the length of time, but \$1,000 a month, we'd be willing to pay \$1,000 a month, and I didn't specify any length of time. And it's probably going to be, he's going to use the old car wash. It's not going to be a house that he could probably rent very well. But he's going to add a garage to the back that will accommodate an ambulance, and room to add another one possibly later if we want to. I don't know whether I should ask him about building, if it would be cheaper to build two, be cheaper to build two bays than one added on. I don't know whether, I know Duane wants that.

Mike said two bays.

Tom said yeah.

Mike said why would they want two bays.

Tom said have a spare.

Mike said okay.

Meeks said all I would say if you do talk to him again, for a long-term lease, over three years, that has to go before the council.

Tom said yeah, and I don't think it'll be a problem, but he didn't mention a time frame.

Mike said as far as I'm concerned, he's giving him a one-month lease.

Meeks said well I'm just saying if you talk to him again, and if he wants more than three years.

Tom said and I talked with J.D. Prescott more about those options where he's trying to write legislation to exempt us from appraisals on that property. And I told him we weren't interested eminent domain. The LSA people you know, we're talking \$120,000. I guess they probably think what's the big deal. You know, but I'm saying that would kill the deal if we had to spend \$120,000. I mean so that wouldn't, we're just not going to do it. So hopefully, that'll be in the works this year. And, I don't think we've got well the, I guess I'd still like to build a lean to on the back of that open front building because I don't think our tenant is going to, he's back, he's behind six months, and he's offered to build us a lean to and pay off for it, like four months rent. But I think he's in financial trouble. I don't see him being a long-term tenant. And he's got a little bit of a mess out there. So, he's going to try to clean it up he told me. But, he doesn't have any financing in place yet. So anyway, that's going to be a problem going forward I think.

Mike said and that lean to would be for him or us.

Tom said for us, at the new barn. That way we could empty everything out of that facility that Mike says he doesn't have room for. He would, I think, yeah, I think he's capable of building the lean to, just an open front, two-sided. He mentioned like 96 feet for about 12,000, 11 or 12,000 worth of material. And he would provide the labor to build it. And it's about 20-foot-wide by 96 foot long. That would give, Joe, is he the one, he's, we're getting a lot more culvert and bridges, he needs a lot of material under roof too that he buys. Some of the plastic stuff that needs to be out of the sun. So anyway, we're probably not, you know, a little shorthanded on storage out there.

Mike said well I think the first thing we probably do is have Mike or Joe draw up a plan of what they're planning to do and where it is, and how it's going to look. And is this, other than sheds, does this guy build anything else.

Tom said that's about all he builds now is just sheds, garden sheds and different types. Some of them are pretty big.

Mike said I could build a lean too but I'm not sure I'd want the county to hire me to build a lean to.

Tom said yeah, well I think he could. A lean to could be a lot easier to build than the things he's building now. We just put a post, put a post on the other side of the back side, put a post twenty foot out, and then put probably a two by twelve across it. We'd have about like 14 ½ foot down

to maybe 12 foot so there would be a good slope. And we'd still have probably 14-foot clearance.

Mike said is the lean-to roof going to tie into the building's roof or is it going to lay under it.

Tom said it would lay under it. It would be about four feet underneath it. Probably take the gutter and move the gutter.

Mike said that joining would be pretty critical. Well we could ask Mike to give us a plan and Joe.

Tom said yeah maybe Joe would be best to do that. That's about all I can think of now. I'm sure, feel free to call me if you have any questions about anything.

Mike said well we will. Gary do you have anything for us this morning.

Gary said I was going to ask Meeks on this, these properties in Winchester.

Meeks said yeah.

Gary said when are you wanting to act on that.

Meeks said I think they're going to, Winchester hasn't acted on those yet. So, after they do it, then you guys can do that. I talked to Danita. One of them is we needed to delete one of them. It's the Roger Miller one. I think it's the first one.

Mike said Roger Miller.

Meeks said they paid the taxes. We need to get it off of there.

Mike said the realtor.

Tom said so the other three are all.

Meeks said I know Roger paid it because his son told me he paid.

Mike said is that their office.

Meeks said I think it was the house beside them. I'm really good friends with the son. I'm like hey, what's going on, you told me you paid the taxes, it's on the list. He's like, I did, so it just didn't get processed. It didn't get processed. So there'll be about three others. Danita said we could do that because it's gone through one tax sale.

Mike said do what.

Meeks said transfer it to the city. And so those are all, so the first one wasn't an empty lot, the other three, I know are empty lots. And you know, I don't know what the city is going to do with them, probably try to give them to the neighbor. Maybe they could, lots of neighbors have been taking them and trying to.

Mike said maybe Jamie wants to buy the house next door and take the empty lot and put a new house there.

Meeks said yeah, they'll talk to Jamie about it. They'll talk to yeah, at one point, they had Habitat for Humanity, they had a bunch of empty lots they were going to give to them to build those houses. But that's where they're at right now. I figure the next meeting.

Mike said the sale is March 23rd.

Meeks said I'll update the resolution and send it out today.

Mike said anything else Gary.

Gary said no.

Mike said I don't have anything. Any citizen comments here this morning.

Citizen Comments (3 Minutes)

None

Adjournment

Mike said it's been a pleasure working with you Tom. Good luck tomorrow.

Tom said thank you.

Mike said Gary I'll see you next Tuesday.

Gary said yes.

Mike said have a happy new year.

Gary said you also.

Mike said Laura I'll see you Tuesday.

Laura said okay I'll be there.

Mike said I'd entertain a motion to adjourn.

Tom made a motion to adjourn. Gary seconded. Motion carried.

Reviewed and signed this 6 day of February, 2023.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Laura J Martin, Auditor of Randolph County