

## Randolph County Commissioners

December 4, 2023

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

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Pledge of Allegiance

### **Public Hearing Transfer of real estate**

Mike said first item on the agenda this morning is a public hearing for the transfer of real estate. And this is a transfer of real estate of Camp Yale/Camp Slingshot, from Randolph County to Open Arms Ministries. So, if anybody is interested in participating in this public hearing, they're welcome to come forward to the table here. And if you're going to speak on behalf of the, in opposition, and support, we ask that you sign in at the yellow pad at the table. And before we get started, I'll ask Laura if notice of the public hearing has been properly presented and the public has known.

Laura said yes.

Brent Brumfield said good morning commissioners. Thank you once again for having us here and I want to say what an opportunity it is, how we enjoyed the campground this year. I think you've all heard all that. Just want to say thank you to the community also. The community support has been great. And we take this opportunity seriously, plan on working on it very hard to make it something that will be helpful to our congregation, but to the community at large. And I believe it can be a great blessing to both.

Mike said and our attorney has prepared a memorandum of sale.

Meeks said yes, but we need to let everybody, whoever else wants to speak.

Mike said I understand. I was just going to ask them if they're in agreement with the memorandum of sale.

Brent Brumfield said yes.

Mike said okay. Is there anyone here from the public that would like to speak in support of this transfer of real estate to the Open Arms Ministry or in opposition to the transfer of the real estate to Open Arms Ministry. Well, hearing none, Gary, do you have any comments to make?

Gary Friend said no.

Mike said Gary Girton, do you have any thoughts or comments?

Gary Girton said no, I think I've said over the months, all I want to say I'm just pleased that they're taking charge of this facility and utilizing it the way I think it should be.

Mike said okay. Brent, do you have anything else to add? No, okay.

Gary Friend made a motion to close the public hearing. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Public hearing closed.

**Resolution 2023-26 Transferring real estate**

Mike said the Resolution 2023-26 is a resolution for the transfer of real estate in Randolph County, Indiana, and it is to transfer the property commonly known as the Camp Slingshot or Camp Yale, to the Open Arms House of Worship Church in Farmland.

RESOLUTION 2023-26

A RESOLUTION FOR THE TRANSFER OF REAL ESTATE  
RANDOLPH COUNTY, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners ("Board"), is empowered to determine that it is in the best interest of Randolph County to dispose of certain real estate within the County.

WHEREAS, Randolph County obtained certain real estate from The Randolph County Young Men's Christian Association, Inc. ("YMCA") on January 31, 2022, which deed is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", consisting of approximately 29 acres located at 2000 S Hwy 27, Winchester, IN 47394.

WHEREAS, Open Arms House of Worship Church, Inc. ("Open Arms") desires to obtain a portion of the real estate which shall be surveyed, and the surveyed legal description shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Real Estate".

WHEREAS, Open Arms desires to operate a religious and educational camp on the Real Estate. IC 36-1-11 et al does not apply to this transfer since Open Arms is an Indiana not-for-profit Corporation created for religious, educational, charitable and/ or recreational purposes and is exempt from federal income tax, see IC 36-1-11.1(b) and IC 36-1-11-5.6.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board that:

1. Randolph County shall transfer the Real Estate for no consideration to Open Arms, plus the costs of appraisal fees, title insurance, recording fees, survey costs and any other fees or costs associated with the transfer.

2. The Commissioners are fully empowered to negotiate the transfer of the Real Estate.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Gary Girton made motion to approve. Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Meeks said now the County Council will have their opportunity to approve this at their meeting tomorrow.

Mike said okay. They have a separate resolution?

Meeks said they have a separate resolution.

Mike said can we go ahead and act on the memorandum agreement?

Meeks said well I think we need the County Council's approval first.

Mike said okay, so we will not act on the memorandum then.

Brent Brumfield said is that 9:00 a.m. in this place also?

Meeks said right. And then, the next process after the County Council, when the commissioners meet again in two weeks from today, approve the rest of it.

Mike said do the memorandum of sale.

Robert Cook said would the agreement be signed then?

Meeks said that's when you'll sign. We really need the County Council to sign it, to approve it first.

Brent Brumfield said okay. Thank you.

Mike said okay. Thank you.

### **Council's update**

Mike said next item on the agenda is council's update. I see we have three. We have Mike, Bev and Missy. Any update from council this morning? Missy says no.

Bev said not me.

Mike said Mike and Bev say no. Okay.

### **Sherri Thompson and Tammy Pruitt – Training for CPR instructor**

Mike said next item is Tammy Pruitt, training for CPR instructor.

Tammy Pruitt said since, things are changing at the Health Department beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> with a new health commission, I'll be doing pretty much 100% of school liaison work. And I'm here asking, I can be trained as a CPR instructor for free, but there's some cost to it. And unfortunately, I need it paid for in advance. I don't have the money to get reimbursed and wait on it.

Sherri Thompson said so the amount would be for her and Wendy, because Wendy would like to do the, do it also, is about \$2,600.00 but that has to be paid for before she can take the class.

And normally, we don't pay for things until we have them in hand. So, that's why we're here to ask, if that's something that we could.

Mike said you have the money?

Sherri Thompson said we do have the money.

Mike said you just want permission to pay it?

Sheri Thompson said yes.

Tammy Pruitt said and it does go to separate, we have a list of separate places where you buy this and you get this, we'll have our own mannequins, our own digital everything. I've already got permission that if I need to go outside of the schools, you know, for teachers or whatever, I can always use the training center here, which is much appreciated. So, and I'll be teaching, helping two of the schools teach, Monroe Central and Randolph Eastern, actually go into the school and help those school nurses teach.

Mike said well it sounds like a good thing to do.

Gary Friend said your budget, you just need an additional appropriation approved right now?

Sherri Thompson said we have the money in our budget, in our grant to pay for it.

Gary Friend said the council would have to approve an additional appropriation I think. The commissioners would be involved if you wanted to use a different source of funding.

Sherri Thompson said right.

Gary Friend said but if you use your budget, your funding, you need council's approval.

Sherri Thompson said yeah, we're going to the council tomorrow also. We just wanted to make sure it was good with everyone.

Mike said I don't have any problems with it.

Gary Friend said I don't either.

Gary Girton said I think it's a good idea, a good move.

Mike said someone want to move approval?

Gary Friend made motion to approve. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Sherri Thompson said thank you. I do have another. If you look on down for the, Laura said it was okay to go ahead. For the appropriation for the Health Department, that appropriation is so that we could go ahead and hire our clinic nurse, because, that's going to be taking Tammy's place, that's just for the month of December. So, and then our other budget will take over.

Mike said okay. Well, we'll deal with that. I don't think we object to those

Laura said they are basically, she's asking to, she's approved to hire this person in January. She's asking can she hire her now and then she did an additional to cover the cost of that if we approve it.

Mike said so we need to approve the hiring of the clinic nurse? Your resources, you're moving out into the school.

Tammi Pruitt said I'll be in the office to help.

Sherri Thompson said to help train.

Tammi Pruitt said yeah, and then I'll be taking some other instructor classes to be in the schools more.

Sherri Thompson said but in January, they want the school liaison, the state wanted the school liaison to move into a full-time position. So, that's why Tammi will be moving into that, and that's why we needed the clinic nurse.

Mike said hiring the clinic nurse early for training purposes?

Sherri Thompson said yeah.

Gary Friend said the budget is the same?

Sherri Thompson said yes.

Gary Friend said and it's in next year's budget for the person full-time?

Sherri Thompson said yes.

Gary Friend made motion to approve the hiring of a clinic nurse. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Sherri Thompson said one other thing I wanted, I'm sorry. In January, and I can send out emails. I'll send it to Laura and she'll send it all out. But on January 12<sup>th</sup>, it's a Friday, Dr. Weaver will be coming to Randolph County at the Health Department. And they wanted us to extend the offer for all of you to come, if you'd like to come. And it's going to be January 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 3:00.

Mike said 2:00 to 3:00?

Sherri Thompson said uh huh.

Mike said okay. Thank you for the invite. Any questions of the ladies? Okay. Thank you. Have a good day.

**Jayson Puckett, SRI – Commissioner’s Certificate Sale**

Mike said Jayson Puckett.

Jayson Puckett said I’m just here today from SRI to answer any questions you might have about your commissioners’ sale. Been working with the Auditor and Treasurer on getting that set up. Today, if you guys approve, just need to have the resolution and contract addendum signed and then want to determine with the minimum bids are and the date that you’d like to hold the sale.

Mike said I think this looks pretty standard of what we’ve done in the past.

Jayson Puckett said that’s right, exactly the same as what we’ve used in years past.

Mike said and your fee is 15%?

Jayson Puckett said 15% of whatever is collected, yep.

Mike said whatever is collected. And your minimum in the past has been?

Jayson Puckett said I believe it’s been \$50.00. Is that right?

Laura said no, I think we’re at \$200.

Gary Girton said it’s \$200.

Jayson Puckett said okay, \$200. And as long as none of those properties, I don’t think they are, have a minimum bid or, the amount of tax sale that was less than that, we should be good on sticking with \$200.

Laura said and if I’m not wrong, Jayson, that 15% is added to the amount that’s collected for tax, right?

Jayson Puckett said it’s whatever you guys, so like, if the property is \$200.00, if it sells for a \$1,000, we’re going to take 15% of the \$800.00.

Laura said okay.

Jayson Puckett said the difference.

Mike said yeah, I think it’s always come out of the sale of proceeds, it’s rolled up.

Gary Friend said the taxes satisfied the court

Jayson Puckett said for a certificate sale, the taxes are not collected. They're actually going to be written off if they get sold. So, the idea here is not to collect the back taxes, but to hopefully get the properties in the hands of folks that will pay the taxes going forward.

Laura said so, basically, Gary, they go through tax sale first, and if they don't sell at tax sale, then we put them in the commissioners' sale.

Jayson Puckett said yeah, these are the unsold properties.

Mike said so we have a resolution 2023-30. This is a resolution establishing the intent to conduct a commissioners' sale for sale of tax certificates for property that is severely delinquent in payment of property taxes.

Gary Girton said I move we approve resolution 2023-30 as presented.

Mike said have a motion to approve 2023-30 as presented along with Exhibit A, and that's a list of several properties totaling \$149,043.69 in tax delinquencies.

Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said that resolution is passed and we have a commissioner sale, certificate sales service addendum to the SRI tax sale service agreement, which sets out SRI's fee of 15%, and I don't see anywhere in here where we determine that the minimum is \$200.00 per sale.

Jayson Puckett said it will go on the Exhibit A of your resolution.

Mike said okay. Is that something we want to stay with, at \$200.00? So, with that being said, I'd entertain a motion to sign the sales service addendum with our tax sale and with set amount that fee is 15%, and also that our minimum bid for each property would need to be \$200.00.

Gary Friend made motion to approve. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said so, when do we want to have it, if that's the next thing we need to decide?

Jayson Puckett said yeah, the only, the only real rule here we have is we've got some deadlines. We have to make sure we advertise for the sale and do all that good stuff. So, I would say the earliest we could do it right now would be the middle of February. So, anytime between the middle of February and let's say May 1<sup>st</sup>. I know Laura probably doesn't want to get too close to the tax collection date. So, anywhere in there would work for us, whatever works for you guys. And that can be determined after today, if that's not something you want to worry about today. Totally up to you.

Mike said typically, we do it in March don't we? Why don't we just give Laura the authority to check with her office and communicate with SRI as to what date's best?

Laura said that'll work.

Jayson Puckett said that works for me.

Mike said does that work for you, Gary?

Gary Girton said yes.

Mike said okay. Anything else for us Jason?

Jayson Puckett said I think we're good. Thank you so much.

**Steve Shoemaker, Union City – INDOT project**

Mike said Steve Shoemaker. I don't see Steve this morning.

**Andy Fahl, Marla Threewitts – 2024 Eclipse**

Mike said Andy Fahl and Marla Threewitts, 2024 Eclipse update.

Andy Fahl said good morning. Thanks for having us on the agenda. This is just an FYI information. There's been a group of Randolph County people that's met on a regular basis, and we've just taken it upon ourselves to get the county prepared for this event. And we've done, Marla has taken over and done a great job on this. We've done research with a similar county at the past eclipse to see what they did right, wrong, etc. We gleaned information from that. And I would tell you now that we have, they have websites, selling t-shirts. Marla's got one on today. And I think our mission here is to inform people in the county and get a group of vendors that will accommodate the flow of people. I think it's fair to say that Randolph County could double its population that day. So, it's an April event, a one-and-done. We don't have any do-over. But, as example, Friends Fellowship, Friends Church in Farmland has a plan to accommodate viewers, the fairgrounds, the racetrack. There're several places. So, we can give you a little bit of information. I also want to tell you that your department heads of law enforcement, emergency response have attended meetings. They're well aware of the situation that could present itself that day. They've done their jobs, and they've been there. They've had input, etc. So, I'll turn it over to Marla and feel free to answer questions. We'll answer what we know.

Marla Threewitts said I'd just like to say we all love Randolph County and love living here. But, most of you don't know that April 8<sup>th</sup>, we're going to be the epicenter of the universe. You would have to go to Texas to get it better than we're going to have it here. So, this is a big deal, especially for people who are really into solar eclipses. I've got some pictures to show you some of the traffic that they have had. Three issues that you're going to deal with are traffic, toilets and trash. So, those are all things we're trying to plan for. We've never done this before. It's been about 200 years. I can't remember, it's 200 or 400 years, since it last happened here. And it's going to be another 2 or 4, give or take, 200 years before it happens again. So, we can guarantee that none of us are ever going to do this again. So, we want to try to do it right. We



want to promote Randolph County. Here are some pictures of what it's going to look like, hopefully, the weather cooperates and this is a map. Like I say, you're going to have to go to Texas down near the border to get any better view than what we're going to have right here. So, we're super excited about it. We've got partnerships with Purdue. They are responsible for doing these brochures. Hopefully, I have enough for everybody. Purdue, IU East, and we'd like to bring in an astronomer who worked on the Hubble telescope as well as for NASA to address our school age kids. The website is up and running. We've had 1500 hits in the last 6 months. We got started in May, 2023. So, we've been meeting monthly, and see some of the people in the room who are coming to our eclipse meetings. And I also think, Mayor McCoy, don't you have 4 weddings scheduled that day?

Bob McCoy said for right now, yes.

Marla Threewitts said so, he's going to be busy doing weddings. It's just going to be fun. I used to lie awake at night thinking about this. Now I've just decided we're just going to go with it and have a good time, and see what happens. So, any questions?

Andy Fahl said we've obtained some financing. We did, we were the recipient of a grant through the foundation, correct?

Marla Threewitts said Community Foundation. We got \$3,000.00 from them.

Andy Fahl said and we are currently on a wish list. We should know soon of a donation to cover the educational part. NASA, through IU East, Randolph County students would have the opportunity to participate in that. And the deadline's coming up soon, so, we've got our fingers crossed that we get funding for that. So, today, we're not asking for money. We've been self-sufficient so far. And there's tons of stories out there, but I'm going to share this one with you really quick. Randolph County residents in a Tennessee rural airport stranded, and a guy offered to give them a ride. And asked where are you from. And he said you're not going to know, it's Randolph County. And he said I know exactly where you're at, because I'm going to have my plane full, and we are flying to Randolph County in April.

Marla Threewitts said we're getting phone calls.

Andy Fahl said we're getting, there're several of those storied coming up. And that's just an example. So, today was an FYI. It's, the county's going to have their hands full that day hopefully, restaurants, gas stations, law enforcement, medical response, and yeah. So, turn it over to you guys. If you have any questions.

Mike said what day of the week is it?

Marla Threewitts said Monday. So, it would be nice to make a weekend of it. The hotel doesn't have any vacancies at this point.

Andy Fahl said yeah, we're talking about a one-day event, but technically, it could be a weekend event.

Mike said and you said you've looked at a similar county. What county was that?

Marla Threewitts said there are some in Tennessee, and I talked to a county in Nebraska that was really similar to ours. One thing.

Mike said they went through it in 17 or?

Marla Threewitts said yeah, 2017.

Mike said okay. And then, you mentioned a couple of times that to have the same viewing, you'd have to go to Texas, so I don't quite understand why Bloomington wouldn't have the same view as us?

Marla Threewitts said well, I don't know how many, we have almost four minutes of totality. I'm guessing theirs is less.

Mike said okay, that's what that means?

Marla Threewitts said yeah, yeah.

Andy Fahl said I've only seen this once Mike, but, as it comes across the states, and I can't, I'm going to tell you wrong, it widens and gets faster or vice-versa. So, that's why the viewing times change.

Mike said I understand.

Andy Fahl said that video was actually very interesting.

Mike said so we have the longest viewing then?

Marla Threewitts said you have to go to Texas to get better, yeah.

Andy Fahl said the scientific world has told us Texas is number one, Indiana is number two, which means as an example, the Carolinas will come to Indiana to view. Or, the Dakotas or Canada will come here to view.

Mike said east of the Mississippi. Okay.

Marla Threewitts said I gave the Purdue guys who did our brochure by the way, they were wonderful. And we're also working with IU. It's been great to work with all these organizations. But I pointed out to them that they would have to go to Bloomington to experience a total eclipse or come to Randolph County. So, they didn't really appreciate that.

Gary Friend said can I pull up the counties that are surrounding Randolph County, are they, I mean do we have the most time, are they like two seconds less or?

Marla Threewitts said yeah, it's not as good, it's not as good as it is here.

Andy Fahl said you're just going to get away from that intensity line. So, that one map that she passed out would show that. So, it's basically, you've got the intensity line that Randolph is in, and then as you get farther away, you're viewing experience will lessin.

Marla Threewitts said we had a guy call Union City last week from Miamisburg, Ohio, and he said I can stay in Miamisburg and watch this for two minutes, or I can come to your area and watch it for four. Where can I watch it? The people who are into this are really into it. We also got another grant. The Randolph County Art Association got a grant from IU Rural Management. And they're writing a children's book. Pam Frazier who is the director, illustrated, is illustrating it. They're going to be in every community helping kids make little box solar eclipses. That little solar eclipse is to view it safely. There's just a lot going on.

Mike said okay. Well, sounds exciting. Any questions, Gary?

Gary Girton said no. I've been kind of following it, some of the different communities throughout the county have been talking about it at their council meetings.

Marla Threewitts said Parker's slogan is it's darker in Parker. I like that.

Gary Girton said yeah, I heard that.

Andy Fahl said would you want us to attend January, February for updates, or are you going to leave it up to your department heads to keep you guys informed?

Mike said I think they do a pretty good job of that for us.

Andy Fahl said very good.

Mike said and I think if we have any questions, we know where to find you guys, and you should say, Marla, you're on the Tourism Commission, are you not?

Marla Threewitts said yes. Yeah, this is, they're helping a lot. Well they funded the website, and then the brochures, and they're funding a lot. The one thing I'm worrying about is the county in Nebraska I talked to said one of the most helpful things they did was have an 800 number for people to call four to six weeks out to help alleviate calls around the county. We've got to figure, I would like to figure that out if we can, but that's. They got a high school kid who was really into it to field those calls and it worked out really well. But you know, they had to pay him something.

Mike said that would be helpful.

Marla Threewitts said yeah.

Gary Friend said but what is the state of Indiana, what are they saying, what, are they inputting any help, are they recognizing the one spot of the county? I mean, are the state government people involved with this?

Marla Threewitts said they're certainly involved, but they're focusing on the more metropolitan areas. If you really are in the eclipses, you're going to want to come out here where the wide-open spaces are.

Gary Friend said I'm guessing; have you guys contacted Barnes Septic Service to make sure?

Marla Threewitts said she's on our committee. One of the things you don't think about is they say we won't have any cell service. Like, you want people going to certain viewing areas, so you know where they are, because one of the calls they got, or more than one in Nebraska was you got lots of side roads, can we just go out there and park? You're not going to have any GPS service because it's not great to begin with, and if we get an additional 5000, 7,000 people in this county, it's not going to work.

Gary Friend said why aren't you going to have cell service? Is there going to be congestion causing it or is it going to be the eclipse?

Marla Threewitts said yeah.

Andy Fahl said I think it's the population increase. And that's a good point that she brings up, is if we, let's just go with this, if we double population, where Marla lives, may not be the best to start with, so then it becomes overloaded. So, we've talked with the sheriff. There're portables. But, several other counties in the state are in the same boat. We're not unique. So, chances are, we're going to have our Randolph County resources and use those accordingly, and that's what we've got.

Mike said walkie talkies?

Marla Threewitts said yeah, that's exactly, that's what they said.

Gary Friend said I just have one final question. The Barnes Septic services or any other portable pot services, are they going to just spot these all over the county, or are they going to want to paid to spot these all over the county?

Marla Threewitts said well, they're going to want paid.

Gary Friend said how do you plan on taking care of that?

Andy Fahl said we've left it up to the vendors. So, if the airport needs porta-pots, they're on their own kind of thing. Modoc Gardens, and there's even been talk that it's competitive. So, one spot has, allows you to park your car for 50 bucks, and one for 20. So, it's up to each individual spot what they want to do.

Mike said that makes sense. So, you expect it to be a weekend event then?

Marla Threewitts said we're hoping. What we're hearing about traffic is they'll trickle in, but it's not until Monday, so they're going to take their time trickling in, but everybody is going to want to leave at the same time. So, that's where you get the mess.

Andy Fahl said and we've already checked. The next eclipse, you have to be at a certain location in the ocean, at a certain time to view that. So, we're unique here, what's going on.

Mike said okay.

Marla Threewitts said it's not going to happen for a long time. And remember the Carly Simon song about you flew me to Nova Scotia to see the total eclipse of the sun. They can just come to Randolph County this time.

Mike said okay. Thank you.

Andy Fahl said thank you.

Mike said Mayor McCoy, do you have anything for us this morning?

**Bob McCoy – Winchester properties in the Commissioner's Certificate sale**

Bob McCoy said regarding that certificate sale, I think in the past, you guys have just allowed the city to take them properties. Before they go to that sale, I'd like that option, if we could do that again.

Mike said yeah, we typically do that. So, that would be a good thing.

Bob McCoy said okay. Thank you.

Mike said is that all you have?

Bob McCoy said that's pretty much it.

Mike said okay. I'm going to ask Daniel Baker. He's in attendance. Dan, do you have anything for us this morning?

Daniel Baker said no sir, I don't.

Mike said okay. I believe that brings us to other business,

**Other Business:**

**Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff**

**Salyer Taylor Quotes**

Mike said sheriff. Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff. Sewer lines to look at this morning.

Art Moystner said I'd sent a couple quotes. I'd received a response back from Salyer Taylor in regards to some of the cast iron piping that we still have there. We've done some things with these systems already as far as cleanouts. We have one cleanout that's waiting to be done. My concern with these two pipes is with the cleanouts that were added, if we're needing to do anything and put a jet line in to jet those out, that cast is 30 years old. I'm afraid we're going to take it apart. So, I think that's some things we need to look at replacing sooner rather than later. I would share that the one for the septic is probably my priority over the kitchen one, but I think they both need done.

Mike said I guess the question is, if not now, when?

Art Moystner said well we have it plugged up and we had short notice to get it accomplished.

Gary Girton said that's what we've been doing and have had trouble in the past. If we have an issue and then they're in there over the weekend and then it's expensive.

Art Moystner said it is. And my goal has been to get some of these systems up to par so that this building will last us a good long time. And you guys have helped tremendously in that over the last several years.

Mike said I don't have it in front of me, but I believe this is probably on your priority list, is it not?

Art Moystner said it is.

Gary Friend said this is a \$20,000.00.

Mike said one was 28, the other one is 14.

Gary Girton said 28 and 14, yeah.

Gary Friend said the 14, does that finish the cast iron project?

Art Moystner said it would take the main line. There are still several off-shoots, but I think those are things that we're not, with the main line, if something happens, we're taking the system off line and it affects four cellblocks. And I just can't move those. The other off-shoots would affect just a couple cells within the block. So, we can shuffle people and take care of that to get those fixed as it happens. But I think the main lines need taken care of up front.

Mike said this would complete the main line replacement?

Art Moystner said this would complete the main line replacement. The reason the one is twice what the other is, is you're probably looking at considerably more length with that one, because it runs north and south, and basically, end to end.

Gary Friend said did you put out more than just this quote, and only Salyer Taylor gave you a quote back?

Art Moystner said Salyer Taylor's the one that's been doing it. This is the only quote I received from Salyer Taylor. I know that Jake and I have been talking, and we're looking at another company that we're wanting to come in, but they've been really slow in responding to Jake and in setting something up. But I know Jake's been over and talked to me about working out something to contract a company that has a few more resources than Salyer Taylor. But they have minimum hours they require you to purchase. So, it's something we're looking at to move into that. But with regards to this type of commercial work, I think Salyer Taylor is about the best way to go. They've treated us well so far.

Gary Girton said well I think we need to move forward. We've talked about this. We've been doing it little by little. I think we need to keep working on this. I'll move that we approve these two projects of phase two and phase three for \$14,595, and \$28,430.

Laura said from what funding?

Gary Girton said I don't know. I don't have an opinion. What's best?

Gary Friend said well it's either the ARPA or CUM CAP.

Mike said I'd say it's ARPA.

Gary Girton said that's fine.

Mike said the motion is to approve both projects in the stated amounts and pay for the projects out of ARPA funding. Do I have a second to that motion?

Gary Friend said you're sure this finishes the main lines?

Art Moystner said this does finish the main lines, unless there're any tucked away in that building I'm not aware of.

Mike said that should take care of us.

Art Moystner said a very long time.

Mike said yeah. I have a motion and a second.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said anything else for us this morning Art?

Art Moystner said the only thing I would ask is, I believe it was about a month ago I came to you with one of the secondary projects with regards to Motorola Solutions in doing an upgrade. And

you had tabled for a month. I didn't know if you wanted to revisit that today. I know I've talked to Winchester and Union City. They would both like to try to move forward with upgrading this Spillman project.

Mike said was that a month ago?

Art Moystner said that was a month ago, yes, two meetings ago. And it was for the \$33,529. If my memory serves me correctly, you had tabled until your meeting in December.

Mike said and that was, what was the name of that?

Art Moystner said that was the Motorola Solutions for Spillman.

Mike said I'm trying to find that quote.

Art Moystner said I have a copy if you'd like.

Mike said yeah, I got it.

Art Moystner said this would increase officers' capabilities for computers out in the cars, plus it would tie some of the systems together to reduce some duplication that they have to do currently. It's also a building block into getting LPR technology in here, which is license plate readers.

Mike said would it be, why don't we table this until our next meeting and put it on the agenda. We'll have time to review it a little closer. I apologize for not getting it on the agenda.

Art Moystner said you're fine.

Mike said if we were going to table it for a month. So, if we could put it on the agenda for the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Art Moystner said I will be here the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mike said will that work for the local departments as well?

Art Moystner said it does.

Mike said is that okay, Gary?

Gary Girton said yes.

Laura said while Art's out there, I finally got the quote from NLBC on that fax line that you wanted for the basement over there. Wasn't it for the basement?

Art Moystner said I think it's going to be back in satellite.



Laura said okay, wherever you said. Anyway, it's like \$43.22 per month onto our phone bill.

Art Moystner said okay.

Laura said from what I'm understanding from them. And, if you want that, I need somebody to sign this saying it's okay for them to install that. And then I would have them get with you. So, you can talk about it. I just got it, so I just wanted to bring it to you.

Art Moystner said the reason that's being placed back in the satellite area is currently, we have, we do not have that capability in the back, and the officer, or the jail officers are having to go from the secure area to the front offices when the inmates are having video court and trying to get things shuffled back and forth, which requires two jail staff because we have to have one that's with that inmate when they're doing the video court, the other one is doing the running.

Mike said so what are we buying here?

Art Moystner said basically, it's putting in a line. I've already purchased the.

Mike said I understand that. I'm just looking at the NLBC ala carte.

Laura said well, here's what they said to do.

Mike said okay. Phone line box and a long-distance box. So, they cost us \$25.00 plus taxes and fees of \$18.22. So, would this be something you'd probably want in your budget I would suspect?

Art Moystner said we can. Should be able to.

Gary Friend said yeah, you just need permission to do it.

Mike said I think so and I'll let you sign off on it.

Art Moystner said okay.

Mike said if that's okay.

Gary Friend said yeah.

Mike said someone want to move approval for that?

Gary Friend made a motion to approve a fax line going into the jail. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said anything else for us?

Art Moystner said that's all I have, unless you have questions for me.

Mike said are your officers back?

Art Moystner said they are back to work.

Mike said okay.

Art Moystner said they've been cleared, yes.

Mike said okay.

Art Moystner said thank you.

### **Minutes of November 20, 2023**

Mike said next item, we have minutes of our November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to review. It was our last meeting. Any questions, comments, or additions or corrections to these minutes?

Gary Friend made motion to accept the minutes. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

### **Payroll Claims \$ 296,685.09**

Mike said we have payroll claims at our place in the amount of \$296,685.09. I'd entertain a motion to approve the payroll claims as presented.

Gary Friend made motion to approve. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

### **Regular Claims \$1,851,312.18**

Mike said next item, our regular claims in the amount of \$1,851,312.18. We received a copy of these via email and have had an opportunity to review them. Any questions, comments or concerns about the regular claims?

Gary Girton made motion to approve. Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

### **Zultys renewal agreement**

Mike said next item is the Zultys renewal agreement.

Laura said that's our phone system.

Mike said that's our phone system, the Taylor System.

Laura said there's no change in it.

Mike said no change in our phone system. And this is for a period of 36 months. What year would that be, three years, 24, 25 and 26. Anyone have any questions about the phone system agreement with Taylor Systems? Hearing none, I'd entertain a motion to approve and authorize me to sign on behalf of the county.

Gary Friend made motion to approve. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 2023-26 Health Department fee schedule**

Mike said next item is Ordinance number 2023-26, Health Department fee schedule, which I believe this is our third and final reading, is it not?

Laura said actually, no, we've already done this, approved this one. But there was a mistake in one of their fees, so it had to be redone.

Mike said so, we need to do it again?

Laura said yes.

Gary Friend said all the way.

Mike said all the way again.

Laura said yes.

Mike said did you hear that Gary?

Gary Girton said I did.

Mike said okay. So, well this is a new number too then, wouldn't it be?

Laura said yes, it is.

Mike said I have ordinance number 2023-26, an ordinance amending the uniform fee schedule for Randolph County Health Department, which is changing the fees on several different services offered by the Health Department, and it's an ordinance amending that fee schedule. And I would entertain a motion to approve this ordinance 2023-26 after the first reading without reading the ordinance.

ORDINANCE 2023-26

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UNIFORM  
FEE SCHEDULE FOR RANDOLPH COUNTY  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Health Department is under the oversight of the Randolph County, Indiana, Board of Commissioners ("Board"); and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 36-1-3-1 to 9, inclusive, grants certain home rule powers of Randolph County; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board to fix the permit fees for the Randolph County Health Department.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners, that a Uniform Fee Schedule be established effective January 1, 2024, for the Randolph County Health Department as follows:

<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>SERVICE</b>	<b>FEE</b>
<b>Food</b>	Restaurant food permit between January 1 and December 31	\$85.00
	Food stand temporary permit	\$40.00
	Food Permit late fee	\$25.00
	Food Service Plan Review	\$25.00
<b>Septic</b>	Septic Permit	\$100.00
	Contractor Registration	\$100.00
<b>Vital Records</b>	Birth Certificate	\$15.00
	Death Certificate	\$13.00
	Home birth certificate (includes birth certificate)	\$20.00
	Paternity affidavit	\$10.00
	Paternity affidavit copy	\$0.00
	Name Amendment (includes birth certificate)	\$0.00
<b>Other Fees</b>	Public Swimming Pool	\$100.00
	Tattoo Parlor (annual)	\$125.00
	Tattoo Artist Permit	\$125.00
	Eyelash Extension	\$125.00
	Micro Blading	\$125.00
	Derma Plaining	\$125.00
	Miscellaneous	\$20.00
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>SERVICE</b>	<b>FEE</b>
<b>Public Health/Nursing Service</b>	Vaccines for Children and other vaccines provided at no cost to the County	0 for vaccine plus \$15.00 for administration (Administration fee for Medicaid patients fee will be charged to Medicaid)
	Adult vaccines/other vaccines provided at no cost to the County	0 for vaccine plus \$15.00 for administration (Administration fee for Medicaid patients fee will be charged to Medicaid)
	All vaccines provided at cost to the County	Cost of vaccine plus 10% rounded up to next dollar plus \$15.00 administration fee
	Tuberculosis test	\$20.00 per single test

	Flu vaccine	Cost of vaccine plus 10% rounded up to the next dollar plus \$15.00 administrative fee
	All other vaccines and/or tests	Cost of vaccine plus 10% rounded up to the nearest dollar plus \$15.00 administration fee
Administrative Fees	Copies of previous visit shot records	\$15.00

NOW FURTHER ORDERED by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners, that the Randolph County Board of Health shall institute a hardship and donations policy, allowing those individuals not able to pay the full fee for services, to receive the services at reduced or no cost, dependent upon an individual's economic circumstances.

Gary Girton made motion to approve Ordinance 2023-26 after the first reading by title only. Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary Friend said I'll make a motion to suspend the rules, have the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and adopt the same day.

Mike said I have a motion to suspend the rules. Do I have a second?

Gary Girton said well there is a change, do we want to wait?

Mike said well, a very small change.

Gary Girton said I'll second the motion.

Mike said I have a motion and a second to suspend the rules and have the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading today for adoption.

All in favor. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said that motion carries unanimously. I'd entertain a motion to adopt this ordinance.

Gary Friend made motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-26. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Memorandum regarding sale of real estate**

Mike said we've got the memorandum regarding the sale of real estate. We've looked at that. So, we're going to consider that again on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December.

**On Call right of way agreement (Joe Copeland)**

Mike said that takes us to, and the resolution, that takes us to the on-call right-of-way agreement that Joe Copeland presented to us. Did he send that to you?

Meeks said I thought I saw that.

Mike said it's a pretty straight forward agreement. He says it does assist and speed up projects by hiring this firm to do the right-of-way work on a highway project or bridge project. And, he's asking if we want to sign this. And, he's used it before in Hancock County. And the fee that this firm charges is the same fee that INDOT would reimburse for in case of an INDOT project. Now, if it's a private project, we would have to pay that fee, but I think it establishes that's probably a fair fee if that's what INDOT would pay. So, we've been asked, and Joe's not here, but we've been asked to enter this agreement if we choose to do so. What are your thoughts, Gary?

Gary Friend said there's no harm in doing it. I'll make a motion to approve.

Mike said I have a motion to enter this agreement for professional services with CRE Consulting, LLC., which will provide right-of-way services for our highway and bridge projects.

Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

#### **2024 Commissioner Meeting schedule & Council attendance schedule**

Mike said next item on the agenda is our 2024 Commissioner meeting schedule and Council attendance schedule. We received that via email and I trust you've had opportunity to review it. The first and third Mondays except for holiday's. For council meetings our schedules is the same. Are you okay with those, Gary?

Gary Girton said yes, no problem.

Mike said okay. So, we'll show those reviewed and accepted at this time.

#### **Resolution 2023-29 Fort Wayne Housing Authority**

Mike said brings us to our resolution 2023-29, a resolution with the Fort Wayne Housing Authority. And I shared this with Meeks, and it's a resolution, and there's a cooperative agreement that we're being asked to sign as well. And briefly, it's a resolution that comes out of our consultant in housing, the housing resource hub. And Daniel, if you want to add anything to what I've left out, feel free to do that. But, this is one of the financial arms that the housing resource hub can bring to us. And it's a federal sponsored down payment assistance program for anybody that's making up to 140% of the average medium income in the county. So, it would cover both subsidized, low income housing, as well as market housing for those folks that want to seek a Fannie May or Freddie Mac mortgage and get the benefit of a 5% pay up of their down payment. So, housing resource hub is recommending that we offer this program in the county, and it also is indicating that our connection to that is the Fort Wayne Housing Authority. They're the administrative agent for that and takes on that responsibility. And one thing they did indicate was, that this, obviously is a Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae and HUD program, so local banks will not be participating in it. And Ryan from the Housing Resource Hub has indicated that banks typically don't want to do that because they have their own mortgage products that they're selling to the local borrowers. So, this is being brought to us with the recommendation of the Housing Resource Hub, as well as the Randolph County United through Daniel Baker. And I

would recommend we sign it as well. I shared it with Meeks and Meeks thought it was pretty harmless and benign, and basically said you can come into our county, and if we don't like what we're doing, we can terminate this in 90 days, I think. But it does require us to pass a resolution 2023-29, as well as entering a contract, a cooperative agreement that gives them the authority to do that. That is all required by the authorizing statutes that require us to do that.

COUNTY OF RANDOLPH

RESOLUTION # 2023-29

**RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH  
THE FORT WAYNE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE  
HOOSIER HOMES PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Randolph County is a political subdivision organized and existing under the Constitution and State Law of Indiana, and

WHEREAS, Randolph County seeks out independent agencies to establish a housing program which includes but is not limited to expanding single family home purchase options within its eligible jurisdiction, in an effort to support homeownership and the commitment to cultivating a thriving community; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Wayne Housing Authority ("FWHA") sponsors and administers the Indiana Housing Initiative ("Hoosier Homes Program") to provide a homeownership program with competitive HUD, Fannie Mac and Freddie Mac eligible mortgage loans and down payment and closing cost assistance towards the purchase of existing and newly constructed homes within Fort Wayne, Indiana, for the benefit of qualified homebuyers, and

WHEREAS, FWHA has invited Randolph County to participate in its Hoosier Homes Program as a government sponsor to implement the program in Randolph County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana Code Section 36-1-7-2(b), Indiana governmental entities that only want to exchange services, supplies, or equipment between or among themselves may enter into contracts to do this;

WHEREAS, Randolph County has the full legal authority to enter into an intergovernmental cooperative agreement with FWHA, and that Randolph County desires to delegate to FWHA the authority to take such actions as may be necessary or convenient to make the Hoosier Homes Program available on its behalf within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Randolph County desires to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with FWHA with the Capacity Enhancement and Development Services dba Club 720® and Stifel Nicolaus & Company, as Administrators, with the condition that the Hoosier Homes Program does not create an administrative or fiscal obligation to Randolph County; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Randolph, Indiana ("Commissioners") to approve Randolph County's participation in the Hoosier Home Program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF RANDOLPH, INDIANA THAT:

Gary Friend made a motion to approve. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary Friend said and I make a motion to sign the cooperative agreement.

Mike said I have a motion to sign the cooperative agreement with Fort Wayne Housing Authority. Do I have a second?

Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said Daniel, do you want to pick up copies of these and get them into Ryan?

Daniel Baker said yeah, I can do that.

Mike said okay. Very good. I believe that brings us to additional appropriations.

**Additional Appropriations:**

**Commissioner's**

<b>Employment separation payout</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
<b>Care patients/inmates</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>

Mike said first is from the commissioners. Additional appropriation for employment separation payout in the amount of \$10,000.00, and care for patients and inmates in the amount of \$25,000.00. I'd entertain a motion to approve those additional appropriations.

Gary Girton made motion to approve. Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Airport**

<b>Airport manager</b>	<b>\$5,170.64</b>
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Mike said next is for the airport manager in the amount of \$5,170.64, and this is for personal services, is that correct?

Laura said yes.

Mike said and I'd entertain a motion to approve the additional payment to the airport manager.

Gary Friend made motion to approve. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Health Department**

<b>Clinic Nurse</b>	<b>\$5,908.00</b>
<b>SS</b>	<b>\$366.00</b>
<b>Perf</b>	<b>\$650.00</b>
<b>Medicare</b>	<b>\$86.00</b>

Mike said next is the previously talked about Health Department additional appropriation for a clinic nurse, and the rollups that go with that in the amount of clinic nurse salary is \$5,908.00, plus the Social Security, Perf and Medicare. I'd entertain a motion to approve those.

Gary Girton made motion to approve. Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**ARPA**

<b>Comp/Video Equip</b>	<b>\$23,940.00</b>
<b>New Vehicle</b>	<b>\$29,727.35</b>



Mike said so, the top video equipment replacing the jail cameras is \$23,940.00. And that comes from ARPA, and the new vehicle load system for our new ambulance for the EMS, in the amount of \$29,727.35. I'd entertain a motion to approve both of these additional appropriations.

Gary Friend made motion to approve. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said I believe that brings us to the end of our agenda. Laura, do you have anything for us this morning?

**Laura Martin- Approval for Paws Light's and Flights at the Airport, Leap system update**

Laura said I received a fax this morning from Shelley King at Paws regarding the use of the airport for the lights in flight.

Mike said lights in flight? I'm okay with it.

Gary Friend said I am too.

Mike said okay, someone want to move approval?

Gary Friend made motion to approve. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said anything else for us?

Laura said LEAP is going to take down our system to start changing out those switches. Chris Shaneyfelt and I had a meeting with Mike from LEAP. I let Chris set that date, because it affects them more than us. It's supposed to be down for two to three hours Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 a.m. to, up to 10:00 a.m.

Mike said okay. Appreciate that. Meeks, do you have anything for us?

Meeks said I do not.

Mike said Gary Friend.

**Gary Friend, EMS Building in Farmland, Pasture ground, River Start IV road use**

Gary Friend said I have. Passed out a little bit of information about getting the work started for our ambulance building in Farmland. So, you guys can take a look at it and maybe next week have some input on it, so, we can discuss forming the language for our advertisement. It is pretty obvious we're going to need an architect, because getting our state meetings, without having an architect involved, according to Randy, it can be a year getting approved.

Mike said okay. Did you get this?

Meeks said yeah.

Gary Girton said I got it.

Mike said we'll put it on the agenda for the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Gary Friend said I'll stop and give Duane a copy.

Mike said and would request Duane to be here.

Gary Friend said yeah. I did speak to Halderman about the pasture situation coming up 2024. And then there's a meeting set up that we talked about with highway EDPR February 1<sup>st</sup>, Thursday at 3:00. Preliminary talks when I talked with Mike Haffner, was they take care of the roads that they use.

Mike said I think that's best.

Gary Friend said I do too.

Mike said okay. Thanks.

Gary Friend said that's all I have.

Mike said do you have anything for us, Gary?

**Gary Girton – Modoc Losantville sewage project update**

Gary Girton said the Modoc Losantville project is moving forward and they're finalizing the paperwork this month. It will go for bid, they will open bids January the 4<sup>th</sup> and start in April.

Mike said well it also sounds like they're going to give our money back.

Gary Girton said as of right now.

Mike said okay. Is that it?

Gary Girton said yes.

Mike said I don't have anything this morning.

**Citizen Comments (3 minutes)**

Mike said I'll open it up to the floor. Any citizens here have any comments to make this morning?

None.

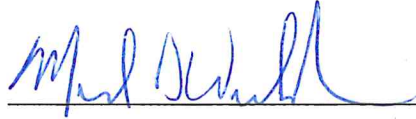
**Adjournment**

Mike said I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

Gary Friend made motion to adjourn. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Meeting adjourned.


Reviewed and signed this 18 day of December, 2023.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
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Laura J Martin, Auditor of Randolph County