

Randolph County Commissioners

April 17, 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.

Michael Wickersham, President presided over the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Deb McGriff-Tharp – Touch the Truck updated schedule

Mike said first item is Deb McGriff-Tharp, touch the truck updated schedule.

Deb McGriff-Tharp said I don't know if you all know, but touch a truck was supposed to happen on April Fools Day, and it was a joke because the wind came through and blew everything away. So, we were all set up and ready to go, and then that wind picked up. So, we were asking to use the courthouse lawn this Saturday the 22nd from 10 until 1. The mayor has made arrangements for Franklin Street to be closed off starting at 8:30, and then the event would run from 10 until 1. And then by 1 o'clock, almost everybody is gone. I do know that Firefly is trying to get another porta potty also that we had that lined up the last time. We're just asking for permission to be back on the courthouse lawn this Saturday.

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

Mike Haffner – Utilities (tabled from last meeting), Resolution 2023-09 Surplus property

Mike said Mike Haffner, utility easement and a resolution.

Mike Haffner said we've got about four utility agreements, two for Frontier and two for BSM.

Gary Friend said who is BSM?

Mike Haffner said they're a sub-contractor.

Gary Friend said okay.

Mike said are you recommending these?

Mike Haffner said yes, they're small jobs, pretty straight up.

Gary Friend made motion to approve the four utility agreements presented. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said and then we have a resolution for surplus property.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike said the BW10 roller.

Mike Haffner said yes. It's that old steel roller that's been out there.

Mike said thought you were going to sell that to the city of Winchester.

Mike Haffner said they approached me and wanted it.

Mike said did I see it going down 27 the other day?

Mike Haffner said well if you know, if you need to borrow it, you can borrow it, but nothing's official yet.

Mike said did our paver come in?

Mike Haffner said yes it did. We've got the first round of training scheduled for next week on it.

Mike said so we've got a resolution 2023-09, a resolution to declare certain personal property of Randolph County as unneeded to be considered surplus property for disposal. This property is a 1986 BOMAG BW 10 roller with a serial number of 101560000141. And we're going hopefully, sell that to the city of Winchester for \$1,000.00.

RESOLUTION 2023-09

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY OF
RANDOLPH COUNTY, INDIANA,
AS UNNEEDED, AND
TO BE CONSIDERED SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR DISPOSAL

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners ("Board") is empowered to declare unneeded property to be surplus property; and

WHEREAS, the Board may authorize the disposal of surplus property.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board that:

1. The items listed on Exhibit "A", attached hereto, shall be considered to be surplus and worthless property ("Property") for purposes of disposal.

2. The value of the property is less than the estimated costs of the sale and transportation of the property.

3. The Property may be sold to the City of Winchester, an Indiana municipality for \$1,000.00 which is the value of the Property.

4. Proceeds from the sale of the items set forth in Exhibit "A", shall be placed in the fund from which the item was purchased. If no fund can be identified for a particular item, the proceeds shall be placed in the General Fund.

5. The Property may be removed from the Randolph County Indiana fixed asset inventory.

1986 Bomag BW10 Roller Serial # 101560000141

EXHIBIT "A"

Gary Friend made motion to approve resolution 2023-09. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All votes. Motion carried.

Mike said anything else for us this morning?

Mike Haffner said no, we're just calling in for interviews and it's been a little disappointing. They basically, don't show up for an interview that's scheduled, or they've declined to answer their phone and then when we email them, they decline to answer their email.

Mike said be patient, be persistent. That's the only thing I can say there.

Mike Haffner said new generation, new world. But, then the one, he was making 34 bucks an hour, so he declined.

Gary Friend said what's your percentage of people that come in to make it to interview, 25%, 30, 40, 50? Is it one out of two?

Mike Haffner said well we've had six applicants, and we've had two interviews.

Gary Friend said that's not that far out of the ordinary. I mean, I've had in the past where you work on a 4, 2, 1 you know. Call 4, get 2 in, you get 1 hired. So, like Mike said, you be persistent. I have a question though. Have you spoke with the county council on wage situations for summer help?

Mike Haffner said I have not as of right now.

Gary Friend said okay.

Mike Haffner said quite honestly, I haven't had any applicants yet to even concentrate on. So, I don't know if raising the wage is the problem or we just can't get summer help. But I know we are advertising it, will be starting to advertise it. So, right now, it's just 15 bucks an hour.

Gary Friend said we had a discussion, you and I.

Mike Haffner said yeah, about possibly raising.

Gary Friend said right, because summer help at the highway is not the same as part-time help throughout the county.

Mike Haffner said right.

Gary Friend said so, like we'd spoke, to even think about getting more money for that, you have to approach the council.

Mike Haffner said yeah.

Gary Friend said but I think it's worthwhile to go to the council and say hey, if you advertise a higher wage, can you get a better result?

Mike Haffner said yeah, I just know in the past, that I was planning on doing that during budget time.

Gary Friend said but the need is imminent, right now.

Mike said okay. Anything for Mike? Ok thank you. Oh, can you stick around for this emulsion tank discussion?

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike said okay, thank you.

Eldon Solomon – Journey Home

Mike said the next item is the Journey Home, Eldon.

Eldon Solomon said morning gentlemen. I'm actually here to say thank you and give you an update. The county has been a tremendous support to the Journey home. And we haven't ever done this before. We thought we'd just come and just give you a report of what we've done. You guys took care of us at the facility. We wanted you to know that last year the support that we received from the community allowed us to help 890 veterans, last year, a breakdown of what we did. We are now giving out monthly food boxes to all veterans in the surrounding area.

Sixty veterans at this point, are taking advantage of that. We are, through our transportation services, we transported 82 veterans to 532 appointments last year. We helped 120 veterans in crisis and disaster relief. Some of those veterans were here locally, which we're real excited about that. We helped 550 veterans in case management outreach services, provided 1,732 case management contacts. And our transitional facility took in 78 veterans out of the community. So, we want to thank you for your support. The last two pages are our Veteran Outreach Team. I wanted you to know that as well as what we started here in Winchester, as having national exposure. We are expanding our veteran outreach team to Naples, Florida this month. We were recognized by the, by a community leader down there, and they approached us and asked if we would bring down the Journey Home Mission to Naples. We are. We're actually going, we're starting that this Wednesday. If you drive by my house, you'll see our RV out there that's being moved down to Naples this week to be started in May. I will be spending two weeks out of every month in Naples building those services. But, what was started here in Winchester is now being exposed and now moving to a national level. So, I just think it's important to thank everybody for their support, and their continued support, and allow you to ask questions about what we're doing, how it's working.

Mike said so, in Naples, you're going to recreate what you're doing here?

Eldon Solomon said as much as we can, yes.

Mike said which would be what, I guess?

Eldon Solomon said well if you look at the back page the Mission Strategies, we have four strategies that we work with. One of those is our transitional facility. We will start with housing retention, providing transportation services in Naples to veterans there. And as we begin to build support, raise money, we will then explore other strategies as well. There are, in discussion with the VA and the city, civic leaders there, about putting a transitional facility there. That's a big project. I'm not sure how long that will take, but we can, starting in May, we will start transporting veterans through our housing retention service.

Mike said is our facility considered a transitional facility?

Eldon Solomon said it is.

Mike said okay. That's what I want to know. So, we've had 78 veterans in and out of there?

Eldon Solomon said last year.

Mike said last year, okay.

Eldon Solomon said since 2014, we probably have taken in and out of there, close to 500.

Mike said so where does the 550-outreach case management number come from?

Eldon Solomon said that comes from all of the area, Ohio, Indiana.

Mike said some are just offering some of these services to.

Eldon Solomon said correct, correct. Mainly, the education and awareness, the housing retention. So, a lot of work that we can do with these case management resources are through phone calls. So that 550 could be anywhere from a five-minute phone call to face-to-face, or that kind of stuff. But what I wanted you to know Mike, is that we take phone calls from all over the country.

Mike said okay. Then, my last question would be, does Life Stream offer transportation to your group as well, or is that something that you don't?

Eldon Solomon said it's available. I'm not sure how often a vet can use it, especially out in the community. The veterans in our facility will walk to the stores and that kind of stuff, but I know that, and then we will transport them when we can, to the medical appointments. But I think that those, the veterans that are in the community access that more than the veterans at the facility.

Mike said okay, and you wouldn't know that? It's a case-by-case basically?

Eldon Solomon said it's a case-by-case. And my staff knows that answer a whole lot more than I do.

Mike said okay. Nice report.

Gary Friend said how do you blend with our veteran service office?

Eldon Solomon said very well.

Gary Friend said what's the separation of duties between the two?

Eldon Solomon said oh, very good question. So, what we do is we lead veterans to their community resources, all their community resources, medical appointments. We help break down walls of red tape. The nice thing about our relationship with the VA is that we have a VA liaison that works with us, so when we have, no matter where the veteran is at, in the community, or in the facility, if there's some red tape that needs to be broke down, we will call them. So, we connect resources and one of the resources we connect to is the Veterans Services officer, who then helps them increase their benefits, access those claims that are available to them. So, the VSO is one of our important community officers.

Gary Friend said is the Veterans Service officer, are they, in your word are they dealing with the county veterans and you're dealing with the regional veterans?

Eldon Solomon said we're dealing with the same veterans.

Gary Friend said same veterans as the Veterans office also, ours is dealing with regional veterans, transitional veterans, or are they dealing with the veterans who live in Randolph County?

Eldon Solomon said I believe, well first of all, they're dealing with all veterans. So, within the state, I believe that any veteran can go to any state VSO office and get support. So, someone from Jay County, veterans from Jay County can come to our office here, and get support, and I know there are veterans that go to Portland or Delaware or Richmond because they just like the officer differently. So, it's a very open book. And there is no cross over between what we do in the VSO. We are not access to care. We're an organization where veterans outreach organization. I would view VSO as access to care. They provide access to care. And we lead them to those resources. What's really important to understand Gary, in this context, there are 1.4 million, 1 million four hundred thousand veterans in this country that are at risk of being homeless. They're not homeless only because they have housing. The same risk indicators occur. And less than 50% of the veterans in this country, and in this community, access the VA or veteran care that's available to them. So, what we do is we go find those veterans that are at risk and hidden, and we start linking them to the services that they're not accessing. And that would be where the VSO comes in.

Gary Friend said okay, one last question. What's the average stay at the facility for a transitional veteran?

Eldon Solomon said at the facility, around three and a half months.

Gary Friend said okay. Is that national, is that a national average?

Eldon Solomon said that's our average.

Gary Friend said how's that compare with?

Eldon Solomon said about four months. So, we're right in the national average. Our facility does really well, compared to the national standards. The, in order to maintain our contracts with the VA, we have to meet a national standard of discharging 55% of our veterans into a positive placement, that would be permanent housing. And then we have to, and then we can't discharge negatively less, more than 20%, which means we kick them out. So, that's a very, 55% is not a very high number, but on average, yearly, we discharge between 74 and 76% positively, and less than 15% negatively.

Gary Friend said if you're 55 positive and 20 negative, where's the other 20% end up?

Eldon Solomon said what do you mean?

Gary Friend said if 55% has to be positively placed and you can't be more than 20% negative, that's 80%.

Eldon Solomon said well that's our standard. Okay, that's what I've had to meet. Our performance is.

Gary Friend said better than that?

Eldon Solomon said oh, a lot better than that. We are about 75% positive discharge, and then less than 20%, about 14, 15% negative discharge. There're numbers in terms of how we count them. If a veteran comes in, within a certain amount of time, he goes to a different facility, that doesn't count. So, if we're 75% positive discharge and 14% negative discharge, about 5%, 10%, then go to the places before they start to get counted. Any more questions?

Mike said Gary do you have any questions, Gary Girton?

Gary Girton said no.

Eldon Solomon said thanks for all you guys do.

Mike said thank you Eldon. Have a good day.

Jayson Puckett, SRI – contract addendum

Mike said Jayson Puckett, SRI contract addendum.

Jayson Puckett said we're just here to answer any questions that you may have about SRI's contract addendum raising the fee this year from \$100.00 to \$125.00 per parcel. This doesn't really affect you guys budget necessarily, because that's actually applied towards the delinquent taxes that are due, but that'll need your signature.

Mike said it's the same contract otherwise?

Jayson Puckett said same contract otherwise, yep, absolutely.

Mike said any questions? Someone want to move approval of the contract, we have received a copy of it.

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

Mike said when is the sale going to be?

Jayson Puckett said it will be, you guys have chosen October 10th.

Mike said October 10th. Anything else for us?

Jayson Puckett said I don't think so.

Mike said want us to send you a copy?

Laura said yeah, I'll get the treasurer's signature and I'll scan it and send it to you.

Jayson Puckett said sounds good. Appreciate you guys.

John Barnard – Courthouse ministry

Mike said John Barnard, courthouse ministry.

John Barnard said I'm just basically wanting to set up a place when people go to court they can come by, I can actually share with them encouragement and the love of Christ is what I want to do. It's not that I'm going to preach to them, I just want to be there for them as they're going into court.

Mike said well I guess I understand what you want to do, and I admire you for wanting to do that. I'm a believer, but I don't think we can allow you to set something up in the courthouse.

John Barnard said no, not in the courthouse.

Mike said or on the courthouse lawn to do that. Now if you want to, I can't keep you from standing out there and speaking, but to set up a table to hand out pamphlets and things, I don't think we can do that, can we Meeks?

Meeks said no.

Mike said the law don't allow us to do that.

Meeks said you can go outside and talk to them.

Mike said if you want to share the gospel message with everybody that comes into the courthouse, you are welcome to do that.

John Barnard said I just can't set anything up.

Mike said you can't set anything up, no.

John Barnard said okay.

Mike said okay. Well thank you.

John Barnard said okay thank you.

County Council

Mike said Bev you seem to be the only council person here this morning. Do you have anything to share with us?

Bev Fields said I do not.

Mayor Bob McCoy

Mike said Mayor Bob McCoy, you're from the city of Winchester, do you have anything to share with us today?

Mayor McCoy said I actually do. I would have asked to be on the agenda, but I kind of got behind. Old 27 South, actually, Bev and I were just talking about it.

Mike said Bev and I were talking about it earlier too.

Mayor McCoy said yeah, that's what she said. Quickly, I got Sheen out there. We took a look at that. We don't really have the equipment, it needs to be, and Sheen said the burner maybe could knock that hump down to maybe allow water to flow, and we could do a restoration as far as the grass and the dirt. Is there any way we could work with the county, Sheen said he could take a loader out there, but it would probably look really ugly, and I think you guys got the better equipment? And then we could go in there, and as you can see, the road is deteriorating from water setting.

Mike said that road is no different than what it was south of there all the way to 100 South, and we didn't do that.

Mayor McCoy said right.

Mike said we hired that done. And I'm not sure we have the equipment to do it either Bob.

Mayor McCoy said oh, okay.

Mike said I don't know. We might have. I guess Mike is here.

Mayor McCoy said and this looks like it's just built up over time. It's above the road, and if you could knock that grass, dirt, whatever down, and we can blend it into the yards. Again, he said he didn't think with a loader it would look too great. Otherwise, we'll just have to have Cooley or somebody to look at it. But I figured I would start with you guys and go from there.

Mike said well do you want to have Sheen meet with Mike?

Mayor McCoy said we can do that.

Mike said Mike, can you meet with Sheen to talk about Old 27 South between Base Road South and the city limits?

Mike Haffner said yeah, I can.

Mike said if you recall, that was part of, that was excluded from our Old 27 South project because as I understood it, there was an agreement that the city would do that at that time.

Mayor McCoy said yeah, we will eventually get it paved, but it's just getting through all the other stuff that needed more help. So, I can give you pictures, and I'll get with Sheen and tell him to get with you, and maybe you guys can meet, and we can figure it out, and if you don't have the equipment, then we probably will just get Cooley or somebody probably, to go in there.

Mike Haffner said I'm glad to help out, just need to understand.

Mike said do you think the burner could do that?

Gary Friend said have you seen the picture?

Mike Haffner said I know that radius is going to be about 3, 4 foot wide. We might have to make two or three stabs, but it blows the material out. I don't think they're going to want that. But I can, just get Sheen to contact me.

Mike said it's both sides of the road.

Mayor McCoy said it is, but one side is worse than the other. If we can get the one side taken care of, I think that's, you're right. It is both sides of the road.

Mike said it slides to the north I think.

Mayor McCoy said it's definitely lower than the grass. The grass is here, road's here and there's no where for it to go.

Mike said one of the detriments of repaving a road to be nice and smooth, is that when the folks come off new 27 and hit old 27, they're doing about 60 to, 55 to 60 down that road at a high speed and when they get to Base Road South, it turns to rotten road after that. It could create some problems, especially on a day with a lot of rain.

Mayor McCoy said well again, yeah, there's quite a bit standing. So, yeah, I got called by Mark Rickert, safety concern. And I didn't realize how much water stood until I went up there and took pictures.

Mike Haffner said it actually might be cheaper just to do a little wedge and level in the worse spots to build the road up.

Mike said on Old 27, they did that anyway, but they cut the berm way down. I mean, in front of my house, that berm was that deep. And they cut it down, and then they wedged it.

Mayor McCoy said well I can have Sheen get with you and then, like I said, worse case, we could have Culy or Cobalt go in there and do some work to get it where the water will run off of it so we can get it paved or patched. But we've patched it numerous times, and it's ready to be paved.

Gary Friend said from county-wide fairness, how do we do shared agreements, because if we were to do that for the city, there would have to be something for the record that shows that we got the same value back from Winchester.

Mayor McCoy said the crazy thing about it is, that's why I provided you a little bit of all the maps and everything else, you have country, you've got city, you have country, it's a disaster when it comes to what is in the city and what's in the country.

Mike said yes, I got the same calls from the property owners that you're getting now, and I, honestly, I have to say well I threw Bob under the bus on that one. It's county road, but there's city out there.

Mayor McCoy said exactly. Again, we always try to work together.

Gary Friend said that's our road?

Mike said our road, yes. That's our road, and there's a subdivision of city residents that live a driveway off that road, but I believe Rickert's in the county and John Williams is in the county.

Mayor McCoy said Joe Batt lives down the road. He's in the city.

Mike said but that's a different road.

Mayor McCoy said right, yeah.

Mike said and the guy that lives in the old Sparks home, the third house, well no, Swindell and then there's four.

Mayor McCoy said Kathy Daly is in the city, part of her property.

Mike said there's four houses out there that abut old 27 there in the county.

Gary Friend said so when they were annexed in, they didn't bring in the road? I thought you had to annex that.

Mike said they annexed in a subdivision back there. It's connected to the road by a driveway. That happened back when cable first came to town so those folks could have cable.

Mayor McCoy said the thought process was to get a federal grant and take that all the way out to that point from the jail all the way out at one point. And we've applied numerous times in different variations, and we just keep getting knocked down. So, we're probably just going to have to go out there and take some of our paving funds, if we don't get Community Crossings.

Gary Friend said so this is already operating under a shared agreement that we already had.

Mayor McCoy said yeah, not necessarily written, but yeah.

Mike said it was just agreed to when we got the Community Crossings grant to do Old 27 South, that we would stop at Base Road, which is, if I can figure this map out.

Mayor McCoy said if I would have known this was going to be in that shape, I would have said you need to bring it on into town.

Mike said well I think you're right.

Mayor McCoy said but I had no idea, and Sheen says he's patched it numerous times. On another, like I said, we'll work with you on that.

Gary Friend said for the record, it's our road, the county?

Mayor McCoy said right.

Gary Friend said you're helping us.

Mayor McCoy said right.

Gary Friend said we shared an agreement that we're doing, okay.

Mayor McCoy said exactly. I mean, we'll work all that out. Another thing I want to bring up, thank you for your \$10,000 on the Patronicity grant. We did meet our match, went above and beyond, so that's great news. And I also wanted to thank Jake for making the courthouse grounds, courthouse and everything else look nice for Joey Lugano and Ryan Newman that were here. I don't know if anyone knew they here but was kind of a quick visit. So, they went through the courthouse and just a very good visit. And also, Eric Devon from your Health Department, has been really good to work with, probably one of the better sanitarians we've in a long time.

Mike said well good. That's good to hear.

Mayor McCoy said thank you.

Other Business:

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

Art Moystner said I had sent you guys an email that had contained some quotes for the work at the jail. I'd only received the one quote for the kitchen drain. That's the only one we have. If you guys wanted me to look at another one, I could look at that through Salyer Taylor. I'm not sure whether they would cut into that concrete wall or not. But we have the one quote, and then I have two quotes for the septic, which are dramatically different. One involves a double clean out, the other one involves putting in manholes. So, there was a bit of a price difference with those two. So, this is well outside of my expertise to have any of this work done or know what would be best. So, I'm not sure which way you guys would like to go with this.

Mike said I can't say I have any expertise in the area either. Or, I guess, I'm wondering if it would be prudent or worthwhile to call another sheriff to see how their jails are drained, if that would help. I don't know.

Art Moystner said I think the issue you get into with that in talking to some of the sheriffs and some of the things that they've done, I know that when I came into office initially, four years ago, I know about 50% or close to 50% of the counties in the state of Indiana were building new facilities. And a lot of those are a lot different now because one of the things they put is any of the septic drains coming out of the cell blocks, they actually have inline grinders with those that take care of the problem. So, they don't have the issues that we have now, so that's changed a lot. I know we have a fairly nice building that could last us for years as long as we take care of it. And to build anything new would be a very expensive adventure to say the least.

Gary Friend said so the manhole was Culys right, and the double Ys was Cobalt?

Art Moystner said correct.

Gary Friend said and Cobalt believes the double Ys would be just as assessible in cleaning any possible problem you have?

Art Moystner said I believe so. I told them that we needed to be able to access it to clean out the problems, and they said yes. So, that's what they feel would be the best option here. And Culys went the other direction, so that you would have access, not only to lines running into the building, but it would also give you access to the line that runs on our side of the sidewalk that we're responsible for also.

Gary Friend said and the Ys won't do that? Are the Ys internal?

Art Moystner said the Y would be a double Y so you would have access to that pipe that would run you back inside or run you to the connecting pipe.

Gary Friend said the one that's along the side of the building and the sidewalk?

Art Moystner said it runs beside the sidewalk, yes.

Gary Friend said so we could have a full roto rooter down through there through the double Ys without any issue?

Art Moystner said the double Y would give you access to inside and back to the pipe. It would not give you access left and right of that pipe. You would have to access it from somewhere else.

Gary Friend said so between the left and right of that pipe to the sewer drop in the city could still become a problem under the double Y system?

Art Moystner said unless they can access it through the manhole cover that's at the street and run it back the other direction.

Gary Friend said and with the manholes, that problem doesn't exist. They can go anywhere and clean it and fix it.

Art Moystner said I believe so.

Gary Friend said does that also straighten the line up going through the concrete wall or does it still leave the jog in the wall?

Art Moystner said they are straightening the line.

Mike said both of them?

Art Moystner said both would straighten that line, yes. Otherwise, you wouldn't be able to get back into the building because you would have to go through two 90s.

Gary Friend said which is the culprit of all this.

Art Moystner said correct.

Gary Friend said so the manholes wouldn't be needed if that line was straightened up?

Art Moystner said possibly. I can't say that for certain. Again, this is well outside of my expertise.

Gary Friend said I have a general understanding of how all this flows, but, I mean, should we get an engineer to stamp and say or what?

Art Moystner said that's entirely up to you guys. To tell you which way is better, I have no idea.

Gary Friend said I've reviewed the quotes, I would just go personally, right now with Cobalt and take care of the entire jail drainage system, all in one shot. It's \$32,000?

Mike said 22 plus the kitchen, Cobalt, you're talking about?

Gary Friend said yeah. 22 plus the kitchen, but Culy didn't do kitchens.

Art Moystner said the kitchen is 12 something.

Gary Friend said and Culy does not want to do the kitchen?

Art Moystner said no.

Mike said what do you think Gary Girton?

Gary Girton said well we've had issues with that every since I've been around. And we've patched and piecemealed and so on. We've got to do something. I don't know which is best, except I do know we need to do the kitchen, and since Culy is not bidding on that, I think, in my opinion, that rules them out because we need to do the whole project while we're doing it, and not get back into this do a little bit this year, a little bit next year, and then something falls apart in between and we're paying overtime to get it fixed, which we've done many times over the years.

Art Moystner said I agree. And one of the other things that will add onto this that I haven't received a quote for, I haven't been able to get Salyer Taylor in, was we're looking at replacing from the kitchen out to where Cobalt is going to do the work at the grease pit for the kitchen drain, because we've had a couple other backups, and the maintenance person keeps going into clean that. And as we work our way out, we keep hitting things, and it's a 30-year-old cast pipe that is probably due to be replaced. So, I'll bring that quote to you once I have it. But neither one of these companies do that anyway. So that would be something separate with Salyer Taylor.

Mike said so this kitchen quote is just giving us access to the grease trap?

Art Moystner said it would give us access to the pipe before it gets to the grease trap so that we can run a jet truck to clean it out from outside. So, it would replace one of the connectors on the existing pipe and give us access from outside, so that it doesn't have to be cleaned from the inside.

Gary Friend said well with the jet trucks, it actually makes the double Ys more doable. I watched them in action there. If they can get to the line, they can get it clean. So, this would also stop the grease trap problem at the kitchen itself.

Art Moystner said yes.

Mike said and you're basically saying, the double sweep that Cobalt is recommending is going to be as effective as the manhole?

Gary Friend said right, with today's equipment.

Gary Girton said I would think so too.

Mike said okay. Manholes sound easier access to me.

Gary Friend said it does, doesn't it?

Mike said a manhole I guess. They're going to clean it out the same way. They're going to jet it or roto root it, but it's not going to be big enough for a man to climb up in there and clean it out. So, I hear the recommendation from both sides, both Gary's that maybe we could go with Cobalt all the way around on this.

Gary Girton said I'd make that in the form of a motion.

Gary Friend said I will second that but we need to assign a funding source. I think it's, we have ARPA funds that we need to be properly spending down, and I think that's a good spot for it. So, would you consider your motion to include ARPA funding?

Gary Girton said yes.

Mike said so Gary Girton has made a motion to hire Cobalt Civil to take care of both issues at the jail at this time, the septic and the kitchen, and we're going to spend money out of ARPA to pay for that. Gary Friend, do you second that?

Gary Friend said I do second that.

Mike said anything else Art?

Art Moystner said the only question I have for this is if they have a contract that's in need of signing, would you like me to bring it to one of you to sign that?

Mike said I'd authorize you to sign it.

Art Moystner said okay.

Art Moystner said because it's a maintenance issue, I wanted to make sure that you guys were good with that because that definitely falls under your purview at the jail. So, if I'm signing that, I wanted to do so with your permission.

Mike said because of a matter of time, I think we'll just have you sign that.

Art Moystner said okay.

Laura said can I get a copy of that after you've signed it?

Art Moystner said if they provide a contract, yes.

Laura said well we would need a contract for our ARPA funds.

Mike said since it's ARPA fund, maybe we should sign it?

Meeks said yeah, I think you should.

Mike said okay Meeks says we should sign it.

Art Moystner said okay. I will bring that to you.

Mike said who do you want to sign it Gary?

Gary Girton said well you go ahead, you're closer.

Art Moystner said I just want to make sure we're doing it proper.

All votes. Motion carried.

Art Moystner said the only other thing that I had was I sent you guys an email that given some of the recent events, and in watching some of the video from the incident in Nashville, some of the guys had approached me regarding putting some optics on our patrol rifles in the event we get into any type of a situation here. I think it better prepares us for that situation for any type of a distant engagement. If we would have that with somebody, especially if you happened to be in a crowded environment, I believe that optics would enhance our ability to neutralize a threat or situation in that instance. I approached the council two weeks ago and asked for additional funding to purchase optics. They suggested I come here and discuss the possibility of ARPA funds being used for that. I can tell you in looking at it, we're going to be less than \$10,000.00 for the optics. I would like to purchase one more patrol rifle so everyone is completely outfitted as needed. But there're some things that I think with those funds that a lot of our stuff is older, and we haven't had the budget ability to upgrade and bring it to current standards. And I would like to start looking at that with different funds, currently with the rifle, and then I will be looking at stuff with pistols in the very near future. So, I guess this morning, I'm asking to go up to \$10,000.00 for optics for the patrol rifles for all of the county officers.

Mike said I guess I'd like to see what you're talking about. Can you bring us something in to say this is what I want to buy?

Art Moystner said I absolutely can.

Mike said I'd want to see that. Maybe at the next meeting we can?

Art Moystner said and it will be, I have purchased one of them already.

Mike said you don't have to bring a rifle in. I don't want you to bring a rifle in. A picture is good enough.

Art Moystner said then I can bring you pictures.

Gary Friend said for clarification that optics won't doesn't have anything to do with the shooting? It just has everything to do with the validity of the shot, correct?

Art Moystner said it allows, it allows you to acquire your target quicker.

Gary Friend said so you are going to replace the common scope with an optics that's got a download on it?

Art Moystner said there is no download on it. This is a vortex optic that goes on a platform.

Gary Friend said so how do you get the, so it's not something that you can use like a bodycam?

Art Moystner said the officers have the bodycam.

Gary Friend said no I mean, the optic that you are talking about doesn't film the shot?

Art Moystner said it does not.

Gary Friend said okay.

Mike said it just enhances the shot?

Gary Friend said it enhances the shot.

Art Moystner said it would assist the shooter, yes. It would assist the officer.

Mike said any thoughts Gary Girton?

Gary Girton said it sounds like something that could very be beneficial.

Art Moystner said absolutely it would.

Gary Girton said and I think that's a thing we need to be prepared for, because we never know where these things are going to happen.

Mike said do you want to wait or move on now?

Art Moystner said I can tell you over the weekend they had an incident in a very small town in Alabama.

Gary Girton said right. I saw that.

Art Moystner said that I was getting information on.

Gary Girton said it's fine with me to go ahead. I'll take Art recommendation because I have no, it doesn't mean anything, well it might mean, it may help me to be knowledgeable of what you got, but it's not going to mean anything to me as far as how much it's improving your ability.

Mike said is that a motion?

Gary Girton said yes.

Gary Friend said I would like to see the difference between what you are wanting to buy and what we actually have. What's the difference in grade on it? I mean, are we going up at 10% better on it or?

Art Moystner said you're going from iron sights to optics.

Gary Friend said you have iron sights on your rifles?

Art Moystner said yes.

Gary Friend said I'll second that motion.

Mike said I have a motion and a second to authorize the sheriff to spend up to \$10,000.00 on a rifle, patrol officer rifle optics.

Laura said out of what fund?

Mike said out of what fund Gary?

Gary Girton said ARPA funds.

Mike said ARPA funds Gary. Gary Girton said ARPA fund, Gary Friend said ARPA fund.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary Friend said I'm stunned you have iron sights on the rifles to be quite honest.

Art Moystner said you what?

Gary Friend said I'm kind of stunned there's just iron sights on those rifles.

Art Moystner said not all of the officers do. Some of the officers have purchased their own, and I feel like we should provide these through the county. And others are comfortable with it.

Mike said very good.

Art Moystner said thank you.

Mike said I'll come over to the jail and see one.

Art Moystner said absolutely. Give me a little advanced notice and I can have the officer bring one in. Thank you.

Minutes of March 20, 2023

Mike said that brings us to our Minutes of our March 20, 2023 meeting which we received copies of via email. And I understand there might be a couple corrections?

Gary Friend said yes on page, page 5, 1/4th way down, it refers to just Gary and didn't identify which Gary. And on page 7, 2/3rd down, Comcast was inserted in the spot where it should say Watch in reference to a question I had asked.

Mike said are you okay with those corrections Gary Girton?

Gary Girton said yes. I didn't catch those, but that's good he did.

Mike said I'm trying to find the first one now.

Gary Friend said page 5, 1/4th way down I think.

Mike said there's no page number. Okay there it is. And that should be Gary Girton?

Gary Friend said I think so.

Mike said I think I'm correct in that. Okay. You've heard the corrections. I'd entertain a motion to approve the minutes as corrected this morning of March 20, 2023.

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

Payroll Claims \$277,471.88

Mike said next item, our Payroll claims. They're at our place in the amount of \$277,471.88. I'd entertain a motion to approve the payroll claims.

Gary Girton made motion to approve the payroll claims as presented.

Gary Friend said before I second that, and I will, should we be also approving overtime. I know there will be discussion for that later.

Mike said no there's not going to be, but we can. It's not on the agenda.

Gary Friend said okay.

Mike said that does include the overtime for probation and community corrections.

Gary Friend said Probation and Corrections.

Mike said Probation and Corrections.

Gary Friend said okay.

Mike said okay to add that to your motion?

Gary Girton said how did we do that last?

Laura said we did it separately.

Gary Girton said okay. What's the simplest and still meet the requirements?

Mike said well I think, because I've thought about it, I don't think we are in a position to approve the overtime spent by Community Corrections or Probation, because they have supervisory board or supervisory department heads, Circuit Court over Probation and Advisory board. But for the claim standpoint, we should approve their overtime, which is included in payroll, their pay, which if we approve their pay, we are approving their overtime. So, I don't think, the only other one we need to specifically approve is the Veterans Service Officer, because we are her supervisor.

Gary Girton said right.

Mike said so, I think just a motion to approve the payroll claim as presented, which includes overtime, is satisfactory.

Gary Friend said okay. Would that satisfy the State Board of Accounts who actually mentioned that we didn't call it out specifically as approved by.

Mike said they mentioned that we didn't call it out being approved for people we had direct supervision of.

Gary Girton said they also were concerned about us individually being notified of the information.

Mike said right, but it goes back to we don't, the overtime for Community Corrections should be reported to the advisory board.

Gary Girton said right.

Mike said and the advisory board should approve.

Gary Girton said I agree. I understood the State Board of Accounts wanted the commissioners to be aware of the fact that it was there.

Mike said I didn't think it was, I only thought it was those groups that were not, didn't have supervisory boards, because we never looked at the Area Planning Officer's overtime.

Gary Friend said maybe just continue business and ask the Laura to get us a clarification from the State Board of Accounts on what they want. I agree with you. The people who are over authority should be acknowledging this overtime, and they should be approving it.

Mike said acknowledging it, approving it.

Gary Girton said I'll just leave my motion to approve payroll as presented.

Gary Friend said I'll second the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Regular Claims \$1,462,366.26

Mike said that brings us to our Regular Claims in the amount of \$1,462,366.26.

Gary Girton said I've reviewed those and I did not see anything that I thought was out of line. I'll move approval. Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

J&K Communications Claim \$5,000.00

Mike said that brings us to the J&K Communications Claim in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Gary Girton said well they're still working on it. They're supposed to have techs here I think tomorrow and Thursday to work on more of the issues they're having with the pagers.

Gary Friend said I'll motion to table it. Mike seconded the motion to table it. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Housing Resource Hub claim \$2,000.00

Mike said next claim is the Housing Resource Hub claim, \$2,000.00.

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

Removal of emulsion tank (tabled from last meeting)

Antique Tractor Club amended lease

Mike said okay that brings us to the Removal of the emulsion tank which we tabled from last meeting, and we also have a couple of antiques tractor club leases. So, why don't we bump that up and do these at the same time. Max, do you want to come up? Mike, do you want to come up? I do stand corrected, because I didn't remember I did sign a lease with the Antique Tractor Club.

Meeks said no you did not. It was with the Antique Club.

Mike said okay. So, that was in 2016. As I read this lease, the real estate is north of the existing county highway storage facility. And I guess the question is, is the emulsion truck south of the highway, what used to be the highway storage facility?

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike said so, I guess for me, that means at this point in time, we are not violating our lease.

Max Wymer said I didn't say you were violating.

Mike said I know, but I thought I, you never said that. I'm not saying that. So, then that brings us to the amended lease, which would take care of all that property on the east side of 27, which raises the issue of where we're going to put the emulsion tank. So, I guess the question is do we have a plan for putting the emulsion tank out of the way of the antique tractor club?

Mike Haffner said I've got kind of two plans. We had talked about a field entrance south of the fence, and I got a preliminary rough estimate to get State permit and get pipes, get a lane in there for around \$24,000. That connects it up to our salt barn area. And then, I thought that was pretty high for no more than what it's going to do. So, I did check with Asphalt Materials, and he's checking on his end, but he didn't think it would be that hard to give the code to the driver, to just come in the fence.

Mike said and moving into the highway garage within the fence?

Mike Haffner said yes.

Gary Friend said didn't you mention when I was speaking to you about that, that there was an issue with a farm operation on that south side that we're having trouble because of our fence? What is that?

Mike Haffner said well they're entering in south of the fence already. It's just sod.

Mike said there's no tractor lane there or anything?

Gary Friend said right. Do we need a tractor lane for that? Is it a problem? Is it just normal agriculture business?

Mike Haffner said just normal agriculture business. Unless the farmer complains about it, I don't know if I'd go to the expense of doing that.

Gary Friend said would it be ours to do anyway?

Mike said it's our ground isn't it?

Gary Girton said yeah, we got it, we're leasing it so we'll have to provide access to it.

Mike said if the farmer argues I can't pay this much in cash rent because I don't have a lane to drive through, then we might reconsider it.

Gary Friend said right. I was wondering if it's a convenience, or if there is a lane up the road a little ways that he would just rather, not that there's even an issue right now.

Mike Haffner said I have not talked to the farmer. He's not approached me.

Gary Girton said but if we put an access road south to permit them to enter the grounds, why do we have a fence up anyway for security? That's just going to make it accessible. There's not going to be a gate there.

Mike Haffner said yeah, if you put another lane in, that's just another entrance so, it would be harder to secure.

Gary Girton said we're trying to secure the facility anyway for that theft of pipe and on those kinds of things. It looks to me like the code to the driver is going to be the most sense, the most secured way of doing it.

Mike said I would agree.

Gary Friend said me too.

Mike Haffner said yeah, we're basically, on the west side of the salt barn. But, you know, we've got a lot of bridge guard rail equipment, we've got pipes, we've got a lot of stuff there that's going to take a little while to clear out.

Gary Friend said I guess for me, like you were speaking Mike, we were never in violation of encroaching on someone else's lease by being there. And that's what I wanted answered too.

Mike said well if we wanted to be, play hardball, we could leave it there, but we don't want to do that. So, we're going to move it across the street and put it inside a garage.

Max Wymer said and the reason we're bringing it up now is we are starting to develop that area. And the county is welcome to use for whatever they need, when we're not using it. But we do have a sawmill now, which we're going to set up on that area. And this, we're in a planning stage of where we can go and what we have to work around.

Mike said so why don't you make that change happen with the emulsion truck driver, and clean out the area where you need to put it.

Mike Haffner said but you know, I've got to find a new home for all the stuff that I got to move to be able to put that tank there. So, it's going to be a little while.

Gary Girton said well you can have a few months, even if they're going to try to put it in there sometime in July, you've still got three months or so.

Mike Haffner said yeah.

Mike said when is the last date you would like it there, Max, from the club's standpoint?

Max Wymer said out show starts the 13th of July. So, if it was gone before then.

Mike said does that work for you?

Mike Haffner said no.

Mike said why not?

Mike Haffner said I've got a lot of stuff going on, and I don't have a lot of manpower.

Mike said is there someplace else you can put it inside the fence until you get everything moved to get it?

Mike Haffner said I can probably store it inside the fence and then just basically, not use it until we get all that stuff moved out. But, it's pretty complicated to be able to move that heavy stuff around get a place.

Mike said but can you temporarily locate the emulsion tank to where if you needed to, you could still use the emulsion tank within the garage confines?

Mike Haffner said it's, you can move it easy enough.

Mike said I'm not talking about, I'm talking about moving it to a temporary location to where you could use it until you find a permanent location?

Mike Haffner said I'll revisit that and see if we can move it. But, I've got trucks and everything coming in where my stone piles are, and payloaders and everything. And I really don't have room to put it there. But I'll see if I can get it stored on the side of the cold storage, and see what we can do.

Mike said okay.

Gary Friend said I think it will be easier once you get it over there. I mean, I don't know your operations.

Mike said so then, if we're going to expand the property that the antique tractor club is going to use, then we probably should amend our lease to include that property. And our attorney has prepared a lease, an amended lease with the antique, Randolph County Antique Club, and I guess you're putting a sawmill in, so it's not a tractor club anymore.

Max Wymer said well it's an antique club and that includes most of the members.

Mike said okay. So, it has a legal description in here, which is not as easy to read as the last legal description, last description in the previous lease. But, I trust this is the area that the antique club is using and wants to use.

Meeks said so, I'd like to go over it with Ed again before you guys sign it. I was having a little trouble with it.

Mike said well even an exhibit that would show the plat might be valuable.

Meeks said I think that should be the very last clause on that on the contract.

Mike said when I saw the description, I guess I thought maybe it was the same.

Meeks said its unverified as to everything. So, we'll get that to you Max. It's the same thing. It's the exact same contract that you have before, only with a different legal description.

Mike said okay. We'll let Meeks and Ed get together and finalize this lease.

Desk quote (tabled from last meeting)

Mike said that brings us to our Desk quote, which we tabled from the last meeting, and we were waiting on a council decision.

Gary Friend said yeah, they would like to discuss it. I think we need it I believe, but they want to discuss it during the joint meeting.

Mike said okay. So, we're going to have a joint meeting on the 27th at 6:30, bottom of the hour. Okay, so we'll wait that decision until our meeting.

Ordinance 2023-11 – second reading

Mike said next item is Ordinance number 2023-11. This would be the second reading by title only. Ordinance 2023-11, an ordinance to amend the zoning map of Randolph County, Indiana. If we recall, this is that 7-acre portion of real estate north of town, in which the Prescott's are going to, as described in the zoning documents, going to build a community storage facility, climate control for RVs and campers, and other things. And this is re-zoning from A-1 intensive to C-3 commercial regional.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-11

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF RANDOLPH COUNTY, INDIANA

WHEREAS, Cheryl Prescott, 011-01051-00, North of 3570 N US 27, Winchester, Indiana, Randolph County, Indiana, having heretofore filed a petition with the Area Planning Commission requesting an amendment to the Zoning Map of Randolph County, Indiana;

WHEREAS, the Area Planning Commission of Randolph County, Indiana held on March 22, 2023, pursuant to notice, a public hearing on said petition, as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Randolph County, Indiana have received the Area Planning Commission's report of a Favorable Recommendation of said petition to amend said Zoning Map;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, that said Zoning Map (APC2023-5-Z) be, and the same is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. The following describes a 7 Acre portion of real estate (As shown on attached GIS Map described as Exhibit "B") located in Randolph County, Indiana, which is now zoned A-I (Agricultural, Intensive) shall hereafter be zoned C-3 (Commercial, Regional). Legal description is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "A".

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage by the RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Gary Friend made motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2023-11. Gary Girton seconded the motion. Gary Friend and Gary Girton aye votes. Mike abstained. Motion carried 2/0.

Mike said we will have the third and final reading at our next meeting.

EMS letter

Mike said next item is the EMS letter that I received. It's from Meyers and Stoffer. This is the group that we contract with to review our Medicaid provider costs and services to seek and obtain a refund of those Medicaid funds that we were due. We do this, and this is for the period ending 12/31/2020. And they do it at a percentage of what they collect, which I think is around 25%. And we have to authorize them to do this, and they need to send this in by the end of this month. So, if we want them to do this for us again this year, then we need to authorize them to do that with this letter. So, I'd entertain a motion to authorize me to sign this letter on behalf of the county to get them going after the Indiana Medicaid Free Standing Government Ambulance Provider Cost Report.

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

Community Corrections amended grant application

Mike said the next item is the Community Corrections amended grant application. Rhoda Davis, director of Community Corrections had called me or emailed me earlier this month and indicated that her grant request that she previously submitted for our approval was for \$212,000.00. And since that time, she's found that if, in the event she hires full-time staff over there, she will have, not only the expense of that staff, but also the medical expense of that staff, which is going to require her to file a grant with the Community Corrections of Indiana, a larger grant. And she had talked to her program director with the Indiana Department of Corrections, and this program director indicated she should go ahead and file for this larger grant, which is \$268,955.00. And, I shared with Rhoda that in order, not in order, but that sounded like a good idea, but she probably should amend her request with us. And that's what she's doing this morning. I told her

she wouldn't need to be here. This is just basically, an information stage for us that we know it's going on, and that supplying and how it's going to be handled. So, I'd entertain a motion.

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

Old Hwy Barn Lease addendum

Mike said so this is the addendum to the office building lease that we discussed at our last meeting with Ben Beiler, and we have extended the lease until July 1st, 2023, to give him opportunity to vacate the premises. And we also indicated that if he wanted to leave before then, he could. And I think this least takes care of that matter. So, we need a motion to approve the addendum to the office building lease with Ben Beiler.

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

Meeks said do one of you guys want to reach out to him, or how do you want to do that?

Mike said you said you have his number.

Meeks said I do. I can. I can tell him to stop at the Auditors office and sign it.

Laura said that's what I would do.

Mike said that'll do.

Meeks said okay. Just wanted to make sure.

EDIT Plan and schedule meeting

Mike said and then we have an EDIT Plan, which Meeks has prepared for us, which adds I think the splash pad, does it not?

Meeks said I think it only adds the splash pad.

Gary Girton said yes.

Mike said so, I'd entertain a motion to approve the EDIT Plan.

Gary Girton made motion to approve the EDIT plan as presented. Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said and we probably should set an EDIT meeting. Wednesdays seem to work best for those. I'm free on April 26th.

Gary Friend said I can do the 26th.

Mike said do you want to try the 26th?

Gary Girton said that's fine.

Mike said for an EDIT meeting. Okay. You'll send out notices Laura?

Laura said yes. 6:00?

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

Laura said just some permanent minutes.

Mike said Meeks, do you have anything for us?

Meeks said I do not.

Mike said Gary Friend, do you have anything for us?

Gary Friend said I do not.

Mike said Gary Girton, do you have anything for us?

Gary Girton – J&K Communications, RCFFO Building boilers, metal roof on EMS building

Gary Girton said I mentioned to you about J&K and they're still working on these things. In my opinion, we don't release any additional money until it's corrected. I know they're going to stand behind it, but I think maybe this is just a shade bit of encouragement. The only other thing the RCFFO building, Jake is working on that. He had a company out of Ft. Wayne which that's all they do.

Gary Friend said boilers?

Gary Girton said yes. And they, right now they're getting him a quote. And they say that they are, the model number that's in there is repairable. And so, they're getting him a quote on that. And all the details, like you and I were talking, they might as well review all the burners, and do all that while they've got them torn down. No sense piecemealing it. So, they're supposed to be getting a quote together sometime here so we'll have an idea maybe, possibly get this summer before we go into winter again.

Mike said okay. Anything else?

Gary Girton said I think according to our contract, Jake said they're going to be here to do that roof on EMS in May sometime.

Citizen Comments (3 minutes)

Mike asked any citizens here this morning with comments, questions?

Adjournment

Mike said hearing none, I'd entertain a motion to adjourn.

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

Reviewed and signed this 15 day of May, 2023.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Mike Wickersham

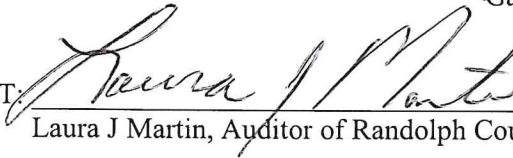


Gary Friend



Gary Girton

ATTEST:



Laura J Martin, Auditor of Randolph County