

Randolph County Commissioners

July 5, 2022

The Randolph County Commissioners met at their regular meeting at 9:00AM in the Commissioners and Council Room in the Courthouse with the following members present: Board President Michael Wickersham, Tom Chalfant and Gary Girton. Also present was Randolph County Auditor Laura J Martin, Sheriff Art Moystner and County Attorney Meeks Cockerill.

Michael Wickersham, President presided over the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Sherri Thompson, Health Department – Introduction of new Sanitarian & extension of test site

Mike said first item on the agenda is Sherri Thompson in the Health Department. And it looks like you may have good news for us a hiring standpoint. Come on up. Morning Sherri.

Sherri said good morning. One of the reasons we are here today is we wanted to introduce the new sanitarian. This is Eric Devin. He has been working about a month now, but we hadn't been able to get up here. He was busy with training and things like that. So, he's doing a great job, at least from end, I see that.

Mike said welcome.

Eric said it's a pleasure.

Sherri said the other thing is we have a chance to extend our testing site. It was supposed to end June 30th, but the state has offered for us to extend it to December. And with that, we would have to extend the contract with the White House. Wendy has talked to them. It has a monthly, it's on a monthly basis is the way it is now, and they are more than willing to do that with your permission.

Mike said so that's a change in the emails that were going back and forth that I think those aren't going to be, that Dr. Sowenski wanted it to end June 30th.

Sherri said they were going to, yes.

Mike said so does Wendy have confirmation through email that they want to extend it month-to-month and will allow us to stay there until the end of December.

Sherri said yes I believe she has all of that. I'll have to get that to you. And I talked to Dr. Sowenski on Friday and he is fine with extending that if that's okay with everyone else.

Mike said what about funds to pay the testers.

Sherri said that will, the grant will also be extended for that.

Mike said okay. Well I think if the state is extending it, evidently the State thinks it's necessary to have that testing. I don't have any opposition to that.

Gary made a motion to approve the extension of the Covid test site. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Sherri said and then I did, kind of a last-minute thing here, we were sent out an opportunity for a grant. It's a \$1,000 grant, and basically, it's just to help with expenses. You do a survey, they send you the money, and then we can divvy out as we see fit.

Mike said so we need to give you permission to apply for this grant as well. Does someone want to move approval.

Tom made a motion to approve. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Chris Beasley & Grace Minkis – Riverstart III EDA

Mike said Chris and Grace, Riverstart III EDA. At our last meeting we were discussing your three proposals. And I think I indicated to you that I would reach out to the council to see where they stood on those. And the majority of the council agrees with my take on it that our original proposal seemed to be the fairest and we didn't see why we should not use that proposal. And I think the rationale was that Baker Tilly prepared it, helped us prepare and recommended it to us, and they are our hired accounting firm, so why would we not agree with them. And that's, you can talk to them tomorrow, because you are going to be there tomorrow, but I did talk to all but one. And they, that's where they left it. We like our county proposal as presented on June 3rd I believe.

Chris said is that the proposal that had, it did have a balloon payment structured.

Mike said yes, I can pull it up here.

Chris said that's okay. I've got, I'm sure I've got it in my email. I just got to figure out which one it was.

Mike said it's basically two years at 200, three years at 600, three years at 200, a 550, 1.160 and 1.360. And it's an eleven-year payout. A couple council people liked David Lenkensdofer proposal, which was a little more aggressive up front. I guess, what we need to do, correct me if I'm wrong Meeks, but we need to probably move to accept, or move to approve our proposal and agree to it.

Meeks said that's something you absolutely can do. I don't know if it's required, you need to approve the agreements.

Mike said is it time to do that or can we wait.

Meeks said the agreements, I talked to Rick on Thursday last week, and he'll have any final comments on it this week. So, he's I think going over it this weekend and he said he'd have them this week to us. So, my thought was the final agreements would be passed at your next meeting. And I don't anticipate very many comments. I went through them this weekend. I didn't have a whole lot. When I say a whole lot, I'm not sure I had anything, but I'm kind of waiting on Rick. I did have a couple of questions for Rick, so I'm waiting on his comments on it. So, if you want to pass along or you don't, you kind of put it in the council's lap. The council will take our original proposal and some other proposal.

Mike said and I'm really not, I guess I'm kind of speaking for myself here, and I don't know if Gary or Tom, if they prefer your option one, two or three, to our company proposal, or if they prefer our company proposal. I will say that council, in fairness, they did indicate that if we had to not use our county proposal, they would prefer your option three to the other one and two. So that kind of narrows it down to proposal three versus our county proposal. But again, the majority were clearly in favor of our county proposal presented on June 3rd. How do you feel about it Tom or Gary?

Tom said well I like David's better, but I'm willing to accept the county proposal. I think that that's workable for you guys somehow make that work.

Chris said it's definitely a unique project. There's a lot of challenges with this one, given the current environment. I don't think this puzzle piece is going to end up being the shape that we were hoping it would be working into the model and allowing us to transact in a way that makes it useful for future growth. I'm sure we can work with the county proposal from June 3rd. I do still need to go back and verify that, but I'll know by tomorrow. And I can speak to that with the councilors. Of the impression that, will the commissioners follow the councils' decision at this point.

Mike said I got the impression they would follow ours.

Chris said okay.

Mike said but I may be wrong on that. And bottom line, they prefer the county proposal to any of your three, and the words by a couple were if we had to use one of your three, three would be the one we would use. I guess that's, I mean there is opportunity to pull the project I guess, in that's a negotiation tactic. Say we're not going to do it if we don't get number three. That's left in your court I guess. I don't think we're that far off. We spent some money with Baker Tilly to do this and advise us to do this. And I just don't see why we wouldn't take their advice.

Chris said yeah. And we're not going to pull the project over a couple hundred thousand dollars. So, I think at this point, it is what it is. We've communicated our asks and I think we've learned a lot about each other through the process and we can be better partners in the future with that knowledge. So, I think if the county's stuck on the county proposal, we appreciate what you've all done to work with us in doing the balloon payments at all. It really is a big help. And I think we just move forward and execute these agreements and build the project.

Mike said Gary do you have any thoughts.

Gary said no I was kind of stuck on the county proposal from the start. I see some merits in the other proposals that EDP has put forth but I agree with Mike. Based on Baker Tilly's research, what they put together on a tax base, and so on the future, all the data that they pulled together, they're basically, telling us that that proposal is the best based on their information at the present time. That's not to say that over the next number of years, that those figures, how they were calculated, might be determined to be, may be determined to be different from the present time.

Mike said okay. Council meets tomorrow. I think they have a resolution to pass tomorrow.

Meeks said well they have a public hearing. I'm not sure what they'll do with the resolution. I know they have a public hearing for sure.

Mike said for the tax abatement.

Meeks said I prefer to have the agreements signed at the same time the resolution is.

Mike said right that makes sense.

Meeks said just going to have to see what the council wants to do.

Chris said and do you have everything you need from us.

Meeks said I think so. Rick didn't email me. I went back to the office last night and I didn't see anything, so I think we have everything.

Chris said okay.

Mike said okay.

Chris said question on the fiber agreements.

Meeks said yeah I got that. I got the email. I'll make a note on fiber agreements. I think I have everything and I gave it to my secretary. And then she took three days off.

Chris said well that happens. We're trying, we're hoping to expedite it as much as possible. I think I spoke to this last time, but there's a chance that we could work with the local fiber provider to make them blowing that fiber into that system part of our substation's connection to the fiber network, the step three phase. So, it would really help kind of reduce that cost of getting the fiber out to the community if we can do it with this project. So, I'm hoping we can get those agreements all signed.

Mike said the EDA agreements. Well when he tells us we can sign them, we'll sign them.

Meeks said I just think we have to make sure the legals match up to the names and that's all, that's what she was doing.

Mike said well hopefully we can do that in two weeks two.

Meeks said hopefully we can get it done this week.

Mike said well we don't. That would be two weeks from today would be the 18th, two weeks from yesterday.

Chris said that would be awesome.

Tom said we couldn't even sign them this week.

Meeks said if we got them prepared, we can, you could have people start going around getting everybody to sign them, then we could sign them in two weeks.

Meeks said you've already approved the form.

Chris said we're incredibly excited for this opportunity to get fiber out there so anything you can do to help this along.

Mike said and who is that fiber provider.

Chris said New Lisbon.

Mike said well that's a good opportunity for the county. Okay. Well I don't want to, I guess I'm a little bit discouraging, but I don't want to keep you from making all the arguments you want to make with council tomorrow regarding your three proposals. That's not to say that two or three them can't come back to us and say we want to do it this way and convince us otherwise.

Chris said . . .we've beat our drum. There's a small probability that EDP might come out, but I don't think it's likely. We'll see.

Mike said it's been four or five days since I've talked to them so. And did you get ahold of someone from the technology committee.

Chris said I got the contacts so I shot out an email. Just trying to learn more at this point. We'll see what happens.

Randy Abel – Request to split Blding Commission and Area Planning

Randy said it was in 2015, I believe we combined those years ago, because we were having issues with getting people into the position I would say. Anyway, I got some time constraints and starting to move my parents into home, and I think that's going to take up more of my time than I would like, but it's something I need to do. So, my proposal today is that we divide the two back to the way they were in 2015, and I'd also request at this time, that we consider putting in a part-time secretary into the area planning position department. And that being is because there's a lot of things that have been added to that department that's really taking a lot more time than it did originally. And I listed some of those there in that letter that I sent out. But this year, as of June, we've had 24 dockets. All of last year we had 24 dockets. I don't see it slowing down. And a lot of these docket are taking a lot of time. You are talking about anything to do with ordinances, or anything to do with subdivisions. And I think we've had 3 subdivisions this year. It takes a lot more time, especially for the paperwork, but also for the, going over the applications takes a lot more time.

Mike said are those dockets for both BZA and Area Planning.

Randy said yes, that's combined dockets. And obviously, some dockets go quick but like I said, we've had a lot of them this year that are very time consuming. And it's for that reason, I think it would be important to put a part-time secretary in there what can at least do the minutes and answer the phone, and do the things that a part-time secretary can do to free up the area planning director's time.

Mike said how many hours do you anticipate the part-time building commissioner's secretary and the part-time area plan secretary.

Randy said I think commissions 28, and I'd think we want.

Mike said so the full 28.

Randy said yeah the 28, but I'm not sure, Bev is my secretary, not sure she ever does the full 28. But it gives us flexibility for the times that we do need her.

Mike said sure. Then your proposal, your, is the salary that you are recommending here for building commissioner and area plan, is that a salary that would be in effect for the rest of this year or what's your timeline on this.

Randy said I would hope this would take place as quick as possible.

Mike said so that's a salary recommendation for the balance of this year converted to bi-weekly pay.

Randy said what I did was take the accepted budget and I added it together and divided percentage-wise, as I explained in here, what it was back in 2015, so that the percentages remained the same. Obviously, there would have to be a little shift in the money that was adopted in the budget.

Mike said well there would have to be a salary ordinance change.

Randy said yeah, salary ordinance change.

Mike said going to council tomorrow. So, you are recommending Debra Johnting as the Area Planning Executive Director.

Randy said yes she's very capable. She's willing to do it. She's wanting to do it. And she really has technical skills for that job, I mean when I took the position initially in 2015, I think I made the comment that I wouldn't feel comfortable doing it without her. And she has brought a lot to that job, and she's learned a lot.

Mike said so is she okay with your proposal.

Randy said yes, yes she's good with that.

Mike said Tom do you have questions of Randy.

Tom said well I guess Meeks, if we create these positions, we have to advertise them.

Meeks if you, I mean, we have advertised them in the past, but we don't have to. It's not a requirement. But if you create them, then we would need to get a job description.

Randy said which I've already got.

Meeks said I saw the email, I didn't see the job description.

Randy said so the job descriptions basically go back to the 2013, job descriptions. And I requested that in addition to those, that in the part-time building commission secretary and her duties state that the, one of the duties be assist with the duties of area planning when necessary, and then the part-time secretary for the building commission also says when necessary, assist in the duties at the building commission. And I also proposed that in the description of the building commission's duty would say to assist with area planning department. And I would change that to say when requested by the area planning director. Then in the description of executive director of area planning, the duty would be to assist with the building commission department when requested by the building commissioner. So that keeps the authority in each department saying that it's requested by that department if they need assistance. We're all in the same room up there and it makes it sensible that when one needs help, we can jump in and help each other.

Meeks said I think the answer is if you guys would vote to do that, then put it to the council to figure out how the money is going to be. Make it contingent on the council figuring it out.

Mike said okay. We'd recommend to the council basically.

Meeks said you create the position, they have to fund it.

Mike said Gary do you have any thoughts.

Gary said no I don't see a negative to it. I haven't looked at it, I haven't studied it item by item, but it appears that there's positives there, particularly with the load of projects coming on board. I'm assuming that that's going to continue.

Randy said I assume so.

Mike said the assisting the other department, is that for the part-time secretary only, or is that for the directors as well. I didn't understand what you were saying.

Randy said okay so I would say the both secretaries should.

Mike said I understand that part.

Randy said upon need.

Mike said I think that's in the job description.

Randy said yeah, and then the two directors, when requested by the other director, would assist.

Mike said is that in the job description.

Randy said no, not right now.

Mike said okay so we would need to modify that job description if we were going to put that in.

Randy said I think it's important to say when requested. That way it keeps the authority in each department. When you say when needed, it's kind of arbitrary there.

Mike said sure, which is not in the job description. So, if we were to approve these job descriptions this morning, we would need to modify them to reflect that.

Randy said and the current building commission already has that phrase in there. That's why we're adding it to the others.

Mike said so are you going to get with Paula to modify these job descriptions to reflect that. I think it's a good idea.

Randy said yeah.

Mike said are you okay with Tom.

Tom said yeah I think it's good language to have. If we do those this year, where's the money going to come from for the, I mean the next year, the council can budget it. But this year, do we have money to do this for the remainder of this year. Where would that come from.

Mike said what's the pay for the two positions now, total. I mean, they're both, they're both full time positions. So, Deborah was getting, I'm not sure, I don't know what she's getting paid, but it's, better than part-time work. We're not adding anyone to the health care benefit.

Randy said no. All that it would be is a part-time secretary.

Meeks said part-time person. If she agrees on the pay.

Mike said she is but the building commissioner is going to lose some pay.

Randy said yes.

Mike said so do you know if that balances?

Randy said this total is the total of what both are now.

Mike said we need to authorize a part-time secretary and that they, I think they combine. I mean that can be found in the budget and if it, if the budget runs dry because of the personal services, then there would be other funds available. And then they could budget for next year, based upon their new salary ordinance any new part-time pay. Well I think it's a good thing that you are busier in the area plan commission and the building inspector.

Randy said yeah. I mean we are looking at new houses this and it's sky rocketing. I don't understand it, but it is.

Mike said well we need new houses. The county has supported the building of some of those. Any other questions of Randy.

Gary said I'll move we approve Randy's recommendation for the separation of the building commission and area plan director, and that with the modification of language of the two job descriptions, with that, I guess just one of them, you said it's in the one. The change is in the one.

Randy said yeah, the new secretary for area planning would include the phrase basically, assist with the duties of the building commission when necessary. And the area planning description would state assist with the Area Planning department when request by the Area Planning Director. And the other one would say the same about the building commission then.

Mike aid and the building part-time secretary.

Randy said yes.

Mike said they would have identical language in each director's job and each part-time job.

Randy said uh huh and each part-time, right.

Mike said I have a motion. Do I have a second?

Tom said I think I'm in favor of it, but I, I guess I don't want to just move, I mean this is not a three-part, this is not like a resolution and we do it three times. We vote now, it's done.

Mike said we're recommending the council and if the council doesn't want to fund the full-time area planning director's job then it doesn't happen. It stays the way it is. If the money's the same, I'm not for sure, other than adding a part-time person down there, which they may not want to fund that, so you may be without a part-time secretary. But I think that Randy makes a good point that it probably is a needed position at this time.

Tom said well if they don't fund a part-time secretary, you probably, you're not going to have, nothing's been changed, or help hasn't. Would this be an improvement if you don't have more help.

Randy said it won't help much if we don't get a part-time secretary. We're really stretched right now I mean, we're still working on the unified developmental ordinance. And most of the slowdowns have been our department's fault because we don't have the time to review the documents and the changes. Hopefully, this will free up some time in that area that we can get back working on that also.

Gary said that definitely needs to be done.

Randy said yes it absolutely needs to be done. And it's just been time constraints that's restricted us here.

Gary said there's been some other issues, but yes.

Mike said well I don't think the concern about funding a part-time secretary should keep us from recommending this to the council. I'll go ahead and second it if you don't want to. I'll second the motion. Anything else Randy.

Randy said not that I can think of.

Mike said any other comments.

Mike said all in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Two aye votes. One nay vote (Tom Chalfant). Motion carried.

Mike said anything else this morning Randy.

Randy said that should be it. Thank you very much.

Mike said thank you.

Jessica Olson – Interlocal agreement with WR Twp., Chip and seal report

Jessica said I just wanted to let you look at this real fast. I didn't make a copy. I should have. That's the beginning of where we started with the chip and seal report. But on the interlocal agreement, that is changing with White River because we used to have an additional five cents that we were charging them on the pool, and that amount was going into the fuel maintenance lines. And we just, we are re-writing it, and with your approval, not to charge them that five cents. Just the shear paperwork on trying to, on our end, and to get to Danita to re-appropriate for \$5.71 just didn't seem like it was very.

Mike said so it's not very much money.

Jessica said right.

Mike said so we have an interlocal agreement to provide fuel at our cost to the White River Fire Department.

Jessica said right.

Tom said and so are you saying only getting five dollars or so.

Jessica said well by the time you put five cents on the gallon, and White River just fuels their firetrucks. So by the time we did all the accounting on it and got everything down, it was about \$5.71 the last time I did it.

Mike said so a hundred gallons or so is all they buy.

Jessica said yes.

Tom made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement with Whiter River Fire Department. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion granted.

Jessica said so what you have there is where we start out, and that is obviously, a detailed description of all roads and sections, very detailed. And that's where we started out. Jessica Cheesman and Lonnie had that already when I got out there. We just had not started implementing putting the data into the chart system, which is where this report comes from. So, we just wanted, it started with the guys really, out on the road, and having to tell us specifically, where they are, you know, what they are doing, how much material they are using. And that's, so it started there. And they've done a great job of providing a lot of detail, sometimes to JC's dismay you know, when she's trying to get all that entered into the chart system. But this is what comes out. And it's basically, as I'm sure everybody maybe has taken a second to look, it is specific to the point of crazy sometimes. But it will tell you on any given day, any given week, what road, where, how long they worked on it, how much money it costs, you know, that type of thing. So that's what we are striving for.

Tom said and the, how do the men give you their information.

Jessica said they have cards they fill out right. And basically, it'll say chip and seal is kind of an easy report to run, because all the guys were doing it at the same time. So, this was kind of an easy report to run. It's harder when they are total patching, and some people are cold mixing, and some people are fixing soft spots, and some people are doing field entrances. So, this is kind of an easy report to run. But you can do the same thing with any of that. If you call up and you go hey what was going on you know, on the 30th of June, then we can pull it up and give you all that information.

Mike said what you gave us is just a breakdown.

Jessica said that's what JC goes by when she's entering all this stuff right. And that's the books the guys have. So, the guys will go out and on their cards they'll write down you know, where they are, between here and here, what they used between here and here. So, it is time consuming. Everybody is getting a little more used to it. It takes a minute obviously, to write that down, and it takes several hours to get it all entered.

Tom said so the men spend just a couple minutes a day doing this report.

Jessica said right. They use that book, they fill out their cards, and a lot of them, I already know where they are, it's not even like they are doing it while they're out there working. But when they come in, they'll grab a book, they take their card, and they'll write down from here to here to here.

Tom said and there's not many errors, it's working well you think overall.

Jessica said I believe it is. Nobody is, it took a minute for everybody to try and go, you know, but they're all doing a really great job of writing it down.

Mike said so then the labor cost report that you provided us, is that an extension of this?

Jessica said well these three, with the labor, the expense and the equipment, all were start by being generated from that information.

Mike said coming from here. And it all goes into what you're calling charts.

Jessica said charts, right. And charts will then yes, spit out this information for us for any given time. But yeah, you have to start there. That is the specifics that the state wants to see, that exact.

Mike said and is this just chip and seal.

Jessica said no. I mean you could do this for anything. I'm just using the chip and seal, I could run the report for anything.

Mike said so this would be for paving.

Tom said the chart does everything the state wants us to do.

Jessica said correct.

Tom said get it all plugged in and it should all be there and ready to go.

Jessica said right.

Mike said okay. So that's just information to try to confuse us.

Jessica said that's just information we wanted to give to you and say it is available. So, if anybody ever wants to know what happened last Tuesday, give me a call.

Mike said okay. Anybody have any questions of Jessica.

Gary said do you know anything about the radios. I know the other system supposedly is up and turned on, and I think the middle of the week, I don't see Art.

Laura said Chris is here.

Jessica said Chris Shaneyfelt is here.

Gary said is that right Chris, they are supposed to be pretty well done by the middle of the week with the, with your system that I was wondering how it affected the highways.

Chris said I don't know how it's affecting the highways.

Gary said well that's what I'm asking her, but, as far as the system you've got, it's going to be completed.

Chris said we went operational last Tuesday

Gary said right.

Chris said and they spent the rest of last week working out the various bugs. I have not heard anything today as of yet, on if they are coming back, or they just going to remote in from Columbia City and do the other work.

Gary said well I know Ted told me the first of last week that their anticipation was to have it completed and turned over to you by the end of this week if things went well.

Chris said I haven't heard that yet.

Mike said so far so good though.

Chris said so far so good. And we've had various buttons added and then taken off and some of that has caused us a few problems. But other than that, it's just getting some stuff added back that we need there. To my knowledge, nobody is complaining about it. So that's a bonus.

Mike said yeah that is a bonus.

Gary said but it has improved your communications.

Chris said yes. It, for the most part, everything seems to be fairly crystal clear. Our VHF has improved dramatically. I supposed if we really have any problems right now it's just getting everybody used to trying to figure out the difference between the 700 and 800 megahertz and finding it on the radio. So, it's just getting some people to learn how to use the radio.

Gary said I know there was an issue a week or two ago with the highway.

Jessica said I am, I don't specifics. I know I heard the guys doing radio checks last week and everything was coming in. They didn't have any issues.

Tom said I'm assuming their antenna got straightened.

Mike said we're hoping they corrected that issue. It sounds like this time it may have been.

Chris said I don't think we would have gone live if it wasn't fixed. They were pretty sure that they wanted all that corrected before they even tried to move us.

Mike said okay. Any other questions of Jessica. Thank you. Have a good day.

Jessica said thank you very much. You as well.

Joe Copeland - Community Crossing Matching Grant Fund financial commitment letter

Mike said Joe, community crossing matching grant fund financial commitment letter.

Joe said good morning. Community Crossing Matching Grant application has been, the deadline has been postponed. I can get into the system to start entering information but, actually it was originally scheduled at the end of July. They've changed it to the end of August, why, I don't know. That postpones their approval, which I'm not in favor of but, that doesn't have much to do with it. They say they can have,

they think the awards will be in October, they think, is what the information I received. Of course, these are the three bridges out west that are going to be, deck repair, some substructure repair, and overlay placed on. There's a little drainage on the one that we're going to do a little work on. I'm working on the highway grants or, as you call them. All three have received information, we've got one signed, approved. And the other ones said they would.

Tom said have you heard from David Bragg yet. He's the one there on the north bridge that had the house where you got to do the drainage, the culvert or you know, going down the hill.

Joe said no I have not. This bridge is 174, I believe it is where we're working on, but it's gaining access to the substructure underneath the bridges.

Mike said that's a temporary easement.

Joe said yeah, when the job is finished, it reverts back.

Mike said so this is a financial commitment letter for a match and applications 11770, 11771, 11772.

Joe said yes. They will pay 75%.

Mike said our share is \$285,525, which I think we've already agreed to do that.

Joe said yes.

Mike said so we just need to, I don't know, I guess we need authorization to sign the letter.

Tom made a motion to approve. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said and then we received one via email for application number 11430.

Joe said it's community crossings.

Mike said uh huh, community bridge fund, community crossing application.

Joe said wonder what that's for.

Mike said I think you sent it.

Tom said when was that.

Joe said it's probably, since it's a lower number, I figure it's for 110. They're working on 110 right now.

Tom said about two weeks maybe.

Mike said do we need to sign this financial commitment letter as well.

Joe said shouldn't have to, you already did.

Mike said it's got a June, question, question 2022 date for. Want to see it.

Joe said it doesn't make sense to me.

Mike said that's the one I thought.

Joe said oh, no that's a sample that I'd sent out, so you're good. A sample of what the final will look like. That's all that was. We're good.

Mike said okay do you want this back.

Laura said I'll need it for council tomorrow.

Mike said anything else for you Joe.

Joe said I could give you a couple of updates.

Mike said okay.

Joe said culverts, small culverts, those under six feet, I did nine, well eight. The ninth one was over six feet, but they discovered it. I ordered the steel; corrugated metal pipes and I placed an order for the box. The elliptical pipe I had to get another quote for because they included the box in the original quote. So, things are moving.

Tom said so you've got different prices from, you're pretty comfortable these are good prices?

Joe said well I went with the accepted bid on the organic steel and the box, concrete box. The elliptical was not bid. So, I got three prices for the elliptical.

Tom said I mean do you feel comfortable with the January bid, because that was our only bid I think for those things.

Joe said yes.

Tom said are you comfortable those are good prices.

Joe said I can do better.

Mike said they're higher on the spread sheet you gave us.

Joe said yeah they're higher. Here's, the company I can get cheaper on corrugated metal is out of Missouri. And the only problem with that company is it takes so long to get the product here. Okay, I ordered some in late April, in Henry, and I didn't receive it until the end of June. So yeah, it, two months so, yeah it takes a little while to get it, but it is cheaper.

Mike said quite a bit cheaper if I'm looking at this spread sheet correctly.

Joe said yeah and that really surprised me when the bids come in, and they are honoring those bids. That has to be for the entire year.

Mike said you're talking Henry County's.

Joe said yeah, Henry County's, they have to honor those for the entire year.

Mike said so, then I'm looking at this spread sheet and Civil Con has CMP, CMPA, CMPA, CMPA, CMPA, for a total corrugated price of \$49,522.

Joe said yeah.

Mike said Henry County's bid for the same material was \$36,889.

Joe said yes.

Mike said now that was what they bid in January.

Joe said yes.

Mike said so we've not gone back to the supplier for Henry county to see what their costs for these.

Joe said I used their bid because their bid is good for the year.

Mike said but that's for Henry county.

Joe said Henry, right.

Mike said but not for us.

Joe said correct.

Mike said I guess my point is, do we have a price comparison to Civil Con on these items today.

Joe said yes. That's why I did that, just to check and see what their prices were compared to what I was able to get in Henry.

Mike said but that was back in January.

Joe said well that's, some, both prices should be good for the entire year.

Mike said well I understand that, but let's say we didn't have Civil Con's bid, and we were going out in the street to buy this material today.

Joe said it would be higher.

Mike said okay. That's what I'm asking. But we don't know how much higher.

Joe said right. I think the steel would be higher, but the trucking would be higher too.

Mike said so I think what I'm hearing you say is that if we could've had Henry county bid, I can't, what's the name of the company in Missouri.

Joe said Metal Culverts Incorporated.

Mike said Metal Culverts Incorporated would have bid in January, we might have had a better price than what we have now.

Tom is there any reason they wouldn't have bid ours.

Joe said they didn't know. I will make them aware of it for next year. And the boxes, I prefer, the concrete boxes, I prefer the bids, quote those for each project. I think I can do better. It's awful hard for these companies to be counting materials. And they are manufactured actually, in Hancock County, Maxwell. That's where their plant is. They make the pipe, the elliptical, and the boxes right there.

Tom said this is not part of IMI.

Joe said no. I think they're out of Wisconsin. They have plants in Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana. They are a good company. I know the salesman pretty well.

Mike said okay. I don't have any other questions.

Joe said we are working currently, on contractors on bridge 159 on 500 East, ripping it out and replacing it, so we'll have it done here in a few weeks. One other thing, I didn't know whether my services will be needed, but Area Planning, if they have subdivisions that come in, I've done it in Hancock, Madison, Henry, if he needs a technical part of the drawings checked in relationship to the subdivision control rooms, I can do that. I've done it for years.

Tom said are they aware of that do you know.

Mike said did you make that offer to them.

Joe said yeah I will.

Mike said if you would, that would be good.

Joe said I've done it for years in Hancock, Henry, I even check the drain, they have a drainage ordinance in Henry.

Mike said you've got a guy that checks the drains.

Joe said yes.

Mike said but if you could make that offer to them, I think they probably would appreciate that.

Joe said okay. I mean they don't, they don't get a lot of subdivisions, but.

Meeks said two, two this year, three.

Mike said three on the books.

Meeks said but you are right, they don't have very many.

Mike said no but there's three on the horizon. One's already started. I'm not sure it's approved. I'm not sure.

Joe said that's more than Henry. Well thank you. Any questions.

Mike said I don't have any questions. Thank you Joe. Have a good day. Bev, Missy, have anything for us from Council? Have a good meeting tomorrow.

Other Business:

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

Mike said the sheriff's not here, but the chief deputy is here.

Ken said no business.

Minutes of April 4, 2022

Mike said that brings us to the Minutes of April the 4th. Do you have any corrections, additions or deletions Tom?

Tom said no.

Mike said I found three. On page 11 under the Omega.

Tom said oh I did see that yeah.

Mike said we misspelled Jeff Raatz' name. It's RAATZ. And I'm not, I'd have to look on here to see what it is exactly.

Laura said that's fine, I'll find it. Just tell me what the other two are.

Mike said on page, excuse me on page 12. That was on page 12, and then on page 13, company is written instead of country. It should be country. And on page 13, bringing is misspelled. And that's the only corrections I saw.

Laura said I can correct those.

Mike said I'd entertain a motion to approve the minutes of April 4th as corrected.

Tom made a motion to approve. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Regular Claims \$692,737.67

Mike said that brings us to our regular claims in the amount of \$692,737.67. I'd entertain a motion to approve the regular claims.

Gary made a motion to approve the regular claims as presented. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Payroll Claims \$320,259.39

Mike said payroll claims in the amount of \$320,259.39. Is this higher because of the bonus that council approved.

Laura said yes.

Mike said I'd entertain a motion to approve the payroll claims as presented.

Gary made a motion to approve the payroll claims as presented. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Payroll Expenses \$372,402.90

Mike said brings us to our payroll expenses in the amount of \$372,402.90. I'd entertain a motion to approve the payroll expense claim.

Gary made a motion to approve the payroll expenses as presented. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

MPX Claim \$27,000.00

MPX Claim \$9,628.15

MPX Claim \$30,964.70

MPX Change Order 03C-02

Mike said the next four claims are MPX claims in the amount of \$27,000.00, an MPX claim in the amount of \$9,628.15, an MPX claim in the amount of \$30,964.70. Are we ready to approve these claims?

Gary said we are on the \$27,000 the \$9,628.15 those are what's been held, so I move approval of those two.

Mike said I have a motion to approve the claim for \$9,628.15 and the claim for \$27,000.00. Do I have a second on that?

Tom seconds. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said now the third claim for the \$30,964.70 which was extra, which they sent us, is there money in that account to pay it.

Laura said actually the bond has been out of money for a while. We've been paying out of Special LIT.

Gary said I thought it had expended.

Laura said yeah, quite a while ago.

Tom said wouldn't we need a change order to pay that, because that was additional, that was additional rebar they put in.

Gary said several things. Rebar, grounding and all that kind of stuff.

Meeks said did they send that AIA document.

Mike said they did.

Laura said they set everything we asked for.

Tom asked did Terry fill that out?

Laura said he signed it or somebody did from Pyramid. I didn't look at the others to see if it looked like the same signature or not. I can tell you.

Mike said well I guess I'm of the opinion we owe this money.

Gary said I'm not disagreeing with that. I'm concerned about how, at the end of a project, we get a bill for something we never approved, didn't even know anything about doing the project. And then they sent

us a bill and said here's what you owe us for what we did and you didn't approve it. Well we should have at least been informed, if nothing else.

Mike said but we know why. In my opinion, it's not MPX's issue. They may have and should have spoken up earlier maybe but they didn't.

Gary said I just thought it was not a good business process.

Tom said well they had the approval of our, our authority, I mean they thought we, well I guess I don't think it's their fault because they were misled to thinking that everybody knew everything, when we didn't.

Gary said I'm still concerned that if they fork out that much money without knowing that it had been approved to change, and they knew it was a change order.

Tom said well I don't think they'd worked with Terry enough to know the difference. They're a little wiser now aren't they.

Gary said I hope so. Gary said I'll move approval of paying MPX the claim that they presented to us for additional work done on the radio towers for \$30,964.70.

Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Certificate of Substantial Completion

Mike said okay then we do have a certificate of substantial completion that we received via email. So, we need to, if we're ready to sign this, we need to sign this that the project is warranted and that we accept the project as constructed. I think we've all seen a copy of this have we not.

Gary said yes.

Tom said yes.

Gary said well that's just for MPX's.

Mike said yes. We're not relieving Pyramid of any responsibility, but MPX, we are accepting the project and are warranting the project.

Gary said right.

Mike said and indicated that we should set it up on a three-year maintenance on those towers. We all decided we may not be here in three years. Chris so that's going to be your responsibility to do the three-year maintenance.

Chris said as long as the funds are there, I'm good.

Mike said I'd entertain a motion to accept and execute the certificate of substantial completion presented to us by the contractor, MPX Solutions.

Tom made a motion to approve. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Chris said is that a three-year maintenance from the day you are signing or is that from some point last year?

Tom said I think it was last year isn't it.

Gary said I would say from the time, I would say from the date of erection because we've been in this project forever.

Laura said then are you going to address these change orders or just not do them? We've been holding them for months also.

Mike said MPX Change Order 03C-02. That is an addition of \$25,000.00 and a subtraction, or an addition of \$31,000.

Laura said he indicated to me that those were credits back to us off the original.

Mike said it is. Those are credits, so we might, no reason not to accept them. The original contract was \$317.

Gary made a motion to approve. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Pyramid Claim \$4,000.00

Pyramid Claim \$233.28

Pyramid Claim \$2,280.00

Pyramid Claim \$8,000.00

Pyramid Claim \$1906.24

Mike said what about the next few claims for Pyramid. Any reason to take action on these today.

Gary said no we haven't heard anything from them have we on the other questions we had.

Mike said to my knowledge, we haven't. So, continue to table them.

Tom said yeah I don't think we ought to, he owes us.

Gary said I would think so. Just the presentation we made at a meeting the other night.

Cobalt Civil Claim \$3905.25

Mike said brings us to the Cobalt Civil Claim, retainage.

Gary said if we make modifications to that generator on the north tower, I think Cobalt's going to have to do some filling and grating in there to fill that hole in.

Tom said now are you talking about just raising the generator?

Gary said it's down in a hole that was left there.

Tom said well I think just block, could just block it up.

Gary said I know but there needs to be more stone put in there.

Tom said well I mean that would be on us. I don't think anybody is going to do that. If we could hopefully get somebody to block it up another foot or two.

Gary said you don't think Pyramid is going to do that.

Mike said I don't know but I guess my thinking is that I don't think the issue out there is poor workmanship by Cobalt. I think it's poor design.

Tom said yeah we heard that.

Mike said heard that from Todd the other day at our meeting.

Gary made a motion to approve the Cobalt retainage claim as presented. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Tom said maybe for our own benefit, we should just get somebody to go out there and raise it up.

Mike said follow Ed's drainage proposal.

Ed said you need to do both. You need to raise the generator and drain the hole.

Gary said yeah cause if we get a real heavy rain, even the drain is not going to take care of that.

Mike said well we just got that quote the other day.

Gary said what's that.

Mike said the drainage problem we have out there. We've not approved that. Do you think Pyramid will pay for that? We do have \$16,000 plus dollars estimate drainage cost to dry that area out. And I suppose if we went with that project, whoever did that project, could they add stone in there to raise that generator.

Ed said change order, they got a truck.

Tom yeah I'd probably try to put it altogether, depending on who, who does the ditching, I mean a ditch is not going to putting gravel in unless it's somebody like Cobalt.

Mike said I don't know who that quote was from. I don't remember.

Ed said Proficient Drainage.

Mike said Proficient Drainage.

Tom said yeah they could do both.

Mike said yeah I think they could do both.

Mike said so you want to approve that without adding, without knowing the cost or do you want to wait.

Gary said is that to be completed this year.

Ed said after crops.

Gary said after the crops. Well we're going to have to do it.

Mike said I think so.

Gary said we can't leave it that way. We've already built the tower.

Tom said so does this come under the commissioners or the drainage board.

Mike said its commissioners, so it would be our decision. It needs to be done. Where are we going to get the money from?

Gary said I guess where we are getting all the rest of it for this project.

Mike said well we might as well just continue on if we're still spending it out of special LIT.

Gary said we might as well keep it the same fund then if we have to do something later.

Laura said we'll check and make sure there's enough appropriated already. If not, we can re-appropriate because we have the funds there.

Gary made a motion to approve the quote from Proficient Drain to correct the water issue at the north tower. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Ed said do you want me to get them to quote raising the generator while they're there.

Mike said yeah.

Gary said are they capable.

Mike said yeah.

Ed said we'll find out. If we have to hire an electrician to extend that wiring.

Gary said I don't think they would have a certified electrician.

Ed said they could sub an electrician to finish that.

Tom said you could get forks and just lift that up and block it, cut the wire and lift it, then re-wire it.

Ed said I'm going to suggest they form and pour a cap on it, those blocks will crack out if you don't fill them.

Gary said right.

Tom said yeah.

Mike said okay. Anything else on the communications project.

Omega Loan Claim \$143,750.00 & Omega Loan Documents

Mike said that brings us to the Omega Loan Claim of \$143,750.00. Did the documents get signed by Omega?

Laura said they did. So, we need to do those, our portion of those two, those two places. I didn't fill in the dates because I didn't know Meeks, if we needed the date that Jimmy signed them or the date we signed them.

Meeks said I think you just use today's date. We haven't given them any money have we.

Laura said no they have the claim there to do too.

Mike said who filled this out.

Laura said I don't know, it just came with them. I don't even know what that is.

Mike said UCC financing statement with the name of the filer as Bruce Hosier.

Laura said that stuff all came from Ryan.

Meeks said it didn't come from my office.

Laura said no it came from Ryan. You had Ryan do that stuff.

Mike said I never saw this one.

Meeks said I didn't see that.

Mike said so that needs corrected.

Laura said there's nothing signed.

Mike said well I know that, but I'm just saying that should it be filed, the Randolph County Community Economic Development Foundation doesn't even exist anymore.

Meeks said actually they do. I'd send that back to Ryan.

Mike said they don't have an existing contact over there now. Let's send that part back to Ryan.

Laura said okay.

Mike said so these are all dated for June blank.

Meeks said mark it up if you want.

Mike said and James has signed them all as an individual and as a corporation.

Tom said do you need the initial and the date changed.

Meeks said he signed it in June.

Mike said there's no list of tangible assets attached either.

Meeks said there probably isn't any tangible assets.

Mike said it's a piece of equipment.

Meeks said is that one piece of equipment.

Mike said it's not defined in here.

Tom said his personal assets.

Mike said so we need to define this equipment. Hand me those minutes. I think it's defined in those minutes. I'm just going to write it in here. Is that okay.

Meeks said fine with me.

Mike said says the attorney that has a conflict with this issue. Well it doesn't say, the minutes don't. It's a welder. I know that. And I recall it being a laser welder.

Tom said it would be nice to have the model number.

Laura said I made a note to ask Ryan for a description of the equipment for the exhibit.

Mike said okay. You've got some documents to attest in here.

Gary said well you'd need a serial number.

Laura said okay serial number or model number.

Gary said model number or something.

Mike said okay so documents have been signed. Now we have the claim. We won't release the claim until.

Laura said until I get this done.

Mike said okay and this is a claim for \$143,750.00 to Omega that will be paid back over five years without interest. Mike said I'd entertain a motion to approve this claim.

Gary made a motion to approve this claim. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said well we probably I guess, since it's on the agenda, we probably should approve the documents. So, does someone want to make a motion to approve the security agreement as modified by Ryan with the addition of the machine that we are helping to purchase along with the promissory and the loan agreement, and the personal guarantee, which all are signed by James Jarrett personally and as president of Omega.

Tom made a motion to approve the documents. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Union City Claim \$350,000.00 & Resolution 2022-10 – Loan to Union City

Mike said next item is the Union City claim in the amount of \$350,000.00. This is a loan from Windfarm for a joint resolution of commissioners and council, and we have attached to it a resolution of the city of Union City, which they agree to pay this back over seven years in the amount of \$50,000.00 per year with zero percent interest. I'd entertain a motion to approve the resolution 2022-10, a resolution, a joint resolution of the county commissioners and the council to approve this loan.

RESOLUTION No. 2022-10

RESOLUTION A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF RANDOLPH COUNTY INDIANA, AUTHORIZING LOANS TO THE CITY OF UNION CITY FOR THE UNION CITY HOUSING PROJECT AND RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, Randolph County, Indiana (the "County") recognizes the need to assist with the funding of the Union City Housing Project for the City of Union City, Indiana ("Union City"); and

WHEREAS, the County desires to provide an interest-free loan in the amount of \$350,000 (the "Union City Loan") to Union City to assistance with a portion of the funding for the Union City Housing Project which is estimated to be approximately \$_____ (the "Union City Project").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commissioners and the County Council of Randolph County, Indiana that:

1. The County approves the Union City Loan in the amount of \$350,000 at 0.00% interest. The repayment terms of the Union City Loan are that Union City shall repay \$50,000.00 per year from its Economic Development Income Tax funds for a period of 7 years, to be repaid by January 31st of each year there is money still owed beginning in 2023.
2. The President of the Commissioners, County Council and/or the Auditor of the County is authorized to execute and administer any documents related to the Union City Loan, as may be applicable.

Gary made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-10. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said and we have a claim in the same amount of \$350,000.00 for a loan to Union City for their housing project. I'd entertain a motion to approve that claim.

Tom made a motion to approve the claim as presented. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

City of Union City EDIT Claim \$10,000.00
City of Winchester EDIT Claim \$10,000.00
Town of Saratoga EDIT Claim \$10,000.00
Town of Ridgeville EDIT Claim \$10,000.00
Town of Farmland EDIT Claim \$10,000.00

Town of Parker City EDIT Claim \$10,000.00

Town of Lynn EDIT Claim \$10,000.00

Town of Modoc EDIT Claim \$10,000.00

Town of Losantville EDIT Claim \$10,000.00

Mike said our next nine claims are annual EDIT Fund claims for the various cities and towns throughout the county of \$10,000.00 each to help support their EDIT plans in their local communities. I'd entertain a motion to approve all nine claims for the local communities.

Tom made a motion to approve all nine claims as presented. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2022-17 Amendment of the Unified Zoning Ordinance (3rd reading)

Mike said that brings us to Ordinance 2022-17 an Amendment of the Unified Zoning Ordinance and this is our third and final reading of the unified zoning ordinance amendment. I've not received any questions or concerns regarding this amendment. And the commissioners in the county is prepared to have it's third and final reading and adopt Ordinance 2022-17 as ordinance to amend the text of the Unified Zoning Ordinance of Randolph County Indiana by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-17
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TEXT OF THE UNIFIED ZONING
ORDINANCE OF RANDOLPH COUNTY, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the Area Planning Commission of Randolph County, Indiana, has recommended that the text of the Unified Zoning Ordinance of Randolph County, be amended;

WHEREAS, the Area Planning Commission of Randolph County, Indiana held, pursuant to notice, a public hearing in the Commissioner's Room of the Randolph Center for Family Opportunity, Winchester, Indiana on May 18, 2022 on the proposal to amend the text of the Unified Zoning Ordinance and has, by vote, made a Favorable Recommendation to amend the text of the Unified Zoning Ordinance of Randolph County, Indiana in a manner consistent with Proposed Amendment 2022-2-A which is attached hereto as Exhibit A;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF RANDOLPH COUNTY, RANDOLPH COUNTY, INDIANA that the text of the Unified Zoning Ordinance of Randolph County, Indiana be amended in a manner consistent with Proposed Amendment 2022-2-A which is specifically set out in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto, incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Ordinance.

Gary said I move approval of Ordinance 2022-17 for the third and final reading and adopt it today.

Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

EDIT Plan and set date for EDIT meeting

Mike said next item is our EDIT Plan which has been modified at our last meeting, to add the forum of funders, \$60,000.00 which is payable over a three-year period of \$20,000.00 each year, so that the council and the commissioners can add an appointee to the forum of funders. And that is our amendment as presented by Meeks in our EDIT Plan. I'd entertain a motion to approve the Edit Plan as presented.

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

Mike said and now we need to set another board meeting to see if we can get it approved by the EDIT board. So, we'll set an EDIT board for 6:00 p.m. on the 13th.

Tourism Appointment

Mike said the next item is the Tourism appointment. I think the attorney's research indicated that they're not political appointments so we don't have to worry about that.

Meeks said you have to meet the lodging standards.

Mike said I guess we'll reach out to Scotty. I'll reach out to Scotty to make sure that they do meet those standards.

Tom said well what is, can we define involved in the lodging business.

Meeks said it's probably defined in there.

Mike said you have to either work for, own, or...

Tom said you have to make some kind of money from renting houses to people.

Mike said bed and breakfast works.

Meeks said yeah B&B would work.

Mike said we'll just check. We'll just verify that. In the meantime, they are recommending Anita Amspaugh to replace Dick Wise on the tourism board. Dick resigned and Anita wants to participate.

Tom a made motion to accept the recommendation to appoint Anita Amspaugh to the Tourism Board. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Additional Appropriations:

ARPA

Sheriff's vehicles	\$16,000.00
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ARPA

Scanning Minute/Ordinance/Resolution Books	\$11,370.00
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Federal Audit Expenses	\$5,112.00
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ARPA

Highway Server	\$6786.00
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2 new Computer's IT Dept	\$10,491.12
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Firewall & Maintenance	\$23,950.00
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Mike said that brings us to Additional Appropriations. The first one is from, first three are from ARPA. Sheriff's vehicles, \$16,000.00. Scanning Minute/Ordinance/Resolution Books and Federal Audit Expenses, \$11,370.00 and \$5,112.00. And highway server, 2 new computers, IT department and firewall and maintenance, \$23,950.00. I'd entertain a motion to approve one, two, three, four, five, six additional appropriations all from ARPA.

Gary made a motion to approve the additional appropriations from ARPA.

Tom said I'll second with the acknowledgement that these are going to need to replace, I mean we are spending money that's not a one-time use. These are going to be recurring costs over time. So that's just for, we're getting sucked into a little bit of a trap of spending more than we make.

Laura said I don't think any of them is recurring except for possibly the firewall maintenance, and I don't know if that's recurring every year.

Mike said well I don't think he's thinking each year.

Tom said they are all going to wear out.

Mike said I have a motion to approve and a second to that motion.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

EDIT

Forum of Funders	\$10,000.00
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Mike said next is from EDIT funds and this is our \$10,000.00. This is for our participation in the forum of funders in the amount of \$10,000.00. I'd entertain a motion to approve this additional appropriation.

Gary made a motion to approve. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Highway

Trucks	\$40,000.00
Equipment	\$30,000.00

Mike said and next additional appropriation is for trucks and equipment at the highway department at a total of \$70,000.00. I'd entertain a motion to approve these additional appropriations.

Tom made a motion to approve. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Prosecutor – PTD

Witness	\$,5,000.00
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Mike said next one is an additional appropriation for a witness fee of the prosecutor's office in the amount of \$5,000.00. I'd entertain a motion to approve this additional appropriation.

Gary made a motion to approve. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Health Dept

Nurse/Supplemental pay	\$5,000.00
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Mike said the final additional appropriation is the Health department from a health grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 and this is for supplemental pay to a nurse. I'd entertain a motion to approve this additional appropriation.

Gary made a motion to approve. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said that brings us to the end of our agenda. Sherry do you have anything else for us.

Laura – purchase orders for EMS Cot and Loading system

Laura said Duane sent the purchase order forms that need signed for his cot and loading system. There's two of them there.

Mike said okay and this is what approved last meeting, is it not.

Laura said yes.

Mike said so I just need to sign it.

Laura said yes.

Meeks – speed limits reductions

Mike said Meeks do you have anything for us.

Meeks said I just have one question. I had it on my notes the other day, did we ever go through the speed limits the Headwaters. It was tabled on our June 6th.

Tom said they recommended leaving them the same.

Meeks said were you guys planning to leave them the same.

Mike said I didn't hear the question.

Meeks said the Headwaters, the speed limits on Headwaters, on the 6th, that discussion was tabled. I didn't see anything in my notes on it.

Mike said and those are going to expire at the end of August.

Meeks said expire, the beginning or end of August. It's coming up.

Mike said so we probably ought to. And they were recommending we leave them the same were they not.

Meeks said they were, and I think you guys decided to table it and then I didn't see it on the, I didn't have any notes for the next meeting.

Gary said the signs are already there. There's no reason Mike should take them down. I know enforcing it is going to be issue, but then they are there.

Meeks said just redo the ordinance. I just need to know which way to go.

Mike said well I think, are you okay with that Tom.

Tom said yeah I guess so.

Mike said I think we should leave them out there.

Gary said that was also for Riverstart.

Mike said yeah I think it was for Riverstart.

Meeks said I had Headwater's.

Tom said I think it was the Riverstart.

Gary said it was the Riverstart where we put them up.

Mike said so I'd say we redo it and make it permanent.

Meeks said I'd just keep them the same speed limits.

Mike said yeah. Anything else Meeks.

Meeks said no.

Mike said Tom do you have anything.

Tom said no.

Mike said Gary.

Gary Girton, grass & debris at the old highway barn, Camp Slingshot trespassing

Gary said those mention, we got an email about the grass at the county barn. Anything done with that.

Tom said I contacted Ben but I haven't heard anything back.

Gary said I wasn't out by there. What is the issue.

Tom said just the grass is, he hasn't mowed the grass there in the very north, or southwest corner, and then on the north the triangle.

Mike said and I think there's an issue on the east side with just construction trash laying outside.

Gary said well I think we need to address those if that's an issue.

Mike said do you want to contact any of them.

Tom said well I contacted him. I mentioned we told him two years ago we were going to give him the north building, which we haven't done yet. So, it's sort of hard to blame him for things if we don't live up to our part.

Mike said what's still in the north building.

Tom said oh just paraphernalia, highway equipment. Sometimes they drive equipment in there and then there's still all the old things that we haven't used up or moved out. Not much. I haven't looked recently, but anyway since they gave up the buildings, the barns at the 4-H ground, well they think they need to use this just for, they just need that space.

Gary said how much space is it.

Tom said well it's that north building. It's probably 40 by 60, something like that.

Gary said is it full.

Tom said no it's just got not a lot. They use it to drive through to park things in occasionally, then they have things in the side, just old parts and pieces of you know, paraphernalia they haven't used up yet.

Gary said I'd think they need to remove that and I know they use the salt barn to store stuff in just temporarily so I would think that they got adequate space.

Tom said well they are short-handed I don't know.

Mike said I guess, and I would present it to the tenant that if we can get him space in that north building, would he clean out the outside of his facility to make it look better.

Gary said now's a bad time to ask the highway to move that stuff. They're short-handed, they've got so many jobs they need to be doing, rather than in there moving that. I don't know what time frame would be needed.

Tom said I don't think it would take a lot of time.

Mike said do you want to talk to Mike about that.

Tom said I'll talk to him again about that when he's well.

Gary said well if not, we can sit down with him and see what the issues are, how we can correct it. Because I think as Mike said, you said too, with the weeds and material around there, that's not good either.

Mike said well what I'm talking about, another dumpster would take care of that, unless he plans to recycle the paint buckets. I'm not sure. I'm not even sure if they are recyclable here local whether he wanted to or not. I don't know how he disposes of them. But it's lumber and buckets. So, we'll wait to hear your report. Anything else Gary.

Gray said yeah, at Camp Sling Shot they said there were issues with that. Has that been corrected.

Mike said well no trespassing signs were put up, been put up. But some have been torn down. And Jake indicated that in his opinion, that the best thing to do at thing point in time would be get the cable down. People are talking about going up there.

Gary said it's still up.

Mike said yeah it's still up. And he's contacted Myers and they can get in there and take that cable down. I don't know what the expense would be to do it, but that would make it a lot safer out there.

Tom said so take a pair of bolt cutters and step ladder and the cable could be down on the road end.

Mike said yeah then you've got to mow around it.

Tom said yeah, you could roll it up. I could take care of that. I could hang, roll it up, hang it on the side of the tower.

Mike said I think I'd rather get it out of there. Do you want Tom to do it?

Gary said that's fine.

Tom said I'll talk with Jake about it.

Mike said I talked to Jake this morning and he's already contacted Myers and they would do it.

Tom said I'll see what they charge.

Mike said they've got a bucket truck.

Meeks said I think Jake might have put up some trespassing signs not realizing that the property might be.

Mike said I think he indicated they are coming from another woods and their paths connect to those paths.

Tom said do our paths go to the other side.

Meeks said yes, it's open for anybody to go in.

Mike said just can't drive a car in there.

Tom said Fruit doesn't really have a path, I mean he doesn't have a walking path for people to use.

Mike said and I'm not sure, they said it was Cook's woods, because he owns, Cook owns some of that right-of-way out there. So you are going to take care of that for us Tom?

Tom said yeah I'll check with Jake on that.

Mike said okay. That's all I have. I don't have anything else.

Citizen Comments

Mike said do we have any citizens here that would like to share anything this morning. Okay. Gary are you good.

Gary Girton – Broadband tower

Gary said oh I'm sorry. I do have one other thing. On the Broadband, what are we going to do with that. Purdue, right now, I'm waiting for another possible contact this week but so far, they've not been interested.

Mike said well I think what, we just wait on a recommendation from the technology committee as to which was to go. I mean, Tower King is going to recommend to the technology committee, and they're going to tell us which one is the best. Then we're going to have to figure out if we want to spend that money and how we're going to recoup that money.

Gary said Barnes is saying that New Lisbon is not particularly interested in the North location. They're interested in the what, the south and the east location, which is on Purdue's land.

Mike said the south and east is on whose land.

Gary said it's on Purdue.

Mike said it's on Purdue as well.

Gary said yeah. They have two locations.

Tom said but the moth southeast location would be Laura's place wouldn't it.

Laura said yeah they've contacted Carl.

Mike said well to me, I don't, we don't have a recommendation from the technology committee, which site to pick.

Gary said okay we'll see if we can get them to come forth with a recommendation next meeting.

Mike said and then, I mean, they've thrown out that our lease benefit would be about \$200 a month. And if we're paying \$500.00 a month for our location, we're going to be under water pretty quick. We're going to run out of ARPA really quick on that one. So, I don't know if we get two providers at \$200 a month to break even, how that works. It just doesn't make sense to me. Again, I don't think we can go anywhere until we get a recommendation from them as to where to go.

Gary said I agree. That's all.

Mike said I'm not going to ask about citizens again. I had you up to seven seconds and nobody responded so.

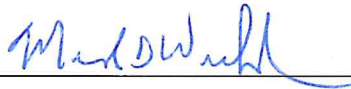
Adjournment

Mike said I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

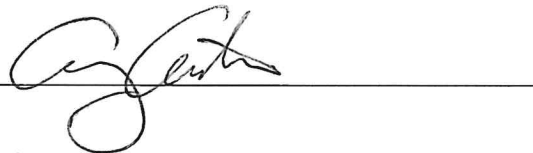
Tom made a motion to adjourn. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

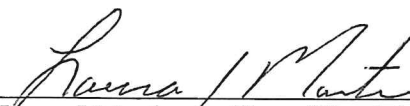
Reviewed and signed this 19 day of September, 2022.

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