

Randolph County Commissioners/Council Joint meeting

July 26, 2023

The Randolph County Commissioners met at their regular meeting at 7:00 PM in the Commissioners and Council Room in the Courthouse with the following members present: Commissioner Board President Michael Wickersham, Gary Friend and Gary Girton. County Council President David Lenkensdofer, Tom Chalfant, Mike Stine, Beverly Fields and Missy Williams. Also present was Randolph County Auditor Laura J Martin and Attorney Tom Cockerill.

Michael Wickersham, Commissioner President presided over Commissioner's. Council President David Lenkensdofer presided over Council.

Pledge of Allegiance

Windfarm funding – Trail project

Mike said I would like to start by thanking the Council and Commissioner's for coming out on short notice for an evening meeting on a Wednesday night to hear my request for windfarm funding for this trail. I am a member of the Randolph County trails committee which is a subcommittee of Randolph County United coming out of the cultivating communities project. Members in addition to me are Ceann Bales, Daniel Baker, Lisa Jennings, Angie Poole, Marla Threewits, Perry Knox, Chad Spence, Lisa Gullett, Marty Sulek, Bob McCoy and Jeff Ray. We've as a committee been meeting for several months now and have developed a trail that we hope will enhance the recreational activities in Randolph County. This is a low budget trail brochure that I copied today. It does explain a little bit of what we are trying to do. We are trying to develop a trail along the railroad right of way, railroad corridor that would start in Henry County at the end of the Wilbur Wright trail just east of Moreland at Henry County road 525 West and we'd take that trail along the right a way into Randolph County across 35 and connect to the Cardinal Greenway. Once it connects to the Cardinal Greenway then it would go on through Losantville and end up ultimately in Modoc, on the south side of Modoc following the railroad corridor all the way. For me I take trails for granted but a lot of people I don't think do and I'd like to take the opportunity just to talk about trails a little bit. I recently reviewed a website called niche.com and they indicated that Randolph County is number 72 out of 92 on the list of availability of outdoor activities. And a trail is an outdoor activity and creating this trail would enhance our activities. The activity for not only the southwestern part of the county but the entire county as a whole. Moving the trail from Losantville to Modoc really gives everybody a four-mile jump on getting to a trail head in Randolph County most of the population in the community is in Winchester, Lynn, Union City, Saratoga, Ridgeville, Farmland. Everybody but Parker City, Parker City Modoc's trip is a little farther than Losantville. But it would be a benefit to what I consider to be most of the population in the County. Were also, you'll see on the brochure we are making this part of the trail from the county line at Henry County to Modoc just the beginning of what we consider the Randolph vision trail which would ultimately connect Lynn to that trail then go north to Winchester, north to Ridgeville and then back southeast to

Union City. Our part tonight and what we've been working on is the Wilbur Wright to Modoc. I am here to ask for a couple of things tonight. Our committee would like to apply for a Department of Natural Resource Next Level Trails Grant and it's due by August 1st. There's \$30 million available for trails in Randolph County, \$22.5 million of it is earmarked for regional trails, \$7.5 million is earmarked for local trails. We believe by connecting Wilbur Wright and connecting Henry County and connecting the Cardinal Greenway, we qualify for a regional trail in several different areas. County to county, trail to an existing trail system that connects to two other counties, really three other counties, Wayne and Delaware. It connects the cities of Moreland, Losantville and Modoc and the additional benefit it doesn't connect to but it runs very close to Union School Corporation. That's another plus for the trail. So, we think we're pretty well aligned to be a regional trail and qualify for that money. The Governor and the Department of Natural Resources works for him, he wants a trail within every five miles of every citizen in the state and very few of us have a trail within five miles. So, this is a start of that process. I think connecting Henry County and connecting the Wilber Wright, Cardinal Greenway with the Vision Trail is going to be regional. I'm just going to say if I were on the jury judging an application, I'd approve this in no time at all. I feel pretty optimistic about it. As required by most grants there is a local match. Tonight, one I'm going to ask for permission from the Commissioner's that we apply for the grant as the County Commissioner's in Randolph County. Two is I'm going to ask County Commissioner's and the County Council for a local match and that would be as I said from windfarm funding. I'm going to hand out a packet and I hesitate to hand this out early because when I get these packets the first thing I do is leaf through it. I'm hoping you have patients when you get this packet and let me guide you through it so we can talk a little more about this project and what it entails and what we have. We have some good positive things and we have some work around things. This has been a task for me because many of you know a year ago January I went paperless and I have created a lot of paper on this project. I've had difficulty in organizing that paper. I believe I'm organized tonight. The first page is the quality of life map which shows in the yellow line the trails in Randolph County that our trail committee and our comprehensive plan is showing. It runs from Losantville to Modoc to Lynn to Winchester to Ridgeville to Union City and that whole yellow line is railroad corridor. A lot of it is farm ground, Losantville to Lynn is mostly pipeline property. The next page is the trail the line from the Henry County line following 36 crossing 1 to Modoc that's in particular the trail we are looking at. The next page is a showing of it moving from the Wilbur Wright Trail at 525 North on the blue line crossing the Cardinal Greenway going to Losantville and again going up to Modoc. That really shows you what the trail is. From that point to point is a little less than 6 miles. It's 5.83 miles as I understand it. The next page is kind of a blow up of the crossing at Cardinal Greenway and the Cardinal Greenway is the red dotted and our trail the Vision Trail is the blue and is shows in particular how it's going to go through Losantville. Before you turn to the next page I need to say that, the next page is bypass, one of the things we were unable to do was obtain property the Edger Pool Trust property in Henry County and the Edger Pool Trust property in Randolph County and then the Lieberman property in Randolph County. I've talked to the Pool folks, I've not had any conversation with the Lieberman, I've tried and tried and cannot get any response. If we don't have Pool, we don't need Lieberman, if we have Poole and don't get Lieberman, we don't need Pool. We are kind of in a catch 22 there, so what I'm proposing and what we're going to propose in the grant application is that we pick up County Road 525 North in Henry County, for bikers, you ride that county road to the County line road which is 1275 West and you take it north to 1000 South and you take County Road

1000 South back to just across 36 and then that connects to the property that's listed on the next page, number 4 Healthy Communities of Henry County property which is designated on that map, the next slot. This map the yellow slot shows the Henry County Communities and they have given us that property for the trail. They have signed a letter of consent that we can have that property. So, that will go in our application as us owning that. That is where I am proposing at that intersection just beyond 36, county road 1000 South which is the intersection of the white line and 36, that's where our trail would take off. Then it crosses 35 and at 35 it crosses, on the Cardinal Greenway side of 35, it crosses behind the Greenville National Bank and to the side of the Pizza Barn in Losantville and that section of property is owned by Sulehria & Sons, LLC which owns the gas station on the corner and he's consented and signed a letter of consent to allow us to use part of his property and Greenville National Bank has signed a letter of intent to allow us to use part of their property so that we can put trail through that area. That brings us up to the Cardinal Greenway, Cardinal Greenway has consented and supported our trail and has given consent to cross the Greenway. Our original plan was that as we traversed across the Greenway, we were going to go, the next one is the Greenville National Bank property, then theirs a spreadsheet of property owners list and you see the first name property 6, 6A and 6B, the first owner is Mildred and Tracey Rice and then it's Robert and Julie Shepherd and Robert and Johnetta Lambert, we approached the Rice's several weeks ago and because due to some family circumstances they were not ready to talk to us about anything regarding their property. I did not talk to them but Ceann Bales did. I feel like we made a pretty good effort but they just weren't ready. So, with that situation and the Rice's own the corridor there, so what we're proposing for the grant opportunity is that we will go around the Rice's and go into Bob and Julie Shepherd's property which is this drawing, and it butts up against the Rice's property and Bob and Julie Shepherd have given us a letter of intent that they're willing to talk to us about developing trail on their property which is all we need for the grant. If we get the property owner to say that they are willing to do it then we can develop the trail and at the end of the day we either buy it or we don't. Our hopes is that we don't have to bypass the Rice's and at a later time the Rice's will be willing to talk to us about using the corridor but if not we have the authority to go around it into the Shepherd property. The next property is the Lambert property and in order to get back to the rail corridor we have to cross just a very slight corner of their property which is this area, the little triangle there. We cross that and then we get back into Carol Weaver's property which is back on the corridor and the trail would go back on the corridor and Carol Weaver has donated that property to us. Just like the Healthy Communities of Henry County, she's donated the value of our trail on that property. The next property is owned by the Town of Losantville, the next two and our intention is that the trail would go across one of those tracts and Losantville has agreed by Town Board action to donate that land to us as well. So, that's property that we have to build on. The next property is owned by the Town of Losantville but in the name of the West Union Volunteer Fire Department and they also have agreed to grant us that property and it will go, if your looking at the map it will go to the narrow side of the fire station on that Ariel and that will take that beyond the fire station to their next parcel which is still owned by the Town of Losantville and the next parcel which is owned by the Town of Losantville as the West Union Volunteer Fire Department and that takes us all the way out to County Road 950 South and then we cross the county road there with the trail and we get into one more property owned by West Union Volunteer Fire Department and then that takes us out to where we connect up with property owned by ANR Pipeline and the ANR Pipeline owns the rest of the right a way to not only Modoc but pretty much to the Town of Lynn and we've

been in communication with the ANR Pipeline, I think I'm at level 4 with that organization to review our request and our request a very simple will you consider a trail on your property and if you will we will meet any condition you have for us to build that trail because that is the only way we can get it. Other than eminent domain and I'm not one that wants to use eminent domain. So, I'm waiting on a response from ANR Pipeline and they indicated that I would have one by the middle of this week. The ANR Pipeline property is a big part of this.

Tom Chalfant said they bought that off the railroad and they buried a pipeline?

Mike said yes, they have pipeline through most of it. Obviously we need to survey it. We need to survey all of this, that's one condition, the other is that we may have to cross over the pipeline in several places but that we can manage. The other is we can't use vibration equipment in building the trail which we have been assured that we will not use vibration equipment. So, frankly what I'm hoping is that they come back and say we're okay for you to proceed with this, show us what you have and these are our conditions and if you meet them we will let you build the trail. I'm really hoping that they will give us this property which will save us a lot of money in the end. It won't save us any money up front but it will save us money in the end.

Tom Chalfant asked will they give you title to this property?

Mike said they will give us easement or license, which both have value. What we have from the town, what we have from the volunteer fire department and what we have from Carol Weaver is ownership. Greenville National Bank I believe will probably, they see very positive about it and I think they will at least grant us an easement. I've been told three times all they do with it is mow it. So, if they give us any property, they are going to save money on mowing expense. As I said the rest of the property cards are ANR Pipeline and I think I will stop there for a minute and review my notes and see if there are any questions.

Dave asked what is the width of the path that you're requesting?

Mike said we've been telling property owners that our minimum width is 15 feet but for the grant estimation we're estimating 25 feet and that's how we're estimating the value. Ideal is 15 to 25 feet is what we'd like to get. And then the trail is 10 foot with two-foot shoulder on each side. It will be a paved trail just like the Cardinal Greenway.

Tom asked are there any bridges on this?

Mike said there is a bridge on Healthy Communities, it's a bridge culvert and as I understand it it's in good shape. It would take bicycles. I think there's a pretty good bridge on east of Modoc on the right a way for the next group to pursue that ground. So, then if you go through the property, the one with the four pictures on it. That is something we sent to INDOT to let them know how we are going to cross the highways, you have to have approval for INDOT to cross the highways. Then the next page is the expense page and it's broken up in two parts. It was three the first part was the Wilbur Wright to the Randolph County line which was only 1/2 mile and then the second part was the county line to the Cardinal Greenway but because of our bypass we're just going from County Road 100 South to the Greenway in this first estimation and as you

can see that total cost \$982,000.00, the local match is \$196,400.00 of that we have \$66,400.00 donated to us. So, a cash match from the county for this portion of the trail would be \$130,000.00. The grant request would be for \$785,600.00. It's a pretty detailed expense estimation. It's been done by Butler, Fairman and Seufert, an engineer Alan Hamersley has worked closely with us. As the Commissioner's know, we appropriated EDIT funds to pay them \$4800.00 to do this and they are well worth their money. I've talked to Alan a couple times after 8:00 so, he has spent some time on this as well as I have. I feel pretty confident that this number if anything is high because you don't want to ask for grant money and then not have enough. I think it's reasonable, I think it's fair but it's high. The second page is the bigger part of the trail, it's the Cardinal Greenway to Modoc and as you can see the total cost there \$4,146,000.00 and that is a local match of \$829,200.00 of which \$49,500.00 has been given to us by the town of Losantville and Carol Weaver. The monetary contribution from the county for that portion of the trail would be \$779,700.00. And the grant we are pursuing for that part of the trail is \$3,316,800.00. So, the total cost of the project for the county road 1000 South where we pick up Healthy Communities property to Modoc is \$5,128,000.00 the grant we are pursuing is a total of \$4,102,400.00 and that is within DNR's limit of \$5 million and the match would be \$1,025,600.00 of that should we want to use them at this time we have a property contribution of \$115,900.00 which would reduce the county's monetary match from windfarm to \$909,700.00. We do have letters of support from Union City, Ohio Valley Gas, we are getting a letter of support from the Henry County Commissioners as we talk, Ceann is at that meeting, the YMCA, part of the YMCA biking club is here, thanks for coming, the Cardinal Greenway, the Henry County Economic Development Corporation, the Town of Losantville, Tom Griffey has promised he will sign a letter, Union Township Trustee signed a letter, Randolph County United signed a letter, Winchester has signed a letter of support, the Henry County Community Foundation has signed a letter and I understand I am going to receive one from Randolph County Community Foundation. As I indicated earlier the grant deadline is Tuesday August 1st which unless we want to meet again we really need to give an up and down vote tonight on this request. The only other thing I'm going to say is I've been advised that the grants will be announced in late November, so should we apply for one and receive one, it will be announced in late November or early December and if we receive a grant from that point it will take approximately three years to complete the project and that grant is awarded by invoice. When we have an invoice, we request the funds from the state, we put our matching funds and we pay the invoice. I foresee the funds, it's not going to be like the end of December we need \$909,700.00. I see it being spent over 3 years. Really I suspect the majority of it, if you look at the expense ratio is going to be spent towards the end when the clearing and the construction phase is going on. Again, it's an 80/20 ratio. If you have any questions, I'd be glad to answer them. Another thing I might add is, there's plenty of opportunity going forward and I don't know enough about the next level trails grant or how it's funded but there is plenty of opportunity to add to the match. When you get a grant as I talked about Greenville National Bank, would add to our match. I don't know if that would take away from our monetary match or not but it would add to our match. When we start clearing ground, if we had a company that would be willing to contribute their time to clear ground, that would add to the match. Volunteers that could clear ground would add to the match. I think it's an opportunity for the entire county to get involved and to save the county some money I would hope or bank money for future trail development or future maintenance of the trail. Obviously on behalf of myself as Commissioner, I would vote in favor of supporting this project with a match and I really prepared two letters in anticipation that

hopefully, because I want to get them signed tonight but hopefully we will support and support the advocacy and support with a match. One letter is for the entire match of \$1,025,600.00. The other is for a match of \$909,700.00. If we put up a match of \$1,025,600.00 that raises our match to almost 23% which from a grantor perspective, the more match you have the more likely your going to be approved. But, I'm willing to take either.

Tom said that's 5 miles?

Mike said it was 5.83 and we took .56 off so it's 5.26 miles. So, it's about \$1 million a mile.

Tom said and your not even buying land.

Mike said that included buying land. It doesn't include the land we've been given. Well it does the total cost includes the land we been given. But we will be buying Sulehria's, it includes that. It includes buying Greenville National Banks and either the Rice's or the Lambert's and Shepherds. It includes buying all the ANR property. So, it does include buying the land.

Tom said but your not buying the land, you're buying a lease.

Mike said we could be buying it fee simple. That would be our first choice. The estimation is based on buying fee simple.

Tom said on top of their pipeline?

Mike said it would have to be 15 foot from it, it's beside it. If you're talking about ANR, yes they are not going to sell it. That would be an easement but the other property owners, the estimation is in there and even the estimation for ANR. Well, it's probably easement, I didn't bring that document with me. It's in my truck, I can go get it and tell you what it is. For the bigger portion it's \$130,000 for land and it's fee simple and temporary, temporary would be easement and that would be ANR, so the other parcels are \$130,000. The first part of the trail is fee simple and that's \$76,000.00, two parcels. I can share the benefits of what outdoor recreation can give you if you want to know what they are.

Tom said there's a lot of economic activities generated but \$1 million a mile.

Mike said it's a big ask.

Gary Friend said the cost for Randolph County \$200,000.00 a mile. The way to look at it is there is always going to be an ask for trails. Mike has done a lot of work, there is absolutely no doubt about it and tonight we either start the beginning of trails across Randolph County or end it. That is where we are at. If this was to not make it, it would be a devastating blow. Trails are everywhere. As hard as it is to spend that amount of money and accept and understand it, I'm in favor of getting started. We got a lot of things to do in Randolph County, all the elects are doing it and this is not asking to much out of windfarm funding. It's been talked about since day one along with roads and everything else. Like I said today we either confirm trails across Randolph

County or end it and today I would vote to confirm the trails across Randolph County. Two hundred thousand dollars for us is still a lot but I think it's time to move forward.

Tom said \$200,000.00?

Gary Friend our part per mile. Hopefully it all works out, by the time it gets to Ridgeville and Union City that's quite a trail in Randolph County. That's where I'm at on it.

Dave said I have a question Mike, on the first sheet of the cost estimate it shows .55 miles at the top.

Mike said I don't think he changed that. That may be what it is because originally it was 5.83 and we took more than .56 off because .56 was just to the county line so we also eliminated the county line to 1000 South. So, it's only 4.30.

Dave said this whole project is only 4.30.

Mike said yes, that is what it is.

Dave said this definitely is one part of five parts out of Cultivating Randolph County. The other ones, there was technology, there were three others that we are also going to have to consider also going forward. I think we probably have the technology covered. I think there's still \$400,000 out there.

Mike said we still have \$400,000. Laura and I were talking about that earlier. We did pay an expense and I don't recall where we paid that from. The Tower King expense we paid that and I don't remember if that was EDIT or.

Tom said I think that was from EDIT.

Mike said then we didn't take that from the \$400,000.00 that \$400,000 is still earmarked for the towers.

Dave said I'm hearing from your County Commissioner's meeting the other day that their trying to get broadband, wireless broadband, is that correct?

Mike said Watch Communication has put up a new tower that will send a signal through an oak tree.

Dave said I heard they were going to put up two maybe. So, that sort of takes care of the technology.

Gary Friend said they are getting some help from the northern part of Randolph County. Right now, they've got to put 40' towers up to people that want them. They got a federal grant. By taking that grant they are required. I called them myself.

Mike said they have a grant NLBC has a grant and Charter has a grant.

Gary Girton said Charter is right now building conduit in the southeastern part of the county. They have a few crews down there, they have been there all summer.

Dave said I didn't mean to get off track, I'm just saying that hopefully that will help Randolph County for the technology part of the cultivating communities. I think it is time for the County Council to get your opinions on.

Gary Friend said I believe from what I have seen here Mike, you can yea or nay on that. This is probably the most expensive part of getting this. These 4 ½ to 5 miles are expensive because of the connections, engineering and all the things that go into it. Will the cost of mile go down?

Tom said how will it go down when, ANR has pretty much give you the property.

Gary Friend said I mean as we're going across the rest of Randolph County.

Tom said that's what I mean your going to be going across private property.

Mike said Modoc to Lynn is going to be ANR, if what I see as a pipeline around Highway 1, it's pretty well cleared so you don't have a lot of clearing to do. Where as in Losantville, it's wooded, so there is expense there. But, Tom's right once you get to Lynn to go north to Winchester, your going to be cutting down through the middle of some farmers fields. I've traced the ownership through there and there's a lot of them. Now, from Winchester to what used to be Camp Slingshot, it's very limited ownership out there. That could be a possibility but you take that railroad corridor beyond that it's not like the corridor that we're looking at that most of it runs along 36. As Tom said the Pool property, he owns three or four tacks from 525 into Randolph County and he's got that all planted as well as everything planted out to 36. So, if he were to sell you the right a way, he'd not only lose the crop off of the right a way would be, he would lose the crop on the 36 side of the right a way because he wouldn't go out there and farm that 30-foot strip of ground if he couldn't just connect it all.

Gary Friend said I understand, I thought the railroad still maintained possession.

Mike said there are some north of Winchester that the City of Winchester owns, the DNR owns some. They don't own between here and Lynn, it's owned by ANR. But there's no doubt it's expensive and I would agree with you that it's expensive but I think it will be good for the county. And it will be there a long time and we'll not only benefit from it but kids and grandkids will. And it's a start, until you get a trail, start a trail and Union City seen that and they've got a trail over there and they're planning to expand that. Once you get started you don't know what's going to happen after that. We don't know the farmers between Lynn and Winchester and they might like what they see between Losantville and Lynn and say hey we're on board with that, I'd like a trail in my backyard. I've seen a lot of them around the country that have trails in their back yard and they go by junk yards and they go by seven figure homes. They're a good thing for a community.

Tom said can you put a bike trail next to a county road or highway?

Mike said you can put a bike trail next to a county road or highway but you have to meet INDOT standards to do that. It raises the cost per mile above what this would be.

Tom said I don't see farmers cutting, they might sell you 30 foot next to the road but their not going to want you to cut through a field.

Mike said I tried to negotiate with the Pools, his accountant I tried to negotiate with him that we're only wanting 15-25 feet and Mr. Pool's farming it and he's farming out to the road and what's he going to do when he sprays. He's going to need more space than that and are you going to plant trees. I said well we will probably plant trees but it's going to take 20 years to grow. That's why I decided to bypass. It dings our application somewhat because we're connecting to Wilbur Wright through county roads but I think it's better than not at all going after it. I think we're still regional because we do connect Cardinal Greenway and Cardinal connects Wayne County with us and it connects Delaware County with us.

Missy said we talk a lot about wanting to bring young people back to our community, this is part of what young people, they want recreational areas, biking, they like amenities, the Y and broadband connections, it's all part of it. It is one thing that does bring, young people do bike.

Mike said it's another piece, it really is.

Bev said I'm in favor. I wish I could still ride bike. I did a lot of years on the bike trail myself. I just think it's a good thing. There's more people than you realize sometimes who actually utilize it. We have a fellow who drives past us every day and honks the horn because he has to drive 25 miles to go hit the Greenway.

Mike said we had nine people do that Saturday.

Bev said I think there are more people than just the few that I know that go that way and this would be piggy backing on what Missy said and that is we been talking about what can bring the younger people into our aging community and try to build things up. So, I would be in favor of this.

Mike said I think with the county supporting Losantville and Modoc and their sewer systems and supporting L&M Water Company I think there's opportunity this trail just enhances that area and who knows what homes could be developed down there for those communities. That is where the windfarm and solar is.

Tom said its just to, \$1 million a mile is just sad.

Mike said it is estimated and it is estimated high.

Tom said 10%, 15%. The problem is we've got 220 bridges we haven't maintained, we've got a lot of roads we haven't maintained, a lot of drains we haven't maintained. I wish we could do

this but I don't see how we can do it all. This would be the easy part to build I think but trying to go on from Lynn to Ridgeville because of ANR, it's too bad we don't have those type of easements elsewhere. A million dollars a mile is just hard to swallow.

Mike said I understand.

Dave said Mike?

Mike Stine said I'm not sure.

Dave said I can say as a former biker myself, I think it's a worthwhile project. Tom has a point it's costly number one, number two you no where I come from on bridges, roads and drains, there has to be a severe commitment towards that going forward because we do have a lot of assets that we are responsible for. I think it's estimated around \$500 million and we've got to start chipping away at that.

Mike Stine said the trail in Muncie, there's a lot of use on it.

Dave said Cardinal is very well used. Are there any questions from the County Council? Mike I will leave it up to you as County Commissioner.

Mike said I normally don't do this but I would move that the Commissioner's approve a grant of \$909,700.00 from windfarm funds to match the next level trails grant.

Gary Friend seconded.

Gary Girton said I agree, I think it is very important that we move forward at this time. There has been a lot of talk about it for a long time. Every since we started getting windfarm money. This is an area where we can put funds to use, if we can get the grant it's an exceptional amount of money that can be brought into the county. We're putting in some money but that's \$3 million plus dollars brought in from outside to help improve the assets we have in the county. Cardinal Greenway in Delaware County is definitely used greatly, there's people all the time riding on it. I think it's a plus for everybody and if we can get another \$3 million brought into the county that's an extra plus.

Mike said that 's a good way to look at it. If it's a million a mile and we're spending \$200,000, the states spending \$800,000. I'll call the question, all in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Dave said I will entertain a motion from Council to pass the proposal presented by Mike Wickersham.

Missy made a motion to approve. Bev seconded. Dave said it's been moved and seconded to approve the \$909,700.00 request from windfarm for the Randolph County trail project. All in favor. 4 aye votes. 1 nay vote (Tom Chalfant). Motion carried.

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

Gary Friend made a motion to apply for the Next level trails grant. Gary Girton seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Dave said I will entertain a motion to approve the request for grant application.

Bev made a motion to approve. Missy seconded. 4 aye votes, 1 nay vote (Tom Chalfant). Motion carried.

Mike said that's all I have. I appreciate the time and I appreciate the support.

Adjournment

Dave said if there is nothing else to come before the joint Commissioner/Council I'd entertain a motion from the County Council to adjourn the meeting.

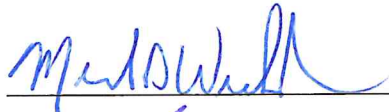
Missy made a motion to adjourn. Mike Stine seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

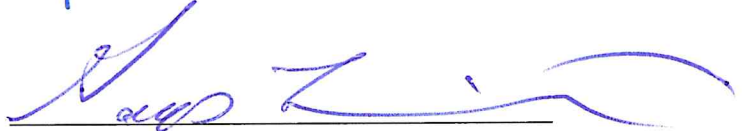
Mike said I'd entertain a motion to adjourn from the Commissioner's.

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

Reviewed and signed this 7 day of August, 2023.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

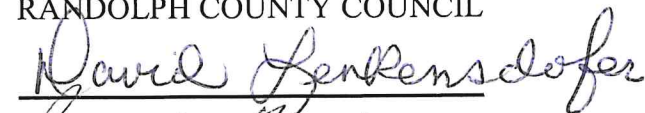






Reviewed and accepted this 8 day of August, 2023.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COUNCIL





Tom Chalfont
~~_____~~

ATTEST: Laura J Martin
Laura J Martin, Auditor of Randolph County