

Randolph County Commissioners

November 2, 2020

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.

Greg Beumer – OCRA Grant Public Hearing

Mike Wickersham opened the public Hearing on the OCRA grant.

Greg Beumer introduced Liz Dehaven from the Cozy Corner in Lynn and Eric Hanlin from Hoosier Que Daddy Too Barbeque as two of the businesses that received grant funds

Eric Hanlin from the Hoosier Que Daddy Too Barbeque said we had contracts, I had people scheduled through September and a lot of people just pulled out, obviously things that we were counting on, we had projected projects growth for the business, we were looking at getting started on a second food truck, being able to start offering more regular hours and regular deliveries and things like that and basically with the Covid crisis that just pulled that rug out from under us and where we were planning on heading with that. So, receiving the funds from the grant has helped us kind of keep us on that tract, get us to where we need to be. We also faced a couple of substantial things through the middle of it, we were obviously able to stay open being an essential business with being food, we like to call some of those Covid blessings, we looked at how we could do things differently, the grant helped us to keep moving forward with that as well. We did face a couple of hardships and had we not received that grant we would have been kind of dead in the water, we had some equipment failures in the middle of events that were occurring and so we were able to use those funds to keep our equipment going and to keep our business going. We partnered with some other businesses in the county, we did some outreach things with our trailer and with the food business as well.

Ceann Bales, Randolph County Economic Development Director. I just want to thank everybody for allowing us to do this, thank the Commissioners, off course thank OCRA for choosing us as a county. I just want to note that we had a couple business to testify but we were actually able to support 54 businesses with money. I know that all of them would say the same type of story of how this funding thanks to you guys helping us and OCRA, really helped them to weather this storm. I appreciate that and just thank you personally for your support and thank OCRA.

Greg said with that are there any question or comments from the public. Seeing none we will get ready to wrap this up. When you get into your business meeting Mike, if you would there are some close out documents there that simply require a motion by the Commissioner's.

Mike said I will close the public hearing.

Pledge of Allegiance

Closeout Documents for the OCRA grant

Mike said the first thing on the agenda are the Close out documents for the OCRA grant. I have been provided three documents: A certification of accessibility, a grantee performance report and an application recipient disclosure update report from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and it has been recommended by the grant representative that we authorize me to sign these on behalf of the county.

Gary made a motion to authorize Mike Wickersham to sign the three closeout documents for the OCRA grant for the county. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Ceann Bales – OCRA RLF program and proposed awardees

Ceann said did everyone get the memorandum that I sent out. This is basically the first round, so how this is working is we sent out to over 300 letters to area businesses. We sent out PSA's to three radio stations, three newspapers, we have had it on face book, we sent a hand delivered or mailed and e-mailed to all the town clerks in the county information about this program desperately trying to reach everyone we could. I know it was in the paper, we did several radio spots on it. What we did was set deadlines so the first Friday of every month is the deadline for applicants if they want to apply for it. Then the revolving loan committee meets the second week of the month and then the applications are reviewed and recommendations are made to the Economic Development Board of Directors which meets on the third week of the month. We will do that every month until the funds are exhausted. What you are seeing before you now are applicants that submitted the first due date, which was the first Friday in October and you can see the ones that the committee have reviewed, it shows the retained number of employee's the projected new for this funding, the amount requested and the proposed award that the revolving loan committee is suggesting, our board is also approving. I can tell you there was two other applicants that applied that the committee put on hold, that are not on your sheet. They were only put on hold because they received funding through the first round of grants and right now they are trying to get all the funds out to as many different people as possible. When I called them, I told them that it is not a no, but right now it is on hold until we see what other applicants we get in. If there are still funds available the committee can go back and change that. Again, the idea of the committee is that we are trying to help as many different people in the county as possible who need help. You can see the difference, some of these are more of the bigger industries in our community versus before the grants went to more of our smaller businesses.

Mike asked are there any question for Ceann?

Gary made a motion to approve the recommended grant loans. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Ceann said thank you very much for allowing us to do this.

Mike said while you and Greg are here is it okay if we jump down to the Kleinpeter grant administration service agreement?

Kleinpeter Grant Admin Svc agreement

Ceann said Greg and I was just talking about this, this morning. I had talked to him a week or week and half ago about the additional \$2,000.00 that we were not expecting. He is going to talk to Kleinpeter about that and see what options we have for that. I asked him this morning if he could change this claim that for you guys it would come as the original \$6,250.00 which is actually part of the OCRA grant and then we would deal with the other \$2000.00 and we will let you know. We will in our office try and negotiate with Kleinpeter about that \$2,000.00. Greg said that was fine and so we are going to ask for a new invoice to be sent to the county for the \$6,250.00 which is part of the OCRA grant and was the percentage that was allowed and then Greg and I will be working with Kleinpeter about the additional \$2,000.00 through our office and we will let you know how that progresses.

Mike said so we will take no action this morning on this.

Ceann said correct, you will want to wait until you get a new invoice.

Mike said our only position is that it wasn't presented in the beginning. The first go around that extra \$2,000.00 was presented in the beginning but this round there wasn't any discussion, it was just going to be the grant fee. That is our position.

Jake Donham – Update

Mike said Jake is not coming up this morning.

Building Commission temporary inspector

Mike said I have been in contact with the Executive Director of the Area Planning Commission and Randy has asked us if it would be possible as we have in the past to authorize Bill Pierson if necessary to do some inspections for the Building Commission. We have don that in the past when Randy has been on vacation or unavailable and he has requested that we do that.

Gary said it worked out in the past and he is qualified. I will make a motion to allow Bill Pierson to do inspection for the Randolph County Building Commission while Randy is unavailable. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Chris Beasley – EDPR Amended Road Use and Decommissioning Agreements

Mike asked what changed in this one?

Chris said I don't believe anything changed.

Mike said amendment regarding roads and drains amended and restated second amendment to agreement regarding county roads and drains.

Chris said I am not familiar with that. I came to talk to you about the county bonds for the road use agreement and the decommissioning agreement.

Mike said we don't need that one.

Meeks said we still need this one signed.

Tom said is that because I made those changes. Does that have anything to do with the equipment they are bringing in to the solar farm, the heavy equipment and then also the two mile of road that I allowed them to have the crossing to haul dirt on, to have the crane crossing. Would that be part of the amendment.

Mike said I didn't see that in there.

Meeks said its for the \$2,000,000.00 that they deposited and then we were going to fix the roads afterwards. Using the \$2 million. I know Ed and Mike Haffner have both looked at it and didn't have a problem with it.

Mike said if it goes over that then they will pay that? I thought there was an amount in the previous one.

Chris said we ran it as \$50,000.00 per mile of used road.

Mike said that is out of there.

Meeks said page 3 at the bottom.

Mike said I don't see anything about \$50,000.00 per mile.

Meeks said no, it says \$2,000,000.00.

Mike said I see that.

Meeks said there is nothing about \$50,000.00 per mile in there.

Mike said there was one with it and we took that out.

Chris said I think the \$2,000,000.00 came from the \$50,000.00 per mile.

Mike said one agreement had \$50,000.00 per mile and I thought that was pretty cheep considering the expense of what it cost to pave a mile.

Chris said I think the reasoning for that was the impact of the roads is a lot less than what you see with the wind. Just because the loads are so much smaller. We weren't planning to need to repave the roads, just really maintain them.

Mike said this is the wind.

Chris said that is the confusion here. I am not up to date on the wind agreements. Those are being managed by Nicole Jeffers.

Mike said okay, lets set that aside then. I don't know what the difference is other than the \$50,000.00 in the previous one was taken out. There is also language about negotiating who would determine the condition of the roads after to meet our satisfaction and to meet EDPR satisfaction. It wasn't clear in the first agreement that EDPR would pay for that engineer, but I think the new agreement sets that out.

Meeks said yes, I think that is why this is here.

Mike said maybe it is that \$50,000.00 was replaced by \$2,000,000.00. Which that does not put a top limit on the amount we are going to have to pay to have it repaired. Maybe that is okay but I think we probably need more clarification on it.

Meeks said I think it is fine, whatever you guys want, if we need somebody from EDPR, we will just let Chris know to be at our next meeting. Not you.

Mike said even an e-mailed explanation as to why it changed. I didn't see any of that in the discussions. Let's go on to what you know about this morning Chris. I apologize for the confusion.

Chris said I sent a couple of bonds to Meeks a few weeks ago covering the decommissioning agreement and the road use agreement and was wondering if you had a chance to look those over. If you guys had any questions on them. Talking about the rate for execution.

Mike said what happens in October of 2021 with regards to the decommissioning performance bond. This bond expires in October 2021.

Meeks said they would have to reup it.

Mike said they are going to do that every year until decommissioned.

Meeks said they should, if that is what they want.

Chris said the decommissioning agreement states that we have to continually reup that bond.

Gary said I thought the first one was for 5-years and then it was after that.

Meeks said the amount of the bond is set during those times. If you want to get a bond every six months because it's cheaper for you, as long as you have a bond and tell us what the bond is. We just set the amount.

Mike said what I am saying is we have to have a new one of these. Is this a special one for during construction?

Chris said I'm not entirely sure.

Meeks said on the wind they gave us one and then when they got it set up they gave us another bond.

Mike said so maybe the next one would be longer than a year.

Meeks said I assume it is a little cheaper if you don't have everything built yet.

Mike said okay, we have received two bonds and we have the originals in front of us which have not been signed. They look okay to me.

Gary made a motion to accept the two bonds. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Chris said if you could all sign those and then I will get Ryan Brown, our executive to counter sign.

Meeks said you guys just sign the bonds, the Commissioner's just approve them.

Gary Bates- Communications Project

Gary Bates said I am representing Pyramid Consulting, Terry apologizes for not being here this morning. He wanted me to bring up two things. He wanted permission to rebid the electrical portions of the tower project, as you know we didn't get the proper bids the last time on the electrical and so they did some value engineering and it looks like he's got three companies, possibly four that will bid on it and if you know of any local ones. We've got Rex Collins Infracritical facilities out of Carmel, a company from Richmond and then during a meeting we had last week with Randolph Eastern, Slade Milhollin a local electrician that does work for them is going to look at the project to see if he wants to bid. If you have anybody else, we would like permission to rebid that and we will get the advertisement out to the paper this week, to publish next week and so with the bids due at your first Commissioner's meeting in December, which I believe is December 7th.

Tom asked is Carroll Electric the company in Richmond?

Gary said I don't know.

Tom said they haven't received any information yet.

Gary said Carroll.

Mike said the recommendation is that we rebid the electric which I think we were aware of that at our last meeting when we opened the bids we heard the recommendation.

Tom made a motion to take the recommendation of Pyramid Consulting and rebid the electric. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said the second one on this Communications Project is the request to issue the RFP (request for proposals) for the volume recorder, this is part of the original project, it just hasn't been bid, you will have about 4 bidders on that. With Chris Shaneyfelt, went over the summary of the project and that will be the same project and the bids will be due at the same time and then we will go through the RFP process with that.

Gary made a motion to approve Pyramid Consulting's recommendation to issue RFP's for the Communication Project's volume recorder. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Tom asked Gary can you explain the value engineering?

Gary said when they don't get the right bids, the way that I understand it is that Terry, when they didn't get the right number of bids or its too high, then they will go back and do some value engineering to see if they added something that didn't need to be added, so they fine tune the specs if they need to and then find out from companies why they didn't bid on it and then we go back and do it again.

Mike said I was hoping Terry would be here, so I will ask you the question Gary. What do you know about space x and star link satellites?

Gary said space x, I don't know that much about them to be honest with you, are the space x one's Musk?

Mike said yes, Musk.

Gary said Musk, Warren Brown over at Blackford County, he actually seen them, he said he seen them come around. You read the blogs on them, it will be interesting to see how it works and it is a satellite being able to bring in internet. I think that anything that they can do to bring internet, a lot of times they float temporary balloons up.

Mike said the reason for my question is and it has been raised to me by someone on our technology committee, if Musk is successful in putting 42,000 of these in orbit, I think he has 820 up there now and offering internet service via satellite to some areas. The question becomes what, if he is successful, what does that do to our four internet towers, that we are spending \$400,000.00 on? I don't know the answer to that, but I think it is a discussion worth having. Someone from the technology committee shared with me, he wonders the value. I am not talking about the emergency communications towers, I was talking about the internet towers. My concern is that we don't have any customers for those towers. We are going to build them and if you build them will come. Well Musk isn't going to come because he is going to do something that seems to be contradictory to the physical tower, he is going to offer it with something flying in space that the tower is offering and you won't have any force that get in the way of that signal, it will beam down right on top of your, if it comes to fruition. I raise it as a point of discussion.

Gary said I think its another avenue that is going to be able to help citizens. When Terry did the broadband assessment, I always laugh because there are to many satellite companies out there that always, they say they have 100% coverage and they can provide 35 meg download and up to six upload and they just can't provide it. It will be interesting to see, Terry had it on his farm, he paid \$80 month and it was terrible service and he finally go rid of it. Being able to show that this can happen, it will be very interesting to see. I think it is just another avenue. That people can explore.

Meeks said do you know where we are at on the acquisition of the southern site? Or do you know Chris?

Chris said I don't know at all.

Meeks said are we just on pause? Ask Terry, I don't know if I am supposed to be doing something. I haven't heard a peep out of anybody.

Gary Girton said he is looking forward to us moving forward with that.

Meeks said so, it is on us. I guess I should start preparing a purchase agreement.

Gary said we got the appraisals in.

Mike Haffner – Equipment purchase

Mike said we briefly talked about this a few weeks ago, did we not?

Mike Haffner said again we've got some opportunities to buy some tandem dump trucks, pretty much on this year annual bid. I would recommend that we go ahead and purchase two, one of them we'll use MVH 2021 money and the other one we would use after the first of the year use local road and street. We can encumber that money after January to pay out of local road and streets, the MVH has already been set.

Mike said at the last meeting you talked about maybe trading in, maybe not trading in.

Mike Haffner said the trucks that we, single axels, we will be getting rid of a couple either on an on-line auction or an auction but then from there on, the trucks that we would be trading in the future would probably have some resale value, that would probably be better to trade in the future.

Mike said you are going to retire two then.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike said what two are those on your list?

Mike Haffner said B8.

Mike said 1999?

Mike Haffner said yes, 1999. There is a B5. I sent an e-mail there was about three trucks. The B8 we definitely know, the others we want to evaluate which is the best out of the two. We might possibly get rid of all three but we will definitely get rid of two. It is just undetermined until we evaluate at this time. We will definitely get rid of a couple of the older trucks.

Mike said B8 & B5.

Mike Haffner said B8 and B5 is what is on our radar right now.

Mike said both of them have almost 250,000 miles.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike said you heard Mikes recommendation, sounds like a reasonable request.

Tom made a motion to approve the recommendation to buy two tandems' using MVH this year for one and next year for the other. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said we've got one other deal that I have talked to Tom about, we purchased a 2019 ½ ton sierra, basically 02, last year. We were trying to pursue lease and so, I went over to get it appraised to see what we could do if we were to trade that ourselves versus going through a lease. Stoop is where we purchased it, they have offered to trade that vehicle, we would have to drop that vehicle off pretty much immediately and order a vehicle and it would be delivered in 8 to 10 weeks, for zero to \$200.00.

Mike asked we don't need it for the next 8 to 10 weeks?

Mike Haffner said we will take 09, that used to be the old 02 and he will drive that until the new vehicle comes in. We got opportunity to basically go into a 2021 truck and a model body style model change for he said even to \$200.00. I think that is almost to good a deal to pass up. Again, that would be paid for from our MVH, out of 2021 whatever that final price might be.

Mike asked how many miles does this 19 have on it?

Mike Haffner said I think 25,490 something. We have drove it 13 or 14 months. This is something we weren't planning on but when we started checking into things. Resale value on pickups right now is at an all-time high. At a later date wanted to talk to you gentlemen about the rest of 2021 MVH equipment. I am looking to trade our broach broom off and update that as well as possibly we been talking a couple of ¾ ton straight.

Mike said is the 01 pickup and the 02 pickup are they the same model?

Mike Haffner said no, the 01 and the 09 were sister trucks bought together. The 01 and the 09 are 2017.

Mike said one is a 2017 and one is a 2019.

Mike Haffner said the 19 is 02.

Mike said there is a 19 on here, 09 is a 2019, 56498 on it.

Mike Haffner said then that is a typo. The 09 is 2017.

Mike said so, 09 and 01 are the same years.

Mike Haffner said yes.

Mike said how are they different from the 02?

Mike Haffner said the 02 is ½ ton instead of ¾, the 02 is a quad cab instead of a crew cab.

Mike said I didn't know if that trade deal would be almost as valuable on a 2017 as a 2019, considering you are giving up a truck with a lot more miles on it.

Mike Haffner said 02, the 2019 was more of a middle package when it purchased and trade in on a work truck, is not near as popular as one with more options.

Mike said 09 and 01 are work trucks?

Mike Haffner said 09 and 01 are worth less even though they are crew because they are a work truck and they don't have the resale value because people want all the bells and whistles.

Mike said I know they wouldn't have the same resale value as 02 but they it might be a good time to move those along and keep 02.

Mike Haffner said after Tom's advisement, when we got that we were going to pursue possibly trading off some of our other trucks or at least getting quotes if now is the time to do that, we will at least get pricing.

Mike said the recommendation is to trade the 2019 ½ ton sierra, truck number 02 for a 2021.

Mike Haffner said it would be the same sierra ½ ton quad.

Mike said for up to \$200.00 out of pocket.

Tom said we don't really have to act on this do we?

Meeks said unless you want to.

Mike Haffner said on the trade, if we are going to do it, I will need to enter into a contract pretty much immediately. They basically said they already got that truck sold.

Tom made a motion to give Mike Haffner authorization to trade truck 02, a 2019 ½ ton sierra for up to \$200.00 out of pocket. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike Haffner said I want to give you a little update, I came from an EDP, Keywit meeting, they are very concerned with the road condition over the winter 1200, the edges are all worn off and it is becoming a safety issue. They are going to put a 2-foot 53 shoulder on both sides as well as some areas on 1000 that have drop offs. They wanted to know if we had any equipment and I said no, we don't. When we do pave we hire or rent that machine. The county doesn't own anything to put that shoulder back on. They are going to look at two or three resources to try and do that. They were just wanting our permission to put 53 stone. It is going to vary, sometimes you may only get 8" to 2' because of the drop offs and stuff. I basically told them that I would talk to you guys today, but I felt pretty comfortable that would be agreeable. They didn't know if it was a maintenance issue or a road build issue. I assured them that, that shoulder edge was there originally, it might have been grass covered, but anytime we pave a road we always put that shoulder back. They didn't know how they was going to charge that whether it was maintenance or road rebuild, so I was pretty up front saying that is maintenance because that shoulder was originally there.

Mike said I don't think they are rebuilding any of the roads before the project is done, are they?

Mike Haffner said I think it is that if that shoulder wasn't there originally, they are trying to claim that they're having to rebuild therefore the County would be responsible for that. Right now, we all agreed that it was a safety concern so they are going to go ahead and get it done and work out the details later.

Perry Knox, SJCA – Bridge 110 Easement Proposal

Perry said what we have is Randolph County bridge 110, which is County Road 1200 W over a branch of Campbell Creek. We are going to be submitting that project to Community Crossings in January for funding, our design exceeds, the construction limits exceed the current right a way that is there. Commissioner Chalfant has reached out to the property owners and they are opened to.

Tom said they both said they would be willing to give us an easement.

Perry said what we are doing is we are going to prepare documents for the parcel description and we would like to and the task for today is for those two parcel descriptions and plats for a perpetual highway easement, which will give Randolph County, will perpetually be able to go in there and even out the construction to work on the bridge, the ditch, any problems associated with debris in the ditch. To keep costs down and because Commissioner Chalfant has reached out to the property owners, we are going to have your county attorney execute the instrument, which is perpetual highway easement and we supply the supporting documents.

Mike said that is at a cost to the highway department of \$4,000.00, your share.

Mike Haffner said there is already a line in Cum Bridge for 110 pay out.

Mike asked where is 110?

Mike Haffner said 1200 W.

Mike said is this the one we started?

Perry said yes, over the branch of Campbell Creek?

Mike said how much do we anticipate the cost of that project to be?

Perry said under \$200,000.00. We are going to get 75% reimbursement.

Mike asked do we want to use a Community Crossing grant for that?

Mike Haffner said we wouldn't have to on that small, we can use our own money. I was going to put a package of bridges and bridge repair together and Perry and I are still working on that. It wouldn't be a single entity it will be a package. This would be a priority but we have a couple of deck repairs and we got another bridge that we are possible looking at. If we don't decide then we can pay for this out of other funds.

Mike said if it is due in January then you are going to have to decide pretty quick.

Perry said this will be for round 1 for 2021.

Mike said we have task order number 7, supplemental to the agreement for SJCA to do this easement work at cost of \$4000.00.

Tom made a motion to approve task order number 7. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said also, did everybody receive Perry's note regarding the financial commitment for the letter he prepared for us in an e-mail. The financial commitment letter that if you recall we approved the federal grant highway projects a couple of months ago. Part of that application process to go forward, we need to commit by written document that we would have our local match set aside and we need to tell them where that local match comes from.

Perry said in our experience if there is funding you intend to draw your match from, just add them to that letter. Later on, when we actually get into the project, they just want to be sure that you are committed to your portion of the funding for those projects.

Mike said we don't need to sign that letter today, we just to give Perry some direction on where we are going to take that match from. A total match of \$406,000.00 between January 1, 2021 and sometime in 2025.

Perry said I apologize in that letter if you notice the utility costs are not in there yet.

Mike said so, we would have match on that.

Perry said there may be some reimbursable utility costs but on federal aid they will reimburse 80%.

Mike said again, what we are doing today is determining if we are approved for this grant to repair and replace these two bridges then we will have funds available for our local share and we are committing today to say that we are going to take from Cum Bridge fund and EDIT and Windfarm proceeds. One of those needs Council consideration, which we could report that to them on Wednesday, whoever is going to the Council meeting on Wednesday to say that we have identified windfarm funds as a potential use for a federal grant for our bridges. I think basically, the more choices we offer the better off we are.

Tom said I agree, I will make a motion to approve the use of Cum Bridge, EDIT and Windfarm proceeds as our match for these two federal grants.

Perry said construction would be in 2026, that is what we are applying for right now. You would draw on some of your funds, you are an 80/20 match, so as projects develop, there is preliminary engineering the first two years and then you move into the right a way phase and utilities and then finally construction phase.

Mike said the bulk of it is construction.

Perry said correct.

Mike said not knowing what the utility cost is, the construction is \$272,000.00 of our match. So, that would be in 2025.

Perry said we are asking for 80% reimbursement on all, on everything. What the feds award us, we will find out. We are asking for everything and let them tell us.

Mike said I think a fair commitment would be \$500,000.00.

Perry said on that one bridge.

Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said when you do this letter, you add the utility location costs in there and add the three funds we talked about and draw it up for our signatures.

Perry said that is correct, there will be two letters, one for each bridge. I received an e-mail from Cathy McKalip that we will require all three Commissioner's signatures.

Perry said additionally I want to bring to your attention that once we submit those applications INDOT will schedule an interview. It will be a panel of INDOT, you will have a funding expert, a bridge expert on their side as well as potentially somebody else, a technician on INDOT side. They will ask for representatives from the County, Mike will go, a representative from our company will go to explain any technical aspect of the project that may come up. We will need a Commissioner to attend that meeting to personally pledge their financial commitment to this project.

Mike said we can determine that when they call that meeting, if we are approved.

Perry said that's correct.

Mike said anything else?

Mike Haffner said we sent boom trucks up to Ft. Wayne to get certified. Our 08 boom truck our bigger newer one passed. The small boom truck failed the inspection and basically, they want over \$14,000.00 worth of repair. It is not worth that. The decision, we can get by with only one boom truck. The second one we just used occasionally. The towns borrowed it more than we used it. Until we get some funding issues resolved, we are just going to decommission that vehicle and look into what is the best way to get rid of it. I will bring that to you at a later date. I just wanted to warn you guys that the boom failed inspection, they found some cracks or something.

Tom said in the fiberglass.

Mike Haffner said is it better to take both of them and trade them for a newer one, do we buy brand new. I am just trying to pursue what is the best economical decision and that is going to take a little while.

Mike said is the 97,952 on that old boom truck, is that current mileage?

Mike Haffner said yes, that is the older boom truck.

Tom said are they both diesel engines?

Mike Haffner said no. Actually, the older one is a gas engine. They are estimating it, if we put it through their auction, it would bring somewhere around \$3000.00 to \$3500.00.

Mike said I would recommend not loaning it to any communities.

Mike Haffner said we are not. We won't use it and we won't loan it out.

Debi Wymer – Health Department need of money

Debi said one of our programs is used for printing out birth and death certificates is obsolete and is about to die. Probably about June or so, a little dialogue box popped up on the computer that said this certificate is going to expire. It took me about two months to find somebody that knew

what they were doing to help me with that program. I finally got in touch with the creator of the program and she worked with us and extracted all the data from that program for us. We had applied for a Covid IT grant but the federal government has now pulled that from everybody. That is how we were going to replace this program with a new program and we don't have the money for it now. I am asking if there is anyway we can get help from the county for that new program. The new program is designed for the whole Health Department, not just for the vital records part. The whole Health Department will benefit from it a great deal and the cost is \$40,000.00.

Mike said is it working now?

Debi said yes.

Mike said what is this new program called?

Debi said WIN Records.

Mike said do you know any other Health Departments using it?

Debi said I do and I have searched and searched for a program that would do the same thing and this is the only one I could find.

Mike asked who else is using it?

Debi said Montgomery County. There are some others, I just don't remember.

Mike said what are our neighboring counties using, do you know?

Debi said I don't.

Mike said does this program come with recommendations from the State Board of Health?

Debi said yes, I did contact them.

Mike said are there other Health Department programs out there?

Debi said not that I could find.

Mike said what does your Health board say about this purchase.

Debi said that I need to find the money for it.

Mike said did they actually tell you that?

Debi said no. They are in favor of it but of course you know.

Mike said what happens if your program shuts down?

Debi said we won't have access to birth and death records anymore. I won't be able to print birth certificates.

Mike said can you do it the old school way?

Debi said I don't even know what that is. Just handwrite it? Typewriter?

Mike said we do have Covid funds, the Cares Act money, that I suppose we could authorize a purchase from. It has come in, so that is money that, I reached out to Chris and I reached out to Veronica, our advisor in Indianapolis and she indicated that you got all your money, you can spend it how you want. I guess it is a question on whether we want to help the Health Department with the purchase of a software program that is fast becoming obsolete or is obsolete.

Debi said the creator of the one we are using now has retired. It is called Lotus notes and IBM bought it. Even when I contacted people at IBM, they had no idea what to do for us.

Mike said if your program doesn't work and we don't fund a new program, what happens?

Debi said then I will go to the state, to see if we can use any of our grant money for that.

Tom said you don't know what other Counties are doing?

Debi said I don't remember. No, I remember Montgomery County because they are the ones I talked to the most about it.

Mike said you have not talked to Jay, Delaware or Wayne Counties?

Debi said I think Delaware uses it, but I am not positive. I talked to several Counties.

Mike said it did come as a recommendation of the State Department of Health?

Debi said I talked to them about it, yes.

Mike said does it have connectivity to their system?

Debi said no, it would just be in our office. I didn't talk to the State Department of Health, I talked to State Board of Accounts.

Mike said so you don't have anything from the Indiana State Board of Health.

Debi said no.

Mike said I don't have a problem funding this, I just want to make sure that we fund the right program. I trust you've talked to other Counties, including Montgomery County and maybe the Indiana Department of Health doesn't give a recommendation on what local health departments should use for their technology. I think that would be worth an ask.

Debi said okay.

Gary said surly they would at least give you choices, if they didn't give a recommendation.

Mike said WIN may be the only one out there, but there might be others. We are faced with the same situation with our Toshiba phones, we hanging on a thin line with those but we have two companies that are interested in suppling us with that. If you found out that Montgomery is using WIN but Vanderburg is using LOSE as a program then you might want to compare the two and see which one you like better. There may be something better than WIN. I would recommend that we take the request under advisement and I could say that I would be willing to help the Health Department but I think we want to make sure that we help them in the right way. Mike said we can table it for two weeks. Do you think you can get that back to us in two weeks?

Debi said I can.

Mike asked how is the clinic doing?

Debi said busy.

Mike you are testing a lot of people, because were getting a lot of positives. While you're here I have been given a memorandum of agreement for another clinic contractual worker. I would entertain a motion to approve the Health Department hire Logan Shoemaker from Union City, Indiana as a contractual employee.

Tom said is he a nurse?

Debi said he would be traffic control.

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

Other Business:

Council – Missy Williams

Missy said we haven't met yet, so I have nothing.

Bob McCoy- Winchester Mayor

Bob said we are looking to purchase a bucket truck with Covid money. We need to replace ours, we've spent a lot of money on the one we've got and we do borrow the counties on occasion mainly to get Christmas lights and things like that, so we will have two trucks, one and a backup truck in the future.

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

Art said I just have one thing today. The state and federal individuals are switching over from the UCR reporting to a NIBRS system that takes affect January 1st. Initially there was some talk about some funding being put out by the state or federal level to pay for this. I just got word last week they are not doing that. I don't know that I need your permission, but I wanted to make you aware, we actually have the money in the computer video equipment training etc. line of Cum Cap. The cost of the county to get this for the first year is going to be \$8,923.81. We will have maintenance on our computer system that will go up by about \$1,000.00 per year thereafter. The money is available, I just want to make sure that you guys are on board with this. One of the things that is required with this, is if you fail to participate in this, they can cut some of the grant funding for federal opportunities that you get. I want to make sure we don't get in a position to do that. I don't know that I need permission, the money is there, but I want to make sure that since we are at the end of the year.

Mike said is that within your budget?

Art said it is. It is a line under Cum Cap, but it is tucked in under the Sheriff. It is listed as Computer/video equipment. I know I have bought a couple of computers out of there, I think there is currently close to \$20,000.00 in there.

Mike said what is UCR?

Art said UCR is Uniform Crime Reporting. It has been in existence since I became a cop.

Mike said we are switching to what?

Art said the National Incident Based Reporting System. They call it NIBRS. Apparently, it is more entailed. As long as you guys don't have an issue, I will spend it out of the fund I have.

Mike said we appreciate you letting us know.

Gary said are we still on track on your equipment?

Art said yes, we are still on track, thank goodness, I was in this weekend to fix something on one of the doors. I will be happy when that gets here.

Regular Claims \$1,283,288.02

Mike said Gary I did reach out to Jake and he indicated that, that bill should be for the broiler room repair. Pumps, seals and gages for hot water expansion tank. I think he mentioned that the last time he was here. That they were going to be down there looking at the boiler. Any comments or questions about the claims, we received these via e-mail.

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

Payroll Claims \$209,490.57

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

Pyramid Claim \$12,789.09

Mike said the Pyramid claim for the Communications project is part of the billing for onsite field representative.

Gary said I have a question for Meeks. One of the parts of this claim is BZA fees, we'll have permit fees for the towers. Do we have to pay that out of here and then turn around and that goes back into the general fund of the county.

Meeks said or which ever fund that goes into. Do they have a separate line for the fees for the BZA? Or is that just general fund?

Angela said the BZA is general.

Meeks said it will go back into the general fund. We have had to do that in the past.

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

MPX Solutions \$180,000.00

Mike said there is actually two claims here for a total of \$180,000.00 and this is a communications project for PSC materials. One claim is for \$54,000.00 which is an itemized and they are asking for \$60,000.00 less \$6,000.00 retainage and the other one is for \$140,000.00 less \$14,000.00 for retainage. The only question I have about this claim is that the partial affidavit and waiver of lien which I presume they need to sign. It has a typo in it.

Meeks said usually they sign the claims.

Mike said as opposed to that, they have not signed the claim either. This document has a typo in it, both say \$54,000.00 and one has \$126 in parentheses and it should be \$54,000 in parentheses.

Meeks said yes, it says \$126,000.00 and should say \$54,000.00. Meeks said usually is it a lien waiver when we pay them, they say they will not do a mechanic's lien on you.

Mike said so, they should sign that after we pay them.

Meeks said absolutely.

Laura said I will send it back to them.

Mike said we are being asked to approve this claim, its been authorized and properly certified by our architect Pyramid Consulting.

Tom made a motion to approve the claim for MPX Solutions. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Meeks said I believe our contract says that if w pay you, you will waive the lien.

Mike said that is a partial waiver.

RCED November Claim \$24,833.33

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

Cripe claim 8/2/19 \$1276.55

Cripe claim 9/3/19 \$932.20

Cripe claim 12/31/19 \$222.98

Cripe Settlement Agreement

Mike said the next three items are the Cripe claims and the Cripe Settlement agreement which we are going to talk about the agreement and if we talk about the agreement and if we agree to the agreement then the Cripe claims will be withdrawn.

Meeks said I would deny them and then they will withdraw them.

Mike said the basics of the agreement has to do with the cancellation, restocking of the oversized generator. The agreement is that Cripe will withdraw after we deny the three claims as listed on the agenda and they shall also pay us \$6,500.00 and then we will pay Thor Construction \$12,500.00 for the cancellation fee on the 300-kw generator that we cancelled. Which if you recall was going to be a fee of \$37,500.00 cancellation fee. It looks like we are going to end up paying \$5500.00 roughly for that cancellation fee. The question is do we want to enter this agreement and commit ourselves to paying that \$12,500.00 to Thor Construction.

Tom said we're are paying \$6000.00, right?

Meeks said we are paying \$6000.00 minus \$2431.73.

Gary said did Thor actually get a bill for it?

Tom said he has been getting billed for it.

Gary said he said though that he thought it would just go away.

Tom said it hasn't gone away, he is going to try and negotiate his portion away or part of it. I think he has already ordered three or four more generators after ours. He is going to handle it one way or another and release us from it.

Tom made a motion to agree to this settlement and authorize Mike Wickersham to sign on behalf of the County. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Tom made a motion to deny the three Cripe claims from August 2, 2019, September 3, 2019 and December 31, 2019 as listed on the agenda. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Infirmary Barns lease

Meeks said we have a lease, Dan Allen received it on Monday and I haven't heard from him. I don't know if you guys had a chance to look at the lease. My feeling is until we hear from Dan, I think we just table this until the next meeting.

Mike said that would be appropriate.

Meeks said if you guys have anything for me.

Mike said it is a 20-year lease but if we give 90 days' notice, it's a 90-day lease.

Meeks said the other thing I don't know at this point and I looked it up, I spend enough time researching it that I got frustrated, I know it's out there but I couldn't find it. I thought the County Council has to approve any lease over the term of three years. I know if we enter into a lease to pay, like when we remodeled the courthouse, I thought it was the other way around too. I don't know that right now. Even if you do approve it at the next meeting, it might have to come before the council.

Mike said didn't lease to the 4-H?

Meeks said I thought we had the County Council approve that.

Mike said that should be easy to find. That's not been that long ago.

Meeks said I will look for that.

Gary made a motion to table this lease. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Thank You letter

Mike said the next item is the Thank you letter to Mr. Joshua Sheppard. Thanks for preparing this Gary. Dear Mr. Sheppard, if you recall Mr. Sheppard is the one that did our clean and wax of the doughboy and the governors busts on the bicentennial plaza. On behalf of the residents of Randolph County, the Randolph County Commissioners wish to recognize the donation of your talent and time to clean and wax the doughboy and the Governors busts around the courthouse square. The preservation of these statutes is important to our community pride, we commend you for the willingness to give back to your community. Thank you and may 2020 and 2021 bring you good health and abundant blessings. Nice letter. Do we need approval or just consensus?

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

Additional Appropriations:

Children's Advocates Coordinator Fee	\$7,500.00
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Office Supplies	\$ 500.00
Volunteer Recruitment	\$2,000.00

Tom made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriations for the Children's Advocates of Randolph County. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Laura Martin

Laura said she has the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute Covid Grant and Chris needs Commissioner's signature on that.

Gary Girton

Gary said I already did bring to Meeks attention about the purchase of that land for that tower that we discussed at the meeting last week.

Meeks said I got it, I will get on that this week.

Gary said we are going to reach out to Headwaters for information on this amendment.

Meeks said I got an email back from her and I just asked her to be at our November 16th meeting. Unless you guys want to do a phone conference or something. I just think it's easier for her to come here.

Gary said I have reached out to Joshua Sheppard about the monument out here that we had rebuilt four or five years ago. About him cleaning and polishing and waxing that. He said he would be glad to do that except he didn't have means of getting there. I talked to Tom Kerns and Tom said they sold their big truck and he has one that he thought would reach 75 or 80 feet. I told him I thought that would probably work. He is going to check that out and if it does, then we can work out an agreement with the Kerns Brothers for the use of the truck and I told Josh to give us an estimate on what it would cost. He said he could probably do it, if everything went well in one day.

Mike said is that all the statutes around?

Gary said that is just the one we had redone. He said that needs to be done every four or five years at the most. Then he is going to each out to a couple of other companies that he knows. I told him about the one that was recommended to us in Indianapolis, that has been here and their quote was excessive, we thought. To see if someone else would come here and give us a quote on doing the rest these. He told me basically what they would have to do and so on. He is going to do that and we basically are projecting this work to be done sometime in late spring or early summer.

Tom asked Gary are you going to talk about the Veteran Service Officer?

Gary said we interviewed one person and I understand that we have received other applicants that we did not interview.

Tom said they came in after we closed the application period.

Mike said how many did we get? I only received the one.

Laura said we only received two. The one you interviewed and then we received another one and I understood it was forwarded to you guys.

Mike said what do you guys want to do.

Gary said I think we need to at least interview everyone that is interested. If you want to follow through the same process. I was told we posted it. Is that correct?

Laura said yes, it is posted. I have not taken it down because, the dates past but I didn't know what you are doing.

Meek said I think you just extend the opening until however long you want to do it and then interview them. If you want to make a motion to extend it until the end of next week and then have an interview.

Gary made a motion to extend the job posting for the Veterans Service Officer until Friday November 13, 2020. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike Wickersham

Mike said I received a request from Achieva Resources, as you recall a group that we funded last year that helps Randolph County residents with guardianships and they are hoping to receive another grant in the amount of \$75,000.00 and with this grant is local county matches. They serve a six-county area Wayne, Union, Fayette, Franklin, Randolph and Henry. We helped them last year in the amount of \$5,000.00 from EDIT and he is asking if we can do that again this year. I did see that is in our budget.

Angela said yes.

Mike said I bring that to your attention and he's on a short deadline. He needs that approval today if we are going to help him because he needs a letter from us saying we are going to help him in 2021 or he can't include it in his grant application.

Gary said that is based on his receiving this.

Mike said it is subject to him receiving the grant. It is a grant match.

Mike made a motion to approve that EDIT expense in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Achieva Resources as a grant match. Gary seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said if it is okay, I will go ahead and prepare a letter and send it to him to show our support.

Mike said the other matter that we have been asked to consider is a probation department sick day request. The probation department has been hit with Covid and via contract tracing other employees have been asked to quarantine by our local health department. One of them it is her second time around to be quarantined and she has used up all her 14 days Covid-19 quarantine emergency days and is out of sick days and is going to have to use vacation and personal time to cover being off work. Elizabeth Kreig the Chief probation officer is asking that this employee be paid for the time beyond what was available for the Covid sick time and not use her accumulated time. I don't need to remind you that if we do it for the probation department, we will be doing it for any other department that has already used their 14 days emergency time. Beth didn't mention if this employee could work from home. Which I would think unless she gets sick, she could do that. So, we could if inclined approve the additional Covid sick time then we could ask and require if possible that do her work from home.

Tom said I assume she is not sick, she is just quarantined. Do we need to give permission for her to work from home or she just wants two weeks off?

Mike said we could table this subject to more information. Then we can find out from Beth. She is off, so it is a matter of she is either not being paid or using her vacation time. What do we want to do?

Gary said I think we need to get more information plus have time to think because right now with our increase in numbers, this could become a real issue. We need to be able to figure out how to handle it.

Mike said the only other thing I have is we all received the information from INDOT on the project at the Monroe Central School to change that intersection to make is safer. It sounds like a pretty good idea, it is not going to take any of our property or anybody else's property. It sounds like a good project.

Citizen Comments

None

Adjournment

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

Reviewed and signed this 1 day of February, 2021.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Jim Chapel

By Steve

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