

Randolph County Council

January 4, 2023

The Randolph County Council met for its regular meeting at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners and Council Room of the Courthouse with the following members present: Council President David Lenkensdofner, Mike Stine, Todd Holaday, Tom Chalfant, Missy Williams and Beverly Fields. Also present was County Auditor Laura Martin.

Council President David Lenkensdofner presided.

Pledge of Allegiance

Selection of Officers

Dave said our first order of business today is selection of the officers for Randolph County Council. So, I'd entertain a motion for the president of Randolph County Council.

Tom Chalfant said I would move that Dave Lenkensdofner be elected president.

Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Dave said next officer, the president pro tem. I'd entertain a motion for that.

Missy said I'd make a motion that Bev Fields serve as President Pro Tem.

Tom Chalfant seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Dave said okay, that was the only two positions wasn't there to fill.

Laura said yes.

Dave said first order of business is George Caster. Would you like to come on up?

George Caster – Funding for Chief Deputy position

George Caster said good morning. I think all of you have a copy of this. For those of you who don't know me, I'm the county assessor. They all do. I'm just not sure about you. So, what I'm going to do here today. I am here because during the budget hearings last year, it was brought up that even though I have a position for a chief deputy, it's not funded. I have nobody in it. And because of the fear of, and for a year we all know I may retire, I may move on. And at this point, I'm the only qualified individual to do the job. They think we should get somebody else in there. I totally agree. But the funding has always been where it's just get rid of it. So, I am coming here today to try to give you a synopsis you have, what the duties are. They would fulfill more or less, just like your president pro tem. If I am not here, that person would be the assessor during that time, make decisions that would affect the office. But they also have other duties besides that, primarily, office manager. But they do all the duties that I do, which is they would be responsible for all the values within this county. So, it takes somebody special to do that

apparently, a few less brain cells than most people think they should have to take on this task, because I've seen and heard too many people say I don't want your job, I've seen it. Someone's got to do it. It takes a level three to be totally qualified. Level three is five semesters of training, at a minimum, done in five weeks. So, if you're taking college courses a semester is this long, and you get it in this short of time. You've got to have a level one and a level two. This training, semester training is not, every time you go, there's a class. It's, they're very limited to when you can have them. So, I'm looking at a maximum of two years to get this person totally trained, once we get one hired. If you look at the bottom of the page that I signed, you'll see the three stages of payroll for this position. And this payroll number is only my salary cost, it doesn't include the soft costs that falls in behind with insurance. You can't assume they're going to have insurance. You know, I don't use your insurance, and there's others that may not want to either. So, to start out, they would be making \$34,000. Level two, they would make \$34,500. And then once they got to level three, would make them at \$36,800.00. Though well under the going rate for that level of expertise, it is what it is. Second page I presented to you, it sort of gives you an idea of what each position in the assessor's office does. And then the last one was the job description that I'd be posting. I can't post it until I know I've got funding for it, because no sense to try to hire somebody when I've got no way to pay. So that would be the position that I would be posting. So that is my request is that we fund this so that I could get somebody hired in here as soon as I can. And then we start him training. So, if there's any questions, I'm open to answering them.

Dave said for the new county council people, this came out of our budget process last year, that George was the only, he was the assessor, but there wasn't any chief deputy. We feel there should be a need for that. I think several years before they always had a chief deputy.

George Caster said yes, we did.

Dave said and I'm in agreement. I don't know how I feel about, this may be a budget item this year that we have to put in at our budget hearing. I'm glad you started early because that way, we can get our heads around trying to figure out where the funding's going to come from. But I didn't know what you guys thoughts are on this.

Bev said it's absolutely necessary. It's necessary for full function of that office in the future, and then looking down the road. And it, the education process is critical. It has to happen. So, a person that is hired for this position, we'll leave it up to George to decide, but they have to be qualified enough to be able to pass these college courses that are not easy. And it just has to happen.

Dave said and I agree with you on that. That, Missy.

Missy said yes, I agree.

Dave said Tom, are you?

Tom Chalfant said yeah, I guess the question is when we start the process. Do we want start looking right now, and then find the money if we could hire a person, and move forward there?

George Caster said not to interrupt, but that's why I thought while I was here is because of that, but a decision, me coming at budget time, is a whole year that we wasted not having somebody in there. I can't hire them until I got money. So, then you've got a two-year minimum to get them some experience in that education, and if something happened they can't get to one, well then that prolongs stuff. So, I thought I was coming to get an additional on this year's budget so I can get somebody hired. That was my understanding. Now I could be wrong. I've been wrong before.

Dave said well I guess I just assumed that it would go through the budget process this year, but it doesn't have to if we feel it's necessary to move forward instead of waiting until.

Bev said I don't think we can wait until, it's a three-year process to letting somebody, I think it has to happen within this fiscal year that we're working in.

Dave said okay. Mike, do you have any comment on that?

Mike Stine said no more than I know about it, I think it should happen.

Dave said okay. Todd?

Todd said I concur to what you already thought through on this.

Dave said okay. So, what's everybody's wish is to move forward on it? Okay.

Bev said I'll make a motion that we fund the chief deputy for the assessor's office for 2023.

Laura said out of?

Bev said that, I can't tell you. I don't know.

Laura said we need to know where to fund it from.

Bev said right.

Dave said what's the general look like?

Laura said I think we're in good shape. I think we'll be fine. But, it's your call, what you want to do.

Missy said are you saying that to start at the entry, have them start at the entry level, and then as they get education and move up to the levels that we will increase their pay as they do accordingly.

Dave said they have to.

Laura said IC code requires that.

Bev said I'm not savvy enough in the funding to know which fund to take this out of. I'd have to look to someone else to help me with that. Sorry, I, what is, is there a recommendation.

Dave said usually if the general fund's decent, we always try to pull it out of the general fund.

Bev said general fund.

Dave said right.

Bev said okay. Alright, I'll amend my motion then to fund the position for the chief deputy out of the assessor's office through the general fund for 2023.

Dave said okay. Do I have a second?

Tom Chalfant seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Dave said okay. Thanks George for coming in.

George Caster said I mean I'll give you a little bit of a tickle. Just got the new rates. Ag ground has gone up \$400 an acre per base rate, which was actually \$350 more than, well I thought it was going to go up about to \$1800. It went up to \$1900. Because your average sale price in this county has risen 8% to over 9, almost \$9,500 an acre for ag ground. So, just ag ground itself, increased \$400 an acre.

Dave said I do know in legislation this year, they're trying to cap it out at 5% on assessed value of everything.

George Caster said well they've been trying to do that forever. But they can never get who's doing what. And I'm working with JD right now. I'm still waiting for him to get back with me, what would be the ramifications if we do that.

Dave said okay.

George Caster said how would it affect Randolph County if I did this. And that's what they've never actually ever did. They could make a decision and not really understand what the bad assessment is. Well now they're looking at the back end first, before they make that decision.

Dave said a lot of counties, there assessed valuation is just.

George Caster said they're all over the place. And we maintain a sort of an even wave so we don't have spikes, we don't have drops, because you and this county cannot function if you don't know consistent income. It's just like renting your house. Your budget has to be based off of what you know you have. If one year, you've got this, and next year you're down here, now you're oh ran out of money, what are we doing. And then the next year, you're back up. I just try to keep an even keel, and that way, we always know where our money is at.

Dave said alright.

George Caster said alright.

Dave said thanks George.

Mike Wickersham – Housing Resource Hub

Mike Wickersham said morning. I'm here on behalf of the commissioners and the city of Union City. For those that, I guess the new ones that may not know, and for those that may not remember, but back in July, we loaned Union City, the commissioners did and the council, \$350,000.00 from the Windfarm fund. And the Windfarm fund is a fund that takes both bodies to approve a funding out of, and we did that in July with the agreement that Union City would pay \$50,000.00 a year at no interest beginning January, 2023, and pay that back over seven years. So, their first payment is due this month. After we made that loan agreement through the Randolph United, the Randolph United Housing Committee, which Dave's a member and I'm a member, agree and thought it would be a good strategic move to hire a consulting firm from Ft. Wayne, called the Housing Resource Hub. And the Housing Resource Hub is a group that comes in and works with your local communities, a group of citizens of about 15 people, to develop housing projects in the county. And it's a two-year process that they go through. And during the two-year process, they cite, because of the research they've done, and some surveys they've done, they cite a couple catalyst projects in the county that would be worth funding for the community to, Randolph

County community, to develop market-based housing, which is something we've determined we need. At that time, Union City, Winchester and the county agreed to fund the Housing Resource Hub, cost of a \$130,000.00 over two years. The county picked up the majority of that. We made a \$10,000.00 down payment from our Economic Development Fund. And we're going to pay \$2,000.00 a month for the next 24 months from our Economic Development Fund, which that is, the Economic Development Fund is controlled by the commissioners, so we do that without council's approval. And then the city of Winchester and the city of Union City, both agreed to pay \$1,500.00 a month for the next 24 months.

Since that time, Union City has had a couple other projects develop. They found out that one of their, I guess what they consider to be one of their prime catalyst sites from the Housing Resource Hub, has been looked at and considered and is in the process of being developed, initial stages, but Work Horse Chassis and a private developer out of Ohio. So, Union City is not seeing the greatest need for their funds to be used in Union City, but they'd still like to participate in the Housing Resource Hub throughout the county, and would like to financially participate, except it's going to cause a drain on their finances if they have to pay us the \$50,000.00 this month. What they're proposing is we'll participate in the Housing Resource Hub at a cost of \$1,500.00 a month for the next two years if we can delay their first payment until 2024, which in effect, would modify the loan agreement, which we entered with Union City back in July to say the first payment starts in 2024, and then they start paying seven years out. So, the proposal gets the county it's money back. It just doesn't get the county the \$50,000.00 that the county is due this month. And I guess from a commissioner's standpoint, we voted to agree to this agreement to delay the first payment of \$50,000 for twelve months because of our desire number one, to have Union City financially participate in the Housing Resource Hub, because the Housing Resource Hub is going to benefit the entire county, whether Winchester gets a project, Losantville gets a project, Lynn or Union City gets a project. We're all going to benefit from it. And I think Union City recognizes that. They're just strapped for cash at this point in time. So, I'm here today on behalf of the Commissioners to recommend to council, who have to agree to this, agree to modify the July 2022 loan agreement to delay payment, the first \$50,000.00 payment until 2024. I'll answer any questions that anyone has.

Dave said I do agree with Mike. It's not like we're going to lose the money. It's just being delayed. It was actually proposed by the city of Union City to delay it. They didn't ask it to be forgiven. So, that was good on their behalf. That, they're still going to take the initiative, they made the commitment, and they're still going to fulfill it. So, I agree with Mike that it's been a very good project.

Tom Chalfant said I assume that they've got, they had the \$50,000.00 for the end of this month they would be ready to pay it. So, I guess why couldn't they pay \$32,000.00 at the end of the month, and pay the 18 or pay the 18,000 this year, is it 18, yeah, it's 36,000 total the next two years. Is that right? Why couldn't they pay us \$32,000 and then hopefully next year, they would budget for the rest of it and hopefully, absorb in the next two years, they can absorb that.

Mike said they proposed the \$50,000 to be forgiven for a year. That really wasn't discussed.

Tom Chalfant said okay. I guess I, you know, I don't see why we would need to forgive \$50,000 when they need 18 in the next year so.

Mike said one of the issues would be that, and they're fully within their rights to back out of this agreement because they haven't signed on to this agreement. So, if they don't sign on to this agreement, then we're going to be that amount short. And then the county is going to have to decide where that money's coming from. And if I'm Mayor Bob McCoy and I see Union City backing out and another entity picking up Union City's share, then I'm going to ask why isn't that entity picking up our share as well. And then it becomes a county expense if we want to go forward with it. I'm not saying we would, but if we want to go forward with it, it becomes the entire county's expense, which is not a bad thing. But it is our money. And what I liked about the idea in the beginning was, and again, it's changed, but we had

buy in from both communities to support, not only financially, but with people and with time and involvement. And I think that's important in any project that the county takes on. And I think it shares the expense. It's not sharing the expense the first year because we're as you say, we're losing \$32,000.00. We're delaying the payment of \$32,000.00 or whatever that number comes out to. With Union City's proposal, we're delaying \$50,000. But, as Dave indicated, we're going to get our money. And it's just a matter of, and the other side is, do we need that \$50,000.00 this year. Do we have projects out there that need funded?

Tom Chalfant said well that's interesting you brought that up. I had lunch with Perry Knox yesterday, and he just mentioned that there's a, the Federal Government is giving us a call for the month of January to rehab bridges at 80/20 percent. We pay 20 and they pay 80. This includes engineering. And our county engineer already has eight bridges that would qualify. So, for \$600,000.00 we could get 2.4 million dollars of Federal money the next two years to fix eight bridges that hopefully, extend their life 30, 40 years. So, cash is king. So that's what I, I guess I'm maybe being a little bit miserly and still wanting them to pay that amount.

Dave said well that's good to know Tom. This is a big year, and next year's a big year for Windfarm monies coming in. And that's what I've stressed all along is to use that for bridges, roads and drainage.

Mike said which we've done.

Dave said which we've done. About half of it's been attributed to those projects. So, I think that's a good thing.

Tom Chalfant said if we can keep, if we find that money.

Dave said I think the money's there.

Mike said in previous lunches with Perry Knox, as a commissioner, I'm not sure if you've had any lunches with him Dave or not.

Dave said I have.

Mike said we've had four or five I think, four bridges in the pipeline for federal funding now that we've pledged support for. And that's for complete replacement. It's not for rehabilitation, but it's for replacement. So, I think we have, and when it comes to that we found the money to support that. And I think if this is an opportunity, I think commissioners and council to see it to better the community, we'll find money to support that. It goes back to the fact of how valuable is housing to this community. And I think, I don't know, I've not had opportunity to meet with you two, but I think this side of the room I think we all value the need for housing, and where we can support it, we should support it. And if Union City has an issue here, I think we ought to come to the table and let them delay this payment. Again, we're not forgiving the payment, we're just delaying the payment.

Missy said would it be an option to think about, to allow Winchester and Union City to both delay their payments for a year so they're staying on level ground.

Mike said Winchester doesn't have a payment due.

Missy said okay.

Mike said that was, and they did borrow \$50,000.00 from EDIT but they never took it. I found that out yesterday. I was concerned that Winchester hadn't paid us back for \$10,000.00 a year, then I found out from Bob McCoy and the auditor's office that they never took the 50. So, it's a 50 we have in the other plan that we didn't use, so if we need 50 to support a bridge rehab, we probably could get it there if we needed it because it's an extra 50.

Todd said is it likely that they will be in a bad position in January of 2024, having to make two payments.

Mike said no. Well they wouldn't make two payments Todd. January 2024, you just move everything back a year.

Todd said so everything moves.

Mike said everything moves. So, it'll only one payment in January, 2024, and then four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, thirty. It's would be 2030 is when they would pay out instead of 2029. Yeah, it's not going to double them up.

Dave said it's very similar to what EDPR asked us a couple years ago to delay their payment for one year because of the timing and materials.

Todd said so it's an interest free loan, really the cost of that is the opportunity cost of the \$50,000 invested now, which is maybe 2, \$3,000, right.

Mike said if that much.

Missy said new homes are going up all over the county. I mean, Parker's got a great addition out there that they've got going up. It's kind of a hidden secret. You'd really be pushing that to try to get some, perhaps some Delaware county people moving our way. I think we've got an awful lot to offer that they don't have to offer. And, my working on the city council just for one term, you don't, this has kind of come up. I think it's a great opportunity. I guess I would like all of the to participate, that we know we're working together with each other. And we're showing that. I mean, because of all our smaller towns who can't afford that kind of money, that we can also help them. So, I am in favor of allowing Union City to postpone or move those payments back twelve months. And I know it, you know, Winchester go ahead and make, and does make that payment, but they're just done a year earlier. So, I think it all kind of comes out in the wash there. I just want to see some things happen with housing because all the time you hear people saying, you know, I've been looking for a house. I can't find one. Where I want to live, I can't bring my family, so I'm going to live outside and drive in for my job. And I hate to see that happen because we don't offer, we don't have housing that we can offer them.

Dave said any other questions for Mike before we take a vote? Okay. I'd entertain a motion to move forward with this project to accept Union City's request of delaying their payment for one year.

Bev made a motion to approve delaying Union City's first payment for a year. Missy seconded. 5 aye votes. 1 nay vote (Tom). Motion carried.

Other Business:
Report from Commissioners

Dave said okay Mike, would you like to go ahead and report for the commissioners.

Mike Wickersham said sure. I don't have a lot to report, other than the good news is, I hope you all agree, we rehired our attorney, Meeks Cockerill. Signed the agreement.

Tom Chalfant said who is not present.

Mike Wickersham said he is not present. You, the council established his salary as a county employee. So, that's really all I have to report. It was a quiet meeting.

Dave said okay.

Mike Wickersham said and I guess I would say, I don't know if how many of you have the strategic housing, HUB housing plan or not. It kind of details what they do for us. So, I'll make an effort to email that to Laura, and she can resend that out to all of you if you haven't gotten it. Or if you have, you'll get it again. It kind of tells, does a better job of telling the story than I do. And they have offered to come down and appear at a meeting and make their presentation at a meeting at any time. We'd like them to do that.

Dave said and the way I understand Mike, is there meetings.

Mike said two meetings in the beginning. And there's a 15-person steering committee that what's kind of exciting about that is, it has some mature and experienced people on it, but it has a lot of young new faces that are interested in getting involved in the county. So, I think we did a good job of putting that together.

Missy said is there a way for anybody else to, I mean some other young entrepreneurs to join that group. How would they find, I mean, would it be possible?

Mike said well it's 15 now, and if you want to supply me some names, I can see where it goes. Dave, Dave's on that steering committee.

Missy said sometimes I just think the more you can get, and not number-wise but the different people, if you can put it out there and say we're looking for anybody who wants to serve on this committee, you may get somebody you don't know about that would be a great asset.

Mike said well we, there's some I didn't know. I mean, we have a young man that works for the hog operation down around Modoc, Losantville. I can't think of his name right now. And Hailey Frame is on that committee.

Missy said yeah it sounds like we got good ones.

Mike said it's a good list. I can provide that steering committee list to Laura too.

Dave said I don't have that list with me.

Mike said I don't either. I don't think it's on here. Nope, I don't have it. Sorry. Anything else for me?

Dave said thanks for coming in Mike.

Council Appointments

Dave said okay, next on our agenda is the council appointments. I don't know if you guys have got a list. Pull that out if you've got it. What we have to do is fill the appointments that were for Max and Rick and Gary Friend. The first one on there, we'll have to, I'll have to get with Gary to see who we can find for the Alcohol Beverage committee. Tom Kerns has agreed to stay on all his committee appointments. First ones that are coming up that needs replaced is the Aviation Board, Max.

Todd said if it makes it easier, if no one has any board or committee they want to be on, I can just take all the ones

that Max was on.

Dave said okay that's great.

Mike Stine said I don't know what Rick was on right off. I don't have the list printed.

Dave said okay. Rick was on Emergency Management.

Tom Chalfant said the liaison for Treasurer.

Mike Stine said yeah, I'm not opposed to taking Rick's.

Dave said well that doesn't leave anything for Tom.

Missy said Gary Friend, the one's that Gary had.

Laura said the ones that Gary Friend had.

Dave said oh I'm sorry. I didn't see that.

Tom Chalfant wasn't he, I guess he was Circuit Court. Did he have anything else.

Dave said surveyor.

Tom Chalfant said oh surveyor. Yeah, I'll handle the surveyor, or I'll try to handle the surveyor.

Dave said he had highway, Circuit and surveyor.

Tom Chalfant said yeah, I'll do those. Okay, that'll be fine.

Dave said well that made it real easy Tod, thanks. You new ones, you may want to sometime if you can go out and just introduce yourself to the, for example, the highway, Tom, well you know the highway, but, Mike, Homeland Security, E911, I think that's Chris Shaneyfelt.

Mike Stine said Chris Shaneyfelt.

Dave said whenever you get a chance, just introduce yourself, whichever board you're on.

Dave said okay, next if Ordinance 2023-01.

Laura said so, are you going to make a motion to pass these as discussed or you're not thinking motion today?

Dave said we might as well make a motion, except for Judy Smith's.

Laura said and I put a question mark on that. I'll look that up. I just didn't get that changed.

Dave said okay.

Missy said I make a motion that we approve the council appointments as vocalized.

Mike Stine seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2023-01 Salary Ordinance amendment

Dave said we have Ordinance number 2023-01. It's an ordinance to amend salary ordinance 2022-31. And in this ordinance, it's stating the Area Planning Commission changes on the executive director and part-time secretary, and the Building Commissioner, and the Randolph County custodian for the Family Opportunity Center, and it's changing it from one amount to the other. Did you guys get a copy of that?

Laura said I'll just say these are all, both of these salary ordinance amendments are amendments that you guys decided to do after we advertised the budget. So, we have to correct them after the first of the year. That's why we're doing it now. So, Randy and Deborah's job split. And that was all after the budget hearings. So, we're just adjusting the money like you agreed upon before.

RESOLUTION No. 2023-01

RESOLUTION TO BORROW FUNDS FROM RANDOLPH COUNTY RAINY DAY FUND
TO THE RANDOLPH COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY LIT (1170) AND COMMUNITY
CORRECTIONS (9001)

WHEREAS, Randolph County, Indiana (the "County") recognizes the need to borrow monies from the Rainy-Day Fund to the Public Safety LIT Fund 1170 and the Community Corrections Fund 9001 to be repaid on or before December 31, 2023.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, THE FOLLOWING
RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Randolph County, Indiana that the County Council authorizes the Randolph County Public Safety LIT Fund 1170 and the Community Corrections Fund 9001 to borrow needed monies from the Rainy-Day Fund.

All said sums are to be repaid to the Rainy-Day Fund on or before December 31, 2023.

Missy made a motion to approve.

Dave said okay. I have a motion to approve the Ordinance 2023-01 after the first reading. Do I have a second?
Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Dave said we need to move, let the rules be suspended and have the second and third reading by title only, and adopted the same day.

Missy said so moved. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Todd made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-01. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2023-02 Salary Ordinance amendment

Dave said next ordinance we have is 2023-02, another salary.

Laura said this the supplemental pay for the Health Department out of a grant, the

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-02
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2022-31
AMENDING RANDOLPH COUNTY'S HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET

WHEREAS: There has been a correction to Ordinance No. 2022-31 with regard to the Randolph County's Health Department Budget and it is necessary to amend the 2023 Salary Ordinance and to change the following pay in the Salary Ordinance effective beginning paid date of January 13, 2022 pay as follows:

HEALTH CO-OP AGREEMENT
PUBIC HEALTH NURSE
\$192.31 BI-WEEKLY

HEALTH CO-OP AGREEMENT
COORDINATOR/REGISTRAR
\$192.31 BI-WEEKLY

HEALTH CO-OP AGREEMENT
CLINIC NURSE/SCHOOL LIASON (35 Hrs. per Week)
\$20.00 PER HOUR (portion paid from Health Maint. Grant)

HEALTH CO-OP AGREEMENT
CLINIC NURSE/SCHOOL LAISON
\$192.31 BI-WEEKLY

IT IS THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF RANDOLPH COUNTY INDIANA THAT:

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 2022-31, 2023 Salary Ordinance pertaining to Randolph County's HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET shall be amended to read as follows:

HEALTH CO-OP AGREEMENT
PUBIC HEALTH NURSE
\$192.31 BI-WEEKLY

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COORDINATOR/REGISTRAR
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\$192.31 BI-WEEKLY

Passed and adopted by the County Council of Randolph County, Indiana, this 4th day of January, 2023.

Missy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-02. Todd seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Tom Chalfant made a motion to suspend the rules and have the second and third reading by title only and adopt the same day. Todd seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Tom Chalfant made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-02. Mike seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-01 Resolution to borrow funds
RESOLUTION No. 2023-01

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Tom Chalfant made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-01. Missy seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Laura said I'll just say all these Additional Appropriations down to the bond payment, those are all things that you changed after the budget. So, we're just moving money where you told us to move it. And then there's going to be a couple at the end that are a little different, the last two. If you have any questions, you can ask.

Dave said so down to the Special Purpose LIT.

Laura said down to, yes. Those are all budget changes made after the budget was advertised and approved. So, we had to adjust the money that you guys requested it to do.

Dave said so what we'll do is we'll just take this as a whole group. That way we don't have to.

Tom said I move we approve all Additional Appropriations down to Special LIT including the bond payment of \$86,400.

Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Additional Appropriations:

Building Commission	
Building Commission Director	-\$3,240.00
County General Sheriff	
Equipment (Purchased)	\$30,000.00
New Vehicle	\$90,000.00
County General EMS	
Office Supplies	\$1,000.00
Cleaning Supplies	\$2,000.00
Gas/Fuel/Oil	\$26,000.00
Uniforms	\$6,000.00
Medical Supplies	\$38,000.00
Postage	\$50.00
Motor Vehicle Repair	\$28,000.00
County General – Area Planning	
Executive Director	\$3,258.00
Secretary	\$21,840.00
Registration/Education	\$800.00
Mileage	\$400.00
Circuit Court	
Bailiff	\$145.00
Superior Court	
Bailiff	\$145.00
Veteran's Department	
Secretary	\$692.00
Special Purpose LIT	
Bond Payment (Communications Project)	\$86,400.00
General	
IT Switches	\$51,604.70

Laura said the next one is IT switches. And we already approved this money back during the CARES Act. We took the money from the CARES Act. We approved it from there. That CARES Act money, the remaining of it, went into General. So, since the switches never came in with 5 Star, we cancelled that order. LEAP is quoting it and told me that they should be able to get them for less than this price. So, we're going to go ahead and reapprove that appropriation out of General, because that's where that

CARES money had gone to. So, just kind of procedure to make the money available if they come through with. The quote would still be approved by everybody, the commissioners.

Missy said no greater than that amount?

Laura said no greater than, yes.

Dave said okay. Any questions on that? I'd entertain a motion to approve this additional.

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

EDIT

Eastern Indiana Regional Planning (Partial Dues) \$4,599.40

Laura said and then the last one, Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, the dues for that during COVID went down to half. They had bumped it back up beginning this year. Commissioners have approved spending EDIT to pay these dues, which is where we normally pay them from. But this is just to give us the rest of the money since they changed the amount.

Tom Chalfant made a motion to approval. Mike Stine seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Laura said I have permanent minutes.

Dave said we usually go around to each individual at the end of the meeting, ask if there's anything you guys would like to bring up. Mike or Todd or Tom, do you guys have any questions? I know it's only your first meeting, about processes or information.

Todd said well it's, personally, I just need to get to understand the finances better, and the timing of the flows and so on. I assume we're borrowing from the Rainy-Day Fund now because of certain influx don't come until later in the year.

Laura said so, we may not even have to do that. But we always do a resolution the first of the year in case we need to, but it's because they're funded by grants, and if their grant money doesn't come in, then we would borrow the money until their grant comes in. And then we would pay it back. And it just has to be paid back by the end of the year. So that's why we do that resolution.

Todd said okay.

Tom Chalfant – New Council training

Tom Chalfant said is there any training, preferably not on line for newbies like us.

Mike Stine said yeah, they had that about a month, well it was about a month ago because I missed last meeting.

Laura said they will have a council, Dave knows more about that. I don't know if you when.

Dave said they have a legislative update February 7th and 8th. That's happens to be, February 7th is our next meeting. So, what I'm hoping to do is go down, but I'll do that after this meeting that day. Then we have an annual meeting in, usually in June isn't it?

Laura said then AIC would have council things too if you wanted.

Dave said I highly recommend you guys to go to the annual meeting and the AIC meetings to get familiarized, because you learn a lot from other county council people.

Todd said I'm fortunate in that regard because I've got one that I have a good relationship with, so I can ask him questions.

Dave said so, Todd, do you have anything for us today?

Todd said no, nothing. Thank you.

Dave said Mike?

Mike Stine said no, not right off.

Dave said Missy?

Missy Williams – policy and procedures and courthouse security

Missy said I do. I would like for us to consider a policy or procedure for sign in if someone wants to make a public comment. And they can, as we open our meeting that we ask them to, they plan on making comments or ask questions, that they sign in with their name and their address, possibly their telephone number. I wouldn't require that. With a policy of how we conduct our meetings, and how they need to conduct themselves in the meeting to continue on.

Dave said I agree with you Missy. I think, I know some meetings do have that now. Just a simple sign in to move forward.

Todd said yeah that's, we used to do that at the school board. It helps you also remember the name afterwards too.

Bev said we've had sign in have we not? Or, we just have people that you have to tell us what their name is.

Dave said right.

Tom Chalfant said name and address so we'd make that as part of our rules of operation.

Missy said well in case they need something, somebody could, Laura could mail them the information that they need.

Tom Chalfant said well yeah, that would, they sign up when they come in to speak.

Dave said so, Missy, do you think just name, address, is that.

Missy said I would ask for their telephone number, and, or email, whichever one they wanted to put down. And the policy and decorum.

Dave said okay. Let me go to Meeks.

Missy said yeah, I'm sure he would need to do that.

Dave said and make sure we do it the right way the first time. Anything else Missy?

Missy said and this is not a council responsibility, but security of the courthouse when people enter. And not that they can't go wherever they need to go, but we don't have a camera system, is I understand that correctly.

Laura said we have cameras in the halls, yes.

Missy said right, but not in an individual office. So, in case there was an issue that you are not going to see it going on, or really to track somebody down if they come and they hide in here and they don't, I mean, stranger things have happened across this world in the recent years.

Laura said I would just make the suggestion that you talk to Dale Arnett because he's the head of that committee.

Missy said okay.

Laura said he did mention that he was going to have a meeting again this year, I don't know where that's going to go.

Dave said to take it one step further, I don't wholly agree with it because we tried this a few years ago and it just sort of fell flat. I think as a body, the county council ought to send a letter to Judge Arnett to inform him that we are very concerned about, but in the meantime, you could also talk to him. But I think we need to get letters out.

Missy said I think a letter would be great.

Dave said and all of us sign it. Maybe we could get a letter together before next meeting on our letterhead, and all sign it as county council people that.

Laura said yeah, if one of you send the letter to me, I can print it out on your letterhead for you to sign at the next meeting. Just create the letter and email it to me.

Dave said Bev, do you have anything further?

Bev said welcome aboard.

Dave said Tom? You quiet today.

Tom Chalfant said yes.

Dave said okay. Sheriff, do you have anything for us.

Art Moystner said I just have a couple quick things.

Dave said okay.

Art Moystner, Sheriff – Canteen Service update

Art Moystner said the contract for the kitchen that I talked about before the end of the year, we've talked about them doing that on the 15th. They're actually coming to do their orientation on Friday and Saturday. They will be taking over the kitchen on Sunday. So, I just wanted to make you guys aware of

that. With regards to funding for that, I think they will bill us based on a weekly basis. I'm not sure if that's going to be by month or bi-weekly that we're going to be submitting. Initially, I'll take it out of the meals fund, so then once we get everything straight with the employees and the transition, then I'll coordinate with Laura about how we want to do, because we're going to have to move some of those salary funds over to meals when those salaries no longer exist, if that makes sense.

Bev said who's providing the service?

Art Moystner said the service is Canteen Services. They do several different jails in Indiana. So, I've heard real good things about them, so I'm looking forward to this change in letting them take over getting those supplies. So, I think it's a good move for us. But I'll coordinate with her with all that. So, I wanted to inform you guys of that and keep you up to speed. The other thing is I would invite any of you, especially the new ones, to contact me and come over, walk through the facility and see what it is we do over there. That way when I come and ask for money for certain things in that building, you are aware of what we're running on. I think that building surprises people when they get inside, just the size of it, and in the operation itself. So, I would invite any of you to come over. Just make contact with me, and we'll get a cup of coffee and walk through. Other than that, that's all I have. If anybody has any questions for me, I'd be glad to answer those if I could today.

Dave said I do have a question for you Sheriff. And this is related to a car over on 32 by White River. It's on the northeast side that's been abandoned I think. It's been there for weeks.

Bev said at the bridge.

Dave said at the bridge.

Bev said right at the bridge, that little white car.

Art Moystner said is it sitting on the shoulder or?

Dave said I'd say it's partially, on state right-of-way, part of it, not all of it.

Art Moystner said I would have to look, I'm not familiar with a call or have not heard of anything on that.

Dave said okay.

Art Moystner said so it's where on 32?

Dave said there at White River, be on the northeast corner.

Tom Chalfant said that's like 450 East.

Dave said yeah, right before you get to Harrisville exit.

Art Moystner said okay. I'll go look.

Tom Chalfant said that bridge is going to get replaced this summer too.

Dave said that's what I've been reading the paper about.

Art Moystner said I'll look and see if anyone's tagged it yet, and see what that situation is.

Dave said alright, sounds good. Anything else Sheriff?

Art Moystner said I don't have anything. Welcome aboard.

Missy said the employees who were working in your food services, they were offered the opportunity to interview to see if they were going to stay on?

Art Moystner said every one of them, yes.

Missy said okay.

Art Moystner said yes. They were contacted. Their names and information was provided to the Canteen Services and they had attempted contact with all of them.

Missy said great.

Art Moystner said thank you.

Perry Knox, SJCA - Introduction

Dave said Perry, I see you've been patiently waiting back there. Do you have anything for us.

Perry Knox said no. I just, I brought some gifts. So, I just want to introduce myself because I know you've got some new members here today. So, I'm Perry Knox. I'm with SJCA. We do your bridge work. We do your bridgework and do your bridge design. My business card is in there, so if you ever have any questions about bridges, roads or funding, please reach out. My cell number is on there.

Dave said so, you guys have been on board what, three, four years now?

Perry Knox said five.

Dave said five. Tom and I talked about how well you guys have done us a good job.

Perry Knox said we've got a lot of bridges on federal aid. We've got a lot of federal applications in. Just got three bridges funded through Community Crossings out at Windsor, so were, my job with SJCA is to try to capture outside state and federal funding where the county can typically do a 20 or 25% match to, you know, a 75 or 80% contribution from the state and feds. So, it helps the budget go a lot further.

Tom Chalfant said I might mention the new members that Perry is very instrumental in bringing us a county engineer that's probably saved us hundreds of thousands of dollars as the county.

Perry Knox said yeah. So, if you have any questions, you have my cell. And I look forward to working with all of you. Thank you.

Dave said Ed, do you have anything for us.

Ed said nothing special.

Dave said anybody else like to speak before county council?

Citizen Comments (3-minute limit)

None

Adjournment

Dave said then I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

Bev made motion to adjourn. Tom Chalfant seconded. All aye votes. Meeting adjourned.

Reviewed and accepted this 6 day of February, 2023.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COUNCIL

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