

Randolph County Council

October 4, 2022

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 Gary Friend, Rick Brown, Max Holaday, David Lenkensdofer, Missy Williams and Beverly Fields. Also present was County Auditor Laura J Martin.

Council President Gary Friend presided.

Gary said we are going to open up the October County Council meeting and the first thing is actually going to open up a public hearing. And I'll let the auditor explain the public hearing.

Public Hearing – Change of CNAV

Laura said okay so Certified Net Assessed Value. When we processed the numbers in my office this year, we left off two big abatements. So, to fix that, DLGF is telling us we need to have a public hearing to explain. And the difference is \$487,180,620.00. And what it is, is the Windfarm Headwaters II and Solar Park I. Those two abatements did not get put on. So, we've got those on now, but to finish and get our net assessed valuations certified, we have to go through DLGF and they're telling us we have to have a public hearing. So, I've got the breakdown if anybody wants to know what that is for different townships. But basically, that's the extent of what we're doing here.

Gary said okay with that, is there anyone of the public that would like to speak on this matter. The floor is open for anyone who would like to come up, sign up on the paper that's up there if you choose. And seeing that no one is making any move forward, we can now close this public hearing. So, there's no action necessary by the council.

Laura said no. No, we just had to announce in public what was going on.

Dave said can I get a copy of the breakdown.

Laura said yeah. I thought I emailed it, but if not, I'll send it again.

Gary said alright the public meeting is now officially closed. And now we moving on to opening up the council meeting for October. And right off the bat, if Tom Chalfant would like to give the report from the commissioners. He's got other business to attend to.

Report from Commissioners

Tom Chalfant said I really don't have much to report. It was pretty much business as usual. We did have a little, I think we need to do some clearing up on a resolution we passed a couple years ago about being a broadband ready community. We did make the Randolph County United our point of contact for that, which I think it's some kind of a state initiative. We haven't got any grants as of yet, but that was the point of why we passed resolution, to call ourselves broadband ready. So anyway, Randolph United is our point of contact. And we don't really have any teeth in any of the rest of the language on there so

hopefully we can, that needs to be clarified. That was, is so you know, there wasn't a lot of other things covered, but I would be glad to answer any questions.

Gary said anybody have any questions for Tom. Dave.

Dave said I was at the meeting yesterday so I pretty well, he pretty well answered everything that I'd have questions.

Tom Chalfant said I would, I've been trying to find a place for the ambulance in Farmland, so if you have any ideas of where we could station an ambulance. So far, I've talked with a dozen people of a dozen places, and nothing seems to work. We're housing it now at the fire department, they're getting a little anxious in cold weather to use that garage. But anyway, we're trying to just find a day room, a little house with a garage, and there's a few possibilities, but nothing is coming to light yet. So, if you can, know of anything, I appreciate it.

Gary said are you looking into buying a spot to be permanent.

Tom Chalfant said yeah I think it would be a permanent spot. I don't think the commissioners would want to go long term, but I think it's, you know, I think Duane and everybody realizes since we lost Culberson and Union Township, that somewhere in Farmland would be a good spot to try to service Union Township as well as the western part of the county. So, I think it's become a permanent place. If we could find a place, it would, I think, become long term, until we get a county-wide ambulance service or something else like that. I don't know.

Gary said right.

Rick said pretty well set in Farmland, Parker a little too far west.

Tom Chalfant yeah, Duane just said Parker's too far because yeah, there's places in Parker. But Duane thinks to best serve, Farmland that's where we need it.

Gary said alright. Anybody have anything. Thanks Tom.

Chris and Zachery, EDPR – Project announcement

Gary said okay on our agenda is EDPR Project announcement. There's no one here from EDPR. Okay.

Art Moystner – Approval of use of Commissary funds

Gary said Art does not need to use the commissary funds.

Other Business:

Minutes June 7 & July 6, 2022

Gary said so we have Minutes of June 7th and July 6th. Would somebody like to make a motion to accept them.

Missy made a motion to accept the minutes. Dave seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Homeland Security grant application

Gary said Homeland Security grant application. Chris do you have anything on that at all.

Chris said just if you have questions. This is for reimbursement grant.

Gary said yeah okay. Would somebody like to make a motion to accept for applying for this Homeland Security

grant.

Max made a motion to approve. Rick seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said hey Chris can you come up so I can ask you one question I was asked. Last night a resident from the far western side of the county said he made a 911 call, and it kept pushing him to Yorktown and not into our center. Is there, is that uncommon, does it happen.

Chris said it can happen depending on where they're at and what tower they're bouncing off of. If they're closer to a Delaware County tower, they'll probably go to that. If they're using a land line, then they should come to our county.

Gary said so this is related probably to cell phones use.

Chris said yeah.

Gary said okay.

Chris said yeah the landlines go off what's called an M cell, which is a master street address guide. So, every address in the county is plotted and those telephone numbers are classified as Randolph County's. And it puts various information in there that would help go to the appropriate services. But when it relays off cell technology, then it goes off the towers.

Gary said if your division one you go to Winchester, and he said by dispatching out of Yorktown, he couldn't make that happen. But anyway, is there anything he can do to bounce off to Winchester to another tower, or is it just because you use the cell phone.

Chris said it's just cell phone usage. It's going to go to the closest tower and then it goes to the closest 911 center.

Gary said from that tower.

Chris said uh huh.

Gary said I understand. Okay. Thank you. Anybody have any questions.

Additional Appropriations:

Auditor (Elected Official Training Fund)	
Travel/Training	\$1200.00

Gary said okay Addition Appropriations. Elected Official Training Fund. So, we're going from.

Laura said it's just cash in the Elected Official Training Fund to Auditor's Travel and Training.

Gary said okay. From Elected Official Training Fund to Auditor's Travel and Training. Okay.

Max made a motion to approve. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

ARPA Fund

Repair Storm Drain on South St	\$32,620.00
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Gary said next ARPA. This is about that drain that we've been discussing. Is that, Ed, can you come up here and answer some questions please that might come up on it. I think the last time you were here we needed to go get a couple quotes.

Ed said yeah, you asked for quotes last time.

Gary said well the commissioners actually did.

Ed said we went out. We got quotes, and East Central Contractors got the bid on this job. They are gathering materials, getting ready to start.

Gary said does that put the extra drain back in that was missing.

Ed said yes.

Gary said think it will alleviate the problem.

Ed said it will alleviate the, yeah it will take care, it will get the water, get the gallons of water under ground that should be under ground now. The second thing that will happen with this project, is later the city is going to attach them to the catch basin that we're installing and run a storm main up the street, which will finish the project, finish the problem. This puts back what was left out.

Gary said okay. Got it. Okay any questions for Ed on this. Somebody like to make a motion to approve this expense out of ARPA.

Rick made a motion to approve. Max seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Highway

Highway Engineer Contract	\$40,000.00
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Gary said Highway Engineer, \$40,000.00. This will be going from the reimbursement to line item for this payment, wages right.

Laura said right.

Gary said yeah.

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

Misdemeanant

Meals/Food	\$15,000.00
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Gary said misdemeanor. So, we need appropriation for meals for \$15,000.00 for misdemeanor. Somebody like to make a motion.

Rick made a motion to approve. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

EDIT

Town of Albany	\$75,000.00
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Gary said EDIT. Town of Albany. This is commissioners' commitment to Albany for the amphitheater,

\$75,000.00. Somebody like to make a motion to approve.

Dave made a motion to approve. Max seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Transfers:

Treasurer	From:	To:
\$1,000.00	Postage	Office Supplies
\$450.00	Repair Equipment	Office Supplies

Gary said Transfers. Treasurer, from postage to office supplies for a total of \$1,450.00. Those two lines combined. Someone want to make a motion to approve.

Bev made a motion to approve. Max seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Commissioner

\$12,000.00	Bldg. Maint	Comp/Video
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Gary said Cum Cap from building maintenance to comp/video equipment and training for \$12,000.00.

Laura said that's to cover our email licenses. They're due for renewal and there wasn't enough in that line.

Gary said email licenses.

Laura said yes.

Gary said okay. Yeah the total is \$21,000.

Laura said yeah.

Gary said someone like to make a motion for a transfer.

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

Gary said we have permanent records coming around. Alright. Anything from the council. Dave.

Dave said yeah I've got a couple of things. We have several programs over at Randolph County United, trails, canoes, kayak, signage for parks, Art Association. I brought it before the county commissioners yesterday. Found out at a conference a couple weeks ago we could use ARPA monies. And I'm just planting a seed today. There's no definite amount yet, but just wanted to get you guys' feelings on that use of those funds for those items. All three of the commissioners thought it was a great idea yesterday. So, I just wanted to plant the seed today to here shortly, maybe in a few months before it becomes a need.

Gary said you said trails, canoes, what else.

Dave said Kayaks, signage for parks. They've got a, you know they did a nice brochure for the parks group. There's several parks in Randolph County. They want to put signage in each park, just the basic. Now a lot of these programs, they're going to reach out to see if they can get some funding somewhere else also, but they may need monies to shore up the programs.

Bev said what kind of funding are they looking for now.

Dave said don't know yet. They're just in a very preliminary stage. I know the trails, the trails met last night, and I know they're working trying to get a funding source, or partial, because that probably is going to be the most expensive one I'm guessing. So just food for thought today. Get your thoughts. The second one is the, I brought up Windfarms, Solar farms monies to use for to increase our rainy-day funds. We've talked about it in the past. The commissioners passed it on to us to make the first move, so I guess it's up to us to find out how much money are we thinking about to achieve at that level, and how long do we want to take to get to that level. So just open for discussion.

Bev said I think it sounds like a good idea. As far as how much to start with, I don't have any idea.

Dave said 3, somewhere in there.

Gary said most of it gets committed through the year so it's not available, use some for bridge funding, but. Not bridges, to fund grants and then reimburse.

Dave said do we want to go to a \$3,000,000.00 cap like over a five-year period.

Gary said I would say at least two more million added into it.

Dave said we probably should.

Gary said yeah.

Dave said we could add another 1.7 maybe into it over a period of time though. I don't, you know, I don't want to do it all if we got the money, do it all at one time, because I don't want to jeopardize the other things we've got going on.

Gary said well I think four or five years is doable.

Bev said sounds reasonable.

Gray said yeah, you know. And I agree we should be putting it in there because we have to bolster the county's financial future as well as helping other people.

Dave said I'm thinking three million total, would be a nice number because basically, if we have some sort of catastrophe, insurance for example, is what three million backup alone. If we have a major bridge go out, that's, I know that bridge 85 out there is over a million dollars for renovation. It wouldn't take long to go through that money.

Gary said no. I'd kind of like four million. It would be 2.3 or 2 to 3 million on top of it. How much money Randolph County put together. To put it at \$4,000,000.00 puts it at a safety zone for the future, because we won't have an opportunity to do it again, once these projects go off. I would certainly live with three million, but a shot of \$4,000,000.00 over five years, we would be putting what, 2.3 in.

Dave said to four million.

Gary said yeah.

Dave said yeah.

Gary said five years would be \$2,500,000.00. Five years of \$500,000.00 a year, 2 ½ on top of the 1.3, 3.8. That would be a good thought.

Dave said so would you want me to go to the next commissioner meeting and tell them our thoughts of where we want to be. I guess I want to try to get an exact number and exact number of years from this group.

Gary said for the next meeting.

Dave said yeah.

Gary said yeah.

Dave said because you know we, we've talked about this for about a year now I think.

Gary said maybe more.

Dave said and I need to find out if Madison County, they put like four or five million in over there. They, I thought they said they were putting in \$400,000 a month.

Gary said from where.

Dave said Madison County.

Gary said but where are they getting the funds.

Dave said that's what I got to find out.

Gary said okay.

Dave said I just talked to one of the council.

Max said I think we've got very close to \$13,000,000 coming in in the next five years from windfarm projects.

Dave said yeah, what do you think Max.

Max said I think it would be a good idea myself.

Gary said how much and how long.

Max said I don't know, five years we ought, I would think we ought to be able to do it.

Dave said add 2.7 million in five years, is that what you're thinking.

Max said yeah.

Gary said yeah. The commissioners may want to negotiate a little bit on that. We could come down a little bit. Rick what do you think.

Rick said five years and what did you say, 2.7.

Dave said yeah.

Gary said Bev.

Bev said I am agreed to five years if it's possible.

Gary said Missy.

Missy said yes.

Dave said okay. That's all I want to know.

Gary said okay very good. Thank you. Max.

Max said no I haven't anything else.

Gary said Rick.

Rick said I guess it's a little late, but, and I'm not sure anybody here can answer. This \$75,000 we approved for Albany for an amphitheater, is that on the Randolph County side.

Gary said no.

Rick said okay maybe I just better stop.

Gary said it's also a commissioners' event that we're obligated to pass it through the treasury process.

Rick said well that's the reason I agreed to sign it. It's their decision and we fund it, but I guess I need to talk to the commissioners about it.

Gary said okay. Bev.

Bev said I got a report yesterday from Joe Copeland of the bridge improvements and it was very, very interesting. It was, I mean it's amazing the amount of work that's been accomplished, and what is proposed. It sounds like Joe Copeland and his group and what he's doing is a good thing, a real good thing.

Gary said Missy.

Missy said well the good news Laura can talk about the two awards that Randolph County won. She has more details on that. But that shows that Randolph County is moving in the right direction. Well you know more about those.

Laura said well one of them was on bridge 85. Being able to open that up to the fire trucks and putting in for federal aid. So, Randolph County got an award for that. The other one was a joint, an award for having a joint engineer with Henry County. We're the only county in the state that has done this.

Gary said two counties.

Laura said well yeah, the two, us and Henry. So, the Henry and us share that award, yes.

Missy said and they're real nice signs. Bev brought up yesterday in the commissioners meeting about having those put-on display down in the foyer. So as people come in, they might see those and understand that, you know, good things are happening as people vote and pay taxes, and all that kind of stuff.

Gary said what did the commissioners think about that.

Bev said they went for it.

Laura said yeah and I talked to Jake after the meeting and asked him to find a couple of easels for us to use, and Mike was going to bring those signs over today is what he told me.

Gary said good.

Bev said I think there will be a lot of traffic in and out for the next two months.

Gary said Meeks.

Meeks said

Gary said sheriff.

Citizen Comments (3-minute limit)

Gary said anybody from the audience.

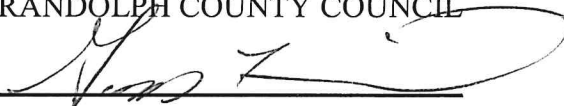
Adjournment

Gary said okay. With that, somebody want to make a motion to adjourn.

Rick made a motion to adjourn. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Meeting adjourned.

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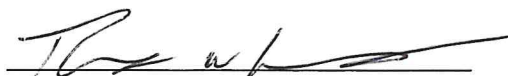












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