

# Randolph County Council

April 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 Lenkensdofer, Tom Chalfant, Mike Stine, Tom Kerns, Todd Holaday, Missy Williams and Beverly Fields. Also present was County Auditor Laura J Martin.

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Council President David Lenkensdofer presided.

Pledge of Allegiance

## **Sherri Thompson – Grant application**

Sherri Thompson said I am here today for grant approvals. The first grant is the Narcan grant. There's no money that exchanges hands if it's approved. We receive so many Narcan. So, that's the first one that we would like to apply for.

David said okay.

Sherri Thompson said I don't know, Wendy did ask for 200, but we don't know what we'll get. It depends on how many people take the grant.

David said and that became, did that just become over-the-counter?

Sherri Thompson said it's going to.

David said okay. It's not there yet. Any questions for Sherri on this one? We'll go ahead and do them one-by-one here.

Missy said how will they determine that Sherri? Will they just come to the Health Department and say I want so many, or when you put notice out, people pick them up?

Sherri Thompson said she'll probably advertise some, but they, she does show them how to use them, and you know, if it's someone that's off the street, or, so she does explain how, they choose, she educates them all that. But I know we have the schools that we distribute it too.

Missy said that's what I was leading to. So, can the schools come and pick them up?

Sherri Thompson said yes. And I, the next grant is about the school liaison, which is Tammy Pruitt, and Tammy, she goes to the schools and delivers things a lot that we've gotten to help the schools out. So, she delivers a lot of stuff to the schools too.

David said okay. Any other questions for Sherri on this one? I guess I'd entertain a motion to approve this grant application.

Tom Kerns make motion to approve. Mike seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Missy said Sherri one thing I could just add in, I just hope there's some education that's going out with those, rather than it's just, you don't take it every time.

Sherri said yes. We actually had an incident at the alternative school three weeks ago. Fortunately, we didn't have to use the Narcan but, they were, they thought they were going to have to, but the lady came to before. But yes, definitely Wendy does explain it and show them how to use it.

Missy said and any resources that it may be not needed in the future?

Sherri said yeah, yeah, definitely. We are actually working to get mental health. Mental health around here is very slim. So, we're working to get that for as many people as we can for these schools to help prevent suicides.

David said has the health departments on the state's guidelines, are trying to propose for mental health?

Sherri Thompson said yes. We're trying to follow all the core things that they're wanting.

David said okay. I know the list, there's no way we could follow the whole list. I mean, it's like thirty items on that list or something.

Sherri Thompson said right. Yeah, we, and we're just, I know that we're supposed to still all have the say over everything that goes on, even if the money, if we decide, if they decide if the money comes in. So, we're kind of looking at what our area needs, and going from there. And like I said, with the suicides that we've had lately, we had a 12-year-old. And so, that's one of the things that we're looking at is mental health.

Tom Chalfant said do you see any changes in leadership in the Health department going forward?

Sherri Thompson said I don't think so.

Tom Chalfant said does Dr. Sowinski still live in Lafayette?

Sherri Thompson said he's back and forth. He has not moved down there. He's back and forth and he comes in, he checks in with us every week, and then he comes in.

Tom Chalfant said well the reason I asked is it looks like there's a lot of money coming to the health departments, and so how's that all going to work.

Sherri Thompson said yeah, we, of course that goes through the Auditors office, but the school liaison grant, that's probably our largest grant. And we use a lot of that to buy resources and things for the kids. So, one of the things that the schools needed was hygiene products. So, we've got those and supplied those to the schools. And then during, in August, we have a back-to-school event. And there'll be free haircuts, free physicals, they can come out and get their immunizations. We are having, we've been taking in different things like new clothing, stuff like that that they will get or can have if they need it, all free. So, but the money, the state funds most of that. Anytime you want to see what the money goes for.

Tom Chalfant said well I was just, I think the legislator told us that they, they're looking at increasing that, especially 29 times, 2900 percent, which that's a very hard thing to absorb in any organization to be able to do that effectively.

Sherri Thompson said right. And the way it looks that the school liaison would become a permanent or a full-time position. I mean, it should be now with everything that she does. But right now, she's the clinic and the school liaison. So, one of the things that we were hoping to look at is hiring a clinic nurse to be full time to help so that Tammy can be free to be in the schools a lot more than she is now. So, you know, we're hoping that that's going to change at least to help us pick up some of these core services that they want us to do.

David said and do most of the schools have their own nurse?

Sherri Thompson said yes, Union for awhile didn't, but they do have one now.

David said okay. Okay, I thought they did.

Sherri Thompson said and I don't know if you know that we did get reimbursed for our COVID clinics that we did, and that was a \$100,000 that we got reimbursed.

David said that's good. I know Tammy is well thought of at Randolph Eastern. I've seen her at some of the school board meetings.

Sherri Thompson said yes, she does a great job.

David said she does a great job.

Sherri Thompson said yes, she does.

David said okay. What else you got or us?

Sherri Thompson said the next one is the school liaison. They have decided to do that a third year, and we would like to apply for the third year to keep Tammy.

David said okay. Any questions for Sherri on that? I'd entertain a motion then to go ahead and approve this grant application.

Missy made motion to approve. Bev seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Missy said when you are contacted by Dr. Sowinski, does he come in person and spend the day, he used to be here on Fridays, or does he call in, or?

Sherri Thompson said he will call. If he can't come in on that day, he'll call us and we kind of have a meeting on the phone and then he'll come in on, usually, when he comes in, he's there all day.

David said alright. Thanks Sherri.

### **Mike Haffner – appropriations**

Mike Haffner said basically, I just have the appropriations for the one million out of 1173 restricted, and then the \$800,000 out of 1176. Basically, this is for bridge 183, and we had all the small structure inventory that was completed last year, and there's about 7 structures that they recommended replacing. And then we've got phase two, small structure inventory with a smaller one that will be done this year. So, we're basically, reacting to put about \$1.8 million to support Joe's structures and bridges and culverts.

David said okay. Any questions for Mike on moving along with the bridges and culverts, they've got a good program in place now.

Mike Haffner said the 700 North project, is basically, complete. They just got to move their equipment out of the way, and that will be done. Of course, then they're moving down to 500 South on bridge 183, and they'll be closing that. But 300 West bridge that they're just doing a deck rehab, weather permitting, they were hoping to pour concrete Thursday or Friday on that. So, hopefully, by next week or shortly after, that will be back open. Then I think Joe's got kind of wait off because I think we had the 8 Federal Aid bridge repairs. And if we get them, that's great, but if we don't, then we're going to have to try to sneak one or two of them in each year on our own dime to try to get them done. So, yeah, we're just moving pretty aggressively in the bridge and structures to get them taken care of. Our paver is supposed to be delivered here in about two hours. So, we'll have that. That's the last piece of all the equipment so, he's going to start milling some asphalt decks and replacing that with some approaches. And I see, you know, a lot of the structures we have been putting in, really need a pavement cap put on them. So, hopefully, in the next month, we'll start completing a lot of these projects. And then, just keep moving on.

David said okay.

Tom Chalfant said the bridge on 100 West, do you know where we're at on that schedule? That was a Federal job wasn't it?

Mike Haffner said that's Federal, I think we're about, that one will be done a year before bridge 85. I think that on stock yard, I think that's 24, it might not be completed until 25.

Tom Chalfant said get started next year?



Mike Haffner said yeah. It was accepted several years ago, but since it was restricted to one lane, they allowed us, because Federal aid is usually five years, but on that one, they let us move it up one year. First of all, it's restricted, second of all, we didn't want two major bridges going under repair at the same time. I will note that the bridge on Short Street over here, they re-evaluated that one, and that one is going to be moved down to four ton. And it's even pushing that one to even keep it open at four ton. So, we keep having heavy loads go over that particular bridge, and they keep damaging it. So, I'm afraid that is we can't control the heavy loads going across it then we're just going to have to close it, because I don't know why, but they keep refusing to pay attention to the weight limit.

David said Community Crossing.

Mike Haffner said yes.

David said have you applied this here yet?

Mike Haffner said Joe we have some bridges, but they were not going to be table shelf ready. So, we sent letters out, emails out the commissioners. Joe told me two weeks ago that he can put in a pavement project for this year. The following year will be the other bridge in town that's closed. So, I'm basically, asked the commissioners to, is a recommendation potentially what paving projects they would like to see. And we're just gathering information. I provided some traffic counts on some roads. So, we're in the process of selecting. And that will go in in July, and be awarded shortly after that.

Missy said so yes you are applying for the Community Crossings grant in July?

Mike Haffner said yes. They have a spring session, and a fall session. Well Joe thought things would be ready in the fall for a bridge, but that fell through. So, we're going to select the paving project so we don't miss out on an opportunity. So, again, if anybody has got a particular, you can probably do maybe six miles of road. If you've got something in mind, either get with me or get with your commissioner and you can, how do you select, you know, there's several roads out there that probably need some paving. And we've got our own paver, so we plan on trying to, we're going to be doing a lot of wedge and levelling first, taking the worst of the nastiest and then some of our culverts and bridges, approaches, concentrate on that. And then, as my guy get trained a little better, maybe towards the end of the season, or next year, will be, 800 East stands out in my mind that it's borderline. That one is definitely something that should be toward the top of the list on the Community Crossing, or it should be on the top of their list to do with our own paver. But I would just like to gain some experience so I can make sure we do a good job. Not that we can't, but I'd like some time to get my guys trained and stuff. Greenville Pike is another one that we're, I know the commissioners are in, at least Mike Wickersham has looked into Federal aid on that particular one, but something's got to be done with that one reasonably soon. So, we've got a few roads that definitely need to be thought out to be on the top of the list.

David said okay.

Missy said Mike, how are you doing on employees?

Mike Haffner said we're crucial. I just lost another one this week. So, I'm basically, down to 9 actual workers, and then the office. So, I'm a good 5 people down. I'm talking to some trucking people. I don't think I've got enough staff. I've got enough staff to run the paver and chip, but I might have to have some help with trucking, because I'm trying to find some non-CDL summer help and everything to try, because they can do rollers, and they can do certain aspects. But, yeah, it's CDL, the one's I'm losing is going to basically, non, they don't have any benefits, no insurance, no nothing and they get laid off during the winter. I don't understand their philosophy but, they see 31 bucks an hour to 40 bucks an hour, that's all they see. And then the one's I'm losing with benefits is in that \$24.75. This last one I lost went to the gas company for \$24.75 starting out pay, with three weeks paid vacation right up front, plus I think, he was saying that, I think \$800 a year or \$800 max on his insurance. So, he thought that was a better deal. So, I'm not, you know, we're kind of re-evaluating that. I think in July budget time, we're going to have to take a, I very well appreciate and all my guys appreciate, we got a pretty good increase last year, but I think in today's standard certainly, when you compact it with a CDL that's a major problem. Good side of it is the state is also having trouble, so, L-tap is putting a program on, they will allow one person from a county to go through L-tap training to be actually certified as a trainer. So, therefore, all the online classroom part of the CDL is basically any government employee, is basically free. A few years ago, when they instrumented this, you know, send somebody within 3, 5, \$6,000.00, well at least we're not looking at that yet. A lot of it is free. And so, I've got high hopes to maybe talk to some other people with non-CDL, but we've gone that route before, and as soon as they get it, within a few months they leave. So, I'm looking at what we can do even with trucks, you know. I think every highway superintendent out there is doing the same thing. He's evaluating the program and seeing if we can go with lighter duty trucks to get around the CDL. There's pros and cons. Yes, you can do that, but you might have to have more employees and more equipment, you know, so, it's a double-edged sword there. But trust me, there's more than me looking at the problems of labor. Yes, we've got situations here, but I've been able to retain all of my senior employees that they've been wonderful and very understanding, and they're quite looking forward to this paver, and trying to improve the roads and improve their own neighborhood. So, I do appreciate the one's that are staying on board with me.

Missy said so where are you advertising for new employees, because I've looked, I know, you sent me that email.

Mike Haffner said we had a meeting yesterday. Basically, I need to get together with Laura stopped in yesterday to run that again on that site. Naturally, we have it on face book, but we need to look into others. We're going to run it in the Muncie paper. We'll run it in local paper. I've ran it in.

Missy said when are you going to put it in local papers? We need workers now, when are we going to get that in local papers? Like Palatium Item, Muncie Star, News Gazette, when do you?

Mike Haffner said Jessica Olsen was supposed to be calling yesterday and today to start running that. And then I've ran ads in the radio stations. But I did that a year ago, and then here, probably three months ago, and never got a single phone call from that. Kind of disappointed there. But, there's another one down at Richmond area, Tri-county type thing, and I talked to the economic development guy will be seeing him hopefully, today to see what our options. I made

some phone calls to our local schools to try to be able to hang something on the bulletin board or at least, they have senior days or something where I can go in and talk to them. I do have a couple prospects that they've said hey, as soon as I graduate, I definitely would like to come to work, but that's in June. So, but, we do have a few prospects out there that, so, yeah, I'd be willing and open for suggestions too.

David said Missy does Indeed, is that a?

Mike Haffner said yeah, I think I've had it on Indeed.

Laura said very little. You didn't want it on there.

Missy said if that was on there, I've never seen it. In just going through to see what Randolph County has.

Laura said I put most of them on there. Mike didn't want it on there.

David said on Indeed? What I know about Indeed, it's always been a pretty decent.

Tom Chalfant said did Mike

Laura said no.

Tom Chalfant said oh, okay.

Mike Haffner said our area has been kind of hit hard because it's great that we have the companies, but you can find other counties, they don't have a lot of competition. We've got about three pretty good major CDL hitters in this county, and when they're taking \$27 starting pay for a class B and basically, it's going to be tough at 20 bucks an hour to even get a phone call. But, you know, I think our benefit package has to be considered, but unfortunately, a lot of people's not looking at the benefit package. I think our benefit package is good, and you know, but, it seems like the people that's out there, job searching, they see that as zero value. And I know, I've even asked the questions, what can the county do to hire with no benefits, but that's not possible so.

Missy said so, you think you have told the Auditors office not to advertise on Indeed?

Mike Haffner said no, no, I'm getting with them. I thought we was advertising. It's been awhile. We need to update it. But, I was getting.

Laura said no, you told me not to put it on there, Mike. When you first started hiring, I asked you and you said not right now. And then you never came back and said put it on.

Mike Haffner said when we filled the, yes I did tell you not to put it on there, but that's why I was down there yesterday, and getting together with you again to update what our positions are, and Jessica Olsen has got a new advertisement that she was going to send over to you to see if you can, you know, what the process is to put it on.

Laura said that's fine. I can put it on if she wants to give me that information.

David said okay. Well I guess you need to advertise forward and see what we can do because it's critical out there. Alright, any other questions for Mike? Thanks Mike.

**Charity Cox – Willow's Edge tax abatements**

Charity Cox said I do have some information. I've met with the assessor downstairs yesterday and then as I was walking up today, I was just questioning this. And they did tell me, I talked to them probably 15 or so minutes ago, that the taxes will go up in 2025. They are going to assess our property in June, and so that would be in 2025 is when our taxes would go up.

David said okay. Well before us, we have a resolution 2023-06 County Council of Randolph Declaratory Resolution for the designation of the Economic Revitalization Area. And this area is the improving for, is it a wedding venue?

Charity Cox said it's an event venue.

David said event venue. Okay, so, resolution only takes a one vote. And do you guys have any questions, I guess, for Charity before we get started on this? We had it at our last meeting for, we approved to do the tax abatement. So, I'd entertain a motion to approve.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-06

COUNTY COUNCIL OF RANDOLPH COUNTY, INDIANA, DECLARATORY  
RESOLUTION FOR THE DESIGNATION OF AN ECONOMIC  
REVITALIZATION AREA

WHEREAS, County Council of Randolph County, Indiana (the "County"), has been requested by Steven and Charity Cox (the "Applicant") to find, pursuant to I. C. 6-1.1-12.1-2 that the area described in Exhibit "A" (the "Area") is an Economic Revitalization Area as defined under I. C. 6-1.1-12.1-2;

WHEREAS, the County Council of Randolph County (the "Council") has prepared a simplified description of the Area or maps and plats that identify the area, which are attached as Exhibit B;

WHEREAS, the Area is located within the jurisdiction of the Council for the purposes as set forth in I. C. 6-1.1-12.1-2;

WHEREAS, the Applicant is installing a 120' x 80' Building (plus 15' porch) for an Event Venue named Willow Edge LLC located at 627 West 100 South, Winchester, Indiana 47394 (the "Project").

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed the Application; and

WHEREAS, the improvement of the Area described in the Application will be of public utility and will be to the benefit and welfare of all citizens and taxpayers of Randolph County Indiana.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Council of Randolph County, Indiana, that: (i) the Area is within Randolph County Indiana; and (ii) the Area has become undesirable for or impossible for normal development and occupancy because of a lack of development, cessation of growth, or other factors which have prevented the normal development and use of property.



BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that based on the information in the Application describing the Project, the Council makes the following findings:

- (1) The estimate of the value of the rehabilitation and development of the Project is reasonable for a project of that nature.
- (2) The estimate of the number of individuals who will be employed can be reasonably expected to result from proposed rehabilitation and development of the Project.
- (3) The estimate of the annual salaries of those individuals who will be employed can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed rehabilitation and development of the Project.
- (4) The other benefits about which information was requested are benefits that can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed rehabilitation and development of the Project.
- (5) The totality of benefits is sufficient to justify the granting of Real property tax abatement to the Applicant.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, by the Council, that the Area is hereby declared to be an “Economic Revitalization Area” pursuant to I. C. 6-1.1-12.1.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the period for real property tax deductions for redevelopment or rehabilitation in the Area shall be five (5) years.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that based on the information in the Application and the foregoing findings, the Council hereby approves and allows the Applicant real property tax deductions for five (5) years for the Project.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that pursuant to I. C. 6-1.1-12.1-2.5, there shall be published notice (the “Notice”) of the adoption and substance of this Resolution in accordance with I. C. 5-3-1, one (1) time at least ten (10) days before the date of the public hearing on this matter (the “Public Hearing”), which Notice shall name a date for the Public Hearing, the Council will hear remonstrance and objections from interested persons at the Public Hearing, the conclusion of the Public Hearing the Council may take final action on the proposed designation, and a copy of this Resolution shall be filed with and shall be available for inspection in the office of the Auditor of Randolph County Indiana.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that pursuant to I. C. 6-1.1-12.1-2.5, the Auditor of Randolph County, Indiana shall file a copy of the Notice and the Application with each taxing unit that has authority to levy property taxes in the geographic area where the Area is located. Such information shall be filed with the officers of the taxing unit who are authorized to fix budgets, tax rates, and tax levies under I. C. 6-1.1-17-5 at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the Public Hearing.

Missy made motion to approve. Todd seconded the motion. 5 aye votes. 2 nay votes (Tom Chalfant, Mike Stine). Motion carried.

Charity Cox said just a little update on our project. Our builder came in last week, and it rained all week, so he couldn't really do anything. They did dig some holes. This week, concrete should be coming in today if mother nature cooperates, and poles go up this week. Trusses have been ordered and they're shipped. So, hopefully, this week and next week, we have some type of building resembling a building going up.

David said so what's your projected date on completion?

Charity Cox said we are hoping May, mid-May, but now we're going to probably be June, mid-June, just because of the weather and everything that's put us behind. We're going to say that and hope for the best.

David said Meeks I have another Resolution here.

Meeks said that's for the tax abatement. The first one was for the Economic Revitalization.

David said okay.

Meeks said so you don't need to do it for actual tax abatement.

David said okay. So, we have Resolution number 2023-07, a preliminary resolution granting tax abatement to Stephen and Charity Cox. So, I would entertain a motion to approve.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-07

COUNTY COUNCIL OF RANDOLPH, INDIANA  
A PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION GRANTING TAX ABATEMENT  
TO STEVEN AND CHARITY COX

WHEREAS, Steven and Charity Cox (the "Applicant"), has filed its Statement of Benefits with Randolph County, Indiana (the "County"), stating its desire to install a 120' x 80' Building (plus 15' porch) for an Event Venue named Willow Edge LLC at its facilities outside of Winchester, Indiana (the "Project") on real estate located at 627 West 100 South, Winchester, Indiana 47394, as more particularly described on the attached Exhibit "A" (the "Real Estate"), which Project will be at a cost of approximately \$600,000.00.

WHEREAS, the development and construction of the Project will result in the creation 2-3 part time jobs at a total payroll of estimated \$1,000.00.

WHEREAS, the County, has been requested to designate the Real Estate an Economic Revitalization Area; and

WHEREAS, the County, through its Council, at its meeting held this date, has been asked to make findings as a result of the filing of Applicant's Statement of Benefits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Council of Randolph County, Indiana, makes the following findings based upon its review of the Statement of Benefits filed herein:

1. The estimate of the costs of the rehabilitation and development of the Project are reasonable for such rehabilitation and development;
2. The estimate of the number of individuals whose employment will be created can be reasonably expected as a result of the rehabilitation and development of the Project;
3. The Project will consist of the a 120' x 80' Building (plus 15' porch) on the Real Estate;
4. The creation of the 2-3 part time jobs on the Real Estate will have a positive effect upon the economy of Randolph County, Indiana, by helping create employment; and
5. The totality of the benefits to be derived from the rehabilitation and the development of the Project is sufficient to justify the deduction created by the approval of tax abatement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Council of Randolph County, Indiana, hereby approves the Statement of Benefits filed herein by the Applicant and approves deductions from the real estate taxes to be assessed against said Real Estate over a term of five (5) years, according to the attached Statement of Benefits, according to the following abatement schedule under IC 6-1.1-12.1-17 (all as in effect on the date hereof):

Deduction Schedule for Personal Property

YEAR OF DEDUCTION	PERCENTAGE AMOUNT OF DEDUCTION
1 <sup>ST</sup>	100%
2 <sup>ND</sup>	80%
3 <sup>RD</sup>	60%
4 <sup>TH</sup>	40%
5 <sup>TH</sup>	20%

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the deductions to be taken as a result of the abatement approved hereby shall be determined by applying the applicable percentages to the assessed value of the real estate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the approval of tax abatement as herein approved is consistent with the objectives to be achieved by I. C. 6-1.1-12.1 et seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Auditor or Randolph County, Indiana, shall certify copies of this Resolution and retain a certified copy of same in said Auditor's Office and deliver a copy to the Assessor of Randolph County, and that a copy of said Resolution shall also be delivered to the Applicant.

Missy made motion to approve. Todd seconded the motion. 5 aye votes. 2 nay votes. Motion carried.

Meeks said so now, you'll need to set it for a hearing probably at your next meeting. And since she's already started the project, you'll want to set a hearing for the, for waiving the requirements that you shouldn't have started beforehand. That's the easiest way to say, waiver of non-compliance.

Laura said those are for public hearings?

Meeks said those are for public hearing.

Laura said do we need to set those? Are we doing that for the next meeting on the May meeting?

Meeks said that's up to you guys. I would assume we'll do it at 9:00 o'clock like we normally do.

David said yeah, 9:00 o'clock on the May meeting.

Meeks said and EDPR is going to want to do it too. So, probably, maybe set them for 9:10 or 9:15. Usually public hearings are not well attended, but I don't want to presume. Or maybe set it for the same time, and then we'll just do one after another.

Charity Cox said I wanted to thank you guys for really helping us get onto our feet for the next five years. We appreciate it.



**Sarah Greenburg, Austin Kirch, EDPR**

Sarah Greenburg said morning. Thanks for having us today.

David said not a problem.

Sarah Greenburg said most of you don't know me. So, I'm Sarah Greenburg. I'm a new project manager on River Start IV Solar Project. I've met a couple of you.

Austin Kirch said I'm Austin Kirch. I've been here before for a few of these meetings. I'm project developer on the project. I'm solely working on projects in Randolph County.

Sarah Greenburg said well you're probably familiar with EDPR renewables, but for everybody else in the room, EDPR is a global renewable energy company. Our North American headquarters is in Houston, Texas, and our regional office is in Indianapolis. In addition to our operations, buildings in this county and others throughout Indiana. We're working right now on the River Start IV Solar Project, which is actually our third solar project in Randolph County. We're also the owners and operators of the Headwaters Wind Farms in the area. So, today we're here because we filed the preliminary economic revitalization area resolution, and an SB1. And this is for the solar project that will be a 100-megawatts. It will be a \$220,000,000.00 taxable investment in the county. And that will be in 20% Stoney Creek township and then 80% in Union Township. So, we're happy to answer any questions or tell you some more details about the project.

Tom Chalfant said how many structures will there be? The first one was what 3500 and these are like 5000?

Sarah Greenburg said we actually haven't decided what panel-type we'll use, so it will depend on the manufacturer that we go with. We're anticipating about 1200 acres of inside the fenced area for the panels.

David said any other questions for Sarah or Austin?

Meeks said I do have a couple of things. We have had some meetings since your last meeting, and we're still kind of figuring out the economic development payment. Baker Tilley has provided their analysis and we've provided that to our EDPR, and I think they're looking at that now, and we're probably going to have another meeting sometime soon. And we were thinking it's going to be 15,000 megawatts, that initial. It was \$14,300.00 the last time, and so per megawatt, we opted the \$15,000 per megawatt because that's what our consultants have been telling us. That's kind of the going rate around the state of Indiana. So, we based our analysis on that and sent it over and we'll hear from them, and then kind of negotiate that this month. And then, hopefully, everything gets done and you guys can pass it at your May meeting, and then the commissioners would probably pass the, well once you guys do it, then the commissioners, don't want to speak for the commissioners, one of them is here. But you know, they would probably pass it. They could take that up at their second meeting in May.

David said so it's 150 megawatt is that correct?



Sarah Greenburg said yes.

Meeks said and we're looking at \$15,000.00 per megawatt.

Todd said I've never understood this. When these things were called certain amount of megawatts, that's megawatts per what, per how long, what period of time?

Sarah Greenburg said so the what's called the capacity is kind of the maximum amount of energy that you can produce with the project. So, 150 megawatts is the maximum amount that we're allowed to inject into the grid. But at any given time, it may or may not be, we may or may not be actually giving that full amount of energy into the grid. So, the way that the, we are paid, is per megawatt hour and there's actually going to be hundreds of thousands of those throughout the lifetime of the project. But the term 150 megawatts relates to just the inner connection value that we're allowed to upload to the grid at any given point.

Todd said so that's the maximum flow rate that can be achieved, or that's allowed to be achieved.

Sarah Greenburg said I don't know about, I am not an engineer so, I don't know if that's the proper terminology but I think that's a correct way to describe it.

Missy said do you know who you are selling this energy to yet, at this point?

Sarah Greenburg said we do have a contract to sell electricity. I don't think it's public yet, but we'll let you know. Do you know if it's public?

Austin Kirch said I don't believe it's public.

David said I assume we'll get that once we sign an agreement. Any other questions? Some good questions. Resolution 2023-08 real and personal property tax abatement for EDPR. I'd entertain a motion to approve.

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF RANDOLPH COUNTY, INDIANA**

**PRELIMINARY ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA RESOLUTION**

**Resolution No. 2023-08**

**REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT**

WHEREAS, Riverstart Solar Park IV LLC ("Riverstart") intends to develop a solar-powered electric generating facility in Union and Stoney Creek Townships in the County, more particularly depicted on Exhibit A hereto (the land on Exhibit A is also referred to herein as the "Property"), and in the course of doing so intends to develop and construct upon the Real Estate certain improvements and/or facilities, which will consist of approximately One Hundred and Fifty (150) megawatts of new generating capacity (collectively, the "Project");

WHEREAS, Riverstart has requested the County Council of Randolph County, Indiana (the “Council”) approve a ten-year real property tax deduction period and ten-year personal property tax deduction schedule for the Project;

WHEREAS, Riverstart has further requested that the Real Property be designated an economic revitalization area (an “ERA”) for purposes of permitting such deductions;

WHEREAS, Riverstart has advised the Council that the Project will involve significant investment in real property redevelopment or rehabilitation and new manufacturing equipment on the Real Property;

WHEREAS, Riverstart submitted to the Council a form SB-1/UD, Statement of Benefits (see Exhibit B) in connection with the Project, and provided all information and documentation necessary for the Council to make an informed decision (the “Statement”);

WHEREAS, the Council is authorized under the provisions of I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-1 *et seq.* to designate areas of the County as an ERA for the purposes described herein;

WHEREAS, the Council has considered the Statement submitted by Riverstart and has conducted a complete and proper investigation of the Real Property and determined that the area qualifies as an ERA under Indiana statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Council has considered the following factors under I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-17 in connection with the Project:

1. The total amount of Riverstart’s investment in real and personal property under the Project;
2. The number of new full-time equivalent jobs to be created under the Project;
3. The average wage of the new employees under the Project compared to the state minimum wage; and
4. The infrastructure requirements for the Riverstart’s investment under the Project;

(collectively, the “Deduction Schedule Factors”).

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS FOUND, DETERMINED AND RESOLVED by the Council that:

1. That the estimate of the value of the redevelopment or rehabilitation of the Real Property is reasonable for projects of that nature and the estimate of the cost of the new manufacturing equipment to be installed in connection with the Project is reasonable for projects of that type.

2. That the estimate of the number of individuals who will be employed or whose employment will be retained as a result of the proposed redevelopment or rehabilitation of the Real Property and the installation of the new manufacturing equipment can reasonably be expected to result from the proposed redevelopment or rehabilitation of the Real Property and the proposed installation of new manufacturing equipment.

3. That the estimate of annual salaries of those individuals who will be employed or whose employment will be retained can reasonably be expected to result from the proposed redevelopment or rehabilitation of the Real Property and the proposed installation of new manufacturing equipment.

4. That the number of individual opportunities for employment, both temporary and permanent, and the compensation to be paid to employees, along with the value of the acquisition and construction of improvements as a result of the Project, create benefits of the type and quality anticipated by the Council within the ERA and can reasonably be expected to result from the proposed Project and the redevelopment or rehabilitation of the Real Property and the proposed installation of new manufacturing equipment.

5. That the benefits described in the Statement can reasonably be expected to result from the proposed redevelopment or rehabilitation of the Real Property and the proposed installation of new manufacturing equipment.

6. That the totality of benefits from the proposed redevelopment or rehabilitation of the Real Property and the proposed installation of new manufacturing equipment is sufficient to justify a real property tax deduction period and a personal property tax deduction schedule as set out herein.

7. That the Deduction Schedule Factors in connection with the Project justify granting the deduction schedule for both real and personal property under I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-17 as specified herein.

8. That the Real Property constitutes an “economic revitalization area,” as defined by I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-1(1).

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the foregoing, the Council further RESOLVES, FINDS AND DETERMINES:

1. That all of the conditions for the designation of the ERA and all of the requirements for the tax deductions to be granted hereby have been met, and the foregoing findings are true and all information required to be submitted has been submitted in proper form.

2. That the Statement submitted by Riverstart is hereby approved.



3. That the Real Property is hereby designated as an ERA pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-1 *et seq.*

4. Riverstart is entitled to real property tax deductions for the proposed redevelopment or rehabilitation of the Real Property as part of the Project for a period of ten years as allowed in I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-4 (as in effect on the date hereof), and personal property tax deductions for the proposed installation of manufacturing equipment as part of the Project for a period of ten years as allowed in I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-4.5(d) (as in effect on the date hereof), all in accordance with the following abatement schedule\*, hereby adopted pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-17 (as in effect on the date hereof):

<b>YEAR OF DEDUCTION</b>	<b>% ABATED</b>
1	100%
2	100%
3	100%
4	100%
5	100%
6	100%
7	100%
8	100%
9	100%
10	100%

\* for any aggregate cost of real property improvements and new manufacturing equipment in excess of \$226 million, Riverstart shall receive deductions in the following amounts, expressed as a portion of the assessed value: (i) first year - 100%; (ii) second year - 90%, (iii) third year - 80%, (iv) fourth year - 70%; (v) fifth year - 60 %; (vi) sixth year - 50%; (vii) seventh year - 40%; (viii) eighth year - 30%; (ix) ninth year - 20%; and (x) tenth year - 10%.

5. That notice hereof should be published according to law stating the following: the adoption and substance hereof, a copy of the description of the affected area is available for inspection in the County Assessor's Office and the setting of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 as the date on which the Council will hear and receive remonstrances and objections and take final action, all as required by law.

6. That, notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the granting of the tax deductions described herein is conditioned on and subject to the terms to be agreed upon in an Economic Development Agreement between Riverstart and the County.

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Bev made motion to approve. Tom Chalfant seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

David said anything else for us today?

Sarah Greenburg said no. Thank you for having us.

**Other Business:**

**Report from Commissioners – Gary Friend**

Gary Friend said well I can answer any questions. There were three councilmen there yesterday. Any questions? How about the, we had a proposal for these extenders for \$7,400.00 apiece, which seems rather high. Not having them is not really a hindrance to the commissioners, but to the council, it's quite crunched in here. I'm willing to do it, but, I don't know about the other two commissioners, but I tend to think so, it's up to the council. Do you think we should spend the money to extend these out and get it uniform? It's uniform now, but to get it where you have room for paperwork, especially in budget time. I talked to Dave, and I haven't talked to the Commissioners, this could be one of them. It's the exact same table. We can buy one then get a different style of presentation table. I don't know but, maybe you guys can all consider that.

David said would the commissioners consider using ARPA funds to do this?

Gary Friend said well certainly I would.

Tom Chalfant said how much we talking about?

Gary Friend said \$15,000.00. Isn't that something?

Tom Chalfant said yeah.

Missy said I'm like you. I'd like to look at what new piece of furniture you could get for there at a lower, I know it may not be much lower, but if it saves you \$2,000.00 it saves you \$2,000.00.

Gary Friend said right, right.

Missy said I'd just like to look into using that as one when you do extend it, yeah.

Gary Friend said I know during the time of COVID, we had put the two white tables up, there was room for the council to do everything. We're going to get new sounding and video in here too. It would be the time to do it, and therefore get the extended microphones out for everybody. So, that's going on. I know Dave's talking about a, well not talking about, a joint meeting, and in that joint meeting, I've asked for the consideration of what we intend to do in Farmland. I know Tom's been active on some of it. How the lease is going to line up with what's allowable, but we also have to have the will between the elected officials to do it. We have to know that going in, you know. Farmland is willing to put a piece of property up on Jackson Street, which would be east of the Village Pantry for free. However, the car wash is one of the possibilities that can go on. We can either fund it and build it ourselves. We can have, maybe somebody like Mr. Huston who may build it and lease it to us with a proper lease. But we just need to sit down as two bodies and say do we want to do it, do we want to contact Farmland, do we want to ask Farmland if there's something they can do at their fire department, or is there a long term lease we can sign with Farmland, something.

David said this is to put an ambulance in Farmland?

Gary Friend said yeah.

Todd said have they said that we have to be out of the fire department?

Tom Chalfant said well they, yeah, that's a very good question.

Gary Friend said they didn't say we had to be out. The fire chief, Melvin Knot, I've spoken to him. He said and he's coming to the commissioners meeting. He's not going to kick us out. It's just not ideal for us to be in their way.

Todd said if we offered them a certain stipend?

Gary Friend said we already give them \$500.00 a month. It's not really the money that's got them bound up. It's their equipment goes outside in the winter for our ambulance to be inside.

Bev said there was discussion yesterday and the potential of maybe building on at the fire department. I thought that sounded like a good idea.

Gary Friend said yeah, I've asked that too, and the last time I spoke to Melvin, he said they're a little landlocked in there. But I don't think it's got to the town board because I left a message for the town board president, and I talked to the town clerk. So, they all know that before I get in there too far with it, I would just like to know are we going to fund it if we can get a reasonable project. So, I think we can have that during the joint meeting, and then talk about it. And I'll get some more information before then too. You know, I would say if Farmland is willing to extend the fire department a little bit, we help with that project and then everything would all be, the emergency vehicles are right there.

David said definitely make good sense, altogether.

Gary Friend said yeah. But you know like Tom you know, he went out and was getting something going, but then the lease wasn't acceptable legally for the county to enter into.

Tom Chalfant said well I think that could be changed.

Gary Friend said I do too. I do too. But I don't think it's fair to keep going back to somebody until we've made a conscious decision that we're going to do it or we're not going to do it. So, the commissioners put \$10,000.00 towards the splashpad in Winchester. Mayor McCoy didn't come and ask. I read the memo they're looking for contributions, and then I asked him, I said well how about you come up to the commissioners because I think the public infrastructure project is worthy of EDIT funds. I mean I'm more in favor of public infrastructure than private infrastructure, personally. And then out on US 27, north of Winchester between 3 and 400, we have re-zoned a parcel of land for the Intense Ag C3. Prescott's are going to be building storage units out there.

Tom Chalfant said Gary, on the splash park, I would make sure that they recycle that water because I think Muncie doesn't. I think most of them do, but Muncie doesn't and it's just astronomical and they're just continually putting water down the drain instead of recycling it.

Gary Friend said yeah, I think, I'll speak to the mayor about that. I think it's going to go through the pool filters. And as far as how they're going to do it, the days, the times, the hours, that'll all work itself out. I know there's a little bit of discussion, but it'll work itself out to what works well for the community. In Winchester, it's not free for them to even run this or any municipality actually. So, I think that is all the



Gary Friend said and that's a possibility too. Anything else? Anybody else? Alright thanks.

Meeks said we might set the meeting now since Gary's here. I have my calendar.

David said okay. I've asked for a joint meeting with the commissioners. My part was for the rainy-day fund increasing the amount to, total, just need to give the commissioners a couple dates that we can meet.

Gary Friend said can we consider not the week, not the week of the next commissioners meeting, but the following week after? This is a thought.

David said well I couldn't meet on Tuesday night so. We'll have to do it at night.

Gary Friend said yeah, I do need to at night. Maybe get two dates and we can get it out, and let everybody respond by way of email. Lock it in that way.

Tom Chalfant said so 26<sup>th</sup> and 27, Wednesday, Thursday?

David said that would work for me.

Meeks said do you need me because I cannot on 27, I can't do it that Thursday. If you don't need me. You probably, I can the 26<sup>th</sup>. I just can't the 27<sup>th</sup>.

David said okay so we'll do it for, put an email out for the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

Gary Friend said anything else Dave we're talking about that?

Tom Chalfant said well can we bring other, I didn't know if you guys were thinking about moving Community Corrections downstairs?

Gary Friend said I think we could discuss anything. We have not discussed that. I think as long as it's advertised as any business for the county we can discuss anything. It's been awhile since we've been in a joint session, so maybe a lot of discussion will come and go that night.

David said anything else for Gary?

Tom Kerns said well I think we should probably discuss at the courthouse security.

David said there is a security committee. I think Judge Arnett was supposed to be putting something out. It can be discussed.

Gary Friend said and there's a salary committee coming too, listen what's going on in the county. We know we're not alone and we're well aware of it, and we actually, seems that we do have some available funding for this. Okay thank you. One thing before I go, I'd like to ask EDPR, I got an email and I passed it on, that the fiber is not working on 1200 West, and they think it's the broadband on the EDPR side. I know that Andy Faul has been notified.

### **Minutes of February 7, 2023**

David said minutes of February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023. I'd entertain a motion for the minutes of February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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

David said okay. Ordinance 2023-09 an Ordinance to amend the salary Ordinance 2022-.31

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-09  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2022-31

WHEREAS: There have been changes in the 2023 Salary Ordinance with regard to Courthouse custodian and the County Commissioner's RCFFO custodian. It is necessary to amend the 2023 Salary Ordinance and to change the following salary to the Salary Ordinance effective the paid date of April 6, 2023 as follows:

COURTHOUSE  
CUSTODIAN (2)  
\$1227.10 Bi-weekly

COURTHOUSE  
PT CUSTODIAN (0)  
\$15.00 per hour

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RCFFO FT CUSTODIAN (2)  
\$1227.10 Bi-weekly

PART TIME RCFFO CUSTODIAN (0)  
\$15.00 per hour

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 Courthouse custodian and the County Commissioner's RCFFO custodian shall be amended to read as follows:

COURTHOUSE  
CUSTODIAN (2)  
\$1227.10 Bi weekly

COURTHOUSE  
PT CUSTODIAN (0)  
\$15.00 per hour

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RCFFO FT CUSTODIAN (2)  
\$1227.10 Bi weekly



Bev said I move that the rules be suspended and have the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading by title only, and adopted the same day.

Tom Chalfant seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

David said okay, need the final approval.

Bev said I move that the council adopt Ordinance 2023-09.

Tom Chalfant seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

### **TIF Management annual report**

David said next item we have before us is the TIF Management annual report. All we have to do here is receive it, note that we've received it in our minutes. So, I would entertain a motion to approve that. TIF Management is what it basically is. But it's a group to make some decisions for expenditures.

Bev made motion to approve the annual report as presented. Mike seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Tom Chalfant said they'll probably be spending about 7 million dollars in the next year and a half out there.

David said I saw there's a bunch of equipment covered up out there.

### **Per Diem update**

David said okay, next thing is the Per Diem update. This is for the per diem for food during meetings. We went from \$26.00 to \$41.00 a day, and I guess it is per day instead of per meal as it had been in the past. I'd entertain a motion to approve.

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

Tom Kerns said is that done as a reimbursement?

Laura said yes. And they have to have a receipt.

Tom Kern said have to have receipts. They just get reimbursed for what they actually spent?

Laura said right.

### **Appointment to Salary Study Committee (2 members)**

David said okay. The next item we have is the appointment to the salary study committee. Last year we had three members on that from the county council. And yesterday, they appointed Mike Wickersham as a county commissioner, brings us to a total of four members. What we did last year we would meet every on a Wednesday or Thursday, wasn't it, at 9:00 every week for about a month to come up with the 2023 salary schedule. So, I'd entertain anybody would like to serve on that committee? Missy?

Bev said I would, I served last year. I would, unless somebody else wanted to serve, I would

David said we're going to start, we're going to try to start at the end of the month, and go through probably around the end of May.

Todd said I could do it a little later than that. We have a go live at work that is like all the month of April, and then the hard date is May 3<sup>rd</sup>. So, if it was to start a few weeks later, I'd be happy to participate.

Tom Chalfant said well I think he's worth waiting on.

David said it's up to you guys. The only concern I have is if we get, stretch it out into June.

Todd said if you wouldn't mind me missing the first meeting, I could catch up.

David said that would be fine. Anybody else want to serve on it?

Missy said and are you allowed to record it so Todd could know exactly what happened, maybe watch it and know exactly what happened?

David said you'd have to have somebody to record it.

Missy said yeah, even on your phone, you could do it on the phone, just so that one person if it's legal, one person could share it with him. And he would know exactly what was going on.

Art Moystner said Dave. With regard to recording it, if you would like, you could borrow one of the devices that the county paid for, for my department and you would be able to record that, and I could send it emailed directly to him, and then set it to delete on my system so that he would be the only one that would have that.

David said well that sounds good. Thanks Art.

Art Moystner said you're welcome.

David said are you okay with that Todd?

Todd said sure.

David said so it's Bev and Todd and who else?

Tom Kerns said Dave?

Tom Chalfant said were you on it last year?

David said I chaired it last year. Okay. So, it will be Bev, Todd and myself, and we'll, I'll have to come up with some dates and times. Wednesday or Thursday both okay for you Bev?

Bev said generally, yes.

David said and after May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday and Thursday?

Todd said Thursday would be better.

David said okay. That's what we're here for. And these usually take place at 9:00 a.m. And

Art Moystner said at the last meeting, we asked for numbers of the surrounding areas. I'd went into Gateway. Those are 2022 figures instead of 23, so they're not correct. I'm waiting to see if anything gets updated in there, but I don't think it'll happen until June. I do know the Sheriff's association collects data, and is in the process of doing that, getting ready to finalize that. And they send some information up to us all the sheriff's offices that are willing to report their information. Once I get that report, I can provide that information to you guys if you would like. That way, you would have a comparison of other departments. I think it even breaks it down by population, and then you would have surrounding areas. And it's every position within the sheriff's office.

Bev said so that's referring to salary?

Art Moystner said that's referring to salary, yes.

Bev said okay.

David said was it you Todd, that requested that at the last meeting?

Todd said yes.

David said okay.

Art Moystner said the other thing I would like to share with you is former Sheriff Dan Reed had passed away. And I just wanted to make everyone aware of that. I apologize, I forgot to tell the commissioners yesterday that he had passed. I know they're going to have a graveside service, and I'm going to have the sheriff's office there for that service. And we went on social media to thank him for his service. I think he was sheriff from 1971 until 1978. So, just wanted to make everyone aware of that. Thank you. Does anyone have questions for me?

David said thanks. Good to see Max in the audience today. Let's get on to the Additional Appropriations. We've got a few here to go through.

**Additional Appropriations:**

**Airport**

Repair Equipment	\$13,000.00
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David said the first one is the airport for repair of the hanger. They came into our last meeting and asked for so much. So, entertain a motion.

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

**EDIT**

Willow's Edge	\$46,455.00
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Willow Ridge 3	\$57,503.83
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David said next before us we have the two EDIT claims, one for Willow's Edge for \$46,455, and the other one is for Willow Ridge 3, \$57,503.83. Entertain a motion.

Tom Kerns made a motion to approve. Bev seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.



Laura said Art's had to do a lot, he had that sewage line issue, and he spent all of his money. And he had asked, and he was told that he should ask for an additional appropriation in his line rather than use other funds to pay for it.

David said okay, I'll entertain a motion on Cum Cap for the jail.

Bev made motion to approve. Missy seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Highway MVH-Restricted**

Bridge Structure	\$1,000,000.00
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**Highway MVH**

Bridge Structure	\$800,000.00
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**Highway CCMG 2023**

Bridge 162	\$429,000.00
Bridge 174	\$332,500.00
Bridge 175	\$380,600.00

David said okay, the next three additional appropriations will be for the highway. Mike Haffner went through with all three of these this morning with us.

Tom Chalfant made motion to approve. Tom Kerns seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**Children's Advocates**

Coordinator Fee	\$20,000.00
Training/Schooling	\$1,000.00
Travel/mileage	\$1,000.00
Advertising	\$500.00

David said the next one I have is the Children's Advocates of Randolph County. Most of it is for training and travel, and advertising.

Tom Kerns made motion to approve.

David said okay I have a motion. Do I have a second?

Tom Chalfant seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Missy said it would be nice sometime to just get at least a written report from them on what, what do they do?

David said yeah, Center Stone filed a report I think last year with Randolph County, Center Stone and Meridian.

Laura said yeah, I think they do each year. They used to come and present it, but I haven't seen them for a while. They just send something.

David said I'd like to see them come back and do that again. Well I think, by the way the

Art Moystner said equipment?

David said yeah.

Art Moystner said training equipment.

David said training?

Art Moystner said yes.

David said that's all I need to know. Okay, I would entertain a motion.

Bev made motion to approve. Mike seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

**ARPA**

Ambulance	\$239,450.00
Computer Switches	\$36,073.53

Todd said is this that ambulance we discussed last time or the demo?

Laura said this is the one he just is getting. It's that demo, yeah.

Tom Chalfant said didn't they try to raise the price on us?

Laura said that was on the one he's got ordered that we haven't gotten yet.

Tom Chalfant said okay well I thought we had a contract, and they were trying to redo.

Laura said we had the contract and it has a clause in there. So, he brought that up yesterday. But this one is for the demo ambulance that is ready for us to pick up.

David said okay the next one we have is two ARPA appropriations, one for an ambulance and one for computer switches. I'd entertain a motion to approve.

Missy made motion to approve. Bev seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Missy said and he did say, Gary, you guys did ask him yesterday to check with some local people to do the wrap on that?

Gary Friend said yeah. We approved the quote that he has, as to not go over. He's going to look for more local people for graphics. I don't know if that's a high quote or.

Missy said I think too, and if we can keep it local. I mean having to tell our local people we're going to shop outside, before we give you a chance.

<b>Transfers:</b>	<b>From:</b>	<b>To:</b>
<b>Jail</b>		
\$35,781.40	Kitchen Admin	Meals
\$36,087.50	PT Cook	Meals
\$34,632.00	FT Cook	Meals

Art Moystner said with regard to the meal contract that you guys have done in talking to Danita at the Auditor's office, if we stay population-wise, where we're at right now, we're looking at a potential 30 to \$60,000.00 savings per year for the accounting. And that might even be better next year because we've, the first part of the year, we were still paying some employees with some things that were going on, we were still those salaries and insurance benefits. So, next year, that could increase from there. So, I think this was a good thing, and I appreciate you guys working with me on setting this up. I think it will save the county. The other thing, when you said something about training, you rattled my brain about something. I wanted to ask a question because given the recent incident in Nashville, one of the things we have started looking at is putting optics on our patrol rifles for those types of situations, especially in schools, because you could have, not something that we like to talk about in public, but you could have a shot that's a long-haul shot with people, and I think optics would be a good thing to put on there. That's not something that I had included in the budget for this year. Would it be something that council would be, if I purchase it out of equipment, is it something that I could come back at a later time asking for an additional appropriation to try to cover the cost of those optics? I think right now, we're looking somewhere between \$7,500 and \$10,000.00 to outfit all of the patrol rifles that we have. And I would like to get that. I'm trying to find funding within my budget, but given some of the recent cutbacks through the years, we've cut that budget pretty tight. So, it's not something I was looking at initially. But it's something we're looking at hard now. But I would like to be able to come back to ask for an additional to go into the equipment line to cover whatever I end up spending. But I think it would actually improve our ability to respond and neutralize a threat.

David said I would definitely like to see a quote and definitely try to find the funding. The commissioners, they've got the ARPA monies.

Art Moystner said sure. And I can ask them. You rattled my brain loose when you said something about the equipment before and I said training. That's one of the things we're looking at. So, definitely we'd be interested in that.

David said sounds good.

Art Moystner said thank you.

David said thanks. Anybody, citizens comment? Seeing none, I'd entertain a motion to.

### **Meeks – Suspending rules on a vote for ordinance**

Meeks said I have one thing before you go. Tom asked two meetings ago about the, about ordinance and whether or not to suspend the rules, if you remember that. To suspend the rules, you guys can do it if there's, there has to be 5 of you here basically. You can suspend the rules and have the third and fourth readings, but two thirds of the members present, 5 of you again, must vote for it. So, if four of you vote for and one voted against, then it dies. You have to have two thirds voting for and five then agreeing to the ordinance.

Tom Chalfant said yeah.

David said so you have to have all five agreeing.

Meeks said and then, and then to go forward and to approve it. If one of you decided not to, not to approve it, then it will die, even though you had four yes votes.

Tom Chalfant said now if seven people are here you only need five of the seven?



David said we did have a question on it if there's only five of us here.

Meeks said yeah, we had that, I thought no, and then I was wrong. But I have corrected it now.

Tom Kerns said I thought we had done that in the past.

Meeks said yes. It's two thirds but then all of you have to vote for it.

David said okay.

Meeks said I just wanted to clear that up.

David said Tom do you have anything?

Tom Kerns said I do not.

David said Todd?

Todd said I don't. But when you throw things out like that, and we have the reading and suspend the rules, if we could have that in some sort of summary sheet for our folder.

Meeks said we used to have that.

Todd said I know we've had that, but what he just said, I won't remember.

Meeks said I could email it to you if you'd like.

Todd said yeah, I just feel like I'd like to have it.

David said good idea.

Bev said I use your dad's form.

Todd said yeah, I know. I can ask him for it.

Meeks said if I just forward it to you do you think you could forward it to everybody?

Tom Chalfant said if you're not comfortable with it, then don't, then you want it to, that way, you've two more meetings to mull to it over and think about it, or the public does too, which is the purpose of doing three votes.

David said Mike do you have anything?

Mike said no.

David said I know sometimes we go pretty fast, but if we're going too fast for any of the new ones, please stop us. Tom do you have anything?

Tom Chalfant said no.

David said Bev?

**Adjournment**

David said now I'll entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Reviewed and accepted this 6 day of June, 2023.

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