

Randolph County Council

May 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, Tom Kerns, Max Holaday, David Lenkensdofer, Missy Williams and Beverly Fields. Also present was County Auditor Laura J Martin.

Council President Gary Friend presided.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chad Spence – Union City Housing project loan \$350,000.00

Chad said good morning. Appreciate the opportunity. I sent an email out a few days ago to Laura, and I don't know if she shared that with you, in terms of a proposed payback plan for the loan. There's been several things that happened since then, one, the Commissioners' meeting. And I trust, can I get a consensus of head nods, did you guys get the gist of what the Commissioners had, okay.

Meeks said I sent an email out telling.

Chad said okay. So, in light of that, I would like to present the following as a consideration because as Mike Wickersham very eloquently put, obviously, the council is at the discretion to do what you guys think is best, as you should, as you are charged with the responsibility of the county. So, I would like to button up to a degree in terms, instead of a \$15,000.00 payback allowance, payment to \$10,000.00 payback allowance for every home built and sold in the housing development. The loan extension, in light of, I know what was done previously for Winchester in trying to stay that course, extend the loan forgiveness to \$250,000. However, request a minimum of 25 homes be built by December 31st of next year. December 31, 2023, 25 homes must be standing, built. Request that \$100,000.00 be paid back to the county in a maximum of three years starting immediately January 1st of this coming year 2023. So, in essence, a little bit of give and take to recognize the responsibilities of the city to the county, but at the same time, in hopes of the county's support for the city with regard to what I'm hoping we all feel is an overwhelming need for all of us. So, with that, I would gladly open it up to the floor.

Gary said ten times what, times 25 or times 53 homes.

Chad said ten thousand for 25, yeah so it would just be 250 forgiveness, possibility forgiveness.

Gary said okay. For me, I thought about it after I read Meeks email and I'm going to stand pat on what we decided at the council. And maybe it's a, I don't think we open, it's not that I don't support what you are doing. I think \$250,000.00 at a zero-interest loan is being very helpful of the county. And a lot of that money coming back will be reinvested. It is also in my opinion, for me, it opens up the door all over the place for the monies that we've loaned out, monies we haven't forgiven, and I don't think we need to go there. I think we can continue to help our county by having these funds available to give out at zero-interest for development. It's nothing against your project, I'm all in on it, but I personally, myself, I can't go there for those reasons.

Chad said I appreciate your opinion.

Gary said Tom.

Tom said I'm kind of, I hate to say it. I'm kind of in the same place. I love the project, be happy to do everything we can to support the project. But if we put this provision in to forgive part of this loan, then every loan we have out, every entity for every loan we have out, they'll come back and want us to forgive part of it. And it's just opening a huge door. Kind of setting us up for where we're going next. For the same thing, you are looking at future dollars for you to do you to do your next project, we're looking at being able to re-use this money again and again to do other projects throughout the county. And we won't have it to re-use it again and again also.

Gary said Dave.

Dave said I'm the same way. Twenty-five homes is pretty aggressive in 18 months. I don't know how many crews they have.

Chad said 21.

Dave said that's pretty aggressive schedule. I'm like Tom and Gary, that if we open this one up, we're going to have to go back to Modoc, Losantville, Lynn, Ridgeville, and do something there also. And it's just going to.

Chad said let me ask with Losantville, or one of those has a stipulation that they will receive, that the loan will be forgiven if there's no debt proceeds or no bond proceeds.

Gary said what that really means is if they don't get the money, they had no way to pay it back. There's no chance they could ever pay it back if this project doesn't succeed.

Meeks said they don't have the users, it's a sewer project then there's no sewer there. Since there's no sewer users, there's no mechanism pay coming.

Gary said we questioned that too. If there's no mechanism.

Meeks said then if they did get a sewer, then they can put it on a bond and pay that. That's what they usually do. And likely you go and get a sewer bond on your sewer project, you are going to add it to your rate. They can't add it to the rate because they don't have any sewer. You can't

get a sewer until you get an engineer to tell you, you can have a sewer. So how do you hire an engineer. If you don't have the money to use, so.

Gary said so if the whole thing falls apart, yeah we're willing to forgive the loan. It's, we have to take that risk.

Chad said one could make the argument if you have to take this risk.

Dave said I went through our assets for the county. We're approaching about half a billion dollars in assets in this county. That's roads, bridges, culverts, drains, and even for us to put three or four million dollars a year, you're talking 85 years, so some how we're going to have to get on top this. And I'm not sure what that is right now, but eventually, every year we are getting farther and farther behind on the roads and bridges and culverts. So that's something we're going to have to take and evaluate going forward. But it's almost a half a billion dollars.

Gary said anything else Dave.

Dave said no that's it.

Gary said Max.

Max said I have a question I guess. Do you have an estimate of the increase in property tax revenue for the county on these homes?

Chad said I do not but I could get that figure. That's a great question.

Meeks said what's the average selling price of the homes.

Chad said 200 to 235 would be. And that, in actuality it's close to 250.

Meeks said after the homestead credit, you'd go up 40%

Dave said but remember it's the TIF district.

Gary said at least for 20 years. Anything else. Bev.

Beverly said I'm in consensus with the others. There are, we've got a number of finances that we have to re-coop. We have to re-coop to help the stability of the county itself. So, I can't be in favor of forgiveness of the loan.

Gary said Missy.

Missy said I tend to go with the presentation that you made yesterday to the commissioners and that we have heard before, simply because looking at going into budgets in June and July. I feel personally we got to do something for our employees in the county, cause we're not keeping up with anybody else as far as going out and getting another job. And the ones we have, I think are

very important to us and have been here a longevity, the time have. So, I like the proposal that you made yesterday. I fully support this and I think housing is so important. It doesn't mean that in the future I wouldn't consider this. But considering the problems as these people have said, it's just extremely true. We've got a lot of things that we are being asked to support right now.

Chad said is there any obstacles that we could assist with as to why the Community Crossings wasn't applied for in the spring from the County? Why was the Community Crossings not applied for in the spring by the county?

Gary said I don't exactly know if it wasn't. I'm trying to think.

Chad said I'll be honest guys. That's just disconcerting because we applied, I mean we take advantage of that every time and your ARPA dollars are available for matching. So that's just money that was literally left on the table. And I'm not chastising anybody here, you guys are all, you are always trying to make the best of, the best we can. But the thing is, I have to sit here and listen about bridges and roads needing repaired and you literally left money on the table. Literally, because you could have matched it with your ARPA funds. And so again, I, that hurts my heart, it does, it hurts my heart because that's the money that we are fighting about. And you could have applied for and the matching ARPA funds. And that makes the 350, the 250 in loan forgiveness for the housing that we are asking for almost a pittance.

Gary said I don't recall the specifics, I don't Mayor, but yeah that's one they maybe, maybe didn't, maybe there's something more on there, I don't know. It's more of the Commissioner's purview and council but I don't know. But it does sound like you are chastising us because you are not getting the money you want.

Chad said well but...

Gary said honestly it's more offensive on my part that you take that stand.

Chad said well that's fine that you find that offensive because let's face it, it's all in this county. We're talking about needing more funds, but what's generating more funds, is bodies. It's jobs and bodies in the county.

Gary said true.

Chad said and until we get more bodies in this county, we're going to continue to face this uphill battle of all these things that we're having to navigate and manage. It's not going to get easier with less. It gets easier and more feasible with more. And that's why I'm working fervently to try to express and convey that we need to do everything we can to bring new families into this county.

Gary said I agree with that. No doubt about it. The population loss is one of number one. We've got to stop the population loss the best that we can do. What you are doing is wonderful. But it's also a different situation than what we are doing here. We're talking about forgiveness's that we have to go retroactive to if we set the standard for Union City. We won't

have those kinds of funds. We have to have those funds that come back to us so we have them for the next project that comes up in Randolph County that takes a good amount of money. I thought we've come and took a big step to even loan the money forgivable. And that's why I'm staying put.

Chad said well I appreciate it.

Gary said okay. Anybody else have anything for the Mayor. Mike please yes.

Mike said in response to the comments of the Mayor, we do have a community crossing, a million-dollar tree bridge project that's going to be submitted in the fall. The plan was first to be submitted in the spring. The unfortunate thing about the spring money was that the bridge projects were not shovel ready, which is required of a bridge project in order to apply. And we've been advised that a million dollars is the max you are going to get at any time, any one year, regardless. So, when we are shovel ready, which we should be well prior to the fall application time, we've been advised that if the bridge projects are ready, they will be approved. It was delayed, and I'm going to say it was delayed for good reasons.

Gary said thank you for that qualification Mike. Are those the three Windsor bridges we discussed.

Mike said yes, they are the three Windsor bridges.

Gary said Alright, anybody else have anything else for the Mayor. Any final comments for us mayor. Thank you though. I keep a record of that. Appreciate it.

Chad said and again, I don't, I hope you don't take any thing I said personally. I mentioned to these guys last night, regardless, I mentioned to these guys last night, I said hey regardless of what comes out tomorrow, I just want you to know, it doesn't change how I feel about you at all. I just want to make sure we are absolutely able to look ourselves in the mirror confident to say well I did everything I can do to help this county grow. So, and that means from a personality, people standpoint as well.

Gary said okay. Thank you.

Greg Sickels, Airport Board – Request for funding

Gary said Mr. Sickels. Airport Board. Could you announce who's here.

Greg said my name is Greg Sickels, president of the airport board. With me, I have Jason Clearwater, is the airport's engineer.

Gary said thank you.

Jason said good morning. It's been a few years since the airport's been in front of you. So, what we've got in front of you for a review is our next FA funded project. It's the development of some pavement and drainage, basically site work for future t-hangars, so six-unit aircraft hangars, that we've already designed and bid. We opened bids in March and we've applied for

an FA grant to fund the construction. The design was funded last year a hundred percent by the FAA. This year though, the grant breakout will be, where it was historically 90% FAA, 5% State and 5% local.

Gary said can you run that by again.

Jason said yeah. 90% FAA funded, 5% by the State of Indiana, through INDOT Aviation, and then 5% local. We've applied for the FA grant already. Now we came in front of the commissioners to ask for the 5%. Historically, over the last decade plus, that's came from EDIT funds. On Monday they approved it through ARPA, which we were told also need your approval as well. So, we are here today to ask for 5% of the total grant application, which is \$36,027.15.

Gary said the 36 thousand is what we need as the match.

Jason said that's the 5% yes.

Gary said repeat that again, 36 what.

Jason said \$36,027.15. So again, for every one dollar to come out locally, that brings nineteen dollars to the community and the airport through that FA program. This project is expected to be funded later this year, but we need to give the FA the word that the funding is in place before they issue the grant offer. But that is in their hands at Chicago now, and we hope to see that grant in the next couple months come through.

Gary said it usually comes through doesn't it?

Jason said yeah and so the airport, just to back up a little, the airport being in the federal program, is eligible for \$150,000 per year for capital projects, that's not for utilities and bills and operating, but for capital improvements. They've rolled that, you can roll that multiple years. They've done that and they have approximately \$580,000 available from the FA this year through the traditional grant program. And then also through the infrastructure bill that was recently passed by congress, they have an additional \$110,000 per year for the next five years through that infrastructure bill. And we intend to use this year's infrastructure bill as well to supplement the traditional grant funding to be able to build this project. And then the goal is in approximately two years to build hangars. So, all the site work, the pavement, little bit of electrical and prepare everything for that hangar project.

Gary said the hangars are rentable?

Jason said yes. Most of the hangars are, I'd say original, 1950, 60s, wooden structures with no concrete floors. We did build five years ago, a nice 80 by 80 hangar that's been occupied and rented since it was built. So, we just continue to grow the airport. As you know, between 2010 and 2014, basically, the entire air field was rebuilt except for the buildings. So now since then, the focus has been turned to the buildings, the terminal, the hangars. This is just the next step in the development and we would ask for approval of ARPA funds to put a 5% grant match to move this project forward.

Gary said do you have any problem Tom.

Tom I don't have a problem.

Gary said David.

Dave said what's the total on the project.

Greg said so the grant application that went in, which would be for the construction and the professional services to oversee the construction, is \$830,718.00. Since the bid was opened, we have done some value engineering with Milestone Contractors, who was the low, to reduce that cost by \$110,175.00. So, the actual cost going forward, \$720,543.00.

Gary said anything else Dave.

Dave said no that's it.

Gary said Max.

Max said no.

Dave said Bev.

Bev said what happens to the old hangars. Will they be removed.

Jason said the long-term plan is eventually when they become not maintainable, that they would be demolished. As of now, the plan is to keep them in place and just build additional.

Greg said yeah this is a new site, so this, we're not going to tear down any of the other hangars on this project. This will be additional rental space.

Bev said thank you.

Gary said is that it.

Bev said that's it.

Gary said Missy.

Missy said I have a question. Did you get a local bid on that paving from the company in Losantville?

Jason said so we advertised it, we pushed it out to all the contractors we know and multiple plan rooms. The only bid we received was from Milestone Contractors out of Richmond. What we

run into a lot of times is the specifications that the FA requires, are stringent, and a lot of the local, smaller companies are hesitant to bid that due to the risk.

Gary said okay. Alright sounds good.

Tom made a motion to approve out of ARPA funds. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Ceann Bales – Windfarm funds requests and distribution

Ceann said Lisa and I are here on behalf of Randolph County United which is comprised of resident, representative of the entire county. And we are here to present a plan on possible investment concepts for the renewable energy funds. As I told the commissioners on Monday, excuse me, I do have a slide presentation if you want to follow along. I told them I wanted to make sure that we kept this presentation concise and consistent amongst you and the commissioners so I do have a script that I'm just going to read along. Hopefully you can catch everything and then I'll have the booklet that we'll pass out and answer any questions that you might have after I'm done. So just go ahead and get started. So, the why behind this is that three current renewable projects and a fourth on the brink of construction, have and will bring considerable funds into our county. However, the developments have also required many residents in parts of our county, to make significant sacrifices, due to the changed landscaping and changed skyline they now view from their windows and front porches. A few weeks ago, I attended a bridal shower in a pole barn located on a farm near the solar turbine farms. And at my table was a person who opposed these projects. I quietly listened as she shared her opinion. I then shared about the funding opportunities that the projects have brought, and to date, what the funds have supported. And the potential use of the funds in the future. She looked at me and said I'm happy to hear that, to know that something positive can come from something many did not and do not want in our community, does make me feel better. Our hope is that this plan will serve as a resource guide and reference to assist the commissioners and council in the development of an investment plan for the renewable energy funds, which is a concept we know has been discussed. We appreciate the vastly different ways the funds can be used. I know, as I attended your meetings over the past two years, I witnessed numerous varying requests. We do not present this document as something to be fully approved or adopted, but simply as a starting point for discussion. We hope that certain aspects may resonate with you and serve as a jumping off point, so to speak, as you work to make decisions on how to best invest and leverage renewable funds to grow Randolph County. We hope it can help residents today, and residents in the future, see that why there certainly have been negative impacts on residents, there can be hope to be many more positive impacts. The develop of this plan was led by Andy Fahl. Andy reached out to Mike Wickersham and Gary Friend to discuss the concept that we had planned. Andy also requested the approval of the Randolph County United Board to develop such a plan. Andy then worked with a committee of eight volunteers who met over a two-month period with a total of five meetings, which were each an hour and a half long. Prior to the first meeting, Andy asked each committee member to develop a plan on their own to present at the meeting. We were all amazed that everyone proposed the same funding pots, and were similar in their funding proportion percentages. The committee presented a draft of the plan to a full Randolph County board in March, and then tweaked the plan based on the Board's feedback. The Randolph County board unanimously approved the final plan we are presenting to you today at their April

19th meeting. I say all of that to share the level of thought and care put into the drafting of our proposed plan and concepts. The layout of the plan in the booklet you'll get at the end of the presentation, includes four investment areas, recommending investment percentages for each area, potential actional goals, and data points. We also included discussion points which occurred in the committee meeting so you could see that there's much diversity in the thinking. The first and biggest pot of funds we are calling County Discretionary. We are looking at a 50 percent investment. A lot of discussion was held around the infrastructure needs of our county. Our county has 856 miles of roads, and 217 bridges to maintain. Our county also desperately needs housing as we have an aging housing stock with almost a half of homes being built 1939. There are a lot of other needs in our county, such as how to provide adequate first responder services, and provide competitive pay for county employees. While our committee felt this wasn't an area of our expertise, as you will see from the committee's discussion points in the plan, there was much conversation regarding the importance in using renewable funds to grow the overall wealth of the community. Such wealth can be produced by investing in water and sewer infrastructure to help provide housing, and thus increase the county's revenue base, because people and population equals money. The next area of investing involves city and towns. It was a unanimous agreement to set aside the percentage of the funds, as you can see, twenty percent, to benefit all the towns and cities in the county. Lots of discussion was held on how to do this. Funds could be simply sent directly to the township each year or the funds could be set aside but the towns and cities would have to request their funds each year from the commissioners and council. It was also discussed that the fund should be designated for certain things such as blight reduction or sidewalks, etc. It was finally decided to do a percentage for each town. And the committee agreed that one, whatever the process, the hope is that the funds would be intentionally used to improve the towns and cities and not used for operational expenses. Two, the committee thought the collaborative process by encouraging matching funds could empower the towns to leverage other funding to support the needs of their community. And three, also note that the starting point for the distribution of the percentages were based on per capita, but we're going to adjust it to insure a 5% minimum. Then Losantville and Modoc's percentages were inflated to 7% about the 5% minimum, due to the concentration of the renewable development in those towns. The third investment concept involves a cultivating community effort. The Randolph County United Board and Renewable Plan Committee feels allocation for the cultivating community efforts, unlike the county discretionary in town and city allocations, do fall within the Randolph County United's expertise, due to our work with the community foundation through the cultivating work and movement. Therefore, we would like to respectfully request that the commissioners and council give serious consideration to allocating 15% of the Renewable Energy funds to the newly created Funders Forum as you work through determining how best to invest and utilize the funds. The Community created the Funders Forum to support the goals identified through the cultivating community efforts, understanding that a plan is only as good as the funding behind it. Why so much, so as you can see from the slide, over 1000 diverse individuals from across the county, identified the movement's five focus areas. Note that number does not include the students who were providing input at all five county schools. Technology, housing, education and business and retention. These are the areas that Randolph County citizens wanted to be addressed and approved. All of this work and focus is citizen driven and also data driven. In 2021, thanks to Lilly funding secured by the Community Foundation, the Community Foundation and Randolph County United coordinated four strategy meetings facilitated by the Indiana Community Institute at Ball State University

with 150 different people attending at least one of those three-hour sessions. Working to identify first goals around each of the five focus areas. Input was gathered at the 2021 county fair as well. The 50 percent investment can help support and leverage additional funds for the following goals set by the various cultivating community action teams such as housing blight, the housing committee is working on a home owner improvement program, looking at \$300,000 fund for that. Educational, we know the great work and investment you have all made into Vision Corner. Trails, looking at 46 miles of trails, and when that's figured out, that's roughly 23 million dollars. Looking at kayak routes along the Missisnewa River, which is getting great traction as well as even the possibility of opening a route on the White River and connecting that across the state. We want to add murals to our community to increase tourism. And that's in our park improvements. This is the park in Modoc, and each town has a wonderful park that we hope that we can invest in and continue to develop. And of course, something out office has worked with heavily is the fair ground expansion. And it has been officially approved as a ready project and looking at needing, looking at \$500,000 investment for that project. So next and finally, the committee and Randolph County United Board felt that a portion of the funds could be invested in an endowment with the Community Foundation to insure future generations benefit from the funds. And Lisa is going to speak to the foundation's savings.

Lisa said we have a proposed 15% investment in an endowment fund to permanently grow those funds in our investment pool at the Foundation. This is really our eye towards a very long-term opportunity for the funding that we are going to have possible. So, this would insure future generations to benefit from what's happening now in Randolph County. Savings to help provide for our children and grandchildren to ensure that they want to stay here and be proud to call this home. The foundation has \$14 million in an investment pool. We generate, since 1998, earnings on that has averaged 6 to 7 percent annually. We have a spending policy of 4% that can go up to 5% every year to have a perpetual fund of resources available at the county. We have a good model for an endowment fund for a community in Union City. It's a Union City Community fund. That community has benefited from that for many many years where there's a group of local advisors in that community who make recommendations for grants to the community foundation. It's benefited many many efforts in Union City, the Community Christmas, the park board, animal welfare, the community health center, food pantry, youth athletics, literacy, coalition efforts, state line heritage days, Vision Corner, the local alumni. The list is endless quite honestly, the good work that the Union City community fund has been able to support. So, this is a local city model that I think could be adopted on a county level, and could be a perpetual fund to benefit Randolph County indefinitely.

Ceann said thank you Lisa. And in summary, we want you to understand that there was never a definitive consensus among the group and you will see that in the discussion points in the booklet. But they did agree on three concepts. One, to focus efforts on slowing population loss, two, a desire to not use the funds to address issues that have been declined, and three that renewable funds can provide an avenue to leverage other funding. And I love this picture on the slide taken by our local Greg Sommers, took in Randolph County of this flower still blooming despite the challenge of a spring snow. I felt a great image, that shows that despite the challenges facing our community, if invested well, renewable energy funds can help Randolph County grow and flourish. I love this quote from Henry Ford, whether you think you can or think you can't, you're right. And I've heard it different times, that it's impossible for our

county and East Central Indiana for that matter, to pivot and stop our population loss. According to Henry Ford, those that say that, they are right. But also, according to Henry Ford, if we think we can, we are also right. Using renewable energy money as a catalyst to grow our county, can help us put that positive thought of we can into action. We thank you for your time. And would love to answer any questions of us. I've got the booklets I'll pass out.

Gary said thank you. Thanks for the time and effort you put into this. The council is always open to listen to ideas from all the people in Randolph County. Missy you want to start. Do you have any questions?

Missy said I think it's a great idea. What is 15%? What is the total you are talking about? Fifteen percent of what.

Gary said they are talking about the total of the incoming renewable energy funding.

Missy said but what would that be?

Gary said oh don't know exactly.

Missy said you don't know a ball park?

Mike said about \$2.2 million average.

Gary said yeah a year.

Mike said a year for the next ten years.

Gary said \$22 million.

Missy said just one more question.

Gary said \$23 million.

Missy asked would that money automatically be transferred to the community foundation each year?

Ceann said to the Funders Forum.

Missy said to the Funders Forum, and that's going to the Community Foundation. Just one more, sorry about that. So, there's obviously, the larger cities, Winchester and Union City, have needs certainly, but they actually have, the more people you have, obviously you get more tax base. So, there are some of those communities like Losantville and Modoc, Ridgeville, Saratoga, I'm sure the answer is yes, but we will be taking information from those communities too and realizing that they are really running on almost, not much to get going. The one thing, did I see education in here anywhere.

Ceann said I mean it's one of our pillars. Education is one of our pillars.

Missy said I missed that one. I think it's a good idea. I'm not sure if I agree with a total of 15% every year, just simply the same thing is because I know there's pots you can take out of to support certain things. But there are a lot of things said earlier, you know, road projects and also just trying to keep employees, in particular, and law enforcement in some of those tough areas. I think it's a great idea.

Gary said Bev.

Bev said I think this whole plan was a lot of work and I do appreciate it so thank you. It's interesting to hear the pros and the cons and trying to change using the money in a manner that would hopefully, work to change some attitudes. I'm not sure about the 15% at this moment, but I think it's a good plan.

Gary said the 15% is just one session, it's 50% total.

Bev said 50% total.

Gary said of the funding, going to other uses. Cities and towns, community development. It's 50%. The plan says 50% for county discretion and 50% for these other projects. So, it's not on 15%, it's on 50%, correct?

Ceann said yeah. Fifty percent is what they landed on for the cultivating community's work in the Funders Forum. And you know, Missy bring up a great point, the intention, even when there's never an agreement the percentages went from 5% to 25% on that. You know, a lot of discussion around the city and towns, could we weigh even heavier on city and towns, and decrease you know, the others. And so, you are wrestling with the same things that the group wrestled with. It's difficult decisions that you all being responsible to be asked.

Bev said so the 15% though is what you were talking about going to Funder's Forum.

Ceann said right.

Bev said 15% would be managing by board.

Gary said it would be getting it to the cities and towns. What was the percentage?

Ceann said on the cities and towns, it was 20%. In your booklet on page six, you can actually see the distribution. So, on page six you can see what they finally rested on the percentages.

Gary said these distributions are percentages of the 20%.

Bev said right, I understand.

Gary said so with the plan put together says Randolph County keep 50% and do projects we think is necessary and invest the other 50% in suggested other projects if we have it available. Am I correct.

Ceann said yes. Again, I apologize I pulled the wrong project.

Gary said it's 20 and 15 and then that's 35.

Ceann said yeah I wanted you to see the pie chart.

Gary said which is a percentage of the 20.

Ceann said correct. Exactly.

Andy Fahl said Gary maybe I can clear this up a little bit. So, to your point Missy, the numbers, the dollar amount, we originally had that in there and we took it out. And Mike's correct, it's about 21 million over the next 10 years. 2.1 is the number we used. Irregardless of what comes in, this is just a formula. If it's \$500,000.00, this formula would still work, irregardless of what the revenue stream coming in is. And keep in mind that this is a suggestion. So, the 15% we are talking about, that's nothing locked in stone. This is a 2022 edition. These are suggested percentages. It can be tweaked, amended, tried, changed, it's very formable to anything. We can have a 23 edition, a 24 edition. But if the council is willing to engage in this and try it, we can try a certain percentage and then tweak it in the future. So, the 20% the town and cities split, is something we decided on, and give the nine towns and cities moneys and see if they can match it and put it to their immediate needs in their community. And of course, the cultivating community is a project that will benefit the entire county. The 15% for savings through the forum was a suggestion.

Missy said what if the community can't match it because they just don't have the money.

Andy said it can be changed then. If there's matching grants or funds, that was our theory.

Missy said so will you guys be able to offer maybe some grant assistance with some of the town and cities, cause that's a big deal. A lot of those, they don't have grant writers, they don't know the ins and outs of it. And it's a tough thing to do. We can spend a lot of time and then you don't get anything, and then you feel like you are spinning your wheels.

Max said I appreciate your efforts. I know you've put a lot of time into it. We're in our 9th year of receiving funds from renewable energy, and we are spending it as fast as we get it. And it seems like every meeting there are more and more people with a need. It wouldn't benefit me a whole lot twenty years from now. But it would be nice if these funds could be of benefit to future generations. Whether it's building population in the community, or whatever. I just, I think it's something that we have discussed, but not really seriously addressed. And I'd like to think about it. I appreciate your effort.

Dave said I guess I'm the only one left that really started out with this program years ago with the wind turbines and solar. And the original intent was for infrastructure for Randolph County at a hundred percent, bridges, roads, drainage. And I'm all about compromise. I have no problem about compromising. The percentages, I'm not sure those are the ones I would compromise to but it's a great program. We'll take a look at it.

Tom said I don't have a lot to add. I'm not a big percentage person. I'm more of a project driven person. So, I don't like money split up percentage-wise ahead because of what we've seen over the last, in the twelve years I've been involved is drastic need on projects. And if it's already committed percentage-wise, way ahead, we would have struggled to do a lot of the things we've got accomplished county-wide, especially with the struggles we've had with budgets, tax caps and how it's affected us. One thing I really like in this that gets left out of a lot of this is the cultivating community, because so many of those types of projects are ignored in everything we do. And with the housing, Union City, Winchester, Farmland, everywhere, it's trying to be pushed in the county, that's as important as the housing to get the people to move there. So, I love seeing that as part of it, but yeah, the plan looks fantastic. The more input we have on how to spend this money is the better off we are.

Gary said yeah I'll finish I agree with all that with income. But prospective, a lot of times we're doing face-to-face prospect, this is a set back prospective of a global look at it and I appreciate everybody's effort and the council's always open to people, to listen to how the people are feeling in what we are doing. Sometimes we have to take all of it in and say thank you but we much do something else right now. And we do that something else right now. Thank you very much.

Missy said since you've said that Gary, I think that's a great point, that we are responsible to the people. So how will the council and the commissioners be involved in this whole, will there be a seat at the table for them.

Gary said on the Funder's Forum there will be.

Missy said and this is the last, I'm sorry. And I agree, I like the percentages, but I think they have to have a specific, program that they are interested in doing, not just we need the money and then somehow, we spend it. But we need to offer them some help to not necessarily get it all, every period, every comma put in the right place, but we, that has to go to that. I don't think that money goes to them and then they decide what to do with it.

Gary said okay anything else.

Ceann said no just thank you.

Chris Beasley & Grace Minkis, EDPR – Riverstart Solar Park III

Grace said you have a copy in front of you, of something different than what was emailed but circulate it to the council. So before you is the EDA payments scheduled to date with the three projects you have and then I also included a copy of the guarantee which we'll discuss more if it's necessary to come up on. Today we are here to just give updates on the new renewable

energy project that's coming to Union township, and that's called Riverstart III. We were here in September to discuss just preliminarily what this project entailed. So, wanted to provide updates on that first. And just looking to the future where we are at. As we last spoke in September, this required a special exception to be granted from the BZA and that was granted in March before the board. And so, what we are looking for now is just negotiating the three agreements that we have for the previous renewable energy projects with the county, which is the road use, the decommissioning agreement and the Economic Development agreement. Construction is slated to begin this fall so approximately late August. But what we are now working on in specifics is the Economic Development agreement and that's what we are hoping to talk to you today. This is the only agreement of those three that we're proposing a new payment schedule for.

Gary said plus the other two you gave the Commissioners. The council has nothing to do with the road usage or the decommission.

Grace said so that agreement is really our focus of today. I'll pause now to answer any questions you all might have about the project and any updates, any questions you have.

Meeks said Gary, Council really only approves the tax abatements. The three agreements would be approved by the Commissioner's.

Gary said correct. I guess to say, I was, I felt a little left out, the council did, because the abatement starts with the council like Meeks has said. And I was concerned that there was deals being made with Modoc that were being confirmed yes or no around the council. Or around the county so to speak, you know, and I'd heard right now there is, are you folks going to help Modoc, Losantville pay their utility bills or their sewer bills.

Grace said yes I can go into sort of where you know, from that September meeting, so I went back and read through the notes.

Gary said it was October.

Grace said last year. So, there's obviously the, any sort of percentage in negotiation that we had originally brought up with using EDA dollars to the town, that is, that was not something we realized that could be done. So, we went an alternative route and partnered with the community foundation of Randolph County to create two funds, one is an endowment fund, and that can be used, that's for the entire township. So, any town or city or non-profit in Union township can apply for funds. That can go towards removing blighted homes, fireworks shows, it sort of all-encompassing of community benefit.

Gary said Union township only though.

Grace said correct. The second also for Union township is a utility assistance fund and that is going to be more with the Union township trustee and the community foundation. They are going to work towards helping folks who are maybe delinquent on their utility bills or needing help in that area. That's a separate fund. And then we are working still in the works with the town currently to provide some sort of credit to the folks in Modoc for the sewage bill directly.

Gary said is all of those things separate from the county's. Is the county being reduced any money for this at all.

Grace said no.

Gary said okay thank you. Anybody have questions? Missy. Bev, Max.

Max said no I don't thank you.

Gary said Dave.

Dave said yeah I do. I can't believe how disappointed I am at the EDPR right now because of you guys not coming to the county council for requesting a tax abatement. I been on this for, every since day one, goes back to Ryan Brown when he was still with the state of Indiana, that you guys need to learn to come to us first for that abatement before you go out there talking to everybody else. I'm really disappointed right now.

Gary said Tom.

Meeks said I did have something.

Gary said yes Meeks I'm sorry.

Meeks said so I have talked to Jason. Jason Semler and Greg, Baker Tilly. They have drawn up a twenty year. I think they have a couple projections done. What we need to do, the council, the commissioners have two days that they would like to use for an executive session next week, the 10th or the 11th. Jason can make it the 10th at 6:00.

Gary said yeah I'm good, I've got time for them both.

Meeks said if you guys could set an executive session so we could discuss it. If there are Intermediary, meaning not a traditional, maybe a 5 to 8 year or 5 to 15-year abatement, but repayment schedule, I need to know what you guys want to see so I can tell Jason. Then have them have that schedule. They do have the traditional one. They 'll have the ten-year normal one what we normally do, then they'll have the 20 year. We had a telephone conversation with EDPR last Friday to kind of help Chris and Grace to know where we are coming from. So, we need to set that, we need to make a decision.

Gary said yes we do. Well I'm good, I'm good either, anybody not good for the 10th at 6:30.

Meeks said 6:00 o'clock.

Gary said 6:00 thank you.

Dave said I'm not. I'll try to rearrange my schedule.

Gary said okay. Tom. I'm good, Bev, Missy.

Meeks said we kind of want to get it before the next commissioner meeting.

Gary said yeah which is next Tuesday, right.

Meek said a week from, two weeks from last, two days ago. Tuesday. We need to meet this week or next week.

Gary said today's the 4th, in 6 days.

Laura said I need the advertisement.

Meeks said we can't meet this week. I will send to you today.

Gary said you good. Dave can you do the 10th.

Dave said yeah I can't let you know until after today.

Gary said okay and I will reach out to Rick to see if he can or not.

Laura said I talked to him. He said he could make it the 10th.

Gary said he could make it the 10th. Alright it's tentatively set right now for the 10th. Anything else Meeks?

Meeks said again shoot me an email in the next day or two so I can, if you want to see something else.

Gary said right. You said you stopped there for questions. So what else did you have?

Grace said I'll turn it over to Chris now to discuss more on sort of where we are at, where we are thinking with the proposed EDA.

Chris said yeah so the idea, I guess there are two ideas that we had here. The first is that over the next ten years, Randolph County is going to receive 22 million dollars from, Headwaters I, II and Riverstart. On year 11, that goes to zero so it's just quits, so the project stopped contributing. So, wanting to provide an opportunity to allow those funds to grow by forty percent, and then start being paid out in those years that would otherwise have no funds. I think it does benefit the county to delay the payments. It also helps the project because of the recent supply chain issues. Our project cap went up by about \$40 million, which is also good for the county because that \$40 million is equivalent to about 3.6% of your current tax base. So, there's a lot of extra tax base that will be contributed to the county from this project. It does create extra challenge for us. We're hoping to find some compromise where we can push these things back to help the project. We also think that it helps the county.

Gary said I understand it's zero abatement so it's not like immediately, but we've got to get Meeks involved and he, to do his thing. My first impression right now is it's in lieu of tax dollars. And I'm not really in favor of doing more than a year like we did help on the second Headwaters, to help with that, but to go out ten years from now, I don't even understand how we can easily do that I know you said that, White County did it.

Chris said uh huh.

Gary said they actually, did they say the exact thing?

Chris said correct yeah.

Gary said my first impression is no we need to stay with the money that would have been a tax dollar basically. But that's just, I'm just one.

Meeks said I think maybe Gary we probably need to get an executive session on this.

Gary said okay. I guess for you to know that it, there are some concern of the council, or at least for me.

Chris said we understand that's a big change from what we've done in the past. Didn't expect that to come without questions.

Gary said oh well sure okay. Alright, what else you have for us? When does the abatement need to take place? What's the time frame?

Meeks said well I think he said the fall.

Grace said correct. We need these county agreements to be signed late July.

Gary said late July. I want to thank you guys for that. That's a whole lot better when we need to call another meeting in five days to make it happen so I appreciate that.

Meeks said so if it's late July, the abatement is going, you will need to be voting on the abatement at your July meeting.

Grace said so Meeks just out of curiosity, what meeting would need to be set up after the executive committee meeting?

Meeks said there's not a county council meeting, well, the commissioner meeting will meet that following Monday. And then there will be another county council meeting in June. At that meeting, we'll have to probably set up, you'll want to set up your public hearing, public hearing will be in early July.

Gary said it's coming quick.

Meeks said that's what I'm saying. So, the council might want to make another meeting after that, executive session just to discuss it. I assume you're going to have questions for Jason.

Gary said alright. Anything else for the council?

Max said I live in Union Township and I appreciate the efforts that EDPR has done. You've been good to work with and I appreciate that.

Missy said I want to ask, I'd like to see the schedule worked out the way it was originally proposed and then with the ten-year abatement.

Meeks said Jason has that.

Missy said and I want it before the meeting if we can circulate that via email.

Meeks said Jason will have that for sure at the executive session. I don't know if he'll get it to us beforehand or not. I'll ask.

Grace said and to be clear the ten years is just based off of White County, but it can be shortened.

Gary said I understand. We've done it one year one time before. Pushed one of them back a year. It's not like we don't have any flexibility. Like Meeks said, its probably best to be discussed in the executive session. Meeks are we allowed to discuss financials in executive session?

Meeks said it's negotiations for industrial.

Gary said okay. I know there's very few reasons why you can do it and this is one of them.

Meeks said negotiations is one.

Gary said is that the same with Burnworth, he's was wanting to discuss Pyramid.

Meeks said well that's not, he's not an employer, that's a bill.

Gary said okay.

Beth Kreig - DFRC Grant application

Gary said Beth. Is this for your grant?

Beth Kreig said yes quick meeting same as I've done in the past. Looking for permission to go ahead and move forward with that grant with Drug Free Randolph County.

Gary said I'll have someone make a motion from council to approve a applying for a grant.

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

Sherri Thomas & Tammy Pruitt, Health Department – Pay Supplement for Tammy

Sherri said Tammy, the new school liaison/clinic nurse, she couldn't be here today, but she had a conference with another meeting for the school liaison. I thought maybe that would put a face to the names that you see. But the reason that we're here is Tammy's doing an awesome job. She been a nurse for thirty years. She's doing a great job. And with this new position, the state didn't give a lot of guidelines of things, so we're kind of, everybody is learning as we go, kind of creating the position. So, with that, and I do want to let you know that one of her goals this year is to get all of those immunizations that are behind due to the pandemic. She wants to get those caught up and be in the top five percent of the state as far as immunizations. But the reason that we're here is to ask for your support to add her to the income supplement. It would be the same thing that the coordinator and the nurse had. This would be nothing the county would need to match. And again, it would stop after the two years. So that I why we are here today so.

Gary said I have a couple of questions on this and a concern or two. One, me, I would have to see something coming by whether Dr. Sowinski or the board. Because he initiated the first. So, Tammy just got hired on to Randolph County right.

Sherri said uh huh.

Gary said in the last three to four weeks.

Sherri said yes, well she worked, she was working with in other positions.

Gary said yeah she was a contractor.

Sherri said yes.

Gary said so she's just become our employee.

Sherri said yes.

Gary said I was kind of under the impression that when she came on as an employee, that these raise adjustments were included in her bring on package.

Sherri said uh huh.

Gary said not after the fact as it's the bring on package plus five. Just coming on at low like everybody else, then go up five so. I'm a little concerned on where this is going to be going. For me, without Dr. Sowinski or the Health Board endorsing, I wouldn't want to go any farther until we got that. That's just me.

Sherri said absolutely, that's fine.

Gary said but there are seven members, lets hear everybody's thought on this. Missy.

Missy said I agree with that.

Gary said Bev.

Bev said yes.

Gary said Max.

Max said yes we have to have the documentation.

Gary said yeah go ahead.

Sherri said I was going to say we did meet with Dr. Sowinski and he is on board for that, so that is not a problem at all. We can get that, and we have a board meeting next Thursday if you'd like something from the board.

Gary said yeah and I'm concerned why it wasn't used to establish the new salary from the get-go. I want to be sure they are not getting double-up. Part of the people, we thought we done that to get that passed, not to discount her, we have many employees in the same situation across Randolph County.

Sherri said right. And the reason is, is we are seeing there is even more to this position than we originally thought. So, she is expected to do more than what we had thought, and that is the thinking behind it.

Gary said is she expected to work more than the 35 hours she was hired to do.

Sherri said yes.

Gary said so that would be a comp time issue then too.

Sherri said yes and she can't get paid for comp time.

Gary said she get's time off

Sherri said yes so that is another thing.

Gary said well if you would get it put into an official format of why, other than she just didn't get it.

Sherri said right.

Gary said and then have your superior sign off on it.

Sherri said sure, we can do that. Like I said, we met with Dr. Sowinski on Friday. He just hadn't gotten anything done, but that is not a problem. We can do that.

Gary said alright. Anybody got anything else for Sherri.

Dave said I just have a quick question about booster shots. Are you guys doing those at the health department now.

Sherri said yes. We've had, let's see, last month we had a Covid, or booster clinic, but yes, daily we're doing them at the health department.

Dave said can you just walk in or.

Sherri said you can. Wendy is there, Tammy is there. We, depending on the day, we usually don't do them on Friday, only because once that vial is open and if nobody else comes in, it's wasted, but other than that, yeah, anytime is fine.

Gary said thank you. Thanks for your efforts out there. We'll hear you in June too. Just put yourself on the agenda.

Sherri said and I did want to let you know, that we did, Dr. Sowinski did get a sanitarian hired too. His name is Eric Devon. They live in Union City. And he has a business degree and been in management for several years.

Missy said Sherri is there any job description on this.

Sherri said yes. Would you like me to send that to you?

Missy said yeah that would be great. I'm not questioning, I don't even know who that person is. Just one more I'm thinking about. There's been a smoking sensation position advertised forever in the county. How can we get somebody to take that? You go around to businesses and schools, it's only a two-year position right now, it's totally grant funded.

Gary said it's what.

Missy said it's called, it's a smoking sensation. You can go in and talk...

Gary said oh, to stop smoking.

Missy said yeah to stop smoking. Go in and talk to kids in school about why you shouldn't be smoking. Got to go into businesses, and some counties have gone into even apartment complexes where they see it's a real problem. And just offer assistance on quitting smoking.

Gary said maybe you could bring that up to Dr. Sowinski and see where it could go.

Missy said it doesn't pay bad. I mean, it's like \$18, \$19 and hour, and mileage. I mean you just kind of work.

Sherri said yes a lot of things have kind of fallen to the wayside with this pandemic thing.

Missy said if you can help them in any way to get somebody to do that, just if you know anybody.

Sherri said yeah that would be nice. And that's part of this grant is to help us get caught up on everything that did suffer during the pandemic.

Gary said well we'll see in June if you could answer that question for Missy too, I'd like to hear the outcome of that.

Sherri said sure.

Gary said thank you very much.

Laura Martin – website update

Laura said so I just kind of wanted to give you guys an update on the new...

Gary said can I ask you a question? Is there anyway it could come through up right instead of sideways.

Laura said I don't know, that's just how it scans. I'll see if I can change it.

Gary said I've tried to move them sideways to read them.

Laura said you can't flip it?

Gary said I tried.

Laura said okay I'll see what I can do for you Gary. So anyway, just to update, when we decided to go with, I think it's IOT for our new website, we originally submitted a quote at the \$100 per month professional package, thinking that we had not over 75 pages on our website. Once they reviewed it, because I told them to use our website as a basis to build the new one, we have over 4,000 pages. So, the biggest package they provide is a 500 pages. Well they sent me a map of what those pages are so I can go through it for my department and get with other departments to go through to see where we can cut. I know a big part of mine are the minutes. And I asked them can I just put a link to Gateway because I have to upload those minutes to Gateway. So, if I put a link over there as opposed to loading them on our website, that would cut down a lot. Anyway, Commissioners, yesterday I talked to the commissioners about it because this comes to \$3,000 a year, which we budget that amount, we pay Uncharted Pixels, \$2600.00. But we still have a \$3,000 budget, so it would cover that. I don't have to budget extra. But anyway, they said it was okay for me to go ahead and approve.

Gary said that would be all you need. You've got the budget and you've got the approval. That's all you need.

Laura said yeah I know, I was just giving you an update on where I was at with this because it's going to be, we're trying to get it so we can get it transformed by the end of the year because Ted would like to retire by the end of the year, who is the guy that does our current website.

Gary said Uncharted Pixels?

Laura said yes. So that's where we're at. We're going with this 500 page. We just got to get it cut down from 4000 to 500. So anyway, just an update.

Missy said Laura can you make sure that he kills that page, off Go-Daddy so it isn't out there floating. If he doesn't kill that page, it won't matter, but people of Randolph County, they find that one, if they don't find the other one, he can have Go Daddy disable it.

Laura said I don't even know what Go Daddy is.

Missy said we'll talk later. It's a web posting.

Gary said okay. Before we get to other business, I need to take a ten-minute recess.

Gary said I believe our ten minutes are up and we'll now go back in session.

Other Business:

Commissioner's update – Gary Girton

Gary Girton said well we did a few things Monday. We abandoned a couple of alleys in Randolph, the town of Randolph. We contributed to the expansion of the Randolph Central Welding Program. They are putting around \$300,000 in increasing that program they have.

Gary said they are contributing \$220,000.

Gary Girton said around that. They're hoping to start on it as soon as they can and not anticipating really it being in full use until mid-year, so the second semester. They are full. They have a waiting list of students from throughout the county waiting to get there. So, we contributed around \$86,000 from EDIT funds to help that program. It's really a good program that's growing and needed, so we contributed to that. You heard from the airport, you already have seen that.

Gary said there is one question I have. I guess I heard they have another funding issue coming pretty soon.

Meeks said the airport to building the hangar will need 5%.

Gary Girton said that's in 2024.

Meeks said that's in 24. But to get the funds to work on the project because they are waiting on funds, they are going to get a loan, but the funds should be paid back.

Gary said we've done that before. I got it. They just need a bridge loan to get through.

Meeks said basically a loan between funds.

Gary said yeah okay. Thank you.

Gary Girton said then on the communication system, they do have it up partially functioning, the 700 part of it is working great. The VHF they are having problems with. They are working on that right now. As soon as they get all of the radio systems in, they think, I learned from Chris this morning as soon as they get all of the portable radios, handheld radios that we've got coming, then they are going to program those and put the rest of the system in and put it up on line. So, it's getting close. After a long time of waiting and a lot of issues. We still have some issues, but we're just trying to get the system up and going so it's serviceable to our public safety people. That's all, other than what you've already had brought before you.

Gary said okay. I don't have any questions. Do you have any questions for Gary? Thank you.

Minutes of February 8, 2022

Gary said somebody want to make a motion to accept our Minutes of February 8th, 2022.

Max moves to approve. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Certificate of Good Standing (Hwy Bond)

Gary said certificate of Good Standing highway bond.

Laura said yeah this came from the bonding trustee and it needs signed by a fiscal officer, so I'll forward it to you to look at. It's just a formality type thing that we have to present to them.

Gary said okay I'll read that and sign it when we get done here.

Comprehensive Financial Plan discussion

Gary said Comprehensive Financial Plan discussion. So are within the two-year window now.

Dave said that's 2018 through 2023 is the financial plan.

Gary said so we don't need it until next year.

Dave said we're in the two-year window.

Gary said okay so we should start preparing the next one.

Laura said Jason just wanted to get us on the schedule if you guys want it done again.

Gary said so do we need a motion on that or just ask Jason to go, let's make a motion on that, it will take funding.

Dave said I'll make a motion that we hire Baker Tilly to prepare a new comprehensive financial plan.

Tom asked are you projecting that for 24 through 29 or are you going to cross over?

Gary said I'd cross over 23 through 28, have a one-year overlap.

Dave said yeah because the times have really changed from last year.

Gary said we have a motion. Do we have a second?

Missy seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Discussion on wages

Gary said discussion on wages. I asked to have this put on our agenda, we're running behind on our wages. I know there's a committee out there but there's no solution from the committee yet, or not solution, but recommendation. I think what we need to know is how much available funding we have. I know we've got our, our new LIT taxes are in and they're building strength in the County General. It's not like we can't give raises now. I'm wondering if this council ought to do something before January 2023 to the people. What's the thoughts?

Missy said I think we need to or we're going to keep losing some.

Gary said Bev.

Bev said I'm in agreement with that. I don't know what. If we can, I think we should.

Gary said Max.

Max said I think we're going to have to do something soon or we're going to find ourselves so short in some areas that we won't be able to provide the services that we've got to provide.

Gary said Dave.

Dave said Bev, Max and I and Mike Wickersham, we all sit on the salary committee. We need to meet again. We've met once and just through generalities, Max put a nice spread sheet together, I think the biggest key right now we need to know what is the financial situation of the county to where we can start doing that, because I'm agreeing. We need to do something now. Do we want to set a date for our next meeting then? I guess Max said that it's probably up to us according to the Commissioner.

Gary said well the buck does rest right here at the council.

Dave said that's all I'm going to say it does.

Gary said maybe at that meeting Angela or Laura can be available, at least one of the two, to give our financial position.

Dave said yeah we can just hold it right here, I mean that's, so they can be right here, I think both of them need to be here.

Gary said we're showing positive growth now.

Dave said in the next meeting.

Gary said if you can discuss maybe at mid-year. I think at one time we did it mid-year in July, employee bonus, to get us into the budget into January 2023.

Dave said so do we want to try to establish the date right now?

Gary said I think it would be a good idea.

Dave said yeah I do too so.

Gary said who is the committee chair.

Dave said we thought Mike was but I've been informed that probably that's not the case.

Max said I nominated Dave.

Gary said that's what I heard.

Dave said we need to make sure Angela and Laura can.

Gary said you need to do it among yourselves.

Dave said yep let's do it right after the meeting.

Gary said okay. We need to get active.

Tom said and we need to look at, take the time to look at the positions and not just a blanket raise.

Gary said oh absolutely.

Tom said certain positions are going to have to get hit hard. I mean, it's what it is.

Dave said we need what I call scaled wage also where after 90 days you get a raise, and then after a year maybe another raise in that position. Right now, they just come in with the current pay. That's really not fair.

Gary said I've heard that for a while and it's true. Okay anymore discussion on that?

Alcohol Beverage Board Appointment

Gary said the next one up on here is our representative from council to the Alcohol Beverage Board. Mrs. Smith has decided to resign. So, we the council, need to appoint somebody for that position. My question is, I talked with some people, what does it entail. How many meetings does it entail, how long are the meetings, what is it. Would you do it Meeks.

Laura said I can give you Chris Lay's phone number. He's kind of a chair for Randolph County's board.

Gary said you have any idea when they meet.

Laura said I feel like they meet at least quarterly, but it's just as things arise.

Gary said is there any payment for it or is it just.

Laura said I don't think so.

Meeks said there won't be much.

Laura said I can check on that. My thought is if you wanted to talk to Chris about what all they do.

Gary said send me his contact information and I'll call him. I have a name. I talked to Clyde Shafer. He actually owns a restaurant. It's not in Randolph County, so, as a possibility. He said well what does it entail. I said I don't know.

Bob McCoy said they meet the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Gary said the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Bob said yep. They do not keep minutes and they auto record, audio record the minutes, but however, their recording is not made available outside of the ATC. And I've got a copy of certificate or appointment and all that. I can forward this to Laura, because we actually, there's a question about my appointment so I had to ask her if she was going to continue serving, which she said she would. I'll forward this to you Laura.

Laura said thank you.

Bob said Daniel Brandenburg.

Gary said he's the state police liaison.

Bob said yep, that's who I got the email from. Actually, he gave me some documents.

Gary said he called me about our representative not being able to show up.

Ordinance 2022-13 – Health Department

Gary said so now we have Ordinance 2022-13 the Health Department. Are these the \$5,000 we approved

last.

Laura said that and I think the adding on the other person.

Gary said alright we have Ordinance 2022-13 ordinance to amend the salary ordinance 2021-21, the Randolph County Health Department budget. This is where the clinic and school nurse went from being a 1099 employee to a full employee, and her current salary is \$20 per hour before the \$5,000 that they requested. Somebody like to make a motion for Ordinance 2022-13 in the first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-13
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2021-21
AMENDING RANDOLPH COUNTY'S HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET

WHEREAS: There has been a change in the 2022 Salary Ordinance with regard to the Randolph County's Health Department Budget and it is necessary to amend the 2022 Salary Ordinance and to add the following pay in the Salary Ordinance effective beginning April 8, 2022 pay as follows:

HEALTH CO-OP AGREEMENT

CLINIC NURSE/SCHOOL LIAISON

\$20.00 PER HOUR (portion from Health Maint. Grant)

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

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 2021-21, 2022 Salary Ordinance pertaining to Randolph County's HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET shall be amended to read as follows:

HEALTH CO-OP AGREEMENT

CLINIC NURSE/SCHOOL LIAISON

\$20.00 PER HOUR (portion from Health Maint. Grant)

Missy made motion to approve Ordinance 2022-13 for the first reading by title only. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Max said I move that the rules be suspended and have second and third reading by title only and adopt it the same day. Missy seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Missy makes motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-13. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2022-14 – Health Department

Gary said and now we have Ordinance 2022-14. This is a follow through on \$5,000 that we added to these salaries. The public health nurse and the registrar. Randolph public nurse, 1,572.20 bi-weekly. And the health department coordinator, 1,276.80 bi-weekly. Someone like to make a motion for Ordinance

2022-14 for the first reading by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-14
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2021-21
AMENDING RANDOLPH COUNTY'S HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET

WHEREAS: There has been a correction to Ordinance No. 2022-10 with regard to the Randolph County's Health Department Budget and it is necessary to amend the 2022 Salary Ordinance and to change the following pay in the Salary Ordinance effective beginning April 22, 2022 pay as follows:

HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUND

PUBIC HEALTH NURSE

\$1572.20 BI-WEEKLY

HEALTH CO-OP AGREEMENT

PUBIC HEALTH NURSE

\$263.20 BI-WEEKLY

HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUND

COORDINATOR/REGISTRAR

\$1276.80 BI-WEEKLY

HEALTH CO-OP AGREEMENT

COORDINATOR/REGISTRAR

\$263.20 BI-WEEKLY

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

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 2021-21, 2022 Salary Ordinance pertaining to Randolph County's HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET shall be amended to read as follows:

HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUND

PUBIC HEALTH NURSE

\$1572.20 BI-WEEKLY

HEALTH CO-OP AGREEMENT

PUBIC HEALTH NURSE

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUND
COORDINATOR/REGISTRAR
\$1276.80 BI-WEEKLY

HEALTH CO-OP AGREEMENT
COORDINATOR/REGISTRAR
\$263.20 BI-WEEKLY

Tom made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-14 for the first reading. Missy seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

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

Missy made motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-14. Dave seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Comp time report

Gary said we have the comp time report, everybody should have a copy of this.

APC/BZA Member attendance

Gary said the APC/BZA member attendance report is out. We received these electronically.

Additional Appropriations:

Children's Advocates of Randolph County

Coordinator fee	\$21,700.00
Volunteer Recruitment	\$9,500.00
Travel/mileage	\$2,000.00

Bev made a motion to approve these additional appropriations. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Highway (Wheel tax)

Road Projects	\$300,000.00
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Gary asked what projects are these for Mike.

Mike Haffner said on the wheel tax.

Gary said yes. We have it right in front of us.

Mike Haffner said uh, basically, wedging and re-surfacing.

Gary said okay. Somebody like to make a motion.

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

Highway

Assistant Clerical \$20,000.00

Gary said highway department. This is for more funds for part-time to remain. Okay. And that \$20,000 is coming out of 1176. That's the restrictive one.

Mike Haffner said no.

Gary said that's the non-restrictive okay. We discussed this last month too. Someone want to make a motion for this appropriation.

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

EDIT

Omega loan \$143,750.00

Gary said EDIT. This is the Omega loan. This is, the commissioners have already approved it so it's for us to appropriate.

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

Gary said Ceann there's some discussion about some economic development where RCU funding coming through. Is that still in play?

Ceann said we are working with him. He has the application and going through the process.

Art Moystner

Gary said okay is that it. Sheriff?

Art said I just have a few questions of you guys if I can. You guys are getting a lot of ARPA funds requests, and the body cameras and mobile cameras are coming out of that fund. The body cameras we have everything set up and it's working wonderfully. I thank you. Do you guys, I know they had the five-year thing, we've made a payment, we had made a payment. I think the last time we that we talked about this, you guys talked about paying it off out of our funds. Would you guys like me to go ahead and get that invoice for the body cameras. The mobile cameras aren't going to be here until at least June, and maybe July or August, or September. I'm not sure.

Gary said you mean pay for what we already have and then wait.

Art said pay for what we have and then we'll wait and see what happens with the mobile cameras. But I know the body cameras were the big upfront expense, and I think we were somewhere around \$275,000.00 give or take ten thousand for the total project. But I wanted to know if you wanted me to go ahead and get that invoice so we can get that taken care of on the ARPA funds because I know you guys are getting a lot of requests from that.

Gary said I'm good to get that paid for. What's the council, Missy?

Missy said I agree

Gary said Bev.

Bev said I agree.

Gary said Max.

Max yeah I think.

Gary said Dave.

Dave said yeah.

Gary said Tom.

Tom said yes.

Art said I'll get an invoice for that part and get that to you.

Gary said sounds good.

Art said do you guys have any questions for me. And with the conversation you guys are having with payroll, I appreciate that you are trying to do something because I talked to a few of you. Losing that experience scares me to death in our county.

Gary said and should.

Art said and I think all the office holders feel that way with the experience they have in their office. I just wanted to say thank you.

Citizen Comments (3-minute limit)

None

Dave Lenkendofer – Grant/loan form

Dave said since the requests for some loans and grants, I'd like to get us a development form that has to be filled out before a request is made by the requesting party because I have no idea on some of these programs where start, finish, just like EDPR I have no clue where they're at. Add or delete, whatever. Next meeting I'd like to see us get a formal form through Meeks on some legal type.

Missy said can we add on here a budget, a line item?

Gary said I think Dave wants us to look at it. I mean I think he wants to look at it and give some ideas.

Dave said yeah look at it and add or delete anything.

Missy Williams – Third grade field trip

Missy said we're going to do that 3rd grade field trip Friday, come rain or come shine. Laura already booked this room, we are going to have to probably move some of the people inside. Leslie Jones is doing the billboard this year for Fred, he's doing great but his voice doesn't hold out. There's going to be a lot of little people in here. But we also have about ten high school kids, great kids from Union City, Randolph Southern. I think we have one from Winchester and then Monroe Central. So, we have some great kids. And there's kind of a cool story behind it. Several weeks ago, and maybe a month ago, a parent came to the commissioners and she had a daughter who when some of these kids got together and got talking, they collected pennies to sponsor the south clock face and Silver Towne helped them out in the end with it. But there were all the 2nd graders from around the county. So, the commissioners invited them back when they dedicated the building, and had them cut, you were a Commissioner weren't you.

Dave said I was.

Missy said yes, I need to talk to you. So, invited them back to cut the ribbon. And told them when you are seniors, we are going to recognize you guys, see how you grew up. So anyway, they are seniors and they remembered that. So, they are going to be on our 3rd grade field trip, they are going to start out. And I've kind of written a speech up for some of them. And so, they'll be around helping with those. And the whole idea behind it is convince those 3rd graders when everybody does a little, you can get some big things done. And so those guys will be really good. And I don't think Meek's son is coming because he's got a test that morning, but he's really a cute little kid when he was a 2nd grader. He looks like his mother.

Gary said you've got a senior already.

Meeks said yeah.

Gary said anything else.

Missy said that's it. I'd invite anybody to come.

Gary said yes Bob.

Bob McCoy – Community Crossings grant, Closure of Winchester City Court

Bob McCoy said I just wanted to add I appreciate Mike in clearing it up as far as community crossing.

Gary said I do too.

Bob McCoy said because there is a million dollars that you don't have to apply for each round.

You can apply in one lump. We're going to apply for, we've got \$280,000 we're going to apply for the balance in the fall. So, everybody is going after that money. And it is available, so I'm glad I could put it up. And also, city council of Winchester dissolved the city court, not last meeting, the meeting before. I think by May 1st, all our tickets are going to Union City court, which our judge will still be in office for the rest of the year and another year, and we are required to pay him, but he's cleaning up cases that have been floating around for what Meeks, for fifteen years.

Meeks said some of them.

Gary said so what impact will that have on the county or anything of that nature.

Bob McCoy said at this point, probably none. It depends on what happens in Union City in the future, if their judge decides she's going to retire.

Gary said then it'll end up here at the court house.

Bob McCoy said yep it'll all come here. We were lucky that Judge Wilcox said she would take all the cases. And we actually are looking forward to send cases over there because she is a good judge, and she get right to the point.

Gary said anybody else.

Missy said so will the defendants have to go to Union City then or will she sometimes come here.

Bob McCoy said she does court on Tuesdays and Tuesdays only.

Gary said okay. If nothing else, does somebody want to make a motion to adjourn.

Adjournment

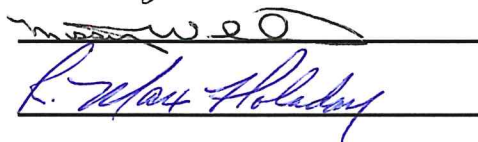
Max made a motion to adjourn. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Meeting adjourned.

Reviewed and accepted this 7 day of September, 2022.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COUNCIL







David Bertens Defer
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ATTESTED: [Signature]
Laura J Martin, Auditor