

Randolph County Council

June 6, 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 Lenkendorf, Tom Chalfant, Mike Stine, Tom Kerns, Todd Holaday, Missy Williams and Beverly Fields. Also present was County Auditor Laura J Martin.

Council President David Lenkendorf presided.

Sherrie Thompson, Wendy McDavid – Health Department state funding, grant application Request

Dave said first on our agenda is the Health Department. Wendy and Sherrie.

Sherrie Thompson said one of the reasons we're here is about the immunization grant. You have the application up there. That's to help keep our immunization numbers up, our percentages up too. That will just help the personnel so we can have larger clinics, things like that.

Dave said is this part of a new state program?

Sherrie Thompson said it is not. The other thing that we wanted to let you know is we were at the commissioners' meeting yesterday and they did opt in on that.

Dave said okay.

Sherrie Thompson said if you have any questions about that, we'd be more than glad to try to answer them.

Dave said at some time, I probably would like to know what that involves, the additional, and what level. Wasn't there like 27 or 28 items on that list?

Sherrie Thompson said yeah. There is, and they, the core services have not been finalized yet. So, we don't know exactly what all it's going to involve yet. But, when they presented that, that's not something that we have to do every one of them. So, we've talked with the board and everyone we're kind of narrowing it down what one's we think we would like to add to our department.

Dave said okay. So, you are working on that?

Sherrie Thompson said yes.

Wendy McDavid said there're things that were done in the past that faded away because there was no funding. So, we're going to try to implement some of that back, plus start a few new ones. So, and that's our goal right now. And with immunization grant, we've had it in years past.

Tom Kerns said how much additional staffing are you looking at with that?

Sherrie Thompson said we have, right now, Tammy Pruitt does the school liaison and the clinic nurse. We'll be splitting that. She will be full time school liaison. And then we would like to hire a full-time clinic nurse. Also, the state has changed a lot of the septic ordinances and things like that. So, Eric, in the past, there's been things that have been overlooked that have not been done. So, Eric is going to have some things added to him. So, we had, he had kind of thrown around possibly a part-time person to help him with maybe inspections, because he's going to have pools and tattoo parlors, and eyelash extensions, different things like that, that has been added. Pools were always there, but they were not getting done at all. That's something that he's looking at too. He hasn't decided that he wants that, but that's another position we've talked about.

Dave said okay. The requested amount is \$30,223.76.

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

Missy said I know Dr. Sowinski sold his house and isn't in the area anymore. Is that going to work out?

Sherrie Thompson said the plan is, he's going to be in the office probably Thursdays and Fridays, Thursday or Friday. Also, we will have the zoom meetings, or meetings with him over the phone too. And I keep him updated every week also. So, that is the plan for now, once he gets settled.

Wendy said and he's always available by phone. I mean, he's never, like for me, he's never not returned our calls or, you know, may shoot a text, give me ten minutes, but, I mean, he's always available.

Bev said where is he physically located now?

Sherrie Thompson said he is, he sold his home, I think is going to be completely out this weekend.

Wendy McDavid said he's in Lafayette. He'll be in Lafayette where his children are.

Dave said well thanks for coming in.

Art Moystner – Quotes

Dave said next on the agenda, Art.

Art Moystner said the only thing I have this morning is the, some of the additional appropriations that had been requested, and the quote for the new handguns. So, if anybody has any questions, I'd be happy to answer those.

Tom Chalfant said are they Glockes?

Art Moystner said they are not Glockes. I believe we're looking at six.

Dave said okay. Do you have the quote for that?

Art Moystner said I think I had forwarded that in an email to everyone and it was not a total. It was broken down by item. And the first two is, as you can see, they're both pistols, so it's just different variations of pistols. So, it's an either or. So, there would be, in whatever combination of those two, there would be twenty, total. Then the next two items, we would buy, and then the following two items, are also an either or. So, they won't be, they wouldn't be getting one of each. And it breaks it down to our total is \$17,860. We have a trade in of \$3,180. So, we need a total of \$14,680.

Missy said Art, do the officers get to choose which one they want, whether they want the Glock or whether they want the?

Art Moystner said no, they're all going to carry the same.

Missy said same one.

Art Moystner said one thing they have a choice of is, I believe the difference between the two are the length of the barrel. So, I believe one of them is a 4.7 and one of them is a 3.9.

Dave said anybody have any questions for Art on this on the new guns? It's probably time you would probably change out.

Missy said is there either one of those that ammunition is better or more reasonably priced?

Art Moystner said you can, it's also over price, and you can argue pros and cons of just about any ammunition that you would decide on. With the ammunition we're looking at, we get what's law enforcement recommended and we make sure that we look at all of the testing that they have, because the FBI usually conducts pretty extensive testing on any ammunition, especially, if it's going to be used by law enforcement, so that we're aware of the specifics of it.

Dave said did you run this by the commissioners yesterday?

Art Moystner said I did. And they approved.

Dave said okay. So, this is just a follow up for our information?

Art Moystner said it is, and I think they approved it, if I'm not mistaken Laura, didn't, wasn't this an additional?

Laura said there's an additional in here, yes, that when they get to that for it. But yes, the commissioners did approve the additional.

Art Moystner said yeah, it'll go into the, the additional will go into sheriff's equipment line.

Dave said okay. It's right here the first additional appropriation. Okay. Anything else for us Art?

Art Moystner said I don't have. I know there're are a couple other additional appropriations that we've asked for, if anybody would have questions on. Beyond that, unless you guys have questions for me, that's all I have this morning.

Dave said okay.

Missy said and I'm not trying to, just round it out, how many are in the jail right now? Is it summertime, I know, is it better or worse or?

Art Moystner said how many inmates?

Missy said yeah.

Art Moystner said I believe we're hovering in the neighborhood of 80. And that kind of fluctuates.

Missy said and how about the cafeteria system, that's what I call it, is that still going well?

Art Moystner said I think it is going well from what I understand in talking to the auditor's office. I actually think we've been saving a bit. We'll have a savings for this year. Obviously, we'd like a couple years of doing this to figure out exactly how this is going to work, but it's worked out well so far this year.

Missy said thank you.

Art Moystner said you're welcome.

Dave said alright. Thanks Art.

Rhoda Davis – Amended Salary Ordinance

Dave said Rhoda.

Rhoda Davis said so I am here to get a salary amended for a new case manager that I've hired, administrative assistant/community service/case manager, got a whole lot of responsibilities. And, back in December, 2014, our board approved a tier system. And so, this person is coming

in with quite a bit of experience on the clerical side, but doesn't have any community corrections experience. So, we want to start her at the first tier. I believe, Laura should have sent on an email with the recommendations that I want to start her at. It would be around \$36,943.38 a year. That's for the first tier.

Dave said okay. It's \$1,420.90 per pay. Speaking of your tier system, what levels do you go to? How much difference between one and two and two and three?

Rhoda Davis said this one is 91.6%. That's where they start. Second year, is 94.4. Third year is 97.2, and then the fourth year would be the 100%, which is, I don't know how we'll calculate that going forward, because there's no one in that top case manager salary position. But that's what it started out at this year.

Dave said okay, so you have a four-year program?

Rhoda Davis said uh huh.

Missy said is that, can you share that with us?

Rhoda Davis said the top?

Missy said yeah, the tier thing. I'm just curious about that.

Rhoda Davis said I have a copy that you can have.

Missy said I'm just intrigued in it.

Dave said okay, any questions for Rhoda? I have the ordinance number 2023-15. It's an ordinance to amend salary ordinance number 2022-31, and it's for the Community Corrections grant case manager. So, I'd entertain a motion to approve.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-15
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2022-31

WHEREAS: There have been changes in the 2023 Salary Ordinance with regard to Community Corrections. It is necessary to amend the 2023 Salary Ordinance and to change the following salary to the Salary Ordinance effective the paid date of July 14, 2023 as follows:

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT (9001)

CASE MANAGER (Portion from Project Income)

1420.90 PER PAY

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 Community Corrections shall be amended to read as follows:

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT (9001)

CASE MANAGER (Portion from Project Income)

1420.90 PER PAY

Missy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-15. Mike seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Dave said I'd entertain a motion to suspend the rules and have second and third reading by title only and adopted the same day.

Bev made motion to suspend the rules and have second and third reading by title only and adopted the same day. Tom Kerns seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Bev said I'd move that the council adopt ordinance 2023-15. Missy seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Dave said anything else Rhoda?

Rhoda Davis said I think that's it.

Dave said thanks for coming in.

Jackie Welch - Amended Resolution 2023-15

Jackie Welch said the last time I was here, I made a mistake and I didn't include all the language that READY wanted to see in that resolution. So, what you have today is just that amended language, what they needed for that resolution that you guys signed last month.

Dave said and this is for the 4-H fair's commitment?

Jack Welch said it's for the 4-H commitment, yep, they're ready.

Dave said okay, any questions for Jackie? I would entertain a motion to the amended resolution 2023-15.

RESOLUTION 2023 - 15

OF

RANDOLPH COUNTY COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING A REGION FOR THE CREATION OF A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (RDP) AND PARTICIPATION IN THE INDIANA REGIONAL ECONOMIC ACCELERATION AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (READI)

WHEREAS, the state of Indiana, through its Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) launched the Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI); and

WHEREAS, House Enrolled Act No. 1001, of the 2021 Session of the Indiana General Assembly provided \$500 million in state appropriations to promote strategic investments that will make Indiana a magnet for talent and economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the READI program guidelines call for Indiana communities (counties, cities and towns) to identify their regions, coordinating organization and notify the IEDC by July 1, 2021 of their intent to seek implementation funding up to \$50 million for each region; and

WHEREAS, the IEDC will make available up to \$50,000 for a planning grant to assist in the creation of a Regional Development Plan (RDP) for submission to the IEDC by August 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, both the planning and implementation phases of READI require matching funds from the private sector and local community; and

WHEREAS, the READI program guidelines discourage more than one RDP from the same region and the guidelines state, "overlap between regions could indicate a lack of regional collaboration," and

WHEREAS, support from local government elected officials of the East Central Indiana Regional Partnership area (www.forgeci.com) are important in the creation of the RDP and critical for its subsequent execution; and

WHEREAS, the East Central Indiana 21st Century Talent Region Designation's application, data and relationships will provide the framework for the creation of the RDP; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the undersigned
Randolph County Commissioners determine that Randolph County shall join the East Central Indiana Forge
Your Path READI Regional effort as described herein.

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

Mike Wickersham – Commissioner's report
Arlinda Hardwick, Request for windfarm funds (water tower)
Dave said next, we have Arlinda on the agenda. Mike's going to speak I think, just briefly.

Mike Wickersham said unless you want me to give my whole report.

Dave said we could do that also.

Mike Wickersham said as you see, the town of Ridgeville is seeking Windfarm funds for the repair of their water tower. We gave the town of Ridgeville Windfarm funds back in 2014 for water meters. And, also helped Lynn, Parker, Farmland, and most of Union City and Winchester since then. Ridgeville has \$100,000.00 that they can put towards this repair. And they were asking us for \$150,000.00 yesterday in anticipation that the cost of the repair would be \$250,000. And, as I understand it, it's structural repair. It's, they said to us yesterday, it's falling, falling down. Weld joints are broken. The inside is okay. But it's just falling down. They're supposed to have a guy come in next week to estimate repair, and give them a fixed number of what it's going to cost. So, we recommended that they table the request until July, and we would know what that cost would be, and wouldn't be guessing at what the repair would be. So, that's why they didn't come in. They have pretty much maxed their borrowing opportunity in their sewer project up there. And they have, in the past, raised their water rates to about \$80.00 per household. So, they've taken all the steps I believe that they can take in order to raise funds for their water system, both sewage and water. And now they've got this situation. So, we tabled it until the first meeting in July, and we'll know more then.

Mike Wickersham said in addition, we spent from ARPA funds, \$238,617.00 for two new high-efficient boilers at the old hospital building. The boilers are in disrepair. We had an estimate of I think, a \$181,000 to come in and repair the old boilers. And not knowing what extent, how long they would last, we chose to spend the extra funds to put in the high-efficiency new type boiler, which agreed to do that. So, that's coming out of ARPA. You heard the health department indicated that we did opt in, and I didn't hear what they said, but I thought they told us that they would need about two additional full-time employees, one full-time and two part-time to cover the 60% of the things that the state requires, and then there's 40%, and they indicated to us when that they, when they develop their budget, they'll be able to meet that standard. And just for your information, I don't know if you've seen the documents or not, but the minimum that the health department will receive in 2024 is \$266,000.00. The maximum is 355, and then we will have to match that with our levee average over the past three years. 2025, that amount goes up to \$532,000, minimum, \$710,000, maximum, with a 20% from the county, 20% match. So, if it continues that way, we're going to be more I guess, behold to the state of Indiana for health services in Randolph County, and only God knows where that will lead. I'm not going to mention the bridge 308 because Joe is here to talk about that. We did renew our health insurance yesterday, and it's at an increase cost of 7.4%. Our estimated self-funded plan costs last year were \$2,657,000. This year, they're going to be \$2,854,000 is the estimated cost. That's not the maximum cost, that's not the real cost, that's just the estimated cost. So, we went ahead and renewed that yesterday with United Health Care and Ertel and Associates. We leased Camp Slingshot yesterday to the Open Arms House of Worship for their Camp Trinity. We leased it four six months beginning yesterday, and ending on November 1st. They've agreed to maintain it for the summer, the rest of the summer. They fixed some water heaters out there, they're going to get the water running. They're going to make it for an overnight camp for their Camp Trinity which helps residents in the county, young kids in the county, and gives them an opportunity to go to a camp.

Tom Chalfant said is that Jerry Brumfield?

Mike Wickersham said that is Jerry Brumfield. And James Strong runs the camp. And the final thing we did was, we approved the purchase of two additional desks for this room. And we're hoping that the county council can see fit to purchase both desks from general funding.

Tom Chalfant said just like that one?

Mike Wickersham said it would match these two desks and give us, give the attorney room so he can take notes during the meeting. With that, I'll end my report and ask if there's any questions?

Dave said there was a question yesterday about putting commissioners' update, maybe as the first item, line item on the agenda. And I didn't know.

Mike Wickersham said that wasn't my suggestion.

Dave said oh it was not your suggestion. It was an idea that was proposed so, I didn't know how you guys felt about. I don't know how the commissioners feel about that, but I mean.

Mike Wickersham said it wouldn't, I wouldn't object to that.

Dave said okay.

Missy said I think it's a good idea.

Dave said okay so are we in agreement maybe put them as the first line item on the agenda?

Mike Wickersham said okay, do you want me to return the favor and put council as the first item on our agenda as well?

Missy said keep it, some continuity.

Mike Wickersham said okay we'll do that. Well thank you.

Mike Haffner – Salary Ordinance amendment 2023-12 second reading

Dave said Mike Haffner. I guess we're here for the salary ordinance of 2023-12 for the second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-12

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2022-31
AMENDING RANDOLPH COUNTY'S HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR BUDGET

WHEREAS: There has been a change in the 2023 Salary Ordinance with regard to the Randolph County Highway Maintenance and Repair Budget and it is necessary to amend the 2023 Salary Ordinance No. 2022-31 effective pay date June 2, 2023 to add the following:

HIGHWAY SEASONAL LABORER (6)

\$16.00 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's HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR BUDGET shall be amended to read as follows:

HIGHWAY SEASONAL LABORER

\$16.00 PER HOUR

Tom Chalfant made motion to approve.

Dave said I've got a motion to approve ordinance 2023-12. It's an ordinance to amend Randolph County's highway maintenance and repair budget. This is for seasonal labor for \$16.00 an hour.

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

Tom Kerns said I'll move we suspend the rules and have the third and final reading of the salary ordinance.

Mike seconded the motion. All votes. Motion carried.

Dave said I'd entertain a motion for approval.

Bev said I move that council adopt ordinance 2023-12. Tom Chalfant seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Dave said anything else Mike for the council?

Mike Haffner said nah, just inform you about the paving. We are paving 250 West from Ridgeville to the county lines complete, and 500 West basically, from 700 North down to 400 North is getting close to being completed. We've got a few spots we'll need to go back and correct. Now that's just the first layer, so we're learning. We're actually, in my opinion, things are going really well, and the transition of training and learning and how to operate. So, I'm very pleased how that program's going, and we've got quite a bit more yet to do.

Missy said so, Mike, have you got anybody, is anybody showing any interest in these 16-hour, I mean, how do they find out about it? You're wanting to up the pay to \$16.00 an hour. I know you've lost two employees, so, how are you going about trying to get new employees? You've lost two employees.

Mike Haffner said I've got one application for summer help that hopefully, he's wanting to go full time eventually. I haven't got any other applications for these summer helps but we're going to be advertising. I have talked to several people, and the full-time CDL positions. We had two start, but one of them decided he didn't need to show up today, so, I'm kind of disappointed on that one, the second day on the job he doesn't show up. But, I think money is always good, and we need to stay competitive, and during budget time, we'll definitely work on that. But, I think with this new labor, it just, I'm having a hard time grasping why people don't think they need to show up for work or will quit without notice. I think I'm not the only one that's dealing with this. It's making it very challenging to try to hire people and fill positions, I do know even when you're short-handed and somebody calls in, how detrimental that is to your schedule, and especially when you get into paving, when possibly one or two people can affect ten people because, they're key players, and you've got to have them.

Missy said how many people are, how many people are you looking to hire right now? How many do you need?

Mike Haffner said right now I need four.

Missy said four. Would it help to put a placard out there somewhere, help wanted, call?

Mike Haffner said uh, yeah, I've looked into putting a sign, and I just, I need to get that done. But we are actually getting quite a few hits, but, it's everybody that does not have a CDL, that hey, I would love the opportunity to get a CDL. And I explain to them, well I'll hold on to your application, we're trying to work on a program. And we are trying to work on a program that we'll present at budget time to be able to achieve that. But right now, I'm, you know, for full time status, the only tool I have is for a full-time CDL. We're going to look to present something for approval so we can help non-CDL drivers. I think there's, well I know of three people right now, that would, that are presently working a job that would love to become full-time, and work on their CDL, then we're not set up today, to be able to do that. But, I think we have a better chance of going that direction then trying to hire a full time right into a CDL, work their way up. Give some people the opportunity that possibly didn't have that opportunity. So, that's something that we'll be presenting here, very shortly.

Joe Copeland – Windfarm funding for bridge 308

Dave said Joe, you're up next.

Joe Copeland said back in November, we applied for federal funding for four bridges. They approved one, Bridge 308 on Short Street, here in Winchester. It's in pretty bad shape. There's a hole in the deck. It's down to a four-ton load limit. So, you had approved using Wind money for the design of that bridge before we applied even for federal funding. So, our consultant is working on that. But, since we went federal aid, we will pay for the PE or the design locally, but the feds and the state, through the state, will pay for the remainder of the project. That includes right-of-way, utility relocation of any kind, construction, and for the inspection. All the rest of it they pay 80/20. The breakdown is here for everybody. You can see the difference between when we were doing it locally and when we get federal aid, there's a lot more hoops that you have to jump through to be able to do federal aid. But, it pays off when you've getting 80/20

particularly, on the construction. This is not a cheap bridge, especially, being in town, and we're rather worried about utility relocation. But I've heard they've relocated the line. We haven't got that far yet. What I'm asking for today, is to extend the Wind portion, Wind money portion from what you have approved before to add another \$113,363.00 to the design for this bridge for federal aid. Total numbers, I didn't copy it, but I have the application numbers for this project. Construction is estimated at 2.1 million for this bridge, total. The utility relocation, we'd put in \$650,000.00 to try to make sure we covered it. You always go high, you don't go low with feds, because you end up paying the remainder. The right-of-way, we put in a \$110,000.00. So, our local share then, total will be \$908,064.00 we're estimating. And the feds will pay just under 2 ½ million.

Tom Chalfant said you talked to the commissioners about this?

Joe Copeland said yes.

Tom Chalfant said and they're okay with additional Windfarm?

Joe Copeland said yes, they are. They approved it yesterday at their meeting, yes.

Dave said any questions for Joe? Federal aid program has always been a good program. When I was commissioner, we always had a few bridges on it.

Tom Chalfant said I don't know how good federal aid is.

Dave said it does save us some money here locally. And, what I always understood the federal aid bridges were a little better designed. I don't know how true that is. They had more to go into them.

Todd said once something like this is done, how many years would you expect for it to last?

Joe Copeland said better than fifty. Some will estimate up to 70 or 75. It depends how the final, there're a lot of factors. It depends on what the final design looks like of the bridge. You know, how much salt, and calcium you put on it in the wintertime, and how you keep up with maintenance on the structure. But, yeah, no doubt in my mind, it's be over 50, but it could be up to 70, 75.

Tom Chalfant said it won't have joints, right?

Joe Copeland said it should be jointless, yes. It shouldn't have a joint in them.

Bev said considering that this is the kind of project that originally, Windfarm money was intended to help, I think it's a really good idea.

Dave said is that a motion?

Bev made a motion to approve an additional \$113,363.00 out of windfarm for engineering costs on bridge 308. Tom Chalfant seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Dave said anything else for us Joe?

Joe Copeland said a little update, we have two bridges under construction right now. One on 500 South over by 227, and at 800 South, west of 1000 west. So, we keep moving, we keep rebuilding and re-constructing. And we did, the bridge on 800 South, we intended to go in and just repair the deck, the top. But when we took the old asphalt off, we found that the deck was bad. So, we had to take two steps back and we're putting in what they call a new superstructure on beams and top so that we can get it open and get it back in to traffic. So, the substructure foundation was in good shape.

Todd said is that the one by Riverside Cemetery?

Joe Copeland said yeah, right by, just east of the cemetery, yes.

Dave said so what's the estimate on each one of those bridges. Do you know off hand?

Joe Copeland said the bridge on 500 South, I would expect to see somewhere in the neighborhood of \$275,000. I just had another one done and it was in that ball park. I usually use \$300,000 for those type bridges. The one on 800 South, since we didn't do the foundation, I'm hoping we can bring it in somewhere around \$150,000, \$175,000, is what I'm hoping for.

Dave said so if it's a total new bridge, it would be in access of probably \$300,000?

Joe Copeland said yeah, depending on the length.

Dave said right.

Joe Copeland said this one is about a 42, 43 foot, something like that, yeah, so. But that's the general. And if they're the big ones, we usually try to get Community Crossings or we get federal aid.

Dave said okay. Alright thanks.

Joe Copeland said thank you.

Mike Haffner said hey Joe, I've got a small request. Steel grate deck versus concrete deck. We're starting to put steel grate on some of these smaller ones out in the country. Could you explain to maybe council, why that decision and what's the difference, because they might be getting phone calls from the residents because the county does have a couple, but their curiosity, just explain why we're doing that.

Joe Copeland said it's cheaper, number one. The company we buy from, actually makes the grids. You can't buy it any cheaper anywhere else. Two, it's made with weathering steel, so you

don't have to paint it. In the wintertime, you don't have to put salt on it. It does not get slick. The only thing you have to do to it is clean the end vents of the bridge where the seats, the actually beams rest, clean that off so the debris doesn't gather, cause that can rust the steel and cause some problems. I usually put those in low volume roads, not usually on high volume or roads that have an excessive amount of heavy trucks, heavy equipment. 500 East, we replaced 159. I used concrete on it because it has a lot of heavy truck traffic for agriculture. So, we did it there, but low volume, it shouldn't be, and you could expect for those 45 feet or less probably, steel grate, \$300,000 or less. Same way with concrete. If we had to do a little bit more with the concrete, it cost a little bit more. I have to buy more rebar. I have to buy special sheer connectors that have to go on the beams, and just little things.

Tom Chalfant said I think people become a little more alert too when they cross over them too don't they?

Tom Kerns said what's the comparable life expectancy, is it the same?

Joe Copeland said I would say the same. I mean, as long as you keep those end vents clean. I mean, steel won't rust. It's not intended to rust. It gets what you call a patina on the outside, and it won't, it's not supposed to rust. Now if you get debris over there at the end of the beams and water sits on it constantly, then you could get some problems. But no, it should last quite a while.

Mike Haffner said it's handier to install in cold weather versus concrete so we get a little better pricing because we can work through the winter.

Joe Copeland said I can do those bridges in January and February.

Mike Haffner said so it's handy. I just wanted to inform you guys that.

Dave said thank you.

Other Business:

Desks for Commissioner/Council room

Dave said now Other Business. The desks for this room, you heard what Mike Wickersham recommended that we buy two and take out of General fund.

Tom Kerns made motion to approve. Mike seconded the motion.

Dave said it's been moved and a seconded we approved we the two new additional desks and pay for it out of the General fund.

5 aye votes. 2 nay votes (Tom Chalfant, Bev Fields). Motion carried.

Minutes of April 4, 2023 and April 27, 2023

Dave said okay, we've got minutes of April 4th and April 27th coming around. We'll just do both of them together. Entertain a motion to approve minutes of April 4th and April 27th.

Tom Kerns made motion to accept the minutes as presented. Bev seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Schedule Budget hearings & adoption

Dave said next item is the schedule of budget hearings and adoption, which is what, the 2nd week of August, somewhere in that area?

Laura said this is what I sent out to everybody, just on our recommendations. We need to make sure you're all there, because we need you all there.

Dave said the recommended budget hearing is August 22nd and 23rd.

Todd said are those evenings or what time do they?

Laura said the 22nd all day, and half a day usually on the 23rd.

Bev said what day of the week?

Laura said that's Tuesday and Wednesday. We have a commissioners' meeting on Monday so we won't be able to use Monday that week.

Missy said you looking at 8:00 or a 9:00 o'clock start?

Dave said 8:30.

Laura said and that can vary, whatever you guys want it. I mean, if you want to start at 8:00 we can.

Dave said 8:30 is good. That way you guys can get in and get settled.

Laura said yeah, that just gives Danita time to get things set up.

Dave said I talked to Laura yesterday. We get pretty well organized where we're one day, we can pretty well do, but I still think I like to do it a day and a half maybe. That gives us a little time to think through the one day, then finalize the next day. So, I would advise a day and a half for budget hearings. I talked to some other counties. They take three and four days. So, everybody works together to pull this off. August 22nd, 8:30 to 4:00, and August 23rd, 8:30 to whenever. And usually we're out of here by noon. Is that okay with everybody?

Additional Appropriations

Sheriff

Equipment

\$14,680.00

Dave said next item is additional appropriations for the sheriff. Art shared with us it was for the new guns? I'd Entertain a motion for the additional appropriation from equipment for \$14,680.00.

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

Dave said Art, how long will those take to get?

Art said I think they told me 90 days.

General

Building Admin

\$4,544.88

Dave said next additional we have is for the building administration for \$4,544.88. Entertain a motion for that.

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

**Local Emergency Plan
Equipment**

\$3,500.00

Dave said next additional we have is for local emergency plan for equipment of \$3,500.00. Entertain a motion.

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

ARPA

Sheriff Equipment

\$10,000.00

Sheriff Building Maintenance

\$35,118.00

Dave said next we have before us is the new equipment for the sheriff's department of 10,000 and rifle items, and then building maintenance of \$35,118.00, both coming from ARPA. Entertain a motion for both of them.

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

EMS Ambulance

\$316,427.00

Dave said okay, the next one I have is from ARPA also. It's for a new ambulance, 2023 Ford, F450. \$316,427.00. Entertain a motion.

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

Transfers

Amount

\$3,500.00

From

Utilities

To

Equipment

Dave said the next one I have is, these are transfer of funds, the 911 from Utilities to Equipment at \$3,500.00. Entertain a motion to approve.

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

Superior Court \$4,000.00

Pauper Attorney

Law Books

Dave said and the last transfer we have for \$4,000.00 pauper attorney to law books, Superior Court. Entertain a motion.

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

Citizen Comments (3-minute limit)

Dave said is there anybody from the audience, citizen comments who would like to speak? If so, please come forward.

Missy Williams – Invitation to the Winchester Speedway Fox Sports premier

Missy said you should be getting an invitation. Laura, if I send that to you or Dave sends that to you, could you get that out to all of them and you've got one already, if you could just copy and paste and send it.

Laura said okay.

Missy said on the 16th, Fox Sports is finishing up their premier, I guess. They did a short expose' on the Winchester Speedway. They were at the Randolph County Courthouse. Anyway, it's about 15 minutes, something like that. So, they'll be showing it in the Town Square Cinema, and it is for invited guests only, no children. So, it'll take place in all three theaters down in the Cinema. Then after that's over, they'll walk over to the community room for dinner and hors d'oeuvres and all that kind of stuff. It's free, from a grant from Reid Hospital, just for the dinner. So, they've put a lot of money, I mean a lot of money into this.

Tom Chalfant said what day is that?

Missy said it's the 16th. It's on a Friday.

Laura said RSVP is due by the 9th.

Missy said yes. You really need to RSVP by this Friday.

Todd said of June?

Missy said yeah, because it'll be tight. It starts at 5:30 in the movie theater, and then, when it's over, assuming, they could wait on a few people to get seated or something, I don't know.

Todd said I'm out of town. Could I send my dad instead, because he would probably enjoy this?

Missy said yes, absolutely. That would be great. Yeah, he'd get a kick out of it. They've done a ton of research. It's amazing. They've done, and they've been able to fly in, they've mentioned they were flying into Darke County, and I told Dave, I said too bad they've got to drive all that

way. And Dave said they have an extended runway. They can land that jet in ours, and that's what they've been doing. So, five minutes away from the Speedway and everything else they've needed to do. I think it'll be really neat. They did one on North Wilkesboro track, and it was a track that sit for about 25 years. And their purpose in this is Fox Sports wants to bring back Thursday Night Thunder. So, if they rejuvenate these tracks, then they're going to have, they made a lot of money on Thursday night thunder. So, thanks for coming out last Tuesday too.

Laura said yeah, that was nice. It was a nice event. So, I can forward that to all the council. Did the commissioners already get it or do?

Missy said I would forward it.

Laura said to them too.

Missy said yeah. And just what I, you know, RSVP is required by this Friday, because they've got to get a dinner count.

Laura said okay. I'll make a note to do that.

Dave said okay. I'm glad you mentioned that. Do you know when they're going to show that on Fox Sports?

Missy said the night before, on the 15th. For Direct Tv is 219. But I don't know what it is on all the others. So yeah, it'll actually, go, broadcast nationally the night before. They will broadcast that 8 to 10 times. They broadcasted the North Wilkesboro one 3 times, and they anticipated getting between 800,000 and a million viewers by the time it's all over with. And that's big to this track to get, they've got a lot of sponsorships on that wall, simply because those sponsors knew that when they were filming the other day, and they did, several race car drivers came. But, they got, their names, their company names are going to be in that. That's big time. I don't know what commercials cost, but it's worth a lot of money.

Daniel Baker, Winchester Speedway Fox Sports

Daniel Baker said sorry Dave, just if I might, about the Speedway, there is a community showing at 7:30 that night as well. There's a limit of 270 seats I believe, in the Cinema, but there is, at 7:30 it's going to be open to the community to come to watch that.

Dave said okay. Thanks Daniel.

Dave Lenkendofer

The only thing I did have.

Our annual conference is coming up. It's a State called conference for the county council association. It's June 24th. That's a Saturday, all day. Actually, you can go down on the 23rd, the night before. I don't know if you, have you guys gotten an invitation. Probably should have in the mail yesterday. I'll be going. That's just in a couple of weeks. The state called meeting.

Adjournment

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

Reviewed and accepted this 5 day of July, 2023.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COUNCIL

David Henderson

Tom Chalfant

Mike W. ...

Michael A. ...

Mike ...

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ATTESTED: Laura J Martin

Laura J Martin, Auditor