

Randolph County Council

August 23, 2022

The Randolph County Council met for its Budget Hearing at 8:30 AM in the Commissioners and Council Room of the Courthouse with the following members present: Council President Gary Friend, Rick Brown, Tom Kerns, Max Holaday, David Lenkensdofer, Missy Williams and Beverly Fields. Also present was County Auditor Laura J Martin.

Council President Gary Friend presided.

Circuit Court - Fund 1001

Gary explained that Council will be approving budgets without salaries and salaries will be addressed tomorrow.

Judge Toney gave an update of changes to his budget items.

Max made a motion to approve the Circuit Court budget as presented except for salaries. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Sup Public Defender - Fund 1200

Dave made a motion to approve the Supplemental Public Defender's fund budget as presented. Rick seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Children's Advocate Program - Fund 1213

Judge Toney and Deb Tharp went over the Children's advocate budget.

Judge Toney said you are I'm sure familiar with these unfunded mandates that they set down sometimes. I think they realize how important this is and they've done a pretty good job of helping the counties.

Bev made a motion to approve this budget as presented except for salaries. Max seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Probation - Fund 1001

Gary said Probation. Okay on this one right here, the salaries can be approved, state mandated salaries. Correct.

Beth Krieg said our probation officers.

Gary said probation officers, yes. Okay. Probation.

Beth Krieg said we continue to supplement probational officers' salaries with probation user fees. We turned in for county general those amounts could be supplemented by 12%, which will show up on the supplemental. I know you, for purposes of this meeting, will separate out what from what I'm talking about, I'm talking about the two together, including the full-time secretary, which that would be affected by whatever is decided regarding raises. So again, what I have estimated out with our collections, estimating 12% could be supplemented so whatever the salary for that position would end up being, I think it would be okay with saying we could supplement that 12%. The part-time secretary, again that's county general as well, affected by what you all decide with raises. That position, she does the same job as the full-time secretary. She just works one day less. So definitely that needs to be looked at. As far as operating expenses within the probation department, I have not changed anything. It's pretty much been the same for a while. With technology, our expenses with paper and postage, all that, and even some mileage has been affected because we just use so much electronically at this point.

Gary said okay. Do you have anything for probation, any questions. Other than the county general's supported salaries. Someone like to make a motion to approve the probation budget.

Missy made a motion to approve the probation general budget as presented except for secretaries salaries. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Supplemental Probation – Fund 2100

Gary said and then Supplemental Probation, same thing. Anything to add on that.

Beth Krieg said only that I continue to set out for the drug testing, and also continue to apply for a small grant with Drug Free Randolph County, which I think for this next year is it like \$1,300.00 I think. It fluctuates anywhere from about \$1200 to \$1800. And that's helpful as far as not having to spend all these.

Gary said Beth do you know if there are funds coming in, maybe Judge, you know too, on the opioid settlements that all the counties are getting.

Judge Toney said and I don't know the numbers.

Gary said well I seen the numbers. I wonder if that, is this going to have some restrictive uses.

Judge Toney said I don't know that.

Gary said okay. I didn't know if it would to go through probation, some of it or not, okay. Some's highly restricted, some's mildly restricted. Okay. Does anybody have any questions on supplemental? Somebody make a motion to approve.

Missy made a motion to approve the Supplemental Adult Probation except for secretarial wages. Max seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said I think that is all Judge. Anything else to add.

Judge Toney said well here would be a good time to say I talked about the court reporters, and what a good job they do. They are bringing into this century, we use so much less paper than we used to. Part of that is because of our new, the case management system, Odyssey which Randolph County was the last county to go to that. We fought it because the judges are old. And we use a lot less paper, but with regard to the subject of probation collecting all these fees, the primary people that do that are your probation officers. Then I want to throw in my bailiff, who does that also. They do fines and costs. And I'm sure Judge Arnett will tell you the same thing about Eric in Superior Court. But sometimes the first couple of pages of cases on my calendar are fines and costs, where people are coming in and paying so Mike does a really good job with that too. So, you've got a great staff, and I appreciate what you folks do trying to keep them employed here.

Gary said thank you.

Prosecutor – Fund 1001

Gary said Mr. Daly. Alright, going to start off with the general fund. Anything to start with Dave.

David Daly said it's just the same thing I submit every year. It's just, the only thing that's in county general other than salary for my staff is a \$2,000.00-line item for training. I think that's in the budget every year. So that's nothing new. And I know that we get reimbursed for that. So, we get like two thirds of that come back to the county anyway. So that's about all I got to say about county general.

Gary said okay. You were present today when we discussed the salary committee. There will be raises this year.

David Daly said okay. Glad to hear that. Thank you, whoever is responsible for that, thank you.

Gary said okay let's start with general. Somebody like to make a motion to approve the general fund with the prosecutor.

Max made a motion to approve with the exception of salaries. Dave seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said I'm sure you are aware we have our salary discussion on the last day.

PTD County User Fee – Fund 2500

Gary said Fund 2500, County user's fee. Any change there.

David Daly said no. It should appear to be the same as it is every year. And again, these are, these are PTD monies. They're not county general money. We can't spend it if we don't bring it in. And we always have to have items approved through claims, so there's not much to say about that either.

Gary said okay. Someone want to make a motion.

Dave said Gary, I got one question. There's a \$2,000.00, doesn't have an account description, 0640.

Danita said the location. That's for the sheriff's department. The location 640.

Dave said it's on this worksheet.

Danita said oh where there's nothing, yeah that is, you'll see that in the sheriff's budget. They have PTD and it's for their education. They collect a fee. The sheriff collects a fee and it gets distributed out and they get a portion of it.

Gary said so that \$2,000.00 is on here, but it's not a part of their total.

Danita said oh I see a 2000. Yeah that is not part of prosecutor's. I didn't realize that was printed on there.

Dave said I think it does add up at the bottom.

Danita said yeah that shouldn't have been.

Gary said will it come off here and go over to the sheriff.

Danita said right.

Gary said good question Dave. Other than that correction there, would somebody, any other discussion. Would somebody make a motion to approve.

Bev made a motion to approve this budget other than salaries. Rick seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Prosecutors Incentive - Fund 8897

Gary said and then funding 8897, prosecutors incentive. Same as last year. Any questions on that.

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

David Daly said we got through the trial and I know you, I think you all know that I had some extra expenses that I don't normally have in the year. But we got through that I think in fairly good shape. There were two people we had that we were flying in from Memphis and their flight got delayed, so we were able to get their flight cancelled so we saved some money there. They drove up from Memphis here. We had to put up five people in hotel rooms. We had to pay Dr. Sosio for his pathology testimony. So, there were some extra expenses in, but it's behind us now. I appreciate your support in that, because I normally don't have those kind of expenses when I do a case.

Gary said thank you. Okay do we have any commissioners here. We can go to clerk.

Clerk of Courts - Circuit Court - Fund 1001

Gary said thanks for being early Mindy. Were you here for the discussion on salaries.

Mindy Peed said I was.

Gary said so you aware okay.

Mindy said thank you for looking into that. Which one are we going over first.

Gary said general.

Mindy said well Circuit or Superior.

Gary said page 1. Circuit Court.

Mindy said Circuit. I have no changes other than salaries. And then I have a \$500 decrease in bank service fees because the bank hasn't been charging us.

Gary said okay. Anybody have any questions. Somebody want to make a motion to approve this budget minus the salaries.

Max made a motion to approve this budget as presented other than salaries. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Clerk of Courts – Superior Court - Fund 1001

Gary said and then Superior Court.

Mindy said no changes.

Gary said no change other than salaries. Postage. Somebody like to make a motion to approve just the postage line until we get to salaries.

Dave made a motion to approve other than salaries. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Election Board – Fund 1001

Gary said election board. Anything new.

Mindy said it changed a little, it decreased because of the municipal election next year. We won't use as many vote centers, so the cost won't be as high. But I did have to increase my absentee voter board because they were raised to \$14.00 an hour, and I didn't allot for that in 2022. So that line did increase but, pretty much everything else as decreased.

Gary said okay. Municipal, you mean just some, the third-year mayor elections. Okay. Dave.

Dave said the minimum part-time now is 15. So, I don't know if that plays in, in your \$14.00 an hour.

Max said have we approved that yet.

Laura said no, we have not.

Dave said we have not.

Laura said it'll be for January's if you guys choose to approve that.

Gary said it should be part of the salary discussion tomorrow.

Dave said we need to approve that. Do you know how many hours that is off hand?

Mindy said it's 164 for two elections, for each election.

Gary said \$164.

Dave said \$164 times 2. Or \$164 divided by 2.

Mindy said well it would be \$164 times 2 workers. It would be 656 hours total for a whole year.

Gary said okay. Other than the salary portion, somebody like to make a motion to approve the election board expenses.

Bev made a motion to approve the election board expenses except for salaries. Missy seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Registration - Fund 1001

Gary said and then registration.

Mindy said no changes.

Gary said no changes. And that's all operating.

Max made a motion to approve the registration budget as presented. Rick seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Clerk Records Perpetuation – Fund 1119

Gary said okay Clerks RP.

Mindy said no changes.

Gary said any questions on the clerk's RP. Somebody like to make a motion to approve.

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

Clerks Incentive – Fund 8899

Gary said clerks incentive. No changes, correct.

Mindy said right.

Max said what's in the miscellaneous expense.

Mindy said that is a couple different things. So, we pay for our consulting services for our report prep for child support. We also pay for our fingerprinting and security clearance through the FBI. We have to pay for all those services through that too.

Max said okay thank you.

Gary said okay. Any other questions. Someone like to make a motion to approve.

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

Elected Official Training – Fund 1217

Gary said travel and training.

Mindy said no change.

Gary said why is yours lower than everybody else.

Mindy said should be \$825.

Dave said its a \$1000 on everybody else.

Mindy said it's always been \$825 as far as I know. I don't usually use it anyway.

Gary said I was going to make it a \$1000 for everybody but.

Mindy said I mean, I can use it if you want me to, but I don't, I usually use my other travel lines first before I use that.

Gary said okay. We'll leave it \$825. Someone like to make a motion to approve.

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

Surveyor - Fund 1001

Gary asked any changes other than just salaries.

Ed said I don't believe so.

Max said is your fuel.

Ed said I had the fuel line up. I think we can live with it.

Max said okay good.

Gary said you are making it through the year on your fuel line from 2022.

Ed said yeah. We've got, budgeted that line high enough where so far we are able to weather it just fine.

Gary said okay.

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

Drainage Board – Fund 1001

Gary said drainage board. Anything except for salaries. Anything for the drainage board.

Ed said nothing special.

Rick made a motion approve except for salaries. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Surveyor's Corner Perpetuation – Fund 1202

Gary said surveyor's CP, Corner Perpetuation. It's up to him. That's for contractors. Any questions. Someone like to make a motion to approve.

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

Elected Official Training – Fund 1217

Gary said surveyor's training, fund 1217.

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

Mindy Peed, Clerk- Per Diem for election board meals

Mindy Peed said I forgot something.

Gary said come forward please.

Mindy Peed said I got so excited cause we had no changes and oh I forgot to tell you something. So right now, we have our meals for our election workers at \$15.00 a day. And although my overall meal budget is going to decrease, I would like to increase their individual meals to \$20.00 a day.

Max said would it affect, does that increase the \$2,000 budget

Mindy said but we have less workers for next year. We'll have to raise it in 24, to accommodate the other additional workers. So, it doesn't increase the line total. It's still a decrease, but I just wanted to make that known so I wasn't paying people more without approval.

Gary said right. I'm wondering if that's even the council approval position. We approved the total. I don't know. Do you know Dave.

Dave said I do not know.

Mindy said you guys approved it last year to 15.

Gary said okay. Generally, we approve the total and the commissioners follow through with the amounts for that. But we can make a motion to council approves to go to \$20. Is that what you are asking.

Mindy said yeah.

Gary said someone like to make a motion to council approves to go to \$20.

Bev made a motion to approve the election board meals be raised to \$20 per person per day. Rick seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said I'll find out that is a council function.

Mindy said okay I can go to them and do it. I just wanted to throw that out there. I didn't want you to think I was sneaking something past.

Gary said I don't know where you should go on that to be honest.

Mindy said okay thank you.

Gary said who sets the per diem for the county, the council or the commissioners. Anybody know.

Rick said I think the commissioners set the per diem.

Treasurer – Fund 1001

Gary said okay county general for the treasurer. Anybody have any questions.

Dave said the clerical help, it went from \$5,000 to \$7,000.

Debbie said that was because you guys raised the from the \$10.50 or whatever to the \$14.

Dave said okay so that's \$14 in there, right.

Debbie said uh huh.

Dave said okay. So, it needs to be. How many hours is that. Do you know.

Debbie said I use them more in the spring than I do in the fall so.

Dave said right. So, so that's at a \$14.00-dollar rate, which they proposed the \$15.00 an hour.

Gary said then maybe prorate it up then. Anybody else. Would someone like to make a motion other than the salary section.

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

Dave said it looks like it's 500 hours.

Gary said \$500.00.

Elected Official Training – Fund 1217

Rick made a motion to approve.

Gary said do we have enough training for a new treasurer coming on.

Debbie said uh huh.

Max a seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Debbie said that's why I upped it to a \$1000 from \$825.

Gary said thank you.

Assessor – Fund 1001

Gary said George do you mind so we can catch up. I'd like to ask a few questions. General for the county assessor. You weren't here through the, there's going to be raises this year. We're just doing them tomorrow, so that's a given.

George Caster said yeah okay.

Gary said Dave explained about the salary study committee and what not for everybody who was here. Okay anything George for the council.

George said well no, I've tried to keep my budget pretty simple. I try to not spend what I don't have. We have a couple of things on that we're having excess left at the end of the year, probably not spending it. So, I'm sort of dropping back a little bit. Now the one thing you will notice, not on general, but it's on reassessment. It is dealing with the contract. If you remember

last year, there was an issue with the numbers I put in and the PSC, which is our contracted person that dealt with data collection. They worked with us and allowed us just to carry whatever we already had through. Well this next budget, I'm catching up, and it's going to fall back to it's normal rate. So, we're going to do a little catchup, then we're going to come back. So that's really the only major changes.

Gary said okay. Have any questions for George. Okay. Other than salaries, someone like to make a motion to approve the county general portion.

Max made a motion to approve the Assessor's county general budget except for salaries. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

County Sales Disclosure – Fund 1131

Gary said county sales disclosure. This is training and mileage, so there's no salaries there. Somebody like to make a motion for the county sales disclosure.

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

Property Reassessment – Fund 1224

Gary said property reassessment. Any questions on property reassessment. We're going to get some levy on that aren't we.

Danita said yes.

Gary said it's not quite enough so we'll have to supplement, which we know that. We did that. Alright any questions on reassessment.

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

Gary said okay. George if you could, I'd ask you a question on solar farm.

George said yes.

Gary said and the reason it comes to concern to me during the budget hearing is of course the assessed valuation sets our rates, affects our circuit breaker and it doesn't necessarily bring that revenue in as extra revenue. It allows us to lower our rates. And lower rates allows less circuit breaker. And we also, we just made the economic development plan with EDPR and the numbers they gave us, is in leu of property tax. So, when we're getting the lower assess, we're making a deal for ten years on a zero abatement on the less. Now not trying to overstep my bounds and step on your toes. I just want to understand why we are at 9200.

George said we're at 9270.

Gary said and it could be at.

George said could be at 13,000. That's the max.

Gary said right but we have, they have counties doing the max.

George said there are counties doing the max. And when I've asked them that, they said we just came up with that number and they never contested it.

Gary said okay. When we go to the max, if we could go the max. If we do, it doesn't hurt the landowners, because EDPR pays the difference between the ag rate and the tax rate. Right.

George said eventually yes.

Gary said so there's no cash out of pocket for a landowner on that. They're getting reimbursed.

George said they are getting reimbursed, because I make sure they get reimbursed.

Gary said right. Well thank you. My question is, and this might be, is not stepping over the line, if the council would say listen we just don't agree, it's just too bad, I do, and that's all.

George said right now that's a fair question that nobody's ever asked. So, I took it up to higher people. They're looking into that aspect. Normally in that process, the only two people that have any dog in the fight, is those who pay the taxes. It's a landowner and in this case, EDP may have, cause it's a gray area, because they compensate the difference. That would be the only issue. What is the key that needs understood in this process, is that when we started this whole thing in this county, there was no state statute. So, when I did these, I did these based on the standard practice that was set that we've always done, that we always do for every commercial property. It was based off of income. The initial value was only \$6,600.00 because they misrepresented their debt. When we got that figured out, it went up to 9,207.00. Based on what the lease is for the land inside the fence, that's the only thing that the landowner's getting taxed commercial on. They can use everything else. Based off of the return, which is the cap rate of 8.63, this is what the company says that's what they're willing to give a return on, that came out to that number. There was no other justification for that, and I couldn't dispute it. So, we went on that. Low and behold, here comes the state and says now we're going to have caps. Unlike ag rate, and unlike the windfarm rate, they set the rate. They said this is the rate, period. Same with golf courses. This one is you can't go over.

Gary said right.

George said okay. This is the total value, fence, land, everything cannot go over that amount. Okay. I can do the math on that. So, I figured we're good to go. Now when you ask me that question, and I thought well that makes sense, let me look. In order to get where you guys want us to be, which I think is feasible, we would have to lower their cap rate, their return rate to 6%, instead of 8.6. And that would get us at \$12,287.00, which is 13,000 rounded off per acre. Okay. Now the difference between, and using the current tax rate that we have as standard now, that would equate to a \$68,000.00 difference in tax.

Gary said the difference between where we are now and the maximum is \$68,000.00 of revenue,

from tax dollars.

George said tax dollar, yes \$68,000.

Max said that includes the new windfarm north of Modoc?

George said that's only what we have currently in place, because the other one's not going to take effect until it's up and operational. Now the one comment I did make to you is possible, and this was also suggested by the state, DLGF is that we let this part go for this year, because this is for pay 23. Then move it to the \$13,000.00 or whatever their cap is period thereafter. I can fight that because now it's statute law. When this was started, there was no statute.

Gary said okay. Okay. That's a big difference for me. Or at least my mind is dealing with something before the statute come out.

George said correct.

Gary said so we can say going forward, we can stand firm on that statute and let them appeal.

George said yes. And they can tell you although the statute says, this is what the rate is. But they're going to argue that it's the max.

Gary said yeah but how do they argue the income side of it, it's a huge conglomerate.

George said they have to show us the math and the cap. That's the only device is their cap rate. What are they saying, they only want 8%? I mean, I don't know any company out here only want's 8% return. I mean usually, they want more than that.

Gary said how do they prove it.

George said they have to show us the books.

Gary said EDPR does.

George said yes.

Gary said does it tie into AEP and the power purchase agreements. Is this an EDPR deal.

George said EDP has to show that the return for that project is wanting an 8.63% cap rate for a return so they aren't losing money. They have to show us that. And that's just like if I had Ardagh in here arguing their values of the property, you showed me all your stuff, and then we go from there. And then it works out either we're right or we're wrong. And we worked it out.

Gary said this may be an off the wall question, does landowners have that kind of right.

George said is you have a commercial property, you have that right.

Gary said it's only on the commercial side.

George said commercial side, because that's the only thing that's assessed with income involved.

Gary said that's one of the basis,

George said yes.

Gary said okay. I guess then, from my mind, moving forward, a new project, we can stand firm with the maximum rate that's set, and let them fight us down.

George said yes, especially if you are going to give them those abatements.

Gary said abatements.

George said that no term abatement.

Gary said they get abatement for ten years.

George said right. If you are going to give them that, then you get the max. The other option is to increment it, then allow for that adjustment in between, so then we don't get the max, but you're going to get tax money also. As some other counties have also done, and they lowered their tax rate below one percent, but they're all windfarm. We have the largest, and I don't know if you know this, we have the largest solar panel farms west of the Mississippi.

Gary said I did not know that.

George said when Modoc is done, it'll be the largest in the United States.

Gary said Randolph County.

George said yes.

Gary said really.

George said yes. By acreage, we'll have the most acreage for a particular farm. Now there's solar panel everywhere, but nobody's going to have one as big as we've got.

Gary said let me ask you a question too. My mind is thinking back before the statute, and you're dealing with it before the statute. So, going forward we can follow the central region and say hey this is what we're allowed to tax at.

George said right. If you remember in one of the emails, I did ask you, did you guys, during your negotiations, go into agreement. The reason I asked that, they've have been certain counties that are now fighting this, which I communicate with a lot, because they know we're dealing

with it, so how did you do it. They're falling into agreements, we're only going to charge this much. So, if they're stating the rate is going to be 10,000, 9,000, whatever it is, I said no, we don't, as far as I know, we didn't do.

Gary said ours actually says we won't fall below a certain rate I believe.

George said okay. I just didn't know if you had said we're going to agree to this term.

Dave said I think you are right George. Benton county is one of the counties that are fighting it right now because their first solar farm got sold off. And now that reduces that rate by half. Is that correct.

Gary said that's what they are trying.

Dave said and they're trying to do that. And what's, it's catching the county short of tax dollars.

George said right.

Gary said okay well that's the questions I wanted to ask, and then the part of me, and I would like to know, not that I would want the council to do it, I mean we can talk about it. But is it one sided. You know they want to, when the solar farm can go to PTBOA and bring it down. Can the county go on the other side and say I want to appeal?

George said well that's what we're asking, and the reason I'm saying that is because who has a dog in the fight. You're a legislative body, you're not the owner now. You, if you have to have one on your property, you personally could do that, but as a whole, my initial gut was saying no. But I said well before I say that, I want to get clarification. So, the DLGF lawyers are looking into this, make sure that there is or is not, any legal standing to appeal that decision. But that's what I wanted to bring up. Remember, this has all been prior to statute.

Gary said yeah and that's one of the questions I ask specific to the legislative body, it's actually the fiscal body.

George said right.

Gary said the tax rate. The tax rate which affects our budget.

George said but I figured it out. There's a \$68,000.00 difference if I would have gone to the max versus what we have now.

Gary said and that would have been distributed through all taxing units.

George said yeah that would.

Gary said our \$68,000, we're still going to get it. It's going to take less rate to get it.

George said yeah.

Gary said it just helps the circuit breaker. That means the circuit breaker might come down \$68,000.00 across all units.

George said across all units, yes.

Max said it's also going to have an impact on income tax.

George and yes I know, eventually, they do get the pay back, but it is, you know, I got people who had to pay \$200 extra a year and they had a cow about it. And somebody is going to have to pay and drop out 2, 3,000 extra dollars. Well I wasn't expecting that. Sorry. You know, so I just wanted you know, yeah, \$68,000.00 that the taxpayers have to pay, they will get paid. And the rule is, they always get paid prior to tax bills, because I send it to the companies prior to them telling them what they owe them. And EDPR has been very good at making sure they get their paychecks before the taxes. If you own property in Jay County, good luck, because you're not going to get reimbursed, because they say well just turn it in. And they won't even deal with it. But we've got 16 turbines that come out of Jay County. Those 16 get paid. I've heard.

Gary said okay. Anybody have any final questions for George on that clarification.

Commissioners – Fund 1001

Mike Wickersham said and our budget other than a few salary issues, seems to be the same as 22 submitted, adopted. The salary recommendation committee has made some changes, and those are reflected in the 2023 budget. All except the building administrator. I'm not sure if, we didn't discuss that number. I would say our building administrator does a great job for the county. Has several buildings to take care of. And with those buildings comes several issues. I was part of the salary recommendation committee, so I'm not, I voted in favor of that when we took a straw vote as to what we would recommend, so I'm here to say that. Our mental health has gone up. That's statutory. And utilities at the 4-H, we're proposing an increase of \$1,000.00. That being said, I'd entertain any questions from the council.

Gary said anybody have any questions for Mike.

Max said I guess I got one. Mike, the 2 million on group insurance yet, will that cover you think, I forget what the estimate was on that.

Mike said I think the maximum was about 2, 3.

Paula said I think you're right, and we were anticipating 500,000 from the other funds for employees.

Gary said right.

Mike said the maximum payout was somewhere between 2 and 2.3.

Gary said yeah. This is the general portion too so there's money coming in from other departments and funding entities, and employee contributions. Actually, I would say the insurance seems to be under control. It's a lot of our budgetary fighting we had the year before that is before this new plan. And we were always making payments to the insurance company. This new plan, I mean, it's a difficult deductible, it's leveled it out.

Mike said we've been able to maintain that deductible as well, which we kind of fight with Anthem every year. They want to increase that. It would sure be nice if they came back to the idea the county cooperative that the counties could participate in. I think that would save us money and give us good coverage as well.

Gary said yeah I think the work on the insurance has helped the general budget tremendously. We got some money, we were up to \$3,000,000 one year and budgeted 1.8 or something like that. And that just wipes you out. Anything else for Mike.

Dave said you added a custodian it looks like, RCFFO custodian 2.

Laura said I think that's where Jake reorganized his staff. Remember, he came and asked about making a full time and a part time over there, and a full time and a part time. We used to have two full times. He reorganized his staffing.

Gary said it also lets him go back and forth.

Mike said we didn't add anybody. We just moved somebody.

Gary said we move the two would be different funds, right.

Dave said professional services, \$20,000, what was that for.

Danita said we did an additional appropriation for 20,000 this year and so we just had included it for next year. We just, it's kind of based, if we need additional, like paying Baker Tilly and those type of invoices from professional services.

Dave said in the rent for \$6,000, is that for the ambulance.

Danita said Farmland for an ambulance, yes. And we did away with, we no longer have the Modoc service, the ambulance service so we removed that and then added the rent.

Mike said and that rent could change. But I think, my memorandum of understanding was around 12.

Danita said they weren't sure how long it's going to continue.

Dave said right.

Gary said anything else Dave.

Dave said no that's all.

Gary said anybody else. Okay, other than then the salaries in here for tomorrow's discussion, would somebody like to make a motion to approve the Commissioner's budget for general.

Bev made a motion to approve the Commissioner's budget except for salaries. Max seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

LIT - Economic Development – Fund 1112

Gary said Economic development. Someone want to make a motion for the economic development.

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

LIT - Special Purpose – Fund 1114

Gary said Lit special purpose. These are our bond payments. Someone want to make a motion to approve.

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

Cumulative Capital Development – Fund 1138

Gary said Cum Cap.

Dave said Danita, on this, this is another one of the worksheets, has a lot of different locations.

Danita said yeah the one for commissioner's budget is just the one that's got the computer and then the other building maintenance and the other computer/video line.

Dave said so it's a \$220,000 there at the bottom.

Danita said 220 and then add the 30.

Dave said okay.

Gary said \$250.

Danita said yes.

Gary said in the commissioner's budget.

Danita said correct.

Gary said what's our income from cum cap.

Danita said for next year from levee portion.

Gary said yeah.

Danita said it has \$353,000.

Dave said one quick question, remember the financials that we went over with, I noticed in there that the cum cap development percent went down for 2023. I thought that was an established rate.

Gary said I did too. I didn't see that.

Dave said that's something we'll have to keep that in the back of our minds to check out.

Laura said you're talking about what Jason gave us.

Gary said oh yeah, that's. I thought it was fixed too. We raised it to the maximum.

Dave said right, like 0333 I think.

Gary said we can find that in a little bit. It's in here, I know it is. Back to the budget, would somebody want to make to approve the cum cap?

Max made a motion to approve the Commissioner's Cum cap. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Communication Bond – Fund 4181

Gary said and the communications bond. Fund 4181, where's that getting its revenue.

Danita said tax dollars.

Gary said property tax. This is the last year for property tax assessment.

Danita said no this one is not going to end. We have a bond that's going to end in this year. And that's not in here.

Laura said but this is the levy that Jason was talking about.

Danita said yes. This is the one they wanted to move to LIT.

Gary said so what are we approving here. Are we approving this out of special EDIT, it's not, but is this fund here the levy?

Laura said yes.

Gary said and that exists for the 2023.

Laura said well that's up to you. Jason said we can change that, pay this out of special LIT, or we can continue with the levy, he recommends doing away with the levy.

Gary said which I agree.

Laura said yes. So, then you can add this over to your special LIT.

Danita said right you'd have to do an additional appropriation the beginning of the year to add this bond into LIT.

Gary said so to approve as it is, we'd do a special. That's the way to go.

Danita said yes.

Gary said that's the root of my question actually. We're ready to move out of the levy into the special lit.

Danita said yes.

Gary said we can approve now the way it is and then take care of it after the budget is finished.

Danita said correct.

Gary said okay. Anybody have any questions on that. Alright, someone want to make a motion to approve.

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

Windfarm Economic Development – Fund 4915

Gary said this is the school appropriations for the Windfarm. Someone like to make a motion to approve.

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

Gary said Mike I think that's it.

Mike said any questions.

Gary said maybe not for you, but for Danita. The stipend that goes to the HAS's where is that money shown in the budget.

Paula said it's part of that \$2,000,000.

Gary said it's part of the 2,000,000.

Paula said yes sir.

Gary said I couldn't identify exactly where it existed so. Alright, I have nothing. Anybody have anything for Mike. Thanks Mike.

Mike said thank you. Have a good day.

Dave said hey Laura, it's .0317.

Laura said .0317.

Dave said right.

Gary said what page are you on.

Dave said financial, 26. .0333 down to .0317.

Gary said the 333 was actually the maximum allowable.

Dave said that was for this year and going forward.

Laura said okay. I'll get with Jason and let you know.

Gary said it's been moved to 317 from their forward.

Dave said this year even.

Extension Office – Fund 1001

Julie Wilson said Amy came to talk to you about the contractual service. There's been an increase. We increased mileage and postage just due to gas is going up, mileage rate was going up, so we increased both of those by \$500.00, just do to increase what postage is and mileage. So those are the changes for the 2023 budget.

Gary said other than the contractual 5%.

Julie Wilson said yes, correct. And then salaries obviously, you guys will do later.

Gary said okay. Well this has been, fairly quickly, you briefed us last month so. Anybody have any questions for Julie. Someone want to make a motion, other than salaries and the general budget part.

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

Gary said that motion does include the contractual services. Missy, that motion includes the contractual services, right. Okay. The reason I asked you again is I mentioned general, I don't know if it's actually general on the contract. Anything for council.

Julie Wilson said no.

Sheriff – Fund 1001

Gary said sheriff are you ready.

Art Moystner said whenever you are.

Gary said alright what have you got for us.

Art said basically the notes I have, depending on where you want to, you just want to run through it. Obviously, the salaries you've already addressed. In the cum cap, I'd increased the repair of the buildings by \$5,000, building maintenance by \$5,000, equipment by \$4,500, new vehicles by \$20,000. And the public safety, the retirement, that number was given the fuel's an increase of \$15,000. Although at the time that I did the increase, with the way some of the fuel prices have been, I don't know if that's going to be enough or whether it be too much. That part of the lines that we cut pretty drastically a couple years ago. Uniforms is an increase of \$2,000. I don't think we've increased that line.

Gary said what are you on that?

Art said it would be \$10,000.

Gary said no, what fund are you running through. How about this. Let's start with general.

Art said okay.

Gary said in General.

Art said the only increase in General I believe, is the, what you've done with salaries, or what we Ask for salaries.

Gary said okay. So, in the General fund portion of this, other than salaries, any questions for the sheriff. Someone like to make a motion to approve then.

Max made a motion to approve with the exception of salaries. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Accident Report – Fund 1101

Gary said 1101 the Accident Report.

Gary said no change in the accident report.

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

Cumulative Capital Development – Fund 1138

Gary said we're looking at a \$5,000 increase in building maintenance and the repairs of both.

Art said correct.

Gary said what's the difference.

Art said I think one of them we use for contractual, the other one we use for repairs.

Gary said okay.

Art said also the equipment line is up \$4,500. And the fuel is up of \$20,000.

Gary said I don't see the line.

Art said it's two vehicles. Two vehicles up 20.

Gary said oh okay yeah.

Art said and I don't know that that's going to be enough.

Gary said so this total portion here to cum cap.

Danita said the total portion share for the jail is.

Max aid 200.

Danita said \$200,000.

Gary said so with the commissioners and the sheriff, then where.

Danita said \$514,000 is the total budgeted amount for cum cap.

Gary said and how much is available.

Danita said \$353,000.

Gary said is there carry over.

Danita said it's going to be slim. We're not going to be able to do the \$514,000.

Gary said \$514 with both of them put together.

Danita said there's 514,000 of the total budgeted, and that's not going to sustain, we can't sustain the \$514,000.

Gary said in cum cap.

Danita said right.

Gary said so can we sustain the commissioner's and the sheriff's actual cum cap portion. Leaving us to move GIS out of cum cap and into general if we need to.

Danita said there is no GIS in cum cap anymore.

Gary said there is not. Okay.

Danita said we've got, the sheriff, EMS, court house and then the commissioners' budget is what is in cum cap.

Gary said okay.

Dave said it's about 165,000 short. Is that correct.

Danita said so if we spend everything that's budgeted this year, we should have a 100,000 cash left.

Gary said in cum cap.

Danita said at the end of this year.

Gary said so we would actually make these appropriations out of that account.

Laura said that would be too much.

Dave said we're still 65,000 over.

Danita said yeah you are going to have to cut.

Gary said okay. I don't think we'll have to cut, we'll have to move it.

Danita said correct.

Dave said part of that shortage I think, is that per cent

Gary said wonder what that amounts to. Okay do we have enough to go to the commissioners and the sheriff right now till we cover it, then to go forward, we'll have to start moving it out. Let the council decide soon.

Danita said it would be about \$450,000. We could do that.

Gary said we could do the commissioners and the sheriff's budget, right now with cum cap. Anything forward would have to go to another account.

Danita said yeah it's \$450,000 for the sheriff and the commissioners. Then you have to move EMS, and court house budget, RCFFO and Community Corrections building.

Gary said okay, I was just trying to keep it more categoric if we can. Alright, what's your thoughts on this Missy.

Missy said we've got to make it happen. Just move it to that other funding.

Danita said you have to decide where you want to pay it from.

Gary said that would be like general.

Dave said yes general.

Missy said that's our only choice.

Max said we have funded vehicles out of windfarm also.

Laura said if we did an additional out of ARPA to cover the increased cost of vehicles for, that would take both you and the commissioners to do that.

Gary said right.

Dave said ARPA is just recommendation by council.

Gary said yeah. It's approval of the appropriation. So, the general can handle the shortfall would be a hundred and some thousand.

Tom said I think we need more than just the 60 over. I don't think we drain cum cap completely. We're expecting to have a hundred carry over. I would move the sheriff's vehicles to general.

Gary said okay.

Tom said if we, you know, down the road, if we want to take some of that out of ARPA, we still could.

Gary said right. For the budget we could do it.

Tom said for the budget we could do it. That would give us enough with what we're carrying over, just that one line.

Dave said so you are saying go ahead and do general right now then supplement.

Tom said if we want to supplement with ARPA then we can.

Dave said I think we probably should because we have 3.1 in ARPA.

Gary said in ARPA. And the general can take it this year.

Tom said if you wanted you could throw the equipment over there too, it wouldn't be a bad idea.

Gary said \$130,000.

Tom said the \$120. The equipment is \$30,000.

Gary said oh okay. I thought you said repairs to the building.

Tom said I think repairs belongs in there.

Gary said yeah I do too, the building repairs. Dave anything else on that.

Dave said I'd be in favor of the \$120, but you got to make sure, but in my opinion, it would be funded from ARPA eventually to keep that general fund as health as possible.

Gary said okay. Max.

Max said yep.

Gary said Rick.

Rick said I think that works.

Bev said I agree.

Gary said okay someone like to make a motion to move the vehicles in the lines 44203 and 44102 out of cum cap to general.

Tom said I'll make a motion to move 44102 and 44203 to general.

Gary said so the motion to move 44102 and 44203 to general out of cum cap. We have a motion. Do we have a second?

Rick seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said sheriff. We need to approve the rest of this in cum cap.

Tom said I move to approve cum cap sheriff's portion with changes.

Gary said we have a motion to approve the sheriff's portion of cum cap with the changes.

Dave seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Handgun permit – Fund 1156

Gary said alright. Handgun permit.

Art said it's as it. We don't collect any fees any longer for that. So once that line's gone, it's gone.

Gary said what did they give us in leu of?

Art said they had done grants one year where we received some money, so I don't know if that's going to be anything that's continued or some type of fund that they had sent before that. But I can't see them continuing to do that.

Gary said alright.

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

Public Safety/County Unit – Fund 1170

Art said in public safety LIT, I had submitted for the sheriff's retirement, I believe that was up to \$325,000 is what I had submitted. The fuel cost up \$15,000 to \$75,000, uniforms up from \$8,000 to \$10,000, the meals, increased that from \$100,000 to \$125,000, and the hospital and medical from a \$125,000 to a \$130,000.

Gary said this location 0007 and 101050, what is that.

Danita said that's EMS.

Gary said it's not in the total?

Danita said correct. \$412,500 is for the sheriff and \$289 is for the jail. And \$802,550 is the total request for LIT.

Gary said which is more than we have coming in. Yeah, that's seven hundred and something, so we've got to do something else. Correct.

Danita said so far they estimated that we're going to receive the \$716,000.

Gary said \$716,103. So, if we approve the sheriff, we have to bring something out of the EMS. Is the sheriff total 802. That's EMS. 701 is the sheriff's, does that sound right.

Rick said 701,500 is what I got.

Gary said 701,500. So that pretty much eliminates public safety, which is the estimate of the amount. Okay everybody okay with that. So, when we get to the EMS, we're going to have to fund their portion out of general most likely. Okay any thoughts on that, Missy, Tom, Dave, Max, Rick, Bev. Somebody like to make a motion to approve the first portion of the public

safety.

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

Misdemeanant – Fund 1175

Gary said misdemeanor.

Art said I didn't increase anything on this budget.

Gary said what is the payroll personnel on that budget.

Art said I don't know that we've ever used it.

Danita said it's your social security and medical for opiate.

Gary said it's opiate.

Art said okay.

Gary said alright, somebody like to make a motion for county misdemeanor.

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

User Fee – Fund 2500

Gary said user fee, continuing education. That doesn't change.

Danita said so that's just the \$2,000 for the sheriff.

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

Gary said I believe that's it. Anything for the sheriff.

Max said appreciate the job you guys do.

Art said thank you.

Recorder – Fund 1001

Jane Grove said Danita does that \$5,000 show on my, because it doesn't come out of general, on the redaction.

Danita said no that doesn't come out of general.

Jane Grove said yeah but I had it on my, I must have wiped it out when I did my. I just wanted to make sure it wasn't there. It should be on the identity funds.

Danita said yes.

Gary said alright Jane.

Jane Grove said okay do you want to.

Gary said the general. This is all salaries.

Jane Grove said do general and the only thing that comes out of general is salaries.

Gary said might as well move on from there, there's nothing to approve. Only thing to approve is the salary.

Jane Grove said right.

County Identity Security – Fund 1160

Gary said county identity security, fund 1160.

Jane said and I did raise that because I am doing a large scanning, back scanning project with ARPA funds. But when that is finished and it goes to where the public can view it on the computers, it will have to go through redaction. So that's the reason I raised that quite a bit.

Gary said what do you mean by go through redaction.

Jane said for social security numbers.

Gary said oh got you. Alright.

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

Elected Official Training – Fund 1217

Gary said and then the elected official training for recorder for \$1,000. Somebody like to make a motion for that.

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

Gary said that's all you have.

Jane Grove said that's all I have.

Gary said thank you.

Jane Grove said thank you very much.

Airport - Fund 1001

Greg Sickels said good morning. My name is Greg Sickels for those of you that don't know me. I guess you guys have all seen the request. Any questions that you would like to go over.

Gary said okay. Anybody have anything for the airport.

Dave said the equipment purchase Greg, down at the bottom, \$10,000, what's it for.

Greg said \$10,000, you want to talk about that. Different things, for one they had a golf cart out there that's been their personal golf cart they've used for ten years or so. It's pretty well wore out. That's what they go around and they'll like spray up around the front with, go out to some of their runway light, different lightings out close by. They use that to go out and fix the lights, put their tools and stuff in the back of it. Again, it's been there, they've used that for a long time. The tires are down to the cords and tread on it so we'd like to look at getting something to replace that.

Dave said okay so you're saying this is designated for a golf cart.

Greg said yeah.

Dave said okay.

Gary said really shouldn't it be the county's property and not Eric's personal property.

Greg said absolutely yes. Other things I'll just point out, we asked to increase the fuel and oil line back up to \$180,000. This year the \$130,000 we got last year kind of ran out in the peak season for us, with a lot of crop dusters. The month of July, we did 50% of what we've done so far this year. So, bringing it back up to that \$180 would help us to get through peak season a little better.

Jim Michael said plus the cost of fuel being higher. Yeah we've already hit that \$130,000 mark.

Gary said even when we did a \$130, we knew you would have to come back for additional appropriation, but with the status of the budget, we were going to take receipts after to help leap frog through. But I think we're okay now.

Greg said as far as salaries, and that's for you guys to discuss.

Gary said we have a salary committee, there will be raises. That we can tell you. We'll be dealing with that tomorrow.

Greg said the other, the other I guess, the other one that's going to be noticeable is hanger repair. Kind of where we're at on the hanger that's attached to the terminal.

Jim said well that's not the one that's attached. It's the one beside it, the big one beside it. The metal on it rusted through. The roof is falling apart, rusted through. So, it needs a lot of attention. And there's other, the other older hangers out there, the doors fall off repeatedly. One guy that's got a plane in there complains continuously because he opens the door, it falls off. There is a lot of work that needs to be done to some of those.

Greg said as far as replacing those buildings, that's way down the road for what we can afford.

Gary said how much rent, do you know how much rent you get off of hangers right now.

Jim said I think it's around 80.

Greg said I just have the July report right now and it's showing \$4,500.00 collected through the month of July.

Gary said 4500.

Greg said yes.

Gary said just 50,000 a year a hanger.

Eric said yeah roughly.

Gary said yeah roughly.

Greg said so those are really the high spots, and as you know, the cost of things going up, increased the utilities a little bit, trash service and things like that. And then if we get, if you're willing to go with the whole \$180,000 on fuel and oil, we had to increase the taxes, that we're going to have to pay the state. So that line item went up a little bit. I guess if there's any questions.

Gary said any questions for the airport. Hearing none, would somebody like to make a motion to approve the airport's budget except for the salaries. We'll deal with that tomorrow.

Max made a motion to approve with the exception of salaries. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Fly-In Breakfast – Fund 4902

Gary said fly-in breakfast. Somebody want to make a motion for the fly-in breakfast.

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

Gary said we didn't have to lower this year to try to get through a tight. But you understand the whole fuel line was to get through a tight budget.

Greg said yeah, yeah.

Gary said take receipts then pay for the next batch basically.

Greg said and I don't know if this is the place to bring this up or not, but we've talked about trying to set up a separate account for fuel because you know, that's, it's not like the highway

department where you guys buy the fuel and get a return. You know, all that fuel that we buy you get it back. Most of the airports around here have ordinances set up to where it's a separate aviation fuel they call it. So that it's pretty much money that we take out that we put back in. So, it doesn't have really. Again, I don't know if this is the place to.

Gary said well this is, yeah the council would be the one to do that. I'd say sometime after the budget ended, you know, later in the fall to schedule an appointment to the council to come in to explain.

Greg said okay. We've got the ordinance from like Portland, you know, they've got those type of things.

Gary said I think at the council is what I will ask, is why, what we do, why we need to change what we do. What's the benefit?

Greg said so we don't have to come back and ask.

Gary said well I would assume that.

Greg said Eric had to come back in a couple weeks ago and ask for more money to buy more fuel and we only got enough to pay for half a load pending I guess, most of the spray season is probably over with but.

Gary said it is a Council decision and we are not fond of locking up funds.

Greg yeah and I think this is something that we're, I guess as far as the board now, we're dipping our toes in to see if something we want to look at. It makes sense, but if it doesn't make sense, then, you know. But it's something that's going to probably be coming down the road if it looks like it will work.

Tom said if we did that, what would, once that account starts building up where would the extra money go.

Greg said and that was one of the questions I had in a meeting. It would depend on how the ordinance was worded. It could be used for new fuel pumps or anything technically, you can word it however you want. But most airports have it reverted back to fuel related purchases. A new tank or maintenance, or something like that.

Gary said on Tom's line, that could continue to grow a lot of money start to accrue, would say the more money from the council for an entire year, was you got a healthy balance.

Dave said that's what I'd do.

Greg said right. It would just depend on how you write the ordinance.

Gary said it's kind of a wash.

Greg said yeah. Extra money could be put into hanger repairs or whatever.

Area Planning – Fund 1001

Randy Abel said I think the only change in here would probably be the salary part.

Gary said okay.

Randy Abel said I don't think there's any changes in the.

Gary said Deb anything you'd like to add anything for the council. Anything you want to add.

Deb Johnting said no.

Randy Abel said for Area Planning there's some things we would like to add.

Gary said Area Planning is first.

Randy Abel said oh okay. So, we divided them out again. Originally, we took out like training, because that basically, all fell on, we just put it all into the building commission for the training and gas mileage. So now that we're splitting it out again, we feel like we need to put back what we took out of Area Planning. I don't know, a couple of years I think.

Deb McGriff said 2019.

Randy Abel said so I think what was in there.

Gary said it's not part of the budget here.

Randy Abel said it's not on here.

Debra said last time, it was almost 2019 for travel mileage.

Randy Abel said and since we split the two departments up. This would be for next year, not for this year.

Gary said right. Do you have lines for this right now?

Laura said not right now. We would have to create those.

Gary said then we'd have to make an additional appropriation to do that anyway.

Laura said yes.

Gary said well just do that next year, as an additional appropriation. It's not part of your Budget right here. So, we don't have line items for.

Randy said we took them out like a year ago.

Gary said yeah. But you can come in after we start the 2023 budget, and request an additional appropriation for training.

Randy said okay, that's what we'll do.

Gary said and then we can approve that then. Everybody alright with that. Okay. Back to the Area Planning, other than salaries, is there anything else you want to discuss.

Randy said these all look the same.

Gary said okay. Someone like to make a motion.

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

Building Commission – Fund 1001

Gary said and Randy from the building commission. Anything.

Randy Abel said yeah I don't think there's any changes on it.

Gary said okay. Other than salaries, someone want to make a motion for the Building Commissioner's budget.

Tom made a motion to approve except for salaries. Missy seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said that's it.

Bev said I do have a question. Since you have the two departments and you have the truck, is there any time that you would need the use of the truck.

Debra said not necessarily the use of the truck. We just, he's out doing inspections. So, if I have a place he could just drive by while he's out.

Randy Abel said the way we worked the jobs, and in our viewing of that, we put in there that if she request that I do something, and that gives me the authority to do her bidding, I would do that so that would mean violations, probably, I'll be the one that inspects most of the violations, which isn't really a whole lot.

Missy said but if Deb would need the truck for anything, would she have access to it.

Randy Abel said I don't know if she has insurance. I don't know how the insurance runs. Obviously, it's there, and I don't use it 24 hours a day so I mean, you know, when I'm on

inspections I use it but it sits there. It is available, but like I said, I don't know how that works with insurance.

Bev said do you drive your truck to home and back.

Randy Abel said yes.

Missy said so over state lines. Do you take it to Ohio?

Debra said my request as mileage is generally, one thing I have gone to is the DNR meetings and things educational, which means I have mileage to go to conference or something.

Gary said with this situation, this needs addressed, you should bring to the commissioners, and with concerns of both the council members and let the commissioners make a decision on that. The council can't make this decision. But the commissioners can and it should be addressed. The insurances, the usage of how it's going to go should be in front of the commissioners for determining.

Randy said yes.

Gary said anything else Bev.

Bev said nothing thank you.

Gary said Missy do you have a comment or anything else.

Missy said no.

Gary said alright thank you.

Gary said let's take a ten-minute recess.

Solid Waste

Shanda Solomon said good morning. We gave you a budget for 2023 that was very similar to the budget for 2022. There were only two lines in there that we increased. We increased the line for our educator on community outreach person. Tonya has been doing a great job. And we can see our way forward where maybe we can increase her hours. She's currently working 15 hours a week. And we have a lot of work that can be done, so we have put in the budget so that she could work up to 25 hours a week. So, the board of director will make their decision as to what to do that, but we've at least, increased to that so that if they decide to increase it that much, we can do that. We decreased one, two, three, six, seven lines that were just had a lot of extra in it. So, we kind of brought them down to where it was a little closer to what we normally spend. And we increased our recycling line. Our recycling line, because recycling costs are going up. So other than that, it's the same budget except for we didn't budget for a vehicle again because we've already got that. So, we pulled that out there. But other than that, it's the same budget as we gave you last year.

Gary said and \$500 is enough for your mileage on your vehicle.

Shanda Solomon said that's just for personal mileage in case we end up not taking it somewhere. Otherwise, we've got funds in there for fuel.

Gary said where's that.

Shanda Solomon said that's line 340, vehicle fuel, maintenance, so 323 was mileage.

Gary said so vehicle maintenance and lines is \$3500.

Shanda Solomon said we had no idea. Yes but, that's what we put in there because this is the first year to have a vehicle. I have no idea what would really be reasonable to put in there. So, we'll gather data this year and adjust it next year once we find out a little bit more. How often we're driving it, how much, you know, that kind of thing.

Gary said Dave is on the board. What's the board's thought on that.

Dave said yeah we approved this budget. And Shanda's right, but we don't know at this time how much.

Tom said it's fuel is under maintenance.

Gary said can you break that up next year.

Shanda Solomon said sure.

Gary said make your fuel and your maintenance apart.

Shanda Solomon said sure.

Gary said so we want to see. Okay.

Shanda Solomon said and that makes sense. We can totally do that.

Gary said okay. Alright, any questions for Shanda. Someone like to make a motion to approve the budget for solid waste.

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

Max said I have a non-budget question. Pollution Solutions what are the hours on that.

Shanda Solomon said Thursday from three to six, and Saturday from eight to twelve. And will be open until the middle of October.

Max said Thursday. Okay thank you.

Gary said location in winter.

Shanda Solomon said we've been having special Saturdays in November, December, January, but yeah it's, we don't get very much traffic. And it is not worth hiring somebody to have it open when two people come in. So, we've been going to special days. And on those special days, we'll have 12 or 15 cars come in, and we can do it all at once. So, it works out pretty well.

Gary said sounds good. Anything else for solid waste.

Shanda Solomon said great thank you very much.

Veteran – Fund 1001

Dani Sibert said I talked this over with Cathy because this is my first time ever doing one of these. It's pretty much the same as it was last year. I don't think anything changed from last year to this year. Didn't ask for any increase or decrease.

Gary said I'm trying to put a name to your face. What's your last name.

Dani Sibert said Sibert.

Gary said okay you weren't here when they explained, there will be raises this year. We do those on the second day of budget. Once we get all the numbers, we see what we can do. But we definitely know we are going to be giving raises out.

Dani Sibert said okay.

Gary said do you have any questions for veterans anyone.

Dave said yeah, this secretary, it's full time also, right.

Dani Sibert said yes.

Dave said okay. That's all I have.

Gary said okay. Anybody else.

Bev said how are things going. I haven't seen you since you hired on and all.

Dani Sibert said oh it's going well. We're doing good. We get a lot of people coming in. It's a lot busier than I thought it would be. But Mike told me but I was like, I'll be okay. There's a lot. There's some good though. I like being busy.

Bev said good. Thank you.

Gary said somebody like to make a motion to approve the veteran's budget.

Max made a motion to approve with the exception of salaries. Rick seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Dani Sibert said thank you.

Missy said thank you for all your work.

Gary said so we can break, go to recess until 1:00 pm.

Health Department – Fund 1159

Sherri Thompson said well the budget is, the only difference in our budget from last year until this year is that it did go down because of the insurance. So that's really the only difference in our budget from last year until this year.

Gary said okay. Anybody have any questions for the health department. Hearing none would somebody like to make a motion to, oh I didn't know if you were here. But there will be raises this year. The final determination won't be until tomorrow. So just to let you know that.

Sherri Thompson said okay. Thank you.

Gary said other than the wages in the budget, somebody like to make a motion to approve the health department's budget from fund 1159.

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

Health Maintenance – Fund 1168

Gary said now we're on to 1168, Health Maintenance. That's exactly like last year isn't it.

Sherri Thompson said yeah we get the same amount every year.

Gary said okay.

Max said I move we approve except for salaries. Tom seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Health Department Trust – Fund 1206

Gary said and the Health Department Trust.

Sherri Thompson said it is the same also.

Gary said okay. So, someone like to make a motion to approve other than wages.

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

Gary said anything else. Thank you.

Bev said I got a question.

Gary said go right ahead.

Bev said do you have the new vaccine yet, the new booster.

Sherri Thompson said no not yet. They are telling us September.
Anybody else have any questions.

Gary said I do not. Anybody. Thank you.

Coroner – Fund 1001

Gary said we got a question that either I'll ask it or Tom will ask it because we want to ask you about computer connectivity and such. After the budget if you don't mind.

Darrin James said I did, I upped on the autopsy from 45 to 55. The other thing that I upped was the office supplies 200 to 700. I do need to start buying new cameras. They are getting quite old. I'm planning on replacing one every year. So, the other one's just upping the fuel for obvious reasons. We are going to Dayton, Ohio now for autopsies instead of Muncie. So that fuel mileage is going up.

Gary said what's the reason for that.

Darrin James said their assistant was for medical problems so they cut most of the counties out of Delaware. So, we had to find some other place to go. The only two places was Ft. Wayne and Dayton. We chose Dayton because of the price. Our cases are down this year from last year, but you don't ever know.

Gary said right.

Darrin James said about 20 cases down from where we was last year right now.

Gray said is that Covid related issue or a drug issue.

Darrin James said I don't think so. But, you just never know.

Gary said right. Alright well you heard me say that the raises to wages will be coming out to tomorrow in the latter half of, the last that we do. There will be raises.

Darrin James said okay.

Gary said but we won't approve the wage on here until tomorrow. So, does anybody have any questions for Darrin. Okay hearing none, would somebody like to make a motion other than

wages, to approve the coroner's budget.

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

Gary said tell us about your connectivity problems.

Darrin James said I didn't have it for the longest time. The other IT people came in, I have it now. It's really spotty. There's times I'll have it and then it'll just, it'll go away. It's just connected with an antenna in the basement.

Gary said do you need a hardwire down there or something.

Darrin James said in my personal opinion, yes. And I was talking to Duane about the printer that we have. It's about 15 years old. It does not work. So, I've been using everything at home as far as printing and all of my case works because it's all on line.

Gary said so you are having to do the coroner's work on your personal computer.

Darrin James said on mine right now, yes.

Gary said at home.

Darrin James said yes.

Gary said isn't that a bad practice.

Darrin James said it's internet base, so it's protected but, I got a deputy that doesn't have a computer at home, so he has to do his at a job that he goes to, or you know, we need to have something in the office that can do it. And we can have, pictures is another thing. We download all of our pictures on the computer. Everything needs scanned in the computers. I do that all at home right now. I just don't think it should be that way.

Gary said can you put together a scenario that maybe we could fund something like that to get it proper. It would be an additional appropriation until next year, not on your budget right here. I for one probably, I would agree with you.

Tom said I think even through this year with additional appropriation.

Gary said yeah even through this year. I guess, I'm saying it's not part of this budget but additional appropriation this year is.

Tom said I think they need at least one laptop.

Darrin James said yeah we, I had a laptop when I first started, Fred wanted it. So, I gave it to Fred as soon as I got it. And he said it couldn't be updated. I was supposed to get another one

and I never received one so we don't have one.

Gary said okay. Do we have an IT guy on staff?

Laura said yeah. And I think he's here today.

Gary said what he should do is get with the IT guy and get their plan put together. I agree with the rest of the council. We can do that this year. But we need to get you properly set up.

Darrin James said yeah I don't know what it's going to take because it's in the basement of the jail. I have no idea.

Gary said I was talking to Tom. I don't know, if it takes a hard line put in then, I don't know why we wouldn't do that either. Anybody have anything for the coroner.

Tom said no I just wanted to discuss that while he was here so that we could start addressing it.

Darrin James said I did have some internet connectivity, but I was down there the other day and it worked for maybe ten or fifteen minutes and it went away. I don't know why. I'm not an IT guy. I don't mess with that kind of stuff, but it wasn't working. And then there needs to be a phone put in down there too. I have no internet, or no cellular.

Gary said I would advise you to get on the agenda and talk to the commissioners too, so all of this is working together in the proper format.

Darrin James said I thought I had everything going.

Gary said this don't have to wait until next year. The budget process here is exempt of that right now. So, we can, that can happen right away. You do need to talk to the commissioners when you start talking about other things, other than just the purchase power.

Darrin James said okay.

EMS – Fund 1001

Duane Petry said the next ambulance that we're trading off has got a 167,000 miles on it. So, it's two years to get an ambulance. So, we need to keep that in the back of our minds. I sent a waiver in for the state. Right now, for a paramedic service, we have to have 24/7/365 on a paramedic service, and we're getting to a point where I don't know that we're going to be able to do that. So, I'd sent a waiver in, in case we get to the point where we don't have a paramedic on. I'm waiting to hear back from that. Still short paramedics. Still don't have a building in Farmland. I'm short all the way around. But, we got ambulances on the road. We're making runs. I cut the equipment. I cut uniforms. I raised fuel, medical supplies, and I think building maintenance.

Gary said well we are definitely giving raises out this year, and hoping that will help you with the situations you are dealing with. Is it all a money thing, or is it actually a shortage of talent.

Duane Petry said well I was talking to Barnett up at Jay County, and he's, you know, they pay him a lot better than we do, but their benefits, he had a couple of people that said no thanks because the benefits weren't what they was looking for.

Gary said the Jay County benefits weren't there.

Duane Petry said so it all comes into play. Money and benefits, and I don't know how our benefits compare to theirs. I think they are a little better, but we still haven't had anybody to apply.

Gary said okay. Alright, anybody have any questions for Duane. Other than the wages in the budget for county general, would somebody like to make a motion to approve.

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

Cumulative Capital Development – Fund 1138

Gary said Cum Cap. So, you have in Cum Cap \$23,000.

Duane Petry said yep.

Gary said we made enough room for that didn't we or did we not.

Danita said yeah, he's okay, we have that amount in there.

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

Public Safety/County Unit – Fund 1170

Gary said and Public Safety does not have it. So, this will have to be an additional appropriation in general right the first of the year. Okay. Anybody have any questions on this. Somebody like to make a motion to fund 1170 out of county general for 2023.

Tom made a motion to fund 1170 out of County General with an additional appropriation in 2023. Bev seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said that's it.

Duane said the only other thing, I just put over \$9,000.00 in I think the 2014 ambulance, so that's pretty much going to wipe out the vehicle repair.

Gary said for this year.

Duane said yes. But we do have the new ambulance in and it's running so hopefully, that'll take some of the stress off the older ambulances.

Tom said when's the next one supposed to come in.

Duane Petry said two and a half. He said it could be two year.

Tom said we don't have one on order right now.

Duane Petry said yes, that's the one that he said could be two years. That's why we might need to work on.

Tom said another one now.

Duane Petry said yeah.

Gary said you guys lay any money down to secure that position. No. Anything else.

Duane Petry said not that I know of.

Courthouse - Fund 1001

Jake Donham said all mine pretty much stayed the same as last year. And as far as my budget for this year, even when what I'm running off of, I'm way better off than I've ever been on the building maintenance-wise and everything. Knock on wood. Everything is running really well, as it should be.

Gary said okay so we'll start with general. And like you said, other than wages, okay. Somebody like to make a motion to approve the courthouse under the general fund, other than the wages.

Missy made a motion to approve except for salaries. Rick seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

RCFFO - Fund 1001

Gary said RCFFO. Same thing isn't it.

Jake Donham said yep.

Gary said and that is all operations. So, somebody like to make a motion for RCFFO, county general budget.

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

Community Corrections Building - Fund 1001

Gary said Community Corrections Building.

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

Cumulative Capital Development - Fund 1138

Gary said Cum Cap. Okay. How much of this is included.

Danita said \$41,000. Three different buildings.

Gary said and do we have enough in cum cap to catch that too.

Danita said yeah he's okay staying in.

Gary said okay. Someone like to make a motion to approve the cum cap portion.

Max made a motion to approve. Bev seconded.

Gary said motion and a second. This is for the courthouse, the RCFFO and community corrections.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said how's it working for you moving people back and forth at will. Does it even matter.

Jake Donham said as far as employees.

Gary said yeah.

Jake Donham said it has it's good and bad. I mean I'm short handed right now here in this building at night, a part-time custodian, which this time of year, is not bad. We get along fine. And the other building, I'm running two part-times of an evening, but I still have an open line item there for a full-time. In that building, I was talking to Danita yesterday about it's, the past two years have been really hard on that building as trying to get a schedule built because there's so many different entities. And they're gradually coming back, but nobody's full to the length they were. So, when the building's so hit and miss throughout the week, I can't really get a rhythm or a pattern on who's there or who's not. Last evening, we had people there until after 7 o'clock with visitations through YSB. And they just come and go on their own schedule, and there's really not a way for me to get their schedule, I mean, I guess I could get their schedule, but they're so sporadic. So, I'm just having a, just don't know how to build my schedule yet for that building, until I get a little more of a solid schedule of what's going on there. But I don't know if I'm ever going to, to be honest with you. But right now, we're getting by with what we have. So, this time next year, we may, may have to, I don't want to say downsize, but we may have to downsize employees for building and maybe just stick with our part-timers, I don't know. But I don't want to give up that full time. If that building takes off again, if DCS comes back full till, Center Stone, those are the two largest entities in that building. If they both come back full, I think we can keep a full time busy, and then some. So, they are still doing a lot of off-site stuff, and haven't brought all of their employees back yet so. And maybe they aren't going to, I don't know.

Gary said so they went remote basically.

Jake Donham said yeah a lot of them, a lot of them I assume, unless they're not coming back. I

don't know. But the visitation parts of the evening are really starting to pick up. And that fluctuates back with schools too, I mean since school's back.

Gary said you have part-time from midnight to six.

Jake Donham said yeah.

Gary said that's harder to do too I think.

Jake Donham said yeah so. Yeah, floating them back and forth, my girls don't seem to mind it that I'm using, they don't, they don't squawk. I got a really good team right now, people underneath me. They just come in and do their job. I mean, they do a really good job for us.

Gary said how are all the bugs in this building here, all the heating and cooling, is all that worked out.

Jake Donham said yeah everything's, no complaints. I hate to even say it but it's never been this good. I mean, you know, I do my quarterly inspections on everything, belts, grease, all that stuff, everything looks good, runs well. The makeup air unit, we did have a lot of problems with. And during that project, that's one of them that they, they put the drives on the motors and slowed everything down, because they said that the amount of air it was pushing back in this building and then pulling out was way too much for the size of it. So, they scaled that back better than half. I think it's only running 40 percent. And since then, we haven't had a service call on that machine on that machine since they've done that work. And before, it was two or three times a year, whether it was, a lot of it was sensors, and just goofy stuff in the computer system of it. And that's when they'd have to bring their, bring a laptop in, plug into it and just run it through a service check, and you know how it is trying to find a bad sensor out of 50. But yeah, since we've done that, done the renovation on this, we haven't had one call on that machine. So that's been big. And the extra dike stuff, redoing all of it, they upsized a lot of stuff and the building's never been as comfortable as it is now.

Gary said is there a lot of sagging copper lines.

Jake Donham said absolutely. That was one of the major downfalls of the first system they put in. It wasn't letting the oil get back to the compressors.

Gary said right, gas or oil.

Jake Donham said no way I can say for sure, but putting any units on the ground, everybody's service that I talked to love it. I mean, not knowing, because they can just service from the ground, but there was, they said it's easier to pump that stuff up than it is down, the oil. And so, they felt having them on the ground is going to be a major benefit, then having them up on the rooftop. But the copper lines they put in now, there's not a sag in any of them you will see. Before, they were pretty noticeable.

Gary said wonder how many gallons of fluid was trapped off in those traps throughout the

building.

Jake Donham said yeah. Some of them lines, when they were taken out, they were.

Gary said loaded.

Jake Donham said oh they were pretty bad.

Gary said okay. I'm glad it's fixed.

Jake Donham said you ain't kidding, you and me both.

Gary said anybody have anything for Jake.

Missy said do you have any idea Jake, how many empty spaces are in like, community corrections and the old hospital. I mean, are there any empty spaces in there.

Jake Donham said community corrections probation building, that's going to be up to those folks to decide how much they need. That's not my call. I mean you could probably condense everything to one floor of that building if you really wanted to, have an entire building. There was a discussion, somebody said about possibly relocating both of those offices to the second-floor underneath us. But I think that may have just been a discussion. I don't know.

Gary said you mean community corrections and probation on the second floor.

Jake Donham said here yeah.

Gary said here.

Jake Donham said and do away with that building.

Gary said where.

Jake Donham said underneath us. The big room right underneath.

Gary said on the second floor.

Jake Donham said second floor.

Gary said yeah. What you said just didn't sink.

Jake Donham said yeah, somebody a couple of months ago, threw that out there. But I don't know if that's just talk or what but.

Gary said how about RCFFO, how much vacant space is out there.

Jake Donham said uh, there's a lot of vacant basement space. When Gric pulled out, I say a lot, but I mean, there's a handful of offices kind of in the basement. The old county highway, that one was, that one worked out great having it empty during past couple of months, because the health department utilized it for different shop clinics and things like that. So, it was nice for them to have the open space there. But that, those two offices would be available. And then down the hall across from Ed, there's a couple of smaller offices available. Other than that, I don't have the exact square foot by any means, but there are some available office spaces, storage spaces if somebody needed them.

Gary said do you hear a lot from the Journey home?

Jake Donham said it's something.

Gary said okay.

Jake Donham said I help them when I need to, but there's a lot of activity there, yeah.

Gary said alright. Anybody have anything for Jake. Missy does that answer all of your questions.

Missy said yeah it did thank you.

Jake Donham said if you ever want to see, I mean, I could show you.

Missy said yeah, I'm just curious.

Jake Donham said I know, I did show a couple weeks ago, the cancer society, I think of Randolph County.

Missy said cancer services for Randolph.

Jake Donham said yeah and they were looking for space. And so, they came out. Laura had them get ahold of me, and I showed a couple of ladies a couple of empty offices there we had. There are two of the smallest, but they said would be perfect. And they were going to try to get on the agenda. They did get on the agenda, but didn't show up.

Laura said yeah it was a miscommunication between Stacey and I, but she'll be at the next one.

Jake Donham said yeah but, so they were looking at possibly trying to relocate up there.

Missy said yeah, I just didn't know how much free space was over there.

Jake Donham said yeah, I think it could be done, but that's going to be for somebody higher up to make that call, because I'm not going to tell them two ladies in charge, hey you're going to do this. I can let you look at it. It's not going to happen.

Gary said anyone else. Well anything for the council before we take a recess.

Dave said we may want to consider next year one day maybe.

Gary said it would be a longer day and get them all in, yeah.

Dave said yeah I think we can get it all done by four o'clock. I think it would be best for everybody. Now I don't want to rush it either. So, but I think we need to evaluate that.

Gary said yeah, we're not having to dissect each and every line to find a nickel here and there.

Dave said and also, I would highly recommend we have our salary committee next year also. I think that worked out very well for us.

Gary said on that line, did everybody get one of these Laura. It's really good information. Like I say, Baker Tilly gave us a November.

Laura said yeah, this is just a draft.

Gary said but it's very close.

Max said one thing I notice is I don't think they have the solar farm in there do they.

Gary said well, the solar farm, no there's no revenue on it yet.

Max said okay.

Gary said there's a \$105,000 area that shows for funds available from the north wind farm, that's gone. We used that on Union City.

Max said that's what I thought.

Laura said and Jason will take that out, knows that now.

Gary said he knows that. The county general numbers are the ones that are encouraging those.

Max said yeah.

Gary said when we quit getting completely destroyed by insurance payments every single month, more than we had appropriated, we started gaining ground, and the last, the wheel tax revenue was put in shows up pretty well. Okay. Rick anything.

Rick said no.

Gary said Bev.

Bev said nothing more.

Gary said Auditor's office, anything. Laura, Danita, Sherrie.

Gary said Paula. Anybody else. Well let's take a recess until 8:30 tomorrow morning.

Reviewed and accepted this 9 day of November, 2022.

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