

Randolph County Council

August 24, 2020

The Randolph County Council met for its budget hearings 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 and Missy Williams. Also present was County Auditor Laura J Martin.

Council President Gary Friend presided.

Gary said we are going to open the County Budget Hearings, Judge Toney you are first. As we get started we are going to see what each department has to offer to help balance the budget and then we will go into approving all the budgets tomorrow.

Circuit Court

Judge Toney said one thing about our budget is that the vast majority is taken up either by salaries or attorney fees, the attorney feels obviously being things that we are constitutionally required to do. Going back and trying to cut things out of the original budget, we have done some things, but one thing I didn't want to do, is make cuts that are really artificial. There are a few things, most of the cuts were small, I think the biggest one was psychiatric/medical because that really changes drastically from year to year, it might be zero and it might be ten or twelve thousand. For example, within the last week or two weeks, with the defense of insanity, I have to appoint at least two and maybe its three now psychiatrist or phycologist and that is several thousand dollars whenever that happens. That is a line that we can cut down a couple thousand to four thousand. There are various lines we have taken down, I don't know if you want to know what those are?

Gary said yes, if you could run through those real quick.

Judge Toney said part time we cut to \$300.00, per diem court reporter to \$100.00, per diem bailiff to \$200.00, Psychiatric/Medical to \$4,000.00, postage down to \$400.00, repair equipment down to \$100.00, equipment down to \$150.00 and I think those are the items we could take some out of. The issue we are going to have is because so many things mainly criminal but also the suppmi collection and all the review hearings have been just delayed because we didn't want to put them in jail. We are obviously going to have a lot more court hearings required, I'm not sure exactly when that is going to be required. Technically we are starting back up fully on Friday and we will see what happens. I told my staff that they are probably going to have to be ready to work and maybe do some staggered lunch hours even, so that we can work part of the way through the lunch hour. But we would stagger this and they would leave early so as not to accumulate comp time. I want to try to avoid that too. We will have more work because of what the scheduling has turned out to be during this last five months.

Gary said I understand that and I also understand the constitutional responsibility we have to the courts. I appreciate the cuts you have made.

Judge Toney said I will say that I thought about if we took the attorney fees down from \$160,000.00 to \$140,000.00 or something then maybe financially the county starts getting caught up, but that is something you guys could look at and see what you think is the best way to go.

Gary said I did think about taking it down a little, knowing that we would have to replenish if necessary.

Circuit Court Sup Public Def

Judge Toney said part of this is paid from what we collect and the bailiff works hard on that. Probation has some input on that also. In my opinion the state is trying to handcuff us, I know that it's the constitution but basically, they are saying, let everybody out of jail, and that is not much of an exaggeration, when they are just let out and don't pay anything for bond and then if they have fees assessed later for attorney's or something it's really hard to get anything then. If they choose not work, then they are indigent and we can't connect those fees, but if they have some kind of reasonable bond then that helps us collect those fees. We are trying to do that as much as possible.

Child Advocate

Gary said the child advocate is a pass-through grant.

Judge Toney asked if they have any questions about that.

Missy said there is another child advocacy group.

Deb McGriff-Tharp said that doesn't have anything to do with us, it is two different entities completely, they work hand in hand but they have nothing to do with our program.

Judge Toney said Deb takes a little time and goes over, based on the hours that we have, if we were paying the attorneys at their hourly rate and for this year it would be about \$98,000.00 more going out. That is strictly from the numbers and no exaggeration at all. We are required for every child that is involved in a CHINS case to have either a children's advocate from a state certified program and we are state certified or to appoint guardian ad litem and we don't have any guardian ad litem except for attorneys. This is probably the biggest money saving program the county has is paying for the Children's advocate program.

Deb said with Covid, we have 55 cases to date and we had 55 total cases last year.

Gary said I think this budget can be passed right now. Does anyone have any questions?

Max said the Volunteer recognition and recruiting, can you tell me a little bit about that.

Deb said we had a miscellaneous item that we got in trouble for, so we changed the name of it.

We actually get a capacity building grant, we did not apply for this last year because we had roll over money to use for that. That is a lot of what our program is because they don't get any kind of pay or anything, so when we are trying to do recruitment and retention that is where we pay for their conference and mileage and that kind of stuff, otherwise they are just donating. That is why that line is in there.

Max made a motion to adopt this budget as presented. Missy seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Probation

Judge Toney said I think Probation has worked harder in the last year to try and collect fees and again my bailiff works hard at that too. It has become a joint effort that is for certain and that really helps when it come around to budget time.

Beth Kreig said just to remind everybody the probation budget there is basically two and when I talk about them, I am talking about the two of them working together. The original budget numbers that I had submitted had a 10% amount being supplemented from the supplemental probation. Our collection is up, there has been a lot of changes made to try to increase that. I always estimate conservatively because you just don't know where we are going to be. The new numbers as far as salary includes a 12% supplement because when I went back to see what our collections had been, I could bump that up a little more which makes the amount coming out of county general less. For adult juvenile it would be \$60,149.00 but remember there is a portion that is supplemented to make us meet that salary schedule, for the probation secretary I put in \$26,400.00. So, for adult juvenile it would be \$58,813.00 out of county general and then the supplemental amount would be \$8,020.00. For the probation secretary it would be \$25,900 and then \$3532.00 coming out of supplemental. For the chief probation officer \$63,213.00 and \$8,620.00 out of supplemental. Adult probation officer \$58,813 and \$8,020.00 coming out of supplemental. Part time secretary is completely out of county general which is \$16,424.00. We also have out of supplemental there are amounts for Social security, perf and Medicare. As far as operating expenses, we have operated on minimal operating expenses for 20 plus years, basically all that ends up doing is moving things around a little bit. On office supplies we can use some out of supplemental, I did move that \$500.00 out of county general, I eliminated the dues because we are just not using those for the professional organizations. I subtracted \$25.00 out of attend meetings, so that went from \$500.00 to \$250.00, we are not attending those meetings, I don't know what that is going to look like for next year. Obviously right now with Covid everything we have ever been attending has either been cancelled or changed to on line. Postage I didn't change, with the increase effort to get the supplemental fees collected, we are sending out more mailings. Travel as far as county general again because we can supplement a little bit, I did subtract \$240.00 from travel taking that from \$740.00 to \$500.00. Repair service contract, I did not change that either, that pays for our cell phones and that is calculated down to how much is needed. Those are the changes I am proposing, I do have one extra copy I can give to Angela.

Gary said she can make copies at lunch and pass them out to everyone. I appreciate you trying to get the fees up, I know as the Judge said there is only so much you can do. The salaries that were put in here, is that this year's rate?

Beth said yes, if the number I gave you from County general is added to what is going to be supplemented, then that follows the salary schedule for the total amount.

Gary said so the first amount you gave us of \$60,149.00 is that the state mandate or is that just part of it.

Beth said if you take the \$64,649.00 and add the \$7184.00 that is what the salary schedule follows from the state.

Gary said I appreciate the cuts you have made as well, this is difficult times.

Supplemental Probation

Beth said again since those two funds work together, what I had put in the original budget and appropriated out for office supplies, training, attend meetings, drug testing is the biggest issue there, it has been appropriated at \$4,000.00 for a very long time and I do apply for the drug free Randolph County grant which helps a little bit to offset that which saves us some of the money which is supplemented, I will know maybe this week how much we will be awarded its usually right around \$1500.00 and then there is some extra for travel appropriated, but a lot of time we don't even get to that. Anything that is appropriated out of supplemental that isn't spent, its still there to help pay for the salaries.

Gary said the supplemental amount that you are expecting this year, that is conservative? Do you think that is a doable number?

Beth said supplement at 12%, yes, I think that is doable.

Gary said there is \$34,000.00 total in supplemental here is it collections?

Beth said the \$34,726.00 is the original budget that I submitted for supplemental, if we change it and we are supplementing the 12% instead of 10% on the salaries, the amount for supplemental is \$40,307.00.

Gary said do you think you can do that?

Beth said I think so.

Judge Toney said she did do some things, she didn't get into specifics but if this person is behind this much, this is going to happen and then this is going to happen, to try and make sure there is a structured way and I think it is paying off.

Prosecutor, PTD, Prosecutor Incentive

Gary said we realize our constitutional obligation to the courts and the prosecutor. Anything that you can cut out would help.

Dave said I have three budgets and the first budget is county general and everything in there is

just salary except for \$2000.00 in training and that's specifically earmarked training for child support and the reason we do that and have not shifted that expense over into another budget is because if it comes out of county general, it is reimbursable and we get 2/3 of it reimbursed. In other words, it cost 1/3, \$667.00 instead of \$2000.00 if we run that through county general. But that is about the only thing I see other than cutting positions that I have available. I wish I could say I have more but that is all I have. In the descriptions at least on the budget estimate, I take responsibility for this, I have a person in my office that is described on the budget form that I turn in as a legal secretary, I don't have a legal secretary and I haven't had a legal secretary for years. Robin Peterson, I don't know how you describe her, she is a paper pusher, she handles all of the police reports and the correspondence in and out of my office, through attorney's, through discoveries, she is very valuable but she is not a legal secretary. I type my own letters, I send out my own correspondence. Vickie Nunez does my scheduling for appointments, Vickie and Annette handle phone calls that come in but I don't have a secretary. I need to correct that for future budgets. Everything else, I don't know what to say, the PTD budget is not county general, that is monies that I accumulate by offering pre-trial diversion programs, I like to analogize it like a big bath tub, I can't use what is in that bath tub, in other words you can appropriate a half million dollars and it doesn't matter, if I don't generate it, if it's not there I can't spend it and if I do spend it I have to submit claims so the council has the final, we'll see as to what I'm spending money on to make sure that it is appropriate. Incentive money that is strictly tied into child support, I don't think that affects you as far as cutting the budget and that is money that legally I am entitled to spend that money without council approval, but legally it has to be related to child support expenses. But if I spend it on child support it doesn't get reimbursed back if I run it through the incentive budget. The only thing I can say is that back in 1997 when I started there were 7 staff members in my office that were paid out of county general. Over the years my staff has grown and through budget cuts and salary cuts, that number has come back down so once again I find myself here today with 7 staff people that are paid out of county general, that is the same number that I started with in 1995. Case loads are up. What I am just asking whatever you do, you can take the \$2000.00 out of county general if you want to, we will find a way to make that up, but don't cut my staff.

Gary said is that all your budgets? I think it is. Like you said one of these is at your discretion there is no doubt.

Dave said the PTD is not in my discretion but, like I said it doesn't affect your budget situation that you are dealing with, if you try to slash something out of that budget.

Gary said tomorrow when we get through everybody's budget, we will look at passing of the county general.

Commissioners

Mike said I apologize we really didn't have opportunity to discuss this. I would ask Gary Girton to interject on anything I have to say this morning. We have several budgets, general being the first and I would open it up for any questions anyone might have. It is the same as it was last year. The biggest line item is the group insurance expense of \$1.5 million which we have discussed at length at one of our joint meetings not too long ago.

Gary said that is what it was for 2020 too. On the employee separation, the \$25,000.00, do we use all of that?

Angela said when it is an election year we do, when people are changing offices. Paying out people and then they become an elected official. Last year we actually did an additional appropriation.

Gary said on the fall maintenance \$25,000.00, what is that for?

Mike said that is a line we added to offer improvements to the drainage of the farms. That is one that I have on here that I would recommend removing or taking 90% off. I don't know if we remove it all together if we lose the line or if we can just budget zero there and if we do have a project then we would either come and ask for an additional appropriation or we could find the money elsewhere to do that.

Gary said I personally would leave \$5,000.00 and cut \$20,000.00 out.

Mike said two or three years ago we improved the fall drainage with that money, I don't know of any project that we have or are talking about. If we were to remove most or all of it, I would not have a problem with that.

Gary said on the Union City ambulance we pay \$12,500.00?

Mike said yes.

Is that so we can cover Randolph County in that section.

Mike said yes, Wayne and Jackson. Same with Albany. I would offer that if we wanted to reduce, there are items on here that I am looking at that could reduce by a certain percentage and supplement that with EDIT funds when the time is necessary to pay out those.

Gary said do you have a list of your thoughts on those.

Mike said I am looking at office supplies for one, a reduction there, I am not sure that if we overspend that then we would need to find money to do that. Dues, attorney fees, law settlements and farm maintenance, mental health is a big one, that could be supplemented with EDIT funds.

Gary said on mental health, don't we have a rate put to that?

Angela said yes.

Gary said is that rate into here?

Angela said it is. They tell us how much to pay for mental health and that rate is actually outside of the levy and we have to pay that.

Gary said it is really not a cost to us, it is a pass through.

Angela said that is correct. Same with the developmental.

Gary said so, this is a rate that sets outside of the levy in the Commissioner's budget to pass through?

Angela said yes.

Gary said so it is just our job to approve it to come out of the treasury?

Angela said yes.

Dave said I have a question on account 35600? The 2020 budget shows \$436,817.00, 2021 shows \$15,000.00, I just need a clarification on this.

Angela said they have the ability or right to request that much. They do only request \$15,000.00. Last year that was passed on to us that they have that right to request that much.

Gary said it sets outside the levy but it is included in the circuit breaker calculations?

Angela said yes.

Mike said animal shelter would be another one, we could pick up some of that out of EDIT. The 4-H expenses. Again, I am looking at a 10% reduction in all of those and we could pick those up out of EDIT. Lifestream services we pay the majority of that out of EDIT now, that is not very much in our budget \$650.00 but if we are allowed to keep that line there and zero it out, I am okay to do that, I would recommend picking that up in EDIT. The 10% of countryside care. That is about \$40,000.00 that comes out using those items. The only other place I can see doing anything is to reduce our salaries by 10%.

Gary said if we go there, we go there across the board.

Mike said the only difference of that is, looking around the room, some of us have other jobs that support us. If we go across the board, others won't have that.

Gary said that is fair.

Mike said that is what I have. If there are any questions or if there are any other areas there that you have concerns.

Missy said Uncharted Pixels, \$3000.00, I know that is for the County web page.

Gary said that is on the next page, can you wait on that questions until we are on that budget. Does anyone have anything else on the Commissioner's budget?

Rick asked on the return of fugitives, how often do we use that?

Mike said we had one big one last year, we had to go to Arizona. Again, those are unknowns, so you could move it out and then if we need it we would have to find it.

Max said is there any possibility of reducing the liability insurance?

Mike said we have a new agent this year and they are considering other companies this year. Again, that is one of those things if you appropriate less than that then we either have to reduce or we have to find ways to pay for that. I don't know what we will save on that with the new company.

Max said you meet with them when?

Laura said the insurance committee is meeting with them the first of September.

Health Insurance Discussion

Mike said we need to get on the Health insurance earlier to see where that takes us, which raises a question about group insurance that I thought I would share with the Council. We have investigated becoming part of the N01ih Central Indiana Consortium which would give access to our employees of the clinic across the street and we could do that at an annual expense of around \$146,000.00. It would cost us \$146,000.00 this year and basically it is a roll of the dice that it would save you on claims experience moving forward and reduce your overall medical expenses. It should save the employee money, if they make use of the clinic in the sense that medications are less expensive, visits are less expensive and testing is less expensive. The selling point is that Ertel brings a van in here twice a year and we have good participation with that van, it's a good thing. Their sell is that the clinic is there every day of the year, just about, so one doesn't have to wait six months to go see Ertel in the van, they can go over there whenever they need to. It is a tough time to be looking at that, to spend that extra money, but it might be money worth while down the pike. This kind of ties into the discussion we have had with the County Consortium which is kind of dried up since Covid came in, I have not heard anything from those folks. I still think it is a viable opportunity that we should at least pursue to find out what our potential savings would be in the long term. We made some drastic steps this year.

Gary said what does it do to people with a current status with their own doctor, would they not go to their doctor and go to this?

Mike said the idea is that it could become their doctor, it depends on if they want to do that or not. Most of the people in America don't have their own doctor.

Gary asked how much does Ertel charge us to do that?

Dave said about \$180.00 per person I believe.

Gary asked if he could get a yearly total on what that cost to us is?

Dave said the other night Jason Semler was talking about AIM and he was going to check into that for us.

Gary said I asked him to get the information out to the Commissioner's.
Missy said I was in the clinic and I loved it.

Mike asked what was the benefit to you.

Missy said free medication, free office calls, free blood work, you don't pay for anything to go there. There is a nurse practitioner or sometimes a physician.

Laura said the employee pays nothing, the county pays for the employees to go there.

Gary said can you go on demand, you just call and say I don't feel good.

Mike said they are inviting us because they need more patients.

Missy said if they had more patients they could keep it open 5 days a week. It is only 3 days a week now.

Laura said I do have a call with Jim coming up, he is supposed to get back with me on a day and time. If anybody has questions.

Gary said this is an opportunity for the county to pay upfront to save on the back end. We can get the money somewhere.

LIT-Econ. Dev.

Gary asked if anyone had any more questions for Mike on the Commissioner's budget? Okay, Missy you had a question on the EDIT budget.

Missy said I had a question on Uncharted Pixels of \$3,000.00. Do they do any maintenance on that.

Mike said only when called on.

Missy said do the charge extra for the work?

Mike said no, I don't believe so.

Missy said there are other groups in the county that they do this for and they only charge them \$500.00 and then it went down to \$300.00. Could we maybe call them and see if they would go down on that?

Mike said we can call them and find out.

Gary said this is something that comes through the EDIT board through the Commissioner's and the Council doesn't really have any say on it. The Council's responsibility on the EDIT budget is to see to it that it is appropriated as long as the money exists for what the decision the EDIT board and the Commissioner's are. So, when we pass an EDIT appropriation, we are responsible to pass that as a mechanism to get it through the county treasury. If someone wants to vote no, they really shouldn't because the money exists. If there were a time that the Commissioner's or the EDIT board approve and EDIT fund that is not properly covered by the EDIT tax then the Council would intercede and say no. It does not mean that nobody is allowed to question the items on there.

Mike said on the EDIT budget, I am looking that if we take that Lifestream out of general it would increase that by \$650.00. RC Promises is a promise we made and we are going to have to fund that and it is a good thing. The cities and towns share of Uncharted Pixels could be less, and I will make that call. Eastern Engineering Regional Planning Commission that board voted at their last meeting to reduce dues this year to 20 cents per population instead of 40 cents, so that is cut in half, so we are going to save \$5,077.00 there. Economic Development has indicated that they think they can cut their budget by about 16% this year, down to \$250,000.00. So, we are going to pick up about \$48,000.00 there. Legal fees and other services are \$50,000.00 but that is kind of a number that we spend as we need it and what we need it for. That really brings that budget appropriated down to \$445,647.00 and this year if I am correct, we are carrying over a balance of about \$546,000.00. Last report showed available funds of \$301,000.00 and 25 of that showing spent was advanced manufacturing and \$200,000 of the Tarter equipment office improvement and then \$20,000.00 was the REDC trail project which is no longer active, so that brings that total to \$546,000.00. So, if my calculations are right, we have an EDIT fund of about \$1 million dollars going into 2021.

Angela said you still have the \$400,000.00 that has not been decided on for the Communications project.

Mike said right, but that is not appropriated in the budget.

Angela said we just did \$225,000.00 at the last meeting for Covid.

Mike said yes, but that is reimbursable isn't it?

Angela said yes.

Mike said another issue that you are going to deal with tomorrow and I hope to be here for the Community Corrections budget. I reached out to our Covid legal team and they have kind of indicated that we should make claim for that, claim for compensation and that may very well be reimbursable. That would be one of the last claims we make at the end of the year, but we should have expended most of that unemployment compensation by the end of the year.

Gary said on that Covid claim the sheriff brought to you about the scanner, is that something the Commissioners have talked about, that could be Covid reimbursable.

Mike said yes, as I understand it from the legal team and everybody the sheriff has talked to, that is an appropriate Covid expense because it keeps the deputies and jailers from touching anyone.

Gary said my question is, with Barnes and Thornburg telling us that it is, is there is a way that we can just have them apply for it?

Mike said they are applying for us. They are reaching out to IFS which is some state entity that is confirming that yes, these are appropriate. It goes beyond Barnes and Thornburg, it goes to the next level. As I said in the Commissioner's meeting as long as the printing press is plugged in, I don't think they are going to stop the flow of the money coming in from Washington.

Gary said what is the requirement to have it committed out of the EDIT fund?

Mike said it is 75%. If you go back to our general, that is another \$60,000.00 that we could basically what we almost saved by supplementing our general with the EDIT fund.

Gary said on the LIT Special Purpose are there any questions on that? That is our bonding.

Cum Cap Dev

Gary said then we have Cum Cap, Computer equipment repair, it's the same. That is another one that if we cut it and need it we would have to appropriate somewhere.

Cum Cap Dev-Commissioners

Cum Cap on building maintenance and then Comp/video equip & training. What is that one, why is it a standalone line. Did we spend that?

Laura said we did this year. Fred used it.

Gary said I was just curious, it was a standalone line and not just a Cum Cap measure of its own, within the total of Cum Cap. For instance, we have building maintenance of \$250,000.00. I know our HVAC equipment here in the courthouse and the RCFFO, we are spending a lot of that money, Salyer Taylor is in town a lot.

Mike said hopefully the HVAC is taken care of and they won't be here every day.

Gary said I'm not sure it is wrong, it is what it is.

Health Insurance Discussion Continued

Angela said the Elie! bus runs between \$107 and \$157.00 per employee depending on what all they do.

Gary said what I want is the total.

Angela said it is \$157.

Gary said they charge per employee whether they come or not?

Angela said I'm going to say yes.

Laura said if they sign up to go, if they register and they don't show up, because we charge the employee \$25.00 for not showing up.

Gary said assuming they do, how much?

Angela said if everyone participates.

Gary said \$220,000.00, yes?

Angela said yes.

Gary said how much did you say they wanted for next door, \$146,000.00?

Mike said \$146,000.00.

Angela said Paula just texted and said \$107 to \$157 per person depending on what they do.

Gary said ask her what we pay per year for the Elie! bus.

Missy said you are kind of comparing apples to oranges there because if you can go with quad med and I don't have any steak in it, but if you can go, I walk out of there with almost every prescription that I need free.

Gary said so actually the gap is wider. That is a good point. Even if it is a saving, it's a savings to the county and a savings to the person.

Mike said I don't know what you get from the bus.

Laura said they will write you a prescription, but you have to go get it filled.

Mike said so they don't have a drug dispensary?

Gary asked what kind of medicine, is it just basic.

Missy said anything that is generic and some that is not generic.

Gary said we are spending all of our Cum Cap out now.

Courthouse Bond

Hwy Garage Bond

Communications Project Bond

LIT Special Purpose

Gary said next the bond payment. Are we taking that to rate for the final year?

Angela said right now we are still rating the second mortgage on the Courthouse and the communications. The other two we do not have a rate for.

Gary said what is the rate?

Angela said I don't have that with me.

Windfarm Economic Development Payments

Gary said these are the school payment and they are contractual, does anyone have any questions on this.

Missy asked are we contracted for these and for how long?

Gary said we are and for the duration of the first phase.

Max said it is your opinion that there is no way we can stop that payment.

Gary said no, it is not my opinion.

Mike said we could break that contract.

Max said good.

Gary said what it takes to break the contract is a majority vote from the council and a majority vote from the commissioners. We can't break it, the commissioners can't break it, we have to unilaterally break it together.

Dave said I think we have five years left on that contract.

Gary said that would take a joint session and independent discussions.

Mike said I suppose prior to breaking that contract it might be something that we would want to make more equitable to all of our school corporations as it should have been in the beginning.

Gary said in speaking to Tom, this was never considered when Cardinal Ethanol was brought in and took funding from Randolph Eastern. I think if we are going to break the contract and make it equitable, there are five school systems, we need to make it equitable across all five. That is a different discussion than today.

Gary said on the Commissioner's budget presented is there anything you would like to ask Mike.

Max said just one point of clarification, location 1114 highway garage bond payment \$202,000.00, fund 4602 highway garage bond payment \$202,000.00 is that not a duplicate.

Angela said that is correct, we pay for it from LIT, we transfer that LIT over into that fund, so that we show how much we are paying for the highway garage.

Gary said run that by me again.

Angela said we pay for the highway garage through Special LIT and from there we transfer it into the Highway Garage bond. We transfer it from fund to fund and we are not collecting a rate on that. This is just a paperwork path.

Gary said to Mike Wickersham that the council is going to be revisiting all of these tomorrow to see where we are at with the county budget. He asked Mike if he had anything he would like to tell Council.

Mike said I mentioned EDIT and the only other funds we have is wind farm, I trust you are all aware of that and I would trust that if you decide we need some of that for something in general than we would need to be a participant in that.

Gary said one last question, the cities and towns all get EDIT funds, and then we give them \$90,000.00 more, is that just to be friendly and helpful?

Mike said that dates back to the development of the first capital Improvement plan and that has never changed, I think the idea there was to gamer participation from all of the cities and towns that this is a good thing and basically pay them to play.

Dave said it was, I was part of that original capital improvement plan, when the EDIT's came in, and actually it was \$20,000.00 per cities and towns back then and we got into a tight fix one year and reduced it down to \$10,000.00 per city and town.

Mike said I think the cities and towns have come to rely on it. Some of the towns have borrowed against their payments.

Gary said I agree. They also get their share of the tax as well, plus more.

Mike said I plan to be here tomon-ow for Community Corrections and Highway. Something needs to change at Highway, I think wages, we are losing employees.

Gary said we can't retain and we can't attract, that's a no win.

Clerk of Courts

Gary said first off do you want to get into what is going on with the election so we can take care of that right along with this.

Mindy said it is basically going to go along with my 10% reduction plan for next year, I just would like it to enact on September 1st instead of in January. Basically, my election deputy is leaving but is willing to stay on part time until election day.

Gary said let's go back and start on page one, I just wanted to let everyone know what you are going to be leading into.

Clerk of Courts - Circuit Court

Mindy said the only change I have for this one is the scanning clerk line which is 11513. Starting January 1 my plan is to reduce to one scanning employee instead two, this kind of goes along with my RP fund as well because I was funding \$15,000.00 from my RP to fund two part time employees for scanning but with the Covid and the reduction of collections I won't be able to do the \$15,000.00 but if I remove one of the scanning employees and just fund it solely from the circuit general fund budget it would still reduce that total by \$1840.00. The amount I have submitted is the actual amount. That includes the reduction.

Gary said the \$15638.00 includes the reduction?

Mindy said yes. That is the only change to this budget.

Gary said you have a lot of postage, I understand you do a lot of mailing up there. What did you have left last year in postage.

Mindy said I spent it all.

Gary asked Danita does that sound right to you?

Danita said they usually spend pretty much all their postage.

Gary said for each court?

Mindy said yes.

Gary said you have \$14,000.00 of postage per year?

Mindy said I have more than that.

Gary asked if there were any questions with this budget.

Clerk of Courts-Superior Court

Gary said Superior Court.

Mindy said I have no change in that.

Clerk of Courts- Election Board

Gary said Election Board.

Mindy said that is where my changes are. The biggest thing the difference between the numbers that I submitted and the numbers I came up with after the 10% reduction is eliminating the clerical assistant position. It is not necessary for our office anymore, I don't have enough work to keep them busy as it is and this is a position that I would be requesting to have eliminated September 1st to assist with other election needs I will have throughout the year. The biggest

part of that is with my election deputy leaving, I am going to need the absentee voter board here more than I expected, to help assist with that extra expense, by eliminating that position now, which is not needed, I would have the additional to move it over to the absentee voter board.

Gary said how much because those lines are zero right now.

Mindy said that is for 2021. I won't need those positions in 2021 because there is no election next year. I have already decreased my 2021 budget by a lot because of having no election. I reduced postage and printing, postage by \$2000.00, that is all the numbers I have submitted already. A change I do have in computer maintenance, I submitted the wrong amount, I actually only need \$22,750.00 instead of the \$28,150.00 that I submitted. One of our contracts is going up and then of course we have to pay our annual fees to those vendors and then I am going to upgrade our printers since we don't have an election this year.

Gary asked if anyone had any question on the election board.

Rick said the \$20,869.00, how much of that will you need in the absentee voting?

Mindy said for 2020, I will need the balance of that position, maybe half of the balance, I think the balance in that account right now is about \$7,000.00. So, I will need about half of that.

Rick said that is money that has already been appropriated.

Mindy said yes.

Clerk of Courts- Registration

Gary asked what is this exactly?

Mindy said this is our voter registration line. It pays for office supplies, postage, repairing equipment and travel. It is to support our voter registration area in our office.

Clerk of Courts- Clerk RP

Gary said the next one is your RP fund.

Mindy said yes and I already said it before but that \$15,000.00, I can't afford pay that anymore because I don't have the funds.

Gary said you cannot afford to do what?

Mindy said it was supplementing the county general to pay for the scanning clerks.

Gary said how do we get these funds?

Mindy said through making copies for people, through fees, we keep a portion of probation fees too for taking their payments.

Gary said what is that portion?

Mindy said it is \$3.00 ofl think each payment.

Gary said does anybody have a fee structure? Is there a list of the fee structure for Randolph County?

Angela said I do not know.

Mindy said we have a fee schedule for court costs.

Gary said for the Council and Commissioner's to look at, what are our fees. Do we know? I don't know. We may have fees that have a lot of room for growth, where we are just leaving money on the table when it comes to fees.

Mindy said it is a state statute.

Gary said but that is not the only fee that we collect in Randolph County. Most are set by ordinance by the Commissioner's. I would like to have a list of what the fees are in Randolph County. One of the things that Baker Tilly put out suggest that we look at our fees, are we actually collecting fees as necessary.

Laura said it would be in the ordinances.

Dave said I still think the Commissioners have to adopt all of this.

Laura said that is what I said they would be in ordinances.

Gary said in a declining revenue state, I think it would behoove us to have an idea of what the fee structure is. We just need to know what we are dealing with. Anything regarding the RP fund for council.

Clerk of Courts- Elected Official Training

Gary said Elected Official Training, Okay.

Clerk of Courts- Clerk Incentive

Gary said Clerk's Incentive.

Mindy said no change to that as well.

Gary asked where is that funding coming from?

Mindy said it comes from the state. We collect child support fees, we get to keep a portion of that if they pay it here and then the state matches.

Gary said the state matches dollar for dollar.

Mindy said I don't think it is dollar for dollar. We get a portion based on our county performance. It is based on how much IVD child support work that we do in our office.

Gary said the prosecutor has some of that too, don't they?

Mindy said yes.

Gary asked if anybody has any question on this fund? Does anybody have anymore questions for any of these funds?

Missy said on the very back page, what is miscellaneous expense?

Mindy said that pays for our computer agreement we have maximus for our form preparations. It pays for the auditor's too.

Danita said you guys pay the quaiierly fee for Maximus.

Missy asked why it is labeled as miscellaneous?

Mindy said it was that way when I took over.

Dave said it probably should be changed.

Danita said it has always been the miscellaneous line.

Gary said good point, miscellaneous lines need to be identified. You can get with the Auditor's office and get that line changed.

Assessor, General

Gary asked what do you have for us sir?

George said where do you want to staii.

Gary said page one.

George said page one is what reassessment or general.

Gary said it is general.

George said I tried to take everything out of there I can except for payroll. The budget request showed an increase and that was do to software, cunently we are using a system that we have had in this county since probably 2004 or 2005 when it was actually specifically for Indiana, the company has been bought two or three times now, its went international, getting any work relationship, except for a few people that I have known since I started working here, is very hard to get a hold of them anymore to get anything done, they have been overtaken by a local state

that has swarmed through here and taken over most of their accounts, so if you call for service you may get it tomorrow, you may get it a month from now, I still have two service calls.

Gary said I am kind of lost.

George said this is Proval, it is our cama system, they support us with updates.

Gary said what is a cama system?

George said Cama is Computer automated mass assessment program. It is what we use for the values for assessments. They system is constantly updated but it doesn't work, our IT doesn't work on it, so I have to call them.

Gary said our IT doesn't work on it because it is not in his job description or it is not supposed to be and its strictly theirs.

George said both of them says it is not my problem.

Laura said Fred is hardware, not your software. You call your software company if you have software issues.

George said they are very hard to get a hold of, I have been trying to get data switched over to a new server that we bought.

Gary said when you get down to the last two lines, we are paying twice for one service.

George said no, I will get to that, that is the difference between last year and this year. You have \$24,000.00 in the 2019 budget and the 2020 budget. We had changed over to \$61,800.00 for the new year. That is to switch systems, one software program that does everything my office needs. One, currently I have AS2 for this, personal property I have another software for this. One does it all. Unfortunately, those things aren't cheap, then when you get them in there, there is the maintenance fee, there is a period of time when that maintenance program would be \$30,000 a year instead of \$24,000.00. But you are getting a superior product and the contract stops after 5 years, because we will have paid for everything. That was the only increase I did on those except for the fact as I always do, getting my employees to the same level as everybody else. Other than that, I did not increase my wages at all.

Max said at the risk of sounding sarcastic, I am not really happy with getting one package that does it all if it is going to cost of twice what we were spending.

George said except for the fact that you may have three programs that you are paying for and this is doing what the three payments, you are doing for one and the initial is \$30,000.00 for a better product.

Max said so next year it will be cheaper?

George said after 5 years it will be cheaper. The cost of the program is more than what we are paying now. **All** we are doing is paying for maintenance right now on our contract, with our current system.

Gary said have you asked the Commissioner's because this is a contract and they should approve that.

George said I understand that but I have to get money for it first.

Gary said so, if we say no.

George said then I just stay with what we have.

Gary said I am having trouble following.

George said if it stays **RU** get a new program •• if it doesn't, I won't. We will stay with what we've got.

Gary said at \$24,000.00.

George said at \$24,000.00 which we are not getting \$24,000.00 worth of work out of.

to me the satisfaction of service that we are paying for. There is another company out there. It is in Indiana, it is called Xsoft, we are one of the very few counties around here that don't have it. They have taken over most of Proval's counties, because they are more user friendly and they service Indiana. If you call them you get an answer.

Gary said they are represented where, on the last line?

George said that is what the \$31,800 and the \$30,000.00 is.

Gary said so, the \$31,800.00 has nothing to do with the \$24,000.00.

George said no. You change the \$24,000.00 to the \$31,800.00. Now you are paying for this software from Xsoft.

Gary said the \$31,800.00 is for Xsoft that replaces Proval.

George said and it replaces AS2 which is our personal property software. The \$30,000.00 is the additional training and software that is a 5-year deal. They break it out over 5 years. So eventually you won't pay that anymore.

Missy said so on year six there is no payment and the software stays, you own it.

George said and we end up paying the \$31,800.00.

Gary said this is not a good year to do that though.

George said I know that but if I didn't tell you.

Gary said I understand what you are doing now. So, we can go back to the \$24,000.00 and continue on for this year.

George said yes, nothing will change on that part. Basically, what I set up is, whatever I had last year is what I have this year, if that other item doesn't go through, which I know it is not going to. I basically didn't change from one year to the next, except as you mentioned with the Clerk, we also had a resignation. I don't want to get rid of the position, I just don't want to fund it.

Gary asked why?

George said here is the reason why. There is nobody that is qualified to take that position. If someone in my office wanted to go get that training to be qualified for it, then I would come back and readdress to add that back in.

Gary said leave the line but at a zero amount?

George said yes.

Gary said which line are you talking about exactly?

George said it would be 11201.

Gary said Chief deputy?

George said yes.

Gary said you have to have a Chief deputy.

George said since when?

Gary said you do not have to have a Chief deputy?

George said there are other counties in this state that do not have Chief deputies. They have office managers.

Gary said if you don't mind, I am going to check that out. I was under the impression, that all offices had to be backed up by a Chief deputy. It is called the big bus theory, if a big bus runs over you, who is going to run the assessor's department?

George said the next person in charge, that is why we had a Chief deputy. Right now, there is nobody in this office qualified to do it.

Gary said that doesn't relieve the office of the responsibility does it?

George said I will do it, but they will have to have time to get things done from the state. I have a plan to get a cmTent employee, I have to talk her into going to the training, this training is not easy stuff. It's hard and I have two women in there that do not sometimes like our stuff, one of them are going to have to step up.

Gary said I guess as we decide all this if we defund one of the positions, I would ask as my thought for the council to defund one of the deputies and leave the Chief deputy position. The Auditor's office has to have a Chief deputy, c01Tect? Statutorily? I will check into it.

George said Delaware County doesn't have one. If I have to have one then I have to have one. But they don't because, here's why they don't. I don't get elected, somebody else comes in, he or she can walk in and get rid of everybody except the office manager.

Gary said it is not quite that simple. There is a time, that is such a protected area now, I don't know. You have the right as the elected official to choose your Chief deputy, but to wipe out your staff is not the same thing.

Missy said I have a question about taking somebody that is not qualified to be a Chief deputy, are you talking about bringing them in at \$35,996.00.

Gary said no, I was talking about keeping the funding alive for that but paying for what the position is. If we were to defunct the amount for Chief deputy and find out you have to have one, we have to give that funding back. But if we put the amount of money in there for it, we are not going to pay somebody just because the money exists.

George said I am just trying to figure out some ways to cut some money.

Assessor. Sales Disclosure

George said currently there is no change, I have \$1000.00 in travel and \$3,000.00 in schooling. Now we don't know what Covid is doing. This is all funded from sales disclosure fees that we collect, which I know there is more than we have in there, but we only budget so much of it.

Gary said how much do you have in there?

George said I really don't know, but I know it is more than \$4,000.00.

Gary said what other uses are allowed?

George said this is it. It is a training fund.

Danita said there is \$19,000.00 in there right now.

Gary said is any of that allowed to be used anywhere else in this budget.

George said it is for travel and training. If you look it up that is what it says. George said he has tried to contact SBOA and DLGF and they said to talk to your local attorney.

Assessor. Reassessment

George said you cannot do a whole lot with it.

Gary said how much last year did we spend?

Angela said we are set to spend it this year.

Gary said in 2019 did we spend it all?

Tom said from the training and schooling from reassessment be switched back to the Sales Disclosure fund?

Gary said that is what I am going to find out. I wouldn't know why not.

George said how do you adjust my numbers, I made some adjustments to my numbers, but I wasn't going to tell you until you ask me.

Gary said why?

George said because here is my budget, but if you say how can you cut, I have ways to cut.

Gary said why would you not be helpful and just let us know what you are thinking instead of making us go fact finding?

George said the only change is a 21% cut, but that was me taking that line out of there. I also moved the office supplies to reassessment because that is where it is used. That took that line down to \$131.33 for general fund. Sales disclosure there is no adjustment down. That is just what I use it for. Now, I originally had 3% reduction in the reassessment fund, but it would be more if we took the training and dropped it into the Sales disclosure and make it a \$6,000.00 line. The bottom number is going to be the same.

Gary said are you on the reassessment fund?

George said yes. Take that training that is in that line 31103 and drop it down. For the budget we are coming up with I have already dropped that down to \$2000.00 in my head, not on here. In trying to find monies to support.

Gary said is it the thought of the Auditor's that, that \$5,000.00 can go over to Sales Disclosure.

Angela and Danita said yes.

Gary said how much goes into sales disclosure every year.

George said it varies on how many sales we have.

Gary said average.

Angela said so far this year we are just shy of \$2100.00.

Gary said what causes us to get so high.

George said property sales. It doesn't matter how much the sale is for, it is the amount of sales.

Gary said we are going to discuss taking that one out and on the first page we are going to discuss taking both the of those out and putting it back to \$24,000.00 and we are going to discuss taking out the second deputy budget amount of the budget entirely and leaving the Chief deputy amount there but not paying an unqualified Chief deputy, but make sure the money exists if you make that change.

George said so if one of the other employee's gets put in that position they get paid their current rate. You are going to take a slot, does that mean I have to get rid of somebody?

Gary said you said you wanted to defund that line.

George said the Chief deputy line.

Gary said I am just saying if the Chief deputy doesn't exist, the money is there. We are going to appropriate the money, we are just not going to use it. I just want to make sure enough money is in that line to pay a Chief deputy, but not necessarily saying you are going to have a Chief deputy and fill the person that is promoted ups position. We have to discuss that.

George said when you figure that out, explain it to me because now I'm lost.

Gary said is anyone else lost.

Missy said no, if he said he doesn't need the Chief deputy, then why are we continuing to hire, we have ripple effect, we don't fill that other spot, because you just said you didn't need it, right?

George said right.

Gary said we are just making sure the money is there if the Chief deputy is statutorily required.

Tom said what he is saying, if he keeps both of his second deputies, he needs to leave that line in because he still has to pay both of his deputies, if we are leaving the Chief deputy line full, he has to keep the other two full also to pay because he wouldn't be paying out of the Chief deputy.

Laura said could you not just put the \$35,000.00 in a deputy line and then transfer it ifhe hires a Chief?

Gary said yes. My whole thing was if Chief deputy is required by statute we better make sure the money is there.

George said the bottom line is after all is said and done, after I made the adjustments, I dropped \$31,660.00, now that is going to change based off of that deputy line a little bit. It shows a 15.5% decrease in the last two years.

Gary said I understand exactly where we are at now.

Max said the same question I have asked several times. At what point in the future are we going to get rid of the appraisal company and do it ourselves?

George said at a point when I can hire two other people. That was in my last year's proposal for the four-year plan, that I would eventually not have to contract, we are in a contract for four years.

Gary said that did not eliminate that company completely. Max are you talking about a total elimination of that line?

Max said yes. As I understand, if you are not planning on replacing the person that has resigned. You may move someone up into the Chief deputy spot. Are you saying that if you replaced the one person that just resigned and hired one more, you could eliminate the \$115,000.00?

George said when I said that initially, my plan, I had individuals in my office, so you are adding two more people. They have to be qualified.

Rick said I would just like to clarify. You don't want a Chief deputy now, you want to keep your two second deputies and then you are going to at some point when you get somebody qualified enough you are going to fill that position.

George said yes.

Rick said so you will be back to a Chief deputy and two other deputies?

George said when it is appropriate to do so.

Gary said we will approve all of this tomorrow. Is the Auditor's office on board with all that was discussed?

Auditor's office said yes.

Surveyor, Drainage Board, Surveyor CP, Elected Official Training

Ed Thornburg said on the first page is the drainage board budget and there are two columns here where it says to give back. The first one is for 2020 which will be for the remainder of this year and the second one is for 2021 obviously for next year. If you go through there and have any question I'm all ears.

Gary said you are giving back \$1770 this year also.

Ed said yes. We tracked all of our expenses for the last five-years.

Gary said \$15,000.00 is that 11%. Anybody have question on this first page of his budget?

Surveyor - general

Gary said on the surveyor's budget.

Ed said same scenario. We had a couple of lines that you guys have funded, that we ended up not having used.

Gary said you are giving back \$11,539.00 for the remainder of this year.

Ed said and \$10,239 for next year.

Gary said that is 12 or 13%. I wish everybody would do that.

Ed said the one thing we kept was the travel and mileage line that I was going to give back but I am going to transfer that to vehicle maintenance so I can buy tires at the end of the year and probably re-letter my truck because my lettering is getting a little tacky. Other than that, I think

we are good.

Gary said thank you Ed, you have one of the tightest budgets in here. I appreciate it.

Extension Office

Gary asked Julie for the record who she had with her.

Julie said this is Mike Reed, he is the extension board member and a 4-H Inc member. He serves on both boards at the extension office. The top part of it and I don't have right item number, is what I am going to return. If you want or if there are any questions let me know. With Covid and me being on maternity leave for 3-months, we were able to return a significant amount of mileage and travel and postage.

Max said do you see more and more of your meetings becoming zoom, teleconferencing, reducing our overall travel expense?

Julie said for a portion of them yes. For this year we are actually on a travel restriction, so there is very little travel, we have to get an exception through Purdue to travel. But we do programming at the schools and some of that the schools are still letting us in. A lot of our travel to Purdue and training is going to be virtual for the coming year. Until Covid, we figure out what happens with that. I was hesitant to project how 2021 is going to go, to an extent, but we do have \$1500.00 I was going to give back in mileage and travel for 2021. If you take out contractual services and then you take out our office manager's salary we function on \$26,000.00 and so finding room to cut is a challenge.

Gary asked if anyone had any questions?

Dave said Mike Wickersham just made a comment today about potentially 10% back. Were you in here when he made that comment.

Julie said I did, yes.

Dave said how does that effect you.

Julie said that is 4-H Inc. which is partly why Mike is here, he works with that budge more than I do.

Mike said the 10% on 4-H Inc. would be tough. Our four different line items as far as utilities.

Gary said I think Mike Wickersham was talking about funding that 10% through EDIT. When you get to the last page, these are above and beyond your budget, these are appropriation requests for 2021. I am going to say with our budget this year, that is going to have to go to the Commissioner's to see if they want to fund that through EDIT.

Julie said okay.

Gary said we can't. Not that it is not worthy, we just flat cannot. This is an additional request for funding, right?

Julie said that is already in the Commissioner's budget every year.

Gary said I thought that was additional. We are on the same page.

Missy said I really as a citizen and a past educator, I appreciate what you guys have done. I am amazed when it has been so difficult, that you were still able to have and we spoke with the Lieutenant Governor and then we had the Indiana Department of Agricultural, she is extremely impressed and she is coming back to meet you guys. I just want to thank you personally for what you are able to do out there.

Julie said that gave us an opportunity to showcase what we have done for the summer. I was excited, coming back from maternity leave to Covid was interesting.

Missy said your video's on face book where you communicate with the entire community who wanted to see what you were doing too. It was amazing.

Dave said I just want to say this is a valuable program for the young kids in Randolph County.

Max said yes, it is.

Gary said I agree, thank you. I appreciate you pulling that much money out of what is a very slim operating cost.

Julie said you will go over this again tomorrow?

Gary said yes, what we have to do is add up what we can save and then figure out how we are going to get to the rest.

Airport

Eric Livingston and Mary Ann Lenkensdofer.

Mary Ann said I looked this morning and this is the 18th year that I have been to budget hearings. I don't know if everybody knows Greg?

Gary said no, I don't

Greg Sickels said I am Vice president on the board.

Mary Ann said we are going back to the 2020 budget and we are doing some cutting. I am going to let Greg start.

Greg said first of we need to make a couple of amendments on the salaries. We want the Airport Managers salary to be \$38,130.00.

Mary Ann said that is with a 3% increase. Even though I really don't know what you are going to do with that. We are just throwing that in there.

Greg said we would also on the part time employees would like that to reflect \$17,751.00. Then the rest of the budget is pretty tight but there is a line equipment purchased, we feel that there is nothing in the next 12 months that we are going to be looking at, so we can reduce that line to zero.

Mary Ann said we looked at the other two lines and the only other two lines that we have are the runway repairs and they are going to do the asphalt.

Greg said during the month of October we hope to get repair and sealing done on the runway.

Mary Ann said and then next year it would be striping, or they may just be able to clean it, but we are not sure yet and when we originally talked at our meeting, we cut it by \$2,000.00 but then I know Greg is really not wanting to do that to much. The thing that I asked Angela, if there was any Cum Cap money that could be used for maintenance that would be available next year to do that with.

Gary said the Airpoli is not exempt from Cum Cap operations either.

Mary Ann said that could be something that we could supplement Cum Cap, instead of using County General. If you needed to reduce some there.

Gary said that is what I was getting at back during the Commissioner's budget, that money was in the video line, that the Sheriff actually picked up, if we take that out there is money available to use Cum Cap.

Greg said I got an e-mail from our engineers and we don't have a bid, just an estimate, if we did a total repaint, that would come in around \$34,000.00. That seems like a lot, I don't think it will be to that extent.

Gary said is that 2021, the repaint?

Greg said yes. It would merely be a wash, just washing it up and thinking about doing some work where we did the sealing. Repainting those areas. Until we get a bid, we are not sure what that number is actually going to be.

Gary said what line would that come from without a Cum Cap?

Greg said runway repair.

Gary said if runway repair is to be eliminated and it become a Cum Cap expenditure.

Greg said we were just thinking maybe a \$2,000.00 reduction.

Mary Ann said if you needed to. But with the cost of what it is going to take to get it striped again.

Gary said I understand that, but if we shift it out of general into something else. I wouldn't take it to zero either. Line 45205 in the Commissioner's budget is \$30,000.00, that is also being covered now in the sheriffs. We could probably reduce that line (runway repair) to \$8000.00 instead of \$12,000.00 allowing you the possibility to fund all of runway repair in Cum Cap.

Mary Ann said we wanted to leave the gas/fuel/oil line alone because in the past they've come back in here and asked for additional appropriations, with the cash, I don't know what you are going to have next year, that could be kind of heavy. I hate to let loose of it but we could a little I think.

Greg said most of that is returned to County General through fuel sales anyway.

Gary said that is why last year we took it knowing you would come for it, but we would be spending collections that come in basically it was just to help relieve the appropriation that we send in. If that line was \$75,000.00, we know you are coming back, but by then you would have collected more. It has happened in the past.

Greg said as of the end of July, we had already collected \$84,000.00 that has been returned to the County already.

Gary said of the \$103,000.00 appropriated.

Greg said that includes hanger revenue.

Gary said if the fuel had to be cut a little bit, what would be a comfortable margin to get back in July or August as an additional appropriation.

Mary Ann said to get our 10% down what we did, this is where we got it to. Like when we were talking runway repair and if we took it down to \$10,000.00, which your saying if we took it down \$2,000.00 more, so that would free up a little more and then the gas/fuel/oil line we cut it back to \$98,000.00.

Gary said what you are saying is correct, it comes back to us in receipts.

Mary Ann said with those numbers we got that within \$80.00 of the 10%.

Gary said hypothetically if we were to run the fuel at \$90,000.00 and the airport runway at \$8,000.00 knowing we would cover it through Cum Cap this is just for Council to discuss, we could get a little bit better than 10%. Ten percent is great some departments couldn't get close to 10% and some could do a little higher.

Max said the only question that I have is for Eric, typically you have to buy a truck load of fuel

at a time, does lowering that amount cause you a problem? I don't know what a truck load of fuel costs.

Eric said anywhere from \$30,000.00 to \$38,000.00. I am going to have to order another load here real soon and it will be pretty much empty.

Greg said just to add to that in 2019 the receipts were a little over \$150,000.00 that we returned to county general.

Gary said that is everything.

Greg said yes.

Missy asked about the miscellaneous expense for \$2000.00. What is it?

Eric said I use that for weed spray because we don't have a line item for that. I pay the guy for all the fire extinguishers out of there. Anything else that is just not covered in our budget.

Missy said the hanger repair line. It's a new hanger so what needs repaired on it.

Eric said it is budgeted for the old hanger.

Airport, Fly In

Gary said the fly in breakfast is what it is.

Mary Ann said it should stay where it is.

Tourism

Scottie Harvey said I did take my budget down 23%. Covid has kind of done a job on us.

Gary said of the \$50,000.00 in your budget for 2021. What are your collections for the innkeeper's tax for the year? Your projection.

Scottie said I didn't bring that and I apologize. Usually our collections for a year are about \$48,000.00. In a normal year. I will share I believe February and March we were down, but the hotel is making a great recovery but we don't know how long that is going to last.

Gary said your budget of \$50,000.00 is more than your collections. How much do you have in the bank?

Danita said she has \$92,000.00.

Gary said if you spend more in 2021 than these lines, you now have to come to the council for an additional appropriation.

Scottie said in the past 6 years, I have never spent everything in my budget.

Gary said things are changing and there is a possibility that there will be payroll taken out of tourism's account. It is going to be discussed and if Economic Development wants to approach the council and say we are going to pay \$30,000 or a portion of your salary, then that would require a trip back for an additional appropriation.

Scottie said I understand.

Gary said there is some confusion about they say you can't pay salaries out of the tourism dollars and that is not true. Statutorily you can pay all salaries out of it. Now how the board wants to go, that is a different story. But it is allowable and it may be asked upon tourism to do so.

Scottie said we will deal with that when it happens.

Auditor - general

Laura said I don't have a lot of line item monies besides people, but I have cut out \$1,000.00 part time clerical which is the whole part time clerical line, I took \$250.00 off of my office supplies, attend meetings, I took \$150.00 off of that, \$500.00 off of postage and \$100.00 off travel and mileage for a total of \$2,000.00 deduction. Other than that, all I have is staff, which I feel like would be detrimental to my office to do.

Gary said you said \$2000.00 in total?

Laura said yes.

Max said I would like to find out, I think that this is the first budget that we have looked at that the salaries have been adjusted based upon last year's extra pay versus this year. Am I correct?

Laura said I know my budget was adjusted.

Max said most of them have a built-in increase already.

Gary said right.

Auditor, CCD

Laura said this next one pays part of Fred's salary. So, there is no change on that.

Tom asked if that is an increase on salary on that or is that moved from another budget?

Angela said it is an increase.

Auditor, Plat book

Laura said Auditor's plat book we pay the remainder of Fred's salary out of this.

Gary asked what are those two together?

Danita said it is \$52,992.00.

Gary said \$52,992.00. so that position pays above the elected official that actually supervises it.

Laura said just so you know, the part out of the Cuni Cap is for IT, his IT salary because he does the IT. The part out of the Plat Book covers the GIS mapping that he does for the Auditor's office.

Gary said when salaries come out of different lines and then you do a total on it, I'm not sure that an employee should make more than their supervisor. We can discuss that later.

Rick said Laura is Fred's supervisor?

Laura said at least for the GIS part of his job. I would assume the IT is under the Commissioner's.

Solid Waste

Shanda Solomon said I have a copy of last year's yearly report along with our budget. Our budget this year hasn't changed. Our budget for 2021, we made just a few changes from our 2020 budget, we increased our line 390 for public relations, we are starting our own web site and doing some other thing, we have had some good reasons to increase public relations and we increased line 399 for household hazardous waste disposal -which is really high right now. For

Shanda said it is in case we need something. We don't generally do very much but for example this last year we put up a fence around the bins at Orscheln's and every now and then we come up against a project like that, we haven't had any money in that line for a while, so last year we put it in there in case we did need to do something we would have it.

Dave said do you guys still buy equipment like chippers or somethings for cities and towns.

Shanda said we have not for a long time. I think many years ago there was an instance where we bought a chipper for something. But I don't think that turned out very well and it hasn't happened since.

Gary said on the mileage \$2700.00, what are you reimbursing mileage at?

Shanda said what ever the state rate is.

Gary asked does that go to just you or does it go to you and the educator?

Shanda said me and the educator.

Gary asked who uses the most?

Shanda said probably she does at this point because she is going to Union City and Parker and going to other places like that. Right now, Covid has us working primarily on social media and we are just not going very far. When I travel I tend to go to meetings outside of Randolph County, Indy and other places and when she travels it tends to be in county.

Gary said you are budgeted for 7000 miles, is that normal?

Shanda said we generally don't come close.

David asked what is you cash on hand right now?

Shanda said \$370,000.00.

Veteran

Gary said the veterans service office is retiring. There was also some talk about whether veterans would be part time in Randolph County. I asked Mike if he would talk with the Journey Home as a possible situation where they could be paid a fee to pick up the veteran's services. Where that is at, I don't know.

Dave said he is retiring at the end of this month, isn't he?

Gary said the end of this month, yes. I will ask Mike if he has had a conversation with the Journey Home.

Dave said Mike Kennedy has done an excellent job. I hate to see him go, but I understand.

Recorder, County Identity Security, Elected Official Training

Jane said this year has been challenging, our office is very public and we have a lot of people in there touching everything, so it has been a challenge.

Gary said page one is 100% salary.

Jane said that is the only budget I really have is out of general. That is where my increases would be.

Gary said and then the training and that is it there is no budget there.

Jane said the redaction, which is a fee I collect, but it is appropriated by you. That is what we use to redact social security numbers. At your next meeting I will be presenting my sworn statement and my ordinance that says you approve and you are aware that I am paying expenses from my RP Fund. If we go back to 2019, that would almost make my 10% cut. Because I did ask for and I have another appropriation from the general to pay my part time girl three days a week and she works four, so I pay one day out of RP and then I also asked for my salary raises.

Gary said I have no questions.

Veteran

Laura said Mike Kennedy is here.

Gary said Mike come on up. You have a great retirement, we are going to miss you.

Mike said I will be fishing and golfing, I will be good.

Gary said I discussed the possibility, I talked to Mike Wickersham, I don't know if he has talked to you, I don't know if there is any way that the Journey Home could combine services with the veteran's office. For instance, we need to replace the veterans service officer, is the Journey Home something that can be discussed about paying them to take care of veteran's services there as well as what they do.

Mike said no, because the person that takes my place has to be a veteran.

Gary said the person that runs the journey home doesn't have to be a veteran?

Mike said no, the veterans office by state, the appointment has to be a veteran and the journey home and the veteran's office is two separate entities.

Gary said I know that but I just wondered if we could pay them a fee if they had a veteran in there as an administrator that could take care of veteran's services and work in the Journey Home.

Mike said that would be to big of a headache. The veteran's office is a big enough monster

without adding the journey home to it.

Gary said I was just exploring the possibility.

Mike said it wouldn't work.

Gary said there are part time veteran's service officers that work in other counties, what do you think about that?

Mike said no, let me put it this way, if the person who takes my place works at it and does it, part time just doesn't work. For one the amount of people that we help that are truck drivers because that is a big part of our veterans in this area are truck drivers and making house calls like I do, it's a full-time job and dealing with the VA, with the systems that we use, a service officer needs to be full time. If you want to make it part time then that would mean there would be no benefits for him and the same way with the secretary there would be no benefits for them and the positions, you won't get anyone to take them without having benefits. It doesn't pay that much now, even as a director it doesn't pay that much and you cut it to part time, I don't see you getting a quality person in there.

Gary said the reason I am asking, is that these are discussions that just have to be had for information and I wanted to get your input on this.

Mike said I don't know anybody, the reason I am able to do it is because I get my military retirement and my military disability, if it wasn't for that and if I had kids, I couldn't do the job.

Gary said you would want to, you just wouldn't be able to afford to.

Mike said right.

Gary said does anybody have anything for Mike.

Rick said we shared the same office for a few years when Mike first started and I was watching him work with the veterans and Randolph County is going to be losing a real asset that will be hard to replace.

Mike said just one other thing, I don't know how it is going to go but they have looked at making my office the Coronavirus check point for the county. I wasn't approached about it until last week and I guess they are wanting to do it as soon as possible and move me to the second floor into the old transpotation office. There is not enough space up there to have a seating area for the veterans and an office for me and the security that we have in the office for Cathy, my secretary we have made it like a reception area. Moving the office, it has been there for over 20-years or since that building has opened up, veterans know where it is at, I know moving it upstairs is not that big a deal but I just don't see where it is advantages to the county to move my office, but if that is what they have to do, then they got to do it, it's not my office, it's the veterans office but 14 years there, I don't know what is going to happen.

Gary said that is up to the Commissioner's, Council doesn't have any say at all.

Mike said there should be other option looked at, I know they are.

Gary said have you had this discussion with the Commissioners?

Mike said no.

Gary said you should. I think if I was you I would just have a talk with the Commissioners.

Max said thank you for your service. To our country and to our county.

Mike said I have enjoyed my 14 years in that office and tried to do above and beyond and I think I can walk away from it knowing that I have done the best that I could.

Dave said good luck on your retirement Mike, like Max said thank you for all that you have done for the veterans of Randolph County.

Mike said not only Randolph County, but when the family members from Randolph County, their families couldn't get help in the Carolina's or Utah or Texas, they came to me and we did it over the phone and we were able to help them. Another thing that I'm proud of is that when I took over this job, there was only about \$500,000.00 coming in monthly to Randolph County for benefits and schooling and all that and we are over \$1,000,000.00 a month coming into this county and that office doesn't take that much out of this county a month. Not because of just what I have done, but we were able to do it so quickly and we got the name out there that we had somebody that cared and was doing it and we were able to bring over one million into the county per month and I think that is saying a lot over 14 years for what we have been able to do. I think one of the biggest thing's you guys did was we hired Cathy Shull and a year after we hired her we went from a part time to a full-time position, Cathy is an asset that is going to be missed also when she decides to do whatever she decides to do.

Gary said are there decisions there we should know about?

Mike said no, she is going to stay as long as the position is full time and she can keep here benefits.

Tom Kerns said thank you.

Missy said thank you Mike and is the wall still coming?

Mike said the wall, we still have priority as long as even if the Corona goes through next year it goes, I am not removing my self from handling that, I am still in touch with Cindy out of Washington DC and the funding is still there, so it is just a matter of them saying yes, it is going come and instead of looking at the end of the school year, we are trying to look at the first of the school year instead. We would have missed the school if we had it this year, now we are looking at doing it in the September, October time frame. It is still coming.

Dave said are you bringing back the UHI too.

Mike said no, with this wall you can't have the huey because it is a separate entity from the wall and they don't like to have separate entities participate and be a distraction. I don't see how it's a distraction, it just adds to it.

Gary said Mike thanks for everything you have done.

Health Department

Debi said I just submitted the same as I had last year and I turned them in before you started to talk about the cuts.

Gary said if there is a section that might be cut, where might that be?

Debi said I came up with almost 5% however my concern is that we exist on grants as well and if the grants go away then.

Gary said the council is well aware that we have pulled your rate down so far and that we have an obligation, you list the cuts that you can make and we know that we have an obligation to the Health department. I think last year we had to put some additional appropriations in because of our obligations. Where can you help us out at?

Debi said the office supply line, you can take those completely out.

Gary said how are you going to do that?

Debi said we have an office supply line in our grant.

Debi said travel and mileage, you can take the whole \$2,000.00 there because we have mileage line in our grant. The mobile phone that I have added this year, you can take that out, because that is a new thing that I wanted to offer to Scott and Wendy. I am not sure about printing because I did this a while ago and there has been a lot going on so I would have to go back and look at my grant guidelines to see exactly what I can do out of there. Liability insurance you can take the \$125.00 out of there. Billing software \$1000.00 we are getting a grant that will take care of that for us. Registration/conferences we can take that out because there is a line in the grant. The ones that I put in there that I am not sure of, I have to recheck the grant guidelines would be personal health, environmental, printing, legal notice, postage.

Gary said that is pretty significant cutting, so the mobile phones, this would be a Commissioner's call, I don't understand why some people get them paid and some don't.

Debi said they both get a lot of calls outside of the office.

Gary said I am just saying if we have that policy in Randolph County, how do we pick winners and losers. That would be another discussion that maybe the Commissioner's and Council can

have. If we are going to allow certain people to have phones, I don't know why we tell other people in the same situation no. Either all no or all yes is kind of where I am at on this.

Dave said what did you say about maintenance?

Debi said the maintenance would have been for our refrigerator, it is a new vaccine refrigerator that we got from a grant. We just go it last November, it is probably not going to need maintenance.

Dave said take that out, is that what you are saying?

Debi said that is a possibility, I still need to look at the grant to see if we can do that.

Missy said did you say to take our Enviro Health care.

Debi said that is another thing I have to check on the guidelines.

Health Maintenance

Gary said this is grant oriented here.

Debi said the grants I didn't change at all. I just submitted them the way they were last year.

Gary said that is pretty much the sum total of your grant money isn't it? Is that going to go up or down?

Debi said is will stay the same.

Health Trust

Debi said 1206 the Health trust is salary only for one of our part time people, the health maintenance fund is salary for the other part time person as well as the other things. We do have cmTy over money that we didn't use from the grants in the past and has been put back into a little account. We may be able to request use of that for some of these things.

Tom asked what kind of carry over money?

Debi said like how much?

Tom said yes.

Angela said right now they have \$69,000.00 but I don't know what our appropriations are that have not been expended.

Danita said unexpended you have \$14,000.00 and you have \$69,000.00 cash in there right now.

Gary said there is additional funds there if you had to increase your office supplies.

Treasurer

Debbie said I did not increase anything except our wages for this year, but since you ask me if I could reduce. The one thing on there is the bank service fees and the bank as of right now has not charged us anything at all. I don't know if I can take that out or not.

Gary said is there a reason why not?

Debbie said a reason why they have not charged us, because we keep a pretty good amount in there. I mean its Old National.

Laura said it is an analysis account, right?

Debbie said right. I just didn't know if for some reason they staided charging, ifl can come back and get it to start paying this.

Max said have the banker come in and talk to us.

Debbie said okay, I can do that.

Gary said we can take that \$4,000.00 out right now.

Debbie said yes. The next thing is postage. It's \$13,000.00, what we use that for is our tax coupons, the company charges us. This year I used \$7,000.00 so, I thought I could give you maybe \$4,000.00 of that back, that would put that down to \$9,000.00 in that line. I think I can get by with \$1,000.00 less in office supplies.

Coroner

Angela said he did not indicate that he would be here today.

Gary said on the autopsy fee's that are in there at \$45,000.00, is that currently what we are spending?

Danita said I did talk to him about that and he okay with lowering that to the \$45,000.00 because they have been down on what is required to have an autopsy.

Gary said and of course the wages will go back to 2018. The chief deputy coroner is part time.

Danita said those are just paid out twice a year, there is a set amount that they get.

Gary said gas and fuel receipts on there, how have they been spending on that.

Angela said I don't think he has turned any in.

Gary said none.

Dave said we are going to have a new coroner.

Gary said that is why I wanted to know what the spend out was.

Danita said he has spent \$120.00 so far this year on gas.

Gary asked do you have the records from the year before, precovid?

Danita said he spent \$320.00.

Gary said I would say \$600.00 in that line should be plenty base on history.

Dave said you are saying take out \$900.00.

Gary said yes, our history doesn't even come close to that. If we run out we will have to repopulate it down the road.

Tim just showed up.

Gary said we were talking about your fuel line and history of use and decided to cut it to \$600.00.

Tim said it obviously depends on the number of calls you have.

Gary said can you remember have you ever spent more than \$600.00.

Danita said in 2018 he spent \$900.00.

Gary said the repair and maintenance is \$2500.00, is the van needing that kind of repair?

Tim said I think last year of year before I got new tires for it, so the tires should be good for it, the headliner is starting to fall down, that might need to be repaired by the next person. I don't know how much that would cost. At one time I upped that because I was going to have emergency lighting put on it, but I just held off on doing it. It probably could use some emergency lighting put on it and that is why I had put in for that.

Gary said I would agree with you there.

Dave asked what year is that?

Tim said it is a 2005, I believe. It is still in great shape and it only has about 70,000 miles on it.

Tom asked where do you go to get your autopsy's done now?

Tim said Ball Hospital.

Gary asked where are you going?

Tim said I will still be at the fire department.

Gary said you are just done being the Coroner.

Tim said I served my two-tenn limit.

Gary said I didn't know that.

EMS

Gary said where are your cuts at.

Diane said I did not really write it out, the only place in my budget that I feel that we could even sacrifice would be under billing fees at \$20,000.00.

Gary said from \$55,000 to \$35,000.00, you can do that? That is a good start, we are getting there.

Diane said that is the end of them. That is a good stali and end.

Max said do you think you can do it for \$35,000.00.

Diane said I think so, we had that in there and we needed it at one time but then when Winchester took the runs, that dropped that monthly bill down. There is \$32,000.000 in there and I figured if we did September, October, November, December at an estimated \$4,000.00 to keep \$1200.00 of that back.

Gary said is Winchester taking a lot of runs?

Diane said they are taking a lot in the city, we have had a busy week, alternating runs from the hospital.

Max said our treasurer said she hasn't been charged a bank service fee. Have you been charged a service fee from the \$500.00?

Diane said so far this year we haven't but that detennines how many checks.

Duane said it is determined by how many checks we deposit. I think we have paid once or twice maybe this year.

Diane said we paid three- or four-times last year. It depends on how they receive the checks, if they go over the limit then it costs.

Dave said so that could go down?

Diane said you are going to take it to zero?

Gary said we took the treasurers to zero.

Danita said theirs is handled a little differently than the treasurer's office. The treasurer's office is based off of having that much money in there.

Max said just don't write checks.

Duane said it is not our checks.

Diane said I think you should leave something in there. Take \$300.00 and leave us \$200.00.

Dave said is it the same bank. I think that is negotiable, I'm like Max go after the bank.

Max said you raised utilities up \$2300.00.

Danita said the last couple of years we have had to transfer money into the utilities line because it keeps running short.

Max said good enough.

EMS Cum Cap Dev

Gary said Cum Cap, you are up to \$30,000.00 on equipment. What is that for? I know it is not enough for an ambulance.

Diane said I didn't put one in this year. I did increase motor vehicle repair, since we can't get a new truck. I think you guys told me last time that we were going to get one, you just didn't know what account it was going to be taken out of. Remember that?

Gary said I do, I also remember Covid coming and giving you a call and telling you I don't think it is going to happen.

EMS. LIT

Gary said public safety.

Angela said the income on this one has gone down, not any fault of theirs it is based on income tax. Between EMS, Sheriff and Jail we have to make a reduction. You are going to get \$544,000.00.

Gary said if we don't get down to that reduction we will have to cover it in general. One way or the other it has to go down. Let's talk about cutting some money out of that particular page.

Tom said can we take vehicle repair back down and add it back in if we need it. Take it back to the \$25,000.00.

Diane said I just paid two claims this morning and that was \$2000,00.

Gary said we could take it all out of there and roll it into a cum cap or an edit fund. See if the Commissioner's would be willing. Somehow get it out of there. That would be your half and it didn't cost you a thing. \$27,500 in gas and fuel is that fair, are you only spending half that amount?

Danita said for this year they have spent just shy of \$6,000.00.

Diane said there for several months people didn't call for an ambulance because they were afraid. You want \$5,000.00 of that.

Gary said it would be nice if you could do it. Can you do it?

Diane said yes.

Gary said vehicle repair I am with Tom, we need to get that out of that fund.

Diane said you want all of it?

Gary said if we leave \$10,000.00 there it will let you change oil as you need to. If you need more than we can fund it out of different funds.

Dave asked Danita how much they have spent year to date out of Motor vehicle repair? I am thinking if there are a lot of things you need to get fixed yet, get it fixed this year.

Gary said I am not saying you won't have funding this year, we just won't fund it in this account. We will get the Commissioner's to fund it out of Cum Cap, we could get together and fund it out of windmill, we understand our responsibilities and liabilities.

Danita said they have spent a little more than half of what is budgeted.

Diane said as of this morning I have \$12,966.00 left in there.

Gary said that is this year. You should get everything done this year that you can so we can cut this budget to \$25,000.00 for next year and see how it does us, is kind of the thought.

Tom said I'm fine with the \$10,000.00.

Gary said where are we at?

Tom said we were at \$10,000.00 and then Dave went to \$20,000.00.

Dave said that is only a recommendation, I will go with what you guys want.

Gary said I want \$10,000.00.

Tom said I am fine with ten, we need it. Cum Cap is going to get tight too.

Gary said okay, we will go to \$10,000.00.

Sheriff

Ari said one of the lines we have in there is a pari time deputy for \$9,000.00, we have never filled that, so that is one line. The next line I will get to I will throw out for you is the Confidential funds line, if we cut it, it will affect our ability to work some investigations that we use that money for.

Gary said are you proposing cutting it all or leaving some?

Ari said I would like to leave some if we can.

Gary said can we leave \$2000.00 and cut \$5,000.00?

Art said we raised it from \$2,500.00 just this year.

Gary said do you want to go back to that.

Art said that is fine, we can take that back to \$2,500.00. A lot of the smaller lines that you have in these, we supplement anyway from other funds, so I am afraid to get into them to much.

Jail

Art said most of this is personnel in the jail and most of it is things we can't touch anyway.

Gary said is there any money that can be taken out of the jail general anywhere?

Art said not for next years budget. What I have when we are finished, I have some lines that are going to have money left over this year, that I will share when we get through this portion.

Gary said that will go back to help our cash reserves going into 2021.

Ari said c01Tect. I have some there that I would like to go back to after we finish with this. As far as the jail side most of that is either personnel or items we have to have that have already been cut or supplemented from elsewhere.

Accident Fund

Gary said accident report we can pass that, it is all office supplies. Does this supplement other office supplies?

Art said it does.

CCD- Sheriff

Art said Cum cap has the equipment, new vehicles, Comp/Video and training.

Gary said I have to ask a hard question, what happens if we don't buy vehicles this year through that.

Art said I think you are hard pressed if you drop one. I know Chief and I talked the other day, to forgo one vehicle out of that and drop down to just one. I think we can do that just because the situation we were put in unfortunately earlier this year. We had some that we cycled through. I think we can get by with one. My fear is, we are keeping them until they have pretty good mileage on them anyway, my fear is if we try to push that, we are going to get behind in our rotation far enough that it is going to cost the county in repairs.

Gary said you thing we can go to one and just take that line to \$30,000.00.

Art said I think we can go to one and if you take it to \$30,000.00 then we are still supplementing on that also because I think they are costing about \$34,000.00 to get a new one.

Gary said and then Cum Cap Comp/Video Equip & training, we have been through that.

Art said what I would suggest is, we use that money to buy body cameras, video recording and things of that nature, plus we try not to do that until the end of the year if there is money left over. If it is a situation where we need to get into that line, I would rather it come from there than some place else, if we need to, but I would like to keep at least \$20,000.00 in it in case we have an emergency in the jail. Then it takes me at least two weeks to get to you guys to fix it and it leaves a blind spot in the jail that opens up liability for the county.

Gary said we haven't yet, but we discussed removing it out of the Commissioner's budget anyway.

CCD-Jail

Art said this is nonnally incorporated originally \$20,000.00 at a time and then we come back to get approval for more.

Gary said that is what it is set at right now.

Art said I don't know how we could go lower than that.

Handgun permit

Art said this is a supplemental fund and it is probably going to change too because the state is actually going to take one of the permit fees that we were able to charge and we can no longer charge for it. So that will be a loss for it.

Gary said right now you use it for school and ammo purchase?

Art said yes. It supplements those for training.

Gary said how do you get ammo these days, is there a way that Sheriffs departments get ammo.

Ken said we can get it.

LIT- Sheriff

Gary said now we are at public safety, sheriffs retirement is there, gas and fuel, I talked to Art, we should be thinking about taking that to \$60,000.00 right now, taking \$30,000.00 out of it. I know we have liabilities but we got to get that public safety down.

Art said I don't disagree with that, the thing I would tell you guys what's also in this, is for the institutional medical that we use, I know money has been transferred over, to date this year we are \$7,200.00 behind that is going to have to be appropriated over to that part. I have no issue with that going down, we earmarked that for \$20,000 if you take it down \$30,000.00.

Dave said we can take \$30,000.00 out of it?

Art said I was comfortable with \$20,000.00, if you take further than that we may be back to you because I know this year we have used about \$24,000.00 for six months.

Danita said institutional and medical?

Art said under the fuel.

Dave said we are jumping around here a little bit.

Gary said he was just talking about using excess fuel money to fund another line.

Art said we historically transfer it out of that.

Danita said we have used \$24,000.00 so far this year on fuel.

Gary said take it down to \$60,000.00. How is postage, do you actually spend that much in postage?

Art said I believe so, yes.

Danita said this year they have only spent \$430.00.

Gary said how much last year. I would kind of like to get an average.

Art said I could go to \$2,500.00 on that one.

Ken said that would be a safe bet there.

Tom said we need about \$36,500.00 yet out of public safety if I'm not mistaken.

Art said take the postage to \$3,000.00.

Tom said that is going the wrong direction.

Gary said can you do it on \$2500.00. Yes, let's do it.

Art said if not we will come back.

LIT- Jail

Art said on the jail side, I would like for you to look at the meals. Again, this is one of those that you are just playing a guessing game, we have \$125,000.00 in there, we have only used \$35,000.00 this year but obviously this is a fairly odd year. Do you have what we used the year before?

Danita said last year you used \$115,000.00.

Art said my initial thought was to give you back \$25,000.00 taking that to \$100,000.00. Understand if we have the population, I will be back. Art said for meals based on the per diem that the state actually sets, that you are suppose to feed them for if it is a contracted service, there is a lot of money saved there.

Gary said the medical supplies \$44,000.00 that runs out all the time.

Art said yes.

Gary said and then the hospital and medical?

Art said the hospital and medical is contractual.

Gary said the medical supplies is what you keep in the jail?

Art said yes, those are items we purchase internally to take care of. Rubber gloves or anything we need to take care of them.

Misdemeanant

Gary said the misdemeanor fund, no changes.

Law Enforcement Cont. ED

Gary said Law Enforcement Continuing Ed. Anyone have any questions for the sheriff?

Art said can I go back to a couple of things.

Gary said yes.

Ali said one of the things I want to point out is our sheriffs retirement has an increase this year of \$37,000.00. The other thing that I would like to ask from the council is I have a jail personnel that I have given responsibility to this year, actually did a promotion with, I would like to get

with Angela and figure out exactly what that cost is, I would ask that I be able to go ahead and do that with her and I will pay that out of commissary because that is also one of the responsibilities she has is to take care of commissary and I will take care of that cost for that person and I would like to submit it to the county so that we can figure it right in so I don't forget to do it later.

Gary said how much are you talking variance?

Art said it will be less than \$1500.00. It would go from a jail officer pay to a sergeant pay.

Missy said you are not going to fill her position?

Art said I am not changing her position, I have just given her extra responsibilities. I want to compensate her, she takes care of the precinct manager systems, so I can give her the rank to be over the other jailers. It is a \$1500.00 difference and I will pay it out of commissary.

Ken said just so you understand, the commissary account on that personnel is in the general, it can be done by statute, we would just like for everybody to agree on it.

Art said I don't know how it will affect the budget but there are some items that will be coming back at the end of this year.

Gary said I was going to ask that because you had gone over that with me, how much? Anything that goes back to the cash reserves will help.

Art said it comes out of a different area, because there is money that will come back to general do to, one would be we have an employee that is receiving deputy pay out of a major's position, so there is about \$2000.00 there. We have one officer that is deployed, his salary and benefits is still sitting in general, so that will come back. He will be back this year, I am not sure at what point in time, so I don't know exactly what that portion is.

Gary asked how long was he gone?

Art said almost a year now, he left last October.

Gary said he is budgeted but nothing has been expended.

Art said salary wise it would be about \$42,000.00 and then the benefits. There is also money that will come back in fuel and meals as well as we still have money left in the Cum cap line that will come back. You are looking at approximately \$175,000.00 to \$195,000.00 returned.

Gary said if we return that it will help in next year's budget.

Angela said don't use names Sheriff but jailer 16, you didn't have it funded this year, but you have it funded for 2021.

Ali said that is a new position that is not going to be funded.

Gary said the Council as a body hasn't said that, I personally said I didn't think it was going to happen.

Art said we are asking for a new jailer, we still believe we are one short, but we understand the situation this year.

Missy asked Art how many staff do you have?

Art said I think in the jail we have 20 full time. On the road we have 17, we have two full time kitchen staff, maintenance and two secretaries.

Gary asked the Auditor's office if they could total what we are thinking about and how it is going.

Angela said public safety we are good. Reductions that have been made today or given back are \$227,000.00. I don't know if you want to talk about the salary's yet.

Gary said there is \$400,000.00 there. Does that take us to \$627,000.00?

Dave said it was \$750,000.00 we needed.

Angela said we are within spitting distance.

Gary said we haven't even started tomorrow yet.

Angela said we needed, Jason's number was \$788,000.00.

Gary said is this considering the Commissioner's 10%. Can you give us a running total of how much money is going back from 2020 into cash reserve? Because that can close the gap.

Angela said that is in there. The returns are in there as well as what others have talked about cutting their budgets.

Gary said by chance is the cutting of as we discussed with the Assessor regarding the Chief Deputy, is that in there?

Angela said yes, it is. I only reduced the dollar amount by the second deputy, because I wasn't 100% sure.

Gary said he sent me an e-mail with the statute that he does not need it and it is not required.

Angela said one thing I want to share is that the spreadsheet shows the reduction from what was asked for like a second deputy. So, we would not consider that reduction because the position has been taken out.

Gary said right now we are within \$100,000.00 of making the budget.

Angela said we are \$161,000.00.

Gary asked Paula for her estimation on the cost of the Ertel bus.

Paula said for a year I am, estimating about \$25,000.00. That would include the flu shots, the tetanus shots and all the "vaccine".

Gary asked if she would have to hold the budget hearing tomorrow?

Paula said absolutely.

Gary said we will recess this until 8:30 am tomorrow morning.

Reviewed and accepted this 12 day of July, 2022).

RANDOLPH COUNTY COUNCIL

