

Randolph County Commissioners

January 21, 2025

The Randolph County Council met at their regular meeting at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners and Council Room in the Courthouse with the following members present: Board President Gary Friend, Tom Kerns and Missy Williams. Also present was Randolph County Auditor Laura Martin, Sheriff Art Moystner and County Attorney Meeks Cockerill.

Pledge of Allegiance

Brenda Tharp, Treasurer – Board of Finance annual meeting

Gary said thank you everybody for coming. Before we get into the general commissioner's meeting, we'll open up first with the Board of Finance annual meeting, if Brenda Tharp would like to come forward. For the record, Brenda is the treasurer of Randolph County. The first order of business is to elect the chairman for the finance board.

Missy said I nominate Gary Friend for president of the commissioners for finance board appointment.

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

Gary said and then the secretary of the board of finance is generally the treasurer. So, somebody like to make a motion for the treasurer of Randolph County to be the secretary of the board of finance?

Tom Kerns said I'll nominate Brenda Tharp as the treasurer, or secretary.

Gary said okay, we have a motion for Brenda Tharp for secretary of the board. Do we have a second?

Missy seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said okay, Brenda.

Brenda Tharp said okay. We're going to review the investments for the year of 2024. The first one that you will see the report is the investments, we have no certificates of deposit, but we do have two money market deposits. One is Trust Indiana, and we have 44 million in that. And we have 2 million in First Merchants Bank. So, we have 46 million that is invested. Then the next page we show Trust Indiana, the income earned for last year was \$2,194,036.44. And that's

pretty good considering what we were doing 4, 5 years ago. And who knows how it's going to go this year. So, we'll see. That was on Trust Indiana. Then on the First Merchants Bank, we have 2 million in it, and the interest paid was \$1,400.00 on that one. We need to review the investment policy.

Gary said okay.

Missy said what page is that, Brenda?

Brenda Tharp said it would be the Randolph County Indiana Investment Policy right after the First Merchants.

Gary said anything you should highlight for me?

Brenda Tharp said we'll just have to make sure we adopt it.

Gary said okay. Are you recommending this adoption?

Brenda Tharp said yes.

Gary said Missy, do you have any questions?

Missy said no, I don't.

Gary said Tom?

Tom said not right now.

Gary said okay. If you're ready to make a motion, somebody like to make a motion?

Missy said my only question, sorry. I just, interest, I mean, you mentioned the interest pay, is there anywhere we can increase that percent of interest that's paid on that 2 million dollars. I'm looking on the FDIC, we were talking about. Am I reading that wrong? Ending balance.

Gary said on the First Merchants?

Missy said yes.

Tom said .07 percent.

Missy said yeah.

Gary said uh huh. Is that an account where money is moving in and out or is it in?

Brenda Tharp said yes.

Gary said okay, for the county business.

Brenda Tharp said it's where we can get to it if we need to. It's not stuck in there for 6 months, a year, whatever. Yeah, it's a money where it can be moved in and out.

Gary said right. That's probably the complete reason for that.

Missy said yeah. But, even if you had to move some money, I mean, if you could put, well, you know more about it than I do. It just seems, 2 million dollars, I know there could be a day when we want, we have to have a draw on 2 million dollars.

Brenda Tharp said I'm going to look into, I know Merchants Bank of Indiana, their interest rate is a lot better. So, I'm going to look into seeing if I could transfer it maybe to their, or vice versa, so, check into some other banks.

Gary said yeah, I know the council president is pretty abreast on all this stuff too. You might want to talk with him. Which, part of our policy allows you to shop around anyway.

Brenda Tharp said right, right.

Gary said somebody like to make a motion to approve our investment policy?

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

Gary said next appoint representative to handle funds for Randolph County?

Brenda Tharp said yes.

Gary said and that is?

Brenda said it's usually me and Laura, the auditor and treasurer.

Gary said yep. So, somebody like to make a motion to appoint the treasurer and the auditor, Laura Martin and Brenda Tharp to handle the funds?

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

Gary said and then review the designated depositories for Randolph County?

Brenda Tharp said uh huh. These are the banks that are here in Randolph County that we can look into to moving money, such and such, and then also is the Trust Indiana, which is the State.

Gary said alright.

Brenda Tharp said yeah, I've highlighted the ones.

Gary said okay. Any other business, Brenda?

Brenda Tharp said I don't think so, unless there're questions for me.

Gary said Tom?

Tom said no.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said no.

Gary said hearing this, we need to have a motion to adjourn the board of finance meeting.

Tom made a motion to adjourn the Board of Finance meeting. Missy seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said okay, now we'll open up the general commissioners meeting for today. So, with that, the first order of business is the council update. Is someone from the council here for an update?

Council's update

Larry Preston said well obviously, we had our first meeting after your first meeting.

Gary said right.

Larry Preston said we met. We got a copy of the 2025 budget and some other pertinent records for us to study. We appointed our liaisons for all the different departments, and I'm sure Laura has a record of that. Talking at a couple other council meetings, we've been to a couple meetings and myself and a couple others were here for the personnel handbook. So, some of us got the personnel handbook, and that's pretty much it.

Gary said okay. Anybody have any questions for Larry? Alright, thank you, Larry. Anyone else from the council that might be here? Do you have anything you'd like to add to today's meeting?

Greg Cheesman said no, he pretty well covered it.

Gary said Mike, I see you back there hiding, anything?

Mike Stine said nothing.

Gary said okay, great. Mayor, anything for the commissioners this morning?

Mayor McCoy said not really. I would like at some point, maybe either individual discussions or whatever, talk about Blight within Randolph County, Winchester, the other cities as well as maybe trying to figure out a way to stop or slow down the purchase of these Blight Properties by

LLCs that have a tendency just to leave them set. I don't know whether it's a shell game with money or what, but I think it's something that needs to be addressed.

Gary said I think it's in all cities and towns right now.

Mayor McCoy said yeah, it's everywhere.

Gary said alright. I think that's something we can get into this year for sure. Andy Fahl is here from RCU. Andy, do you have anything to report to the commissioners this morning?

Andy Fahl said just we're continuing the search for a new director. Happy to say that we've had, we've interview 4, and we have interviewed some talent. We're going to re-interview again Friday. We're on a process, we're narrowing it down. Again, the projects that were on the stovetop that Dan had, we're continuing to stay in contact with those projects. And we're making progress moving forward.

Gary said okay. Thank you. Alright.

Ed Thornburg – Utility agreements

Gary said next order of business, Ed Thornburg, utility agreements. Awhile, some time back last year, I don't remember, we asked Ed if he would take on the duties of looking over all these agreements for the commissioners because he's out there, he knows the drainage and everything that's going on. What have you got, Ed?

Ed Thornburg said you've got them in front of you.

Gary said do you see any issues with any of them?

Ed Thornburg said no.

Gary said you recommend them as our surveyor?

Ed Thornburg said I recommend all of them pass. This stuff, most of this stuff is just maintenance work they're doing.

Gary said so, we have one, two, three, four, four utility agreements, all were emailed out. Somebody like to make a motion we accept all of them on the surveyor's recommendation?

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

Gary said okay, Ed, what else have you got while you're up here?

Ed Thornburg said that's it.

Gary said that's all?

Ed Thornburg said unless you've got something for me.

Gary said I do not. Tom?

Tom said no.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said no.

Gary said thank you.

Jane Rodgers – Farmers Market request

Gary said Jane Rodgers, Farmers Market request, about the petting zoo. Good morning. I've seen your picture. I'm sure the other members have seen the picture. Is that, are you going to do this year, going to do this year exactly what was done last year?

Jane Rodgers said yes. It's Tori Masters of Bee Wings and Fuzzy Things up at Ridgeville. It's non-profit. And she was very, did very well at cleaning up afterwards. We had no complaints. And the thing we liked about it was that typically, the first Saturday of June or anything there's the graduation Saturday, the Farmers Market in downtown is kind of quiet and empty, but when she came that Saturday last year, young families with their kids came that hadn't been there before, so they brought a lot of foot traffic in. Those families, I saw them throughout the summer also coming to downtown in the Farmers Market.

Gary said okay. We just wanted to get a little more information on that. Our building superintendent is here. Jake, did you have any issue with it last year at all?

Jake Donham said no, not that I'm aware of.

Gary said alright. Tom, anything on this?

Tom said no.

Gary said Missy, anything?

Missy said no.

Gary said somebody like to make a motion to allow that as well as the regular Farmers Market?

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

Gary said thank you for the update.

Jane Rodgers said thank you.

Jim Nunez – Wicks car show

Gary said Jim Nunez. Morning, Jim.

Jim Nunez said morning.

Gary said car show?

Jim Nunez said yes. We're celebrating the, our 12th annual Wicks car show and we're asking permission for the west, south and the east yard if we can have those as we do our annual car show. And this is on Saturday the 24th of May. And also, the bi-centennial plaza over here on the south end. And we keep, every year it gets bigger and bigger, and we just keep growing. And it brings a lot of people from everywhere. So, that's our request from the car show committee.

Gary said is the request any different than last year's request in here before? This is the same request?

Jim Nunez said no, it's the same thing. This year, I would have got you the writing but my printer went kaput.

Gary said Jake, all the years, have you ever had any issues with the car show?

Jake said no. I think in the past, they were parking some cars in the yard, just be cautious if it is wet conditions. And I'm sure Jim will take care of that.

Gary said sure, okay. Alright, wonderful. Missy, anything on this?

Missy said no, I can't think of anything. It's a great event.

Gary said Tom?

Tom said move to approve.

Gary said Tom makes a motion to approve. Do we have a second?

Missy seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary said thank you, Jim.

Jim Nunez said thank you.

Gary said thank you for all your efforts that you do for us.

Scottie Harvey – Tourism

Gary said okay, Scottie.

Missy said Kathy, were you going to come up? Why don't you come up with him?

Gary said is Scottie here?

Jim Nunez said no, she's in Muncie. She's having a hip replacement at this moment.

Gary said oh, I'm sorry Kathy.

Jim Nunez said she's having a hip replacement. She forgot that she had that. So, I am the new president of the Tourism, so, I'm taking her place. At this time, we're having three individuals that commissioner approval for our board on the Tourism, and they're appointed, so we have a recommendation for commissioners, which is Anita Hines, Jeanette Ulloa and Rosy Winningham Shoemaker at this time.

Gary said is that board required to have a balance of political influence.

Kathy Wallace said not anymore.

Gary said it is not?

Jim Nunez no. No, it used to, but they changed the Indiana Statute on it. It used to be democrats, republicans, and they changed that a couple years ago.

Missy said and you've got full representation from around the county, don't you?

Jim Nunez said yes.

Gary said some boards, and this one, I think, started out that way too.

Kathy Wallace said and those three are from three different areas.

Jim Nunez said and so, we have a board request.

Gary said to approve these particular members for the board?

Jim Nunez said uh huh.

Gary said I don't, you guys recommend them?

Jim Nunez said uh huh.

Gary said okay. Somebody like to make a motion for these three people to be part of the Tourism board, by recommendation from the president and Kathy, do you have a position there right now?

Kathy Wallace said I'm secretary.

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

Jim Nunez said and the next thing that we, we're, we are requesting for the money that goes to RCU to come to our Randolph County Tourism, which is \$2,365.66 that goes every month to supply them, to come to the Tourism. We have voted to, at this time, for us, we are going to be a 501C3.

Gary said are you there now?

Jim Nunez said we're in the process.

Gary said but you're a statutory body.

Jim Nunez said but we're filing for one.

Missy said were they under Randolph County Economic Development Corporation? I mean the charter says they're under there. So, because they're removing, are you removing yourself from Randolph County United or?

Jim Nunez said yes.

Meeks said there's a Tourism Commission.

Jim Nunez said commission.

Meeks said and the Tourism Commission is a statutory by statute, and that's who you just appointed. And I think the Tourism Commission is authorized to do a 501C3. So, as of sitting at, right now, I thought you were under that Randolph County Community Economic, the big long one. And my understanding is that they're filing for, and they have the paperwork to file, they're filling it out right now, the 501C3, and then to get themselves as a not-for-profit in the State of Indiana, with a 501C3 designation for that. But there'll still be a Tourism Commission, there'll still be a board that would do the tax things. And still my understanding from talking to them is that they're still going to follow the statute with the Auditor's office and Auditor's office is going to manage the funds, like they're doing now. Nothing of that is going to change.

Gary said okay. And I mean, I personally, you have the autonomy that you can do this. As far as the funding goes, it's kind of, first of all, I don't have any problem supporting Tourism, I don't think we can do it at this moment in time today because this is an EDIT Plan that RCU says this amount of money bills Randolph County for the claim to help support Tourism. It's not like, we'd have to change the EDIT Plan and the contract for the EDIT Plan to separate this out. So, I think that's correct, don't you, Meeks?

Meeks said the EDIT Plan has, I didn't bring my EDIT Plan with me, but the EDIT Plan I thought, had designated money in it specifically for Tourism. Underneath that's paid, like a subsection under what's paid to the RCU.

Tom said that was my understanding, it's already separated.

Meeks said it's already it's separated, it's like a subsection.

Laura said I have two claims here that they turn in, and we usually approve. One is for RCU and one is for RCU Tourism.

Meeks said yeah. So, it's in there, the contract has that delineated also.

Gary said also, but the EDIT Plan would have to be amended.

Meeks said if you're going to pay it directly to the, yes, your EDIT Plan would need to be amended.

Gary said so, I don't have a problem with that if that was what it was for, but we're going to have an EDIT meeting tomorrow night. That's not enough time. We would have to reschedule and have another EDIT meeting. And I think the body here should have a little bit of time to make consideration how we want to do it. But, I, for one, believe if, you have the right to separate and the funds have already been allocated, you have the right to have it. It doesn't mean that I would then, you know, we can work with RCU otherwise, have financial stress, that's a different situation. So, it's kind of where I'm at right now, but we can't act on it at this moment in time. We can get started on it I believe.

Jim Nunez said and we're still going to be working with RCU, but I already reached out to the president and we are still going to be working with them and we have a meeting tonight with RCU. We're still going to the table and talking, you know, still going to their table and their president will be coming to our meeting too. So, we'll still be communicating with marketing and all this other stuff.

Gary said and there are some things going on too and I'm sure, I'll be at that meeting tonight, that works out where you're going to house your operation.

Jim Nunez said yeah. Temporarily, we're going to be a different location temporarily right now, but, yes.

Gary said there's a lot yet to work out. I think today's business, we'll get Tom and Missy's input on it of how they want to begin the process of moving forward.

Jim Nunez said yeah, we've started a lot of indication of how we're going to be structured and stuff. We have our lawyer working on it, and we're doing it right. We're doing it right. But, we're still going to be altogether. We're still, you know, the greater good is for Randolph County. And we're going to be working together, just different locations.

Gary said sure. I don't have any doubt Jim, personally. Missy, anything?

Missy said well, just knowing, my concern is that it's historically known to be up on the second floor, and there is office space there, isn't there?

Jim Nunez said we were never told that.

Missy said yeah, I just wondered if there was any chance to put it back together the way it was. I think it would be a benefit.

Kathy Wallace said yeah, I think both groups have been without a leader and that's more of the problem than anything else. We've usually contracted with whomever, at Randolph Economic Development or, and we are allowed by Statute, I believe, Meeks, to contract with someone.

Meeks said yes.

Kathy Wallace said and so, that's who we've contracted, but in all of the changeover, we've not been able to settle in on a contract with RCU. And so now, rather than floating, we're going to temporarily do something and then hopefully, get that all ironed out once both places get their new people.

Jim Nunez said but our main objective is to inform Randolph County. That's our main objective, and still do our business to inform outside Randolph County to invite the people into Randolph County. That's our main objective.

Gary said Tom?

Tom said I don't have anything.

Gary said I think we should get the process started here. We'll have to get another EDIT meeting set up. But I think we can set this EDIT meeting up after we meet again as commissioners and I'm going to have you put on the agenda now so we can make, so this can, Laura, if you put them on the meeting's agenda for follow up. Yeah, I think, what I feel of it is, everybody works together, but you don't want to be ran by Economic Development director, you want to run your own show, that's Tourism. Is that right, close?

Jim Nunez said yes.

Kathy Wallace said that's part, and part is just the physical place.

Missy said Gary, I'll just say one thing, when I was up there for that short amount of time, Mr. Beumer made it clear when I went through the whole thing that he, you know, signed all the papers and all that, that Tourism is separate, but they get this office here and we help each other whenever we can, but we are Economic Development, they are, Scottie and her group as Tourism, they used the board room, and it worked, you know. But not saying they have to do it just.

Gary said right. And then RCU combined them under the authority of the director of RCU. I think that's somewhat what's not really working. I think you have the right to do what you're doing, so I don't have a problem. You just need to get it all worked out properly.

Kathy Wallace said right, exactly.

Gary said right, okay. So, if you could come back in two weeks, then we all have time to take a good look at it, think about it, and, I mean, some of the things takes a lot to get everybody's mind to get on top of it, right? And then we'll set an EDIT Plan then if the commissioners so choose to, to set the funding apparatus up. And I also want to talk to RCU because I don't, by doing this, I don't want to cause them financial stress either. They're going through some changeover too. So, change isn't always bad.

Meeks said so, Gary, I got the EDIT Plan here. Your EDIT Plan says Randolph County United, a non-profit corporation contract amount of \$270,000 per year for the years 2024, 25 and 26 for a total amount of \$810,000.00. This amount included a total of \$85,163.76 for the support of Randolph County Tourism Commission in the Randolph County United's budget. So, that's what your, so there is a definite number.

Gary said okay good, thank you.

Meeks said per year, and then it says \$28,000.00 per year. So, that's what it says right now.

Gary said yeah, the \$85,000 is a three-year term. This is a three year.

Meeks said yes.

Gary said okay.

Meeks said there is a contract with Randolph County United that says that you're going to use that \$85,000.00 to support Tourism, so, if that's going to change the contract will need to be changed, as well as the EDIT Plan.

Gary said alright. Thank you. Which I think is the track we're on right now to get it done proper. Before we, anything else, Missy?

Missy said just one thing, the digital sign at the track, I hear about that all the time. That was the best thing you guys ever did.

Kathy Wallace said it was a good one.

Gary said I was worried people would drive off the road watching it. Tom, anything else?

Tom said are you interviewing for a new director right now? Are you looking for?

Jim Nunez said well first, we have to get through all this and we wanted Scottie to you know, and she was a trooper to just jump back in and help us out. And I promised Laura that we were going to give her our status, president, vice president, secretary. So, she'll be getting this, but I would, just need to get one thing at a time. Yep, so, you guys will be getting president and vice president, so, you'll be getting all the details.

Gary said okay. Thank you very much.

Glen Hibbard – Modoc parcel transfer Resolution 2025-09

Gary said Glen Hibbard, Modoc.

Glen Hibbard said good morning.

Gary said so you would like for Randolph County to transfer the property over to Modoc?

Glen Hibbard said yeah. Parcel number 020-00076-00 to 115 South Main Street in Modoc. It has already been unsafe through the Health Department to be standing. And it's right on the Main Street. It's a safety issue with kids. And it's a block away from the park. Kids go by it all the time. We've caught kids in it.

Gary said is it coming down?

Glen Hibbard said the back side of it is actually out. It's laying on the ground, but the wall, there're two properties. The property on the corner is owned by Jim Snodgrass and the back wall is actually that far from falling over and landing on his house. And it's only 18 inches away from his house. So, we would like to get that taken care of, not only for the safety, but for him too, because he can't get insurance because of that house is about ready to fall on his house.

Missy said I took a drive down there. It's bad.

Glen Hibbard said yeah, so.

Gary said okay. Well, I mean it sounds reasonable. Tom, anything for this?

Tom said since it's been to tax sale.

Gary said Resolution 2025, a resolution establishing intent to transfer tax sale certificates held by Randolph County Indiana to the town of Modoc. This is the title of the resolution. Would someone like to make a motion to approve this resolution?

AMENDED RESOLUTION 2025-09

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE INTENT TO TRANSFER
TAX LIEN CERTIFICATES HELD BY RANDOLPH COUNTY, INDIANA, TO
THE TOWN OF MODOC

WHEREAS, there is a property in Randolph County, Indiana, that is severely delinquent in the payment of property taxes, having been offered for tax sales, and which received no bids equal to, or in excess of minimum sale price. The parcel number of that property is:

Parcel Number	Brief Legal Description
020-00076-00	Lot No Exc 20 x 93' Lot 1 115 S Main St. Modoc, IN 47358

WHEREAS, there is an assessed value associated with the property for taxation purposes, but no taxes are being collected, therefore causing a lower than expected tax distribution to those taxing units and taxing districts within which the property is located.

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners desires to have the property back on the tax rolls with taxes being collected or used for a government purpose.

WHEREAS, IC 6-1.1-24-6 et seq. allows for County Commissioners to acquire a lien on the delinquent property and receive issuance of the tax sale certificates for the property, without taking title to the property, therefore limiting the liability and cost normally associated with taking title.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners that the Randolph County **Auditor** shall acquire liens and receive tax sale certificates of the property listed above that is severely delinquent, and transfer said certificates to the Town of Modoc, Indiana, pursuant to Indiana Code.

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

Meeks said now Glen, Danita will transfer the tax sale certificates to the town and then when we get them, you have to, there's a Statutory process that has to follow.

Glen Hibbard said right. Right, like a 120-day process?
Meeks said well they need to get it to me.

Glen Hibbard said yeah, I'll do it. Yeah, we'll get those to you.

Meeks said we'll help you with it.

Laura said we need that resolution from Modoc.

Meeks said and we need your resolution. Just drop it off to Laura. Have you already signed it?

Glen Hibbard said yeah. We ran it through our minutes.

Meeks said if you give it to Laura then it's.

Gary said alright. Anything else?

Glen Hibbard said nope, that's it.

Gary said how's the work going on between Modoc and Losantville where it comes to the sewer system?

Glen Hibbard said it's coming along. I think they're going to, in March, they're going to start hooking up to the homes in Losantville, and I think probably mid-summer we'll be complete, sounds like.

Gary said great. Thank you.

Jim Sinclair – JRDS grant reimbursement

Gary said Jim Sinclair. Good morning Jim.

Jim Sinclair said morning.

Gary said I've got a couple things first, give us an update what you're doing, what's going on, but the biggest interest of mine, I'm sure the county, is with the payback on the grant.

Jim Sinclair said well, right now I haven't been able to get the state to adequately explain to me how they computed that in reference to the contract. I'll be conferring with JRDS's attorney this afternoon. He just got a copy of it, last week. The way I read the contract says it's based on fair market value. Somehow, they've totaled a calculation of number of the months being used. I can't find that anywhere in the contract that it would be the only way to compute that. And just because they don't like the remedy that's in the contract, doesn't mean they get to pick their own remedy. Hopefully my attorney this afternoon, will explain it to me a little better. That's where we're at right now until I can, I can't go to my board and say pay \$325,000.00 and the contract says this. Right now, it says fair market value. And even destroy property of the fair market value.

Gary said I'll have our attorney step in for the county because no matter what your battle is, we're sitting here holding the bill.

Jim Sinclair said sure, sure. Well we're not going to leave you sitting there holding it. I just got to have, he got a copy, you read, yeah, I sent you the contract last week.

Meeks said I haven't read it yet. I was going to let, who's doing it for you? Is it?

Jim Sinclair said Hinkle.

Meeks said Hinkle, yeah, Bill?

Jim Sinclair said yeah. Bill Hinkle.

Meeks said Bill does a really good job on these. Bill reach out, you can have Bill reach out to me if he has a question.

Jim Sinclair said yeah, we're not going to leave the county hanging. Whatever, we'll, you know, if we can't resolve this, I just can't go to the board and say pay 325, but I can't tell you in the contract where it says you owe that. I can see fair market value, but I can't see anything else. That's kind of where we're at. You know, it's a very pleasant discussion with Adam, the director of grants. He keeps referring me, like he referred me last week to a document that is between you and the state, Randolph County, but not between, I'm not, I'm not a party to it. That was his last offer is why he could do this.

Gary said Meeks, do you know how long we have to get this resolved?

Meeks said they'll get this resolved. We have plenty of time.

Jim Sinclair said well let's keep in mind that this has been going on since March. We contacted the state immediately after the tornado and had a meeting with the State virtually, the very state people and they said it will be fair market value. This isn't something I made up, it's fair market value. We will do that determination and get back with you. Nine months, after me asking every three months, have you done that, they didn't do it. Then those people left, Chris I think left. Garret got fired or let go, and then.

Missy said that just happens in normal re-elections.

Jim Sinclair said sure, exactly. But he was our liaison.

Missy said right.

Jim Sinclair said and he had a question about Adams computation too. He was going to ask Adam to take it back to HUD, then Adam's email came out outlining \$325,000.00 based on that we had used 21 months' worth of a 60 month, 5-year period. So, I don't think it's unreasonable for them to have to point out to us where the contract, our contract, when you, between Randolph County and Jay Randolph, that's the contract to me that applies to me or to Jay Randolph. And it talks about fair market value. So, I'm pretty sure Bill will be able to lead me in the right direction by today, and then maybe in a week or two we can get it resolved.

Gary said okay. I think our attorney and your attorney.

Meeks said I'll just have Bill send me an email. He has my number.

Jim Sinclair said I mean they've kind of allowed, the State has kind of allowed the property to sort of deteriorate, but we had a buyer for it. And I think he was going to tear down the back of the building and renovate the front of the building. But because there's no roof on it, that property deteriorated more and lost more value because the state's in my mind has either dragged its feet or has been looking at something, or they're probably too busy. I don't know what they did.

Gary said alright. Well with that going to be handled by attorneys, could you tell us what the is up to and the mission?

Jim Sinclair said well of course, the tornado wiped out our program, our day program in Randolph County. We still have two homes, a group with five clients and a waiver home with two clients. They were both damaged too, but they've been restored to a status prior to the tornado. We made a deal with Life Stream to bus the clients to Jay County because they have a day service program there. The clients did not want to do that. And part of the problem is before the tornado, the program suffered two negative things. One was a state issued a transformational grant which was all clients, all special need adults have to get a job. And with that, they wanted the elimination of 14C, which is a subminimum wage. And they wanted elimination of enclaves and shelter workshops, which we did. Five of our clients quit immediately, because just like everybody else, they don't like change. They would have to go into the dump, working there, subminimum wage. Then the Life Stream experienced a bed bugs on the bus. They immediately banned 9 of our clients from bus services. That's pretty much 14 clients, right there cut our program in half. So, what we're used to operating at a deficit, both programs, you can only operate so much as a deficit, at some point in time. Now, with a combined program, the program is at least breaking even. So, to make a short answer, we don't know what we're going to do yet. We did purchase, try to purchase a property on Washington Street, because we thought we'd rather have a higher visible location in Winchester, but that deal fell through due to the property being contaminated. And so, we don't really know yet. Once again, we were waiting on, the state said you can't sell that property until we tell you what the fair market value is. We've been sitting for 9 months. We couldn't proceed with anything. We couldn't tear it down. We couldn't do anything to it.

Gary said so at the current time, is JRDS serving Randolph County at all?

Jim Sinclair said yeah, we're bussing 12 clients to Jay County and we're also running 2 houses in Jay County, which is 7 clients, I believe it's about 7 clients in those two houses until we can, we've got to figure out a way to make that work. Of course, the same OCRA is also offering a grant up to \$750,000.00. But I have to justify the board building a new building if this is a situation. I haven't been able to work all the numbers out because I've been waiting on the State.

Gary said okay. Well, I'm satisfied that our two attorneys will work it out, ours and yours, going to get us information when we get down the road here. Tom, anything on this?

Tom said no.

Gary said Missy?

Missy said I was on a meeting with Garret Conway and another gentleman, he's from OCRA.

Jim Sinclair said probably Adam.

Missy said yeah. Before they were turned over, and Representative Prescott. And so, they sent me all the information about, you know, you can reapply for up to \$350,000.00, \$375,000.00 actually, I think. And then JD got, Mr. Prescott got back with me, he had gone and talked to Suzanne Crouch who was still over that department at the time until all this, you know, the turnover happens, and she gave him verification of what they were doing is absolutely correct is what they do, and you know, if they have a fire in a building and it destroys it, it's under the grant that you know, they are going to get an insurance settlement back. Now if you question that insurance settlement, did anybody question the insurance settlement on that building?

Jim Sinclair said question it, what way?

Missy said what they, what's your, how much did your insurance give you back?

Jim Sinclair said it covered the building.

Missy said so, what was that amount?

Jim Sinclair said that building, about \$900,000.00.

Missy said yeah, so you got \$900,000.00, correct?

Jim Sinclair said uh huh.

Missy said so, what OCRA is saying, that's what they told me also. What OCRA told me is you're going to get out of, you want out of both pots to end up more than whole, much more than whole is what they're thinking. You know, and Meeks would know better, we might be able to just get a meeting with the new lieutenant governor and the OCRA, I can't remember the guy's name now. He sent me an email.

Jim Sinclair said it's Adam.

Missy said yeah, and which is normal.

Jim Sinclair said well he's the director of grants.

Missy said yeah, and that's who we need, just to try to get verification, because you have emailed them to ask them, I need written information on why.

Jim Sinclair said yeah, and he hasn't been able to, Adam has not, last week, I asked him two or three times, and each time, he referred me to a document that actually says fair market value. And the last document he referred me to was a document that was a contract between you, Randolph County, and OCRA. I'm not a party to it.

Missy said right, and we are because we're the entity who was.

Jim Sinclair said well I'm the sub-recipient so yeah, but there was a contract, there was a contract between JRDS and Randolph County that specifies, I mean, if one wants to agree to a remedy that's not in the contract, which is what the State is asking us to do, and we may agree to that eventually, but that particular remedy that they've proposed, I don't find in the contract. That may be their practice. That may be what they do, but I don't see it in the contract.

Missy said what they're saying is they want to make you whole based on how much, based on the grant that they awarded you to start with and your loss, and then what you got as an insurance settlement makes you come out way more than whole.

Jim Sinclair said well they've offered, they've offered a grant of \$750,000.00 but if I go to my board and say I want to build a building for, remodel a building for \$750,000.00, but I don't have enough use for it to make ends meet in monthly operations, I wouldn't be caretaking of my organization very well. I can build a building and let it set there for 5 years, but that's not really good use of grant money.

Gary said well I think what I'm hearing this, your whole plus, how much money, what did you have in the building? Was it donated to you?

Jim Sinclair said more than, well I don't know what they paid for it. I wasn't around when they bought that building, but we put over, we over, we over remodeled the building because of the clients. The building is over remodeled for today. We tried to sell it un-remodeled for like less than \$300,000.00, I don't know, 6 years ago. We didn't like that location. We'd rather had been somewhere downtown. Well when nobody would buy it, we chose to remodel it. And we over re-modeled it, put a brand new roof on it, outside the grant for \$120,000.00 and did other re-modeling parts of it. I understand your particular argument but my argument has to be with reference what the contract says. If I tell the board, and I'll tell the board, we can pay the 325, we've gotten the insurance money. If you want to go outside the contract and pick that remedy and agree to it, then do it. It's their decision, not mine.

Gary said well we'll let the attorneys work it out. But if your board decides not to have a contract and you just hang Randolph County for being a good partner, that's not going to go well.

Jim Sinclair said well we're not. I wouldn't tell them to do that, and I don't think they would. The board has half Randolph County, actually, the board is more than Randolph County.

Gary said well it sounds like we're dancing around a little bit. What Missy is getting at is you are whole, more than whole. That's our position, but how about we just, I want to stop it right here and we'll just let our attorneys work it out.

Jim Sinclair said I just want them to tell me what it's based on so I can tell them.

Gary said I understand. Anything else, Missy?

Missy said the original grant should be probably, over at RCU, because I worked on that with the grant writer. So, it might have information in there too.

Jim Sinclair said well Adam sent that out Friday too, the original grant, to you all.

Gary said okay.

Missy said okay, I have been sick, so I kind of have shut down some from about last Thursday, but I'll check my email.

Jim Sinclair said Amy was coming to day too.

Gary said it's in the attorneys' hands, okay.

Jim Sinclair said yeah.

Gary said anything else?

Jim Sinclair said no.

Gary said appreciate you coming in. Thank you. Sheriff, are you here?

Other Business:

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

Resolution 2025-06 Surplus property

Gary said okay. He's got resolution 2025-06 surplus property. Is this the vehicle they're talking about?

Laura said yes.

Gary said 2020 Dodge Durango, 2018 Dodge Durango, 2020 Dodge Durango, 2019 Dodge Durango and 2019 Dodge Durango with VIN numbers. Meeks prepared your resolution for us. Everything is okay, Meeks?

Meeks said yeah. Resolution is fine.

Gary said the sheriff is not here to answer any questions. The resolution doesn't have to go right now if somebody would like to talk to the sheriff about it. Are you okay with the resolution without the sheriff, Tom?

Tom said my only question would be is how many miles.

Meeks said there was a, I thought that was in the what he sent me, was the mileage on that?

Laura said I didn't see it.

Meeks said okay.

Missy said I didn't see it.

Gary said Missy, do you want to wait until the sheriff is here to answer questions?

Missy said I'd rather.

Gary said okay.

Public Official bond

Gary said Public Official bond. Is this approved by our attorney?

Meeks said yes.

Laura said so, all of us have to have, we all have to be bonded, all elected.

Meeks said uh huh.

Laura said and so that's his. You did everybody else's last meeting. But I didn't have his yet.

Gary said okay, so this is public official bond for the sheriff. Somebody like to make a motion for this?

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

Minutes of January 6, 2025

Gary said okay, minutes, January 6, 2025. Everybody should have gotten a copy of the email. So, everybody's had time to review. Someone want to make a motion to accept them?

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

Payroll Claims \$370,382.77

Gary said and next we have payroll claims, \$370,382.77.

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

Regular Claims \$2,141,806.89

Gary said okay, regular claims, \$2,141,806.89. Somebody like to make a motion to approve if you had time to review them all?

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

Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission Claim \$9,676.40

Gary said Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission claim, \$9,676.40. That's the same as last year. That's a calculation basis upon our population.

Missy said what exactly do we get for that money?

Gary said well, you're on their board, maybe you can find out.

Missy said yeah, I've got a meeting.

Gary said you have to be part of a regional group, I believe these would be READI grant able.

Missy said okay.

Gary said so, yeah. It's a group you have to be part of. Do we have a motion on this?

Tom made a motion to approve. Missy seconded the motion.

Missy said I'll ask what we're getting for that.

Gary said thank you. Motion and a second, all those in favor, signify by saying aye.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Randolph County United Claim \$20,134.34

Randolph County United Tourism Claim \$2,365.66

Gary said okay. We have the Randolph County United claim and the Randolph County United Tourism claim. United is \$20,134.34. Tourism is \$2,365.66. I think both of these claims should be approved.

Tom made a motion to approve both claims. Missy seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Meeks Cockerill Uniform conflict of interest

Gary said Meeks, Uniform conflict of interest.

Meeks said yeah, I just need to have you fill that, just sign that, that I filed it with you.

Gary said do we need a motion on this or just a signature?

Meeks said probably.

Gary said have a motion to accept out attorney's conflict of interest disclosure statement. Somebody like to make a motion to accept?

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

Resolution 2025-05 Authorizing signature

Gary said okay, we have Resolution 2025-05 that gives me the authority to sign documents for INDOT. And the way that works in sticking with Joe is if we have something I need to sign that's financially oriented for our bridges and roads, sends it off the engineer, he lets me know that it's okay and then I sign.

Resolution 2025-05

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GARY FRIEND
TO SIGN DOCUMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners ("Board") has determined that Gary Friend the president of the Randolph County Commissioners may sign documents that would legally bind Randolph County, Indiana including any document requested by the Indiana Department of Transportation ("INDOT").

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board that Gary Friend the president of the Randolph County Commissioners may sign documents that would legally bind Randolph County, Indiana including but not limited to any documents required by INDOT.

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

Commissioners' remaining appointments

Gary said okay, remaining appointments. I did get with the APC and Drew Cleveland will stay on. We have a motion to approve Drew Cleveland for the commissioners, somebody like to make that motion?

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

Gary said somebody like to make a motion to approve Owen Griffith to the airport board?

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

Laura said the other one I have is Washington Township Library for Heidi Gullett.

Gary said did you reach out for that one?

Laura said yes, I did.

Gary said okay. Somebody make a motion to approve Heidi Gullett for the Washington Township library?

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

Laura said and the Tourism board. That was the other thing I had and I checked with Carol Weaver at Losantville on L & M Regional Water and Lorra Jessup is okay to stay on.

Gary said does that need does that need action from us?

Laura said yes.

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

Laura said I think that's all

Gary said alright, great.

Old Hwy Barn discussion

Gary said discussion on the old highway barn. The discussion, we did have some discussion over at Solid Waste, but what would be the disposition of the barn, what the previous commissioners thought about it doesn't count right now, so we have to talk about what we will do with it. Alright, to start out, I don't really personally want to lease it out right now. It's come in handy when the tornado hit. If we do lease it, I think we have to do it by letting everybody know, because there's been three or four people said no over the last three or four years of it. And quite frankly, I think the development that goes on in that area, if we do anything with it, it might down grade the residential and not be commercial or a trucking facility. That's kind of where I'm at. I'd like to leave it right where it's at, even to the point maybe, down the road here this spring, we'll look at taking some EDIT funds possibly of restoring the exterior of it. But it is handy to have and to use. I know the highway is here to answer any questions on what they use it for. They don't need it though. They can put everything at the new one. That's for sure. We made sure of that when we got done.

Nathan Moore said just in the wintertime, just in the wintertime to store some equipment over there, we use.

Gary said right. Because we have it. If we didn't have it, we'd still survive without it.

Nathan Moore said oh yeah.

Jay Long said yeah.

Nathan Moore said we'd just have to have the equipment set out.

Gary said so, Tom, do you have any thoughts on it?

Tom said well the biggest thought is you've addressed it, if we're going to keep it and we're not going to lease it out, we need to maintain it.

Gary said right.

Tom said and currently, it really isn't being maintained. So, we need to maintain it then, figure out what need done and whether that's the highway that needs to come to us with this work since it's still under them, and let us know what needs done to it and what, how we can upgrade it and clean it up, just so it's at least presentable from the outside.

Gary said Missy, your thoughts.

Missy said well I think it needs to be maintained for sure. I've had a couple people who came to me and said any chance of being able to lease the old barn. And I live very close, not, I mean I'm, well way across the golf course. I'm not right up against it. So, obviously, who's in that building is going to be a big issue. I have real concerns. I walk a lot, and I have real concerns that is a gathering place. I don't know if you guys have any cameras over there, because I'd be curious.

Jay Long said no.

Missy said people on bicycles that I see sometimes other places, not saying good or bad, but it's a gathering place. And then this winter, it's kind of been as I would walk, I walk the cart path and you can look over there and see it and it's kind of been four cars coming in, and then evidently backing out at different times. It's usually around 11:00 in the evening. I'm going to mention that to the sheriff and just said I don't know, you know, what it is.

Nathan Moore said they're probably not meeting for coffee.

Missy said yeah, I'm not going to say what they're doing, but it's kind of, I don't want, I mean since, you just come across and somebody's not home and they break in your house right there, nobody is on that back side to see anything. I'm not saying, but, so, I think, I'd like to see somebody occupy it, just because we say we're going to maintain it, but when you're not in there all the time, and I know, and we could. There's a great opportunity to actually have more than one, you could house a business in there, not a business where people would be in and out for retail or anything like that. But I think you could do a lot of things with it to make some rent come in, payments come in to where you offset the cost of keeping an old building there. I don't think we need to, I don't want to get rid of it, because you don't ever know what's going to happen. But, there's a of tornado stuff in there right now that needs to be organized, cleaned up, put in certain areas and not just all over the place. I haven't been in there in like probably, gosh, probably since November when I met somebody over there and we got a bunch of stuff out and took it to the elementary schools. And I didn't have anything to do with that. It was just

toothpaste, toothbrushes, I just helped them distribute it. But there were for sure, mice in there. No doubt about it. Whenever you've had food, yeah. I mean, they're going to rip through chip bags to get into, and so, I think you've got a real mouse, my guess is, you've got, for the tracking's and the amount of the, some of the chips and things that were, you know, you've got mice in there really bad. So, I would like to at least look at it, just consider it.

Gary said I think that's fair we consider it, look at it, talk about it again. But in the meanwhile, I don't know, there's power out there, right?

Jay Long said yes.

Gary said there's no reason why we don't put some cameras up out there.

Jay Long said right.

Gary said so maybe you guys can get something going there about getting that thing covered with cameras. We can't have it as a hangout. We can talk to the sheriff, and the, I don't know if Winchester's authority goes out that far. They do not?

Missy said I don't think so, because that's.

Gary said they got Huntsville, it's on the way out there.

Missy said well yeah, it would be. It would be now because they annexed all that in, so it should be, yeah.

Jay Long said yeah, they still go out there.

Meeks said well it's the county barn.

Gary said good place for them to turn around though and come back. But anyway, we have had a lease in there and it gave us some difficulties. So, got to be careful, and we do go to the point of leasing, I think we've got to be fair to the entire business world.

Missy said yeah.

Gary said and I think we need to set what parameters we would even allow out there. I don't want to see trucking firms and heavy construction because those roads are occupied by a lot of residential.

Tom said what's our liability, and who's responsible for the stuff that's stored there right now for the, once, it's probably most of it's already distributed that's going to be distributed hopefully.

Missy said there's a lot of toilets and a lot of sinks in there.

Gary said the last I knew.

Tom said and who will pay to dispose of all that if we have to dispose of all that?

Gary said that's a problem.

Tom said oh, I'm sure it would. I just wanted to.

Gary said I think Ceann Bales is now the curator of that, the last time that I, the commissioners got a report, she gave it. And it's like, it's going to be a two-year process of the whole thing.

Meeks said I do know you probably can't or don't want to sell it because there were some environmental issues here.

Gary said right.

Meeks said so, that we don't really want to have a phase two. So, whatever you do, just, if you do, unless you do some remediation. Now I have no personal knowledge of that. I was, just been told of that.

Gary said my first impression when we got the new building was to tear it down and make a green space, but then that was.

Meeks said I think there were underground tanks. I think those have been removed, but I think there were problems with it during the earlier years. IDEM has told me that those problems usually go away eventually. But, I don't know how long it's been.

Gary said Laura, do you remember who's the last person that was in charge of tornado relief? Was it Ceann Bales that was here to give an update?

Laura said she did give an update, but I don't know if she was the one in charge or not. I've not really heard.

Meeks said she is. I am so certain she is in charge. If not, you can ask Bob. He'll let you know.

Gary said can you look into that?

Laura said yeah, we can figure it out.

Gary said get some kind of update because that has to be resolved pretty soon. Okay. Do you guys have anything about the highway barn? Obviously, we want to make sure that you keep it mowed, weed eaten and sprayed. And then we'll look at the possibility of getting it cleaned up and skinned up, and maybe there's a plan for something down the road. But I want to make it clear for you guys too, it was intended never to be there. So, if the commissioners decide that something is going to happen, just be prepared to move the stuff back to the, it's just convenient right now.

Jay Long said right, yeah. No problem.

Gary said alright. Anybody else?

Missy said you guys have done a great job moving snow.

Gary said yeah, thank you for that. I see them everyday out there, so, hopefully, it lets up here in the, by this weekend.

Nathan Moore said that's what we're hoping.

Gary said a little bit of ice out there right now.

Nathan Moore said there's some stuff to still clean up. That's for sure.

Missy said and whatever deal if we got to that point, to make with, as an example, a very small welding group, who wouldn't be bringing big trucks in there, you know, if we could rent it or what, you know, you could put any equipment in those open, whatever you call those things.

Jay Long said lean too's.

Missy said yeah, right, yeah. But that's just one, I mean, it just seems that you know, somebody could use it and get some good out of it, and be in there a little bit might help. Whatever is the best.

Jay Long said I mean, everything we have in there is readily able to move, you know, at any time. It's got wheels and drives.

Missy said well, it's a great storage area for you guys right now, too.

Jay Long said yeah.

Nathan Moore said all of our summer equipment that we store in the winter.

Gary said okay. We'll bring it back up from time to time.

SBOA office space

Gary said SBOA office space. Jake, can you come up please? State board of accounts office space. So, Laura, they want to?

Laura said yeah, I didn't get a lot of specifics with Ricki which is one of the state board of accounts, she's above the auditors. But that's who comes to our conferences and stuff. She called me and said that they have field reps in different areas. Like, I know Henry County has one in there, they have lots of space in their courthouse for a field rep. And they have field reps that live locally here, or one, that they're looking for some office space for. And she called me to see if we had anything available. I said I don't think we have anything in the courthouse, but I

would check on the other buildings we have. I asked Jake. He just said yes, so I don't know what they.

Jake Donham said I said yes because it was an open question. I didn't have any specifics either. I mean, there is space available out there.

Laura said it's one person. They need a place, room for a desk and they can sit in there and I'm guessing they'll probably do their own WIFI. Didn't we have state board in there during the tornado for something temporarily?

Jake Donham said there were several different entities during the tornado, we housed and there were just all kinds of stipulations. They needed to be closer to the state internet, so they tapped into DCS, which is already in the state network. So, that's where they used the commissioner meeting room and the old county highway office. Yeah, I just, there's room out there, just depends on how much they need, square footage-wise and so forth.

Laura said they just need a small office that would house a desk is my understanding.

Gary said do they want to pay us?

Laura said she didn't say anything about pay.

Gary said they charge us.

Missy said I think they should pay.

Laura said I don't think they pay Henry County, but I can ask.

Gary said okay. Let's let Laura ask more specifics of the commissioners. I think we should get paid for it.

Missy said I do too.

Gary said they charge us to do the service to

Jake Donham said yeah. I mean, depending on how much space.

Gary said \$10.07 is the average for square foot charge?

Jake Donham said I just looked at one of the recent, most recently, that was a YSB lease and it was like \$10.07 square foot.

Gary said how many square foot is in a small office out there?

Jake Donham said couple hundred, between 2 and 300 square foot roughly. One desk, a couple filing cabinet-type space. We got a handful of offices out there. I mean, the tornado group, they

took over the old county highway office. They set up shop in there and I've never seen anybody wants in there, and my girls that work out there haven't either. Ball State set up shop in the basement with the Health Department. They brought a bunch of stuff in, stuck it in there and kind of rearranged it. Never seen anybody come back since.

Missy said supposed to be back today. I called, talked with somebody at the Health department, said what's going on here, I mean, we've had two suicide attempts and one, where's this help at for these people? Oh well, they're going to be here. So, they're coming tomorrow.

Jake Donham said funny how that works isn't it?

Gary said okay. I think we'll get some more information and address this again, next meeting is when we have it.

Jake Donham said yeah.

Gary said I would think it would be almost quid pro quo to not charge them and they do own audits. I mean, I think you got to charge them.

Jake Donham said we're got an empty room below us too yet, still in this building if we need to.

Laura said I know if any of that because there was a lot of storage and stuff, I didn't know how that was, if there was anything.

Jake Donham said down below us right now, it's just an overflow right now. The prosecutors used it as they were rearranging and they've got some filing cabinets and some furniture in there, but they're just waiting to see if they're going to need any more of it, and they're going to get rid of. But everything downstairs is moveable, so, that space below us is available as well, in this building. That would be the only empty space we'd have here.

Gary said Missy, are you interested in continue looking into it?

Missy said yeah, I can do that. Probably, question I would have about this is if they want to meet, if they wanted to be here anytime in the evenings, I'm not sure.

Jake Donham said there's more questions and information we need, I mean, what kind of access do you want these people to have, and so forth.

Gary said right.

Jake Donham said the other building would be probably a better fit if they're wanting to come after hours, because it's more of a, the old hospital is kind of set up as when, most offices are keyed to the main entry doors. So, they can get in after hours with their same key into the main entry doors, and then still access their offices. But nothing else in the building. Whereas, this building is not set up that way.

Gary said okay. We'll wait and see where it goes from here. Alright. Thank you. Alright. Anything, Missy, anything else for the commissioners?

Missy said I can't think of anything.

Gray said pardon me?

Missy said nope, I don't have.

Gary said Laura?

Laura said I do. I sent you guys a letter for Comcast. They wanted support for Bead application. There were a couple places in there where we needed fill in and I don't know what needs to be in there. So, I printed the letter and got it ready for signatures but it looks like they want council too, so I think we need to ask some more questions. We've done this for two other fiber entities.

Gary said yeah, Nextel and there was one just last December.

Laura said yeah, we've done two I think last year, support letters like this. But they were complete when I got the letters from them.

Gary said I don't have any problem giving our letterhead and supporting it. It's internet and we have no obligation, other than support.

Laura said right.

Gary said but I think you need to get those questions answered. What do you think Tom?

Tom said yeah, I agree.

Missy said I agree.

Laura said so, table it until the next meeting?

Gary said yeah.

Laura said okay. That's the only other thing I had.

Gary said when you bring it back next week, can you have it on letterhead and all that?

Laura said yeah, I will, I just, because like I said there's blanks where we need to.

Gary said yes. Anything else? Tom?

Tom said bringing back from the past, I don't know if there's a committee in place for courthouse security?

Laura said there is a committee. Dale Arnett was in charge and I think Art was on that committee.

Meeks said Chris was.

Laura said Chris?

Meeks said Chris, I'm pretty sure, correct.

Tom said and are they currently doing anything in their meeting?

Laura said not that I've heard.

Gary said you want to spearhead that and draw them together?

Tom said I'll ask questions and see where it's at, because I think that's something that we have to head towards.

Gary said yeah. I have spoke with Art just recently about manpower staffing levels if we would get there, and I think there's going to be a disagreement between the sheriff's department and the council on staffing levels that's going to have to be worked out as well. Three or four people, I don't think is going to fly. Maybe it's necessary, I don't know.

Tom said okay.

Gary said anything else?

Tom said no.

Gary said Meeks?

Meeks said just that the council will, they're going to approve the Headwaters III, or not approve, I don't know what the council, and the Riverstart V on the reading in February in case anybody was interested. There're two public hearings. The commissioners already approved those contracts. These are the final two on that one. So, just wanted to let everybody know that. I don't have anything else.

Citizen Comments (3 minutes)

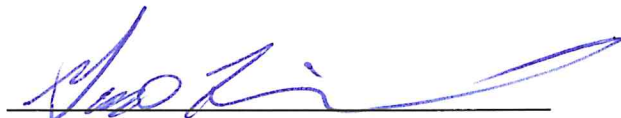
Gary said anybody in attendance today have anything for us?

Adjournment

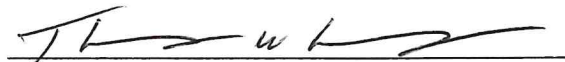
Alright, hearing nothing, somebody want to make a motion to adjourn?

Missy made a motion to adjourn. Tom seconded the motion. All aye votes. Meeting adjourned.

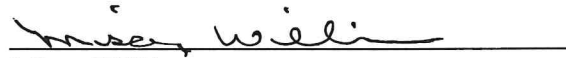
Reviewed and accepted this 3 day of February, 2025



Gary Friend



Tom Kerns



Missy Williams

ATTESTED: 

Laura J Martin, Auditor

