

Randolph County Commissioners

December 16, 2024

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 Michael Wickersham, Gary Friend and Gary Girton. Also present was Randolph County Auditor Laura Martin, Sheriff Art Moystner and County Attorney Meeks Cockerill.

Pledge of Allegiance

Open Highway bids

Mike said first thing on the agenda are highway bids. I've asked Jay and Joe and Nate if they want to come up, and we'll have the attorney open the bids.

Meeks said first bid is from Milestone looks like for paving roads.

Mike said paving what?

Meeks said 800 East.

Mike said okay.

Meeks said next one is from Cobalt Civil. It looks like for a whole bunch of machine work and equipment. Next one is from IMI. Looks like this is for materials. Next one is from ECC. Looks like this is the gasoline, asphalt, crushed stone, other material. E&B Paving. This looks for asphalt, pavement and materials. This is Ag Best for gasoline and diesel. Next one is from E3 Bridge for pipe, culverts, other materials. Next one from Barrett Paving and Materials for aggregate. Next one is from Civil Con it's also for materials. Next one is from Structure Point, inspection for bridge 32. Next one is US Aggregates for crushed stone and gravel and sand. The last one is SJCA for inspection of bridge 32. That's all the bids.

Mike said okay. We'll take these under advisement at this time and let you review them and do you want to come back in two weeks? We meet in two weeks on Monday the 30th, for your recommendation, or do you want to do it yet today?

Joe Copeland said the annual bids, I'd like to come back in two weeks. But the 800 East resurface, I would like to take a look at it and see if we could award that today. That's a Community Crossing matching grant fund project, and I'd like to get that paperwork done and in so we can get it under contract.

Mike said so, you've heard the request. We'll wait your return then today.

Joe Copeland said okay. Thank you.

Council's update

Mike said next item on the agenda is the council update. Tom, Missy, either one you have an update for us? No, okay. Do we have any questions of council?

Ed Thornburg – Riverstart IV road improvement

Mike said Ed. Riverstart IV road improvement. Morning Ed.

Ed Thornburg said morning. We've got about half a dozen intersections that they want to do some improvements on. Most, with the exception of one, they're nearly all of it in the road right-of-way itself. And it's all stuff that's going to benefit the project, actually will benefit the road, fixed in the short term. The one at 1200 West is the only one where they're going to be making what looks like an exit. Everything else is just improving edges.

Mike said 500 South and 1200 West?

Ed Thornburg said yes.

Mike said so, they're going to need to seek the easement from that property owner?

Ed Thornburg said that's between them and the property owner, but that property owner is involved with the project, so, I'm sure it'll work out.

Mike said okay based on your recommendation we should approve this?

Ed Thornburg said yep, appreciate it.

Gary Girton made a motion to approve. Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Ed Thornburg said thank you.

Mike said are you going to stick around for a few minutes?

Ed Thornburg said yes.

Mike said okay. Thank you.

Wynter Wagoner, EDP – Headwaters III and Riverstart V agreements

Mike said Mr. Wagoner. EDP, Headwaters III and Riverstart V agreements. Mike said well, who wants to begin here?

Winter Wagoner said we can do Riverstart V first.

Brad Dilger said yeah, we can. So, after some edits over the weekend with Barnes and Thornburg and some consultation with Baker Tilly, seems that we have arrived at some final language and some final numbers for the Riverstart V agreements. So, I think Meeks has printed off the most recent edits, everything that we have accepted, as it was advised, and so I think we're on board with the agreements as they stand.

Mike said okay. And you have those?

Meeks said yep, I have them. It does say county drafts at the bottom, but I think that's fine.

Mike said so, they're not going to change?

Meeks said no. The language isn't going to change. They might need to clear out the bottom, but what we're going to do is pass that resolution.

Mike said first thing we need to do is pass the resolution. This is for V.

Meeks said we have three.

Mike said three and five. So, do we want to do Headwaters Windfarm III, resolution 2024-15, a resolution of the board of commissioners of Randolph County approving an economic development agreement, a road use agreement and a decommissioning agreement with Headwaters Windfarm III, LLC and certain other matters in connection therewith. We did receive a copy of this via email. And, unless there're any questions of the company or the attorney, I would entertain a motion to approve resolution 2024-15.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-15

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF RANDOLPH
COUNTY, INDIANA, APPROVING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AGREEMENT, A ROAD USE AGREEMENT, AND A DECOMMISSIONING AGREEMENT WITH
HEADWATERS WIND FARM III LLC,
AND CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Randolph County, Indiana (the "Board") desires to benefit the health and general welfare of the citizens of Randolph County, Indiana (the "County") and create opportunities for gainful employment and business opportunities within the County; and

WHEREAS, Headwaters Wind Farm III LLC (the "Company") is contemplating the development and construction of a wind-powered electric generating facility in the County, which will have a rated capacity of approximately two hundred (200) megawatts (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, in the completion of the Project, the Company will invest up to approximately Four Hundred Eleven Million Dollars (\$411,000,000) in equipment and real estate improvements in the County and create approximately ten (10) to fifteen (15) permanent jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Company has requested assistance with the completion of certain road improvements, the approval of tax abatement, and other assistance from the County with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, to induce the Company to complete the Project, the Board desires to approve the execution of an Economic Development Agreement, between the County and the Company, a form of which has been presented to the Board on the date hereof (the "Economic Development Agreement"), pursuant to which certain incentives will be provided to Company in exchange for its commitment to complete the Project, to make certain economic development payments, and to take certain other actions with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, as contemplated by the Economic Development Agreement, the Board desires to approve the execution of an Agreement Regarding County Roads and Drains, between the County and the Company, a form of which has been presented to the Board on the date hereof (the "Road Use Agreement"), pursuant to which the County agrees to provide the use of certain roads to the Company and the Company agrees to repair and improve such roads and certain drainage improvements in the County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 19-7-6-3 of the Randolph County Zoning Ordinance, the Company is required to formulate a decommissioning plan and to provide financial assurance for the decommissioning of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to approve the execution of a Decommissioning Agreement, between the County and the Company, a form of which has been presented to the Board on the date hereof (the "Decommissioning Agreement").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Randolph County, Indiana, that:

1. The Board hereby finds that the execution and delivery of each of the Economic Development Agreement, the Road Use Agreement, and the Decommissioning Agreement are in the best interests of the County and its citizens. The Board is authorized and directed to execute each of the Economic Development Agreement, the Road Use Agreement, and the Decommissioning Agreement, in the name and on behalf of the County, and the Auditor of the County is hereby authorized and directed to attest the execution of each of such agreements, with such changes and modifications as such persons or the County Attorney deem necessary or appropriate to effectuate this Resolution, said persons' execution thereof to be conclusive evidence of the approval of such changes.

2. The members of the Board, the County Council, the Auditor of the County, the legal counsel of the County, and other appropriate officers of the County are hereby authorized to take all such actions and execute all such instruments as are necessary or desirable to effectuate this Resolution.

3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

Gary Friend made a motion to approve. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said I should point out that this resolution speaks to the company investing 411 million dollars in equipment and real estate improvements in the county, and is going to create approximately 10 to 15 permanent jobs. That resolution passes. Do you want to send those agreements over?

Meeks said I'm doing that right now.

Mike said do we need to approve this agreement, do we not?

Meeks said that's what the resolution does.

Mike said okay. So, we'll go on to resolution number, anymore comments or questions about three, Headwaters III?

Brad Dilger said no sir.

Mike said okay. We'll go on to resolution number 2024-16, a resolution of the board of commissioners of Randolph County Indiana approving an Economic Development agreement, a road use agreement and decommissioning agreement with Riverstart Solar Park V, LLC, and certain other matters in connection therewith. This resolution authorizes to sign the three agreements with Riverstart Solar Park V and I will say that their investment in this project is 155 million dollars in equipment and real estate improvements and creating approximately 4 permanent jobs. I'd entertain a motion to pass resolution number 2024-16.

RESOLUTION NO.2024-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF RANDOLPHCOUNTY, INDIANA, APPROVING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

AGREEMENT, A ROAD USE AGREEMENT, AND A DECOMMISSIONING AGREEMENT WITH RIVERSTART SOLAR PARK V, LLC,

AND CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Randolph County, Indiana (the "Board") desires to benefit the health and general welfare of the citizens of Randolph County, Indiana (the "County") and create opportunities for gainful employment and business opportunities within the County; and

WHEREAS, Riverstart Solar Park V LLC (the “Company”) is contemplating the development and construction of a solar-powered electric generating facility in the County, which will have a rated capacity of approximately one hundred (100) megawatts (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, in the completion of the Project, the Company will invest up to approximately One Hundred Fifty-Five Million Dollars (\$155,000,000) in equipment and real estate improvements in the County and create approximately four (4) permanent jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Company has requested assistance with the completion of certain road improvements, the approval of tax abatement, and other assistance from the County with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, to induce the Company to complete the Project, the Board desires to approve the execution of an Economic Development Agreement, between the County and the Company, a form of which has been presented to the Board on the date hereof (the “Economic Development Agreement”), pursuant to which certain incentives will be provided to Company in exchange for its commitment to complete the Project, to make certain economic development payments, and to take certain other actions with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, as contemplated by the Economic Development Agreement, the Board desires to approve the execution of an Agreement Regarding County Roads and Drains, between the County and the Company, a form of which was has been presented to the Board on the date hereof (the “Road Use Agreement”), pursuant to which the County agrees to provide the use of certain roads to the Company and the Company agrees to repair and improve such roads and certain drainage improvements in the County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 19-7-6-3 of the Randolph County Zoning Ordinance, the Company is required to formulate a decommissioning plan and to provide financial assurance for the decommissioning of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to approve the execution of a Decommissioning Agreement, between the County and the Company, a form of which has been presented to the Board on the date hereof (the “Decommissioning Agreement”).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Randolph County, Indiana, that:

4. The Board hereby finds that the execution and delivery of each of the Economic Development Agreement, the Road Use Agreement, and the Decommissioning Agreement are in the best interests of the County and its citizens. The Board is authorized and directed to execute each of the Economic Development Agreement, the Road Use Agreement, and the Decommissioning Agreement, in the name and on behalf of the County, and the Auditor of the County is hereby authorized and directed to attest the execution of each of such agreements, with such changes and modifications as such persons or the County Attorney deem necessary or appropriate to effectuate this Resolution, said persons’ execution thereof to be conclusive evidence of the approval of such changes.

5. The members of the Board, the County Council, the Auditor of the County, the legal counsel of the County, and other appropriate officers of the County are hereby authorized to take all such actions and execute all such instruments as are necessary or desirable to effectuate this Resolution.

6. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

Gary Girton made a motion to approve. Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said that brings us to the agreements for Riverstart V.

Brad Dilger said in each of those folders, there're two copies of the same agreement.

Mike said that completes the document signing. Anybody have any questions? Gary?

Meeks said the question for Headwaters III. Are you going to present to the council at the next council meeting then?

Wynter Wagoner said that's kind of the plan. We still have out resolution in draft with our legal department.

Meeks said okay, so, the plan would be for the January, I'm trying to think of the January whatever date that is.

Wynter Wagoner said I know, I just saw the new schedule. Is it the 8th? Yeah, we should know in the next week of two if it would be ready then.

Meeks said I guess it's the 7th, right? So, the plan now is January 7th?

Wynter Wagoner said yes.

Meeks said and then for Riverstart V, what's the plan to go to the council?

Brad Dilger said we can try to hit that same date.

Meeks said so, we would just need those preliminary resolutions for the tax abatement and the council could, at that point, set a hearing date.

Brad Dilger said yeah, if I can get those moved through, we'll try to hit the 7th. If not, I'll let you know.

Wynter Wagoner said we'll try to have them both at the same time.

Meeks said we are also having a meeting on the 30th.

Brad Dilger said oh, okay.

Laura said with a public hearing.

Meeks said then at, immediately after that they have a meeting. I guess there is a meeting on that day also. And you guys can plan accordingly.

Mike said that's at 9:30?

Meeks said yeah, 9:30.

Mike said okay.

Meeks said yep, thanks.

Wynter Wagoner said thanks.

Brad Dilger said thanks.

Mike Stults, Leap – quote for new backup system

Mike said next item is Mike Stults with Leap, quote for a new backup system. Some leftover explanation of what we approved last week.

Mike Stults said so, there're two quotes today. One is for yearly license renewal for Office 365 that we did last year. Joey went through and did an audit of everything, making sure we have the right amount. Everything is correct currently. So, that the number of licenses that you guys need is on there. 135 of the G1s and 31 of the G3 licenses. And then of the Microsoft 365 managed detection and response included in that. That was the, it's really the same for last year except for Microsoft pricing went up. We do MSRP pricing, so, it's the same price from anyone on that.

Mike said we discussed this at our last meeting and we basically approved it at \$33,067.38. And that is, as I understand, a month total?

Mike Stults said a yearly annual total, yeah. That's annual pricing.

Mike said it says monthly managed services here. So, is that annual pricing?

Mike Stults that that is annual, that's your annual licensing and pricing. I apologize.

Mike said well that's what we approved at the last.

Laura said then I have that one.

Mike said we agreed to that last meeting.

Mike Stults said okay. I apologize. Because normally, we sell this at a monthly, but you guys were on an annual agreement previously, so we just kept you on an annual agreement.

Mike said that's fine. I just, there was some confusion this morning that, whether it was, the invoice says monthly total.

Mike Stultz said sorry. I mean, if you're going to approve it for monthly.

Mike said we're not going to approve a monthly total. That's what we discussed last meeting. Matter of fact, I literally struck out monthly and put annual there. So, we really approved this at our last meeting.

Mike Stultz said okay.

Mike said okay, good. That clears that up.

Mike Stultz said yeah. And so, the other one is a new back up appliance and cloud storage fee. So, currently, you're set up on your servers. You guys have scale servers, which that's set up in basically, a 3 nodes in there, that have what's called high availability. So, your current service solution has a backup solution in itself, where it basically has the resources to where if something would fail, it can automatically move over into other resources. We talked about that when we renewed that, I think it was at the beginning of the year, and went through that process. But, you have a secondary backup in case of a basically, catastrophic situation. That's currently with Barracuda. And that has been, that was here prior to us, and you guys had licensing with them through June of next year. We're at a point now where you guys have added enough servers and resources where that backup solution is full. We've changed the retention policies down to, I believe two days now?

Joey Baldrige said yeah.

Mike Stultz said so, normally, we want it to be much more than that. We want to keep monthlies and dailies up to, I believe 60 days, and so, we've really had to scale that back to do anything with them. One of the things that the Barracuda appliance is that it's not really doing a good backup solution for you. It's just doing basically, files and folders. It's not doing full image backups. That's the setup that that Barracuda solution has. But we're proposing to you is a better solution on setting up a synknowledge device which is just a network attached storage that can do image level backup, so we can actually backup all of the servers as an image level in case there's a catastrophic event with your current scale solution, we'll have it there locally and also stored in the cloud where we can spin it up and get you guys back up on that side. So, the big thing is that we went to Barracuda, got a quote from them. For 36 months, with their cloud solution, it was \$45,967.68. We do monthly services for our cloud backups, so that's where the \$450 is on there. But if you do that by 36 months for your total of everything, ours would be \$19,296.79. So, a difference of \$26,000.00 cheaper to do it this route, and it's a better backup solution. So, bringing it to you now because we're in a situation where the current Barracuda is licensed through June, but we're in a situation now where we're not getting the backup that we really want to get. So, we really need, and we don't have the availability to expand it. We really

don't want to because we don't want to pay for that for 6 months. Better to just change it out now instead of waiting.

Mike said and that would be a hardware cost of \$3,096.79?

Mike Stultz said yeah.

Mike said plus a monthly fee of \$450.00?

Mike Stultz said right.

Mike said and that replaces the Barracuda and gets us a lot more backup storage capacity?

Mike Stultz said yes. And it has the ability to expand. So, within the next year, well next budget season of 2026, we'll be looking to replace the scale servers with another scale solution, because your hardware goes out of warranty in February of this year, but your licensed through 2025. So, that's a down the road situation.

Mike said okay. Anybody have any questions?

Gary Friend said I have one question. When you hear like a hospital got hit, will this protect us for immediate backup to start again without a ransomware

Mike Stultz said yeah. So, this does, it's separate, so it moves to the local appliance and then that's moved to a cloud solution that's totally separate from the local environments.

Gary Friend said up to the day?

Mike Stultz said to the hour.

Gary Friend said to the hour?

Mike Stultz said yeah. It does hourly backups.

Gary Friend said that's all.

Mike said Gary, have you got any questions?

Gary Girton said no.

Mike said so, do we want to, need a motion to approve the purchase of the backup annual, the backup hardware, as well as approving the monthly fee of \$450.00?

Gary Girton made a motion to approve.

Gary Friend said I'll second.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike Stults said thanks. One other thing I just wanted to mention. I meet with Laura on a quarterly basis and go over some numbers with you, but I wanted to give you guys the numbers for the year. So, we've done 646 total tickets so far for the year. This guy has been taking care of most of them. You guys probably know Joe pretty well. 1470 hours against those tickets over the year. So, those are just tickets that have been put in by the team, by the Randolph County team for us to support you guys and take care of you. So, I wanted to make sure you guys knew those numbers and saw that this guy's been busy for a while here.

Mike said attacks on our system that you're caught or our employees have caught?

Mike Stultz said no, I don't think we've had, have we had any email compromises or passwords have needed to be reset, but nothing past that.

Joey Baldrige said yeah, there has been docile attacks though. So, what those are, is people will compromise a bunch of computers out in the internet world, and they will use those computers to send, usually random data, just bad data to your IP address and your public IP address to try to bring the internet down for you guys. We've had alerted by NLBC, the internet provider, that that has happened a couple of times. And when that does happen, they cut off the internet on their end to us to prevent anything happening. And when that does get cut off, you guys do have a fail over internet so you're not totally without internet. But there is some services that require that public IP from NLBC to work properly.

Mike Stultz said that's not them getting into your system. That's basically just trying to stop internet traffic.

Mike said out of our control as well.

Mike Stultz said yeah.

Mike said okay. Very good. Thank you.

Mike Stultz said thank you.

South Salem Solar

Mike said next item is the South Salem Solar project. No relation to Riverstart.

Brandon Dickinson said no, no relation. Friendly competition. Good morning everyone. Thank you for having us. For the record, Brandon Dickinson. I'm an attorney with Dentons Bingham Greenebaum, representing South Solar LLC and Ben is one of the consultants on the project is here as well, to answer any questions related to the operations and project details itself. As Meeks knows, it was a late night, last night getting some final comments back from Barnes and Thornburg. We've reviewed those proposed changes and while we don't have a finished draft in front of us, we are comfortable moving forward with the revisions as proposed. Most of them were in line with Riverstart IV, so they're not necessarily new concepts to Dentons. And we

understand the county has a desire to try to keep the project agreements as uniform as possible where they can be. So, with that said, I believe we can move forward with those proposals from last evening. And we might have to get a ratified version later on since there's nothing to necessarily sign today other than voting for the Economic Development agreement, but before we respectfully ask you to do so, happy to answer any questions that the commissioners may have.

Mike said I looked at the road use agreement and it looks like you're only going to use the one county road, as I'm reading exhibit A roads and affected drains it's east 100 South?

Ben Vollmer said that was the preliminary read on it, just taking advantage of the state roads and then there was just the one county road that cuts over. The intent I think would you know, later be to replace that with a new exhibit once we come closer to construction and have more finalized routes.

Mike said and then can we add to that road use by the agreement?

Meeks said we've done this in the past, what happens is we propose an amended schedule A and then we can pass that or not pass that.

Mike said okay.

Meeks said it will have to be amended, I can tell you my feeling. My feeling is have you guys pass the resolution today. I have the last signed document, the last draft, sign those, and if they want to change those drafts, then you'll come back.

Brandon Dickinson said I presume we can also just slip out the signature pages based on whatever.

Meeks said yeah, then they'll have you approve those at the meeting on the 30th.

Mike said so, we pass the resolution 2024-17, we are signing the agreement today?

Meeks said I think they're ready to sign and then if there are any changes to those agreements.

Mike said I would suspect the road use you're probably not going to have that in place in two weeks.

Ben Vollmer said no sir.

Mike said it's probably going to happen next year sometime.

Ben Vollmer said correct.

Mike said and I just want to make sure that the county highway department and if we've got, I don't know what's out there, but there could be culverts out there that we want out of the way or that are difficult.

Brandon Dickinson said bridges, yeah, completely understand.

Mike said okay. So, I've got resolution, any questions, South Salem? I've got resolution number 2024-17, a resolution of the board of commissioners of Randolph County Indiana approving an economic development agreement, a road use agreement and a decommissioning agreement with South Salem Solar, LLC and certain other matters in connection therewith. This project is an investment by the company, South Solar, of 200 million dollars in equipment and real estate, and will create approximately 3 permanent jobs. Appreciate the investment. I'd entertain a motion to approve resolution number 2024-17.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-17

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF RANDOLPH
COUNTY, INDIANA, APPROVING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**AGREEMENT, A ROAD USE AGREEMENT, AND A DECOMMISSIONING AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH
SALEM SOLAR, LLC,**

AND CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Randolph County, Indiana (the "Board") desires to benefit the health and general welfare of the citizens of Randolph County, Indiana (the "County") and create opportunities for gainful employment and business opportunities within the County; and

WHEREAS, South Salem Solar, LLC (the "Company"), is contemplating the development and construction of a solar-powered electric generating facility in the County, which will have a rated capacity of approximately one hundred fifty (150) megawatts (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, in the completion of the Project, the Company will invest up to approximately Two Hundred Million Dollars (\$200,000,000) in equipment and real estate improvements in the County and create approximately three (3) permanent jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Company has requested assistance with the completion of certain road improvements, the approval of tax abatement, and other assistance from the County with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, to induce the Company to complete the Project, the Board desires to approve the execution of an Economic Development Agreement, between the County and the Company, a form of which has been presented to the Board on the date hereof (the "Economic Development Agreement"), pursuant to which certain incentives will be provided to Company in exchange for

its commitment to complete the Project, to make certain economic development payments, and to take certain other actions with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, as contemplated by the Economic Development Agreement, the Board desires to approve the execution of an Agreement Regarding County Roads and Drains, between the County and the Company, a form of which has been presented to the Board on the date hereof (the "Road Use Agreement"), pursuant to which the County agrees to provide the use of certain roads to the Company and the Company agrees to repair and improve such roads and certain drainage improvements in the County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 19-7-6-3 of the Randolph County Zoning Ordinance, the Company is required to formulate a decommissioning plan and to provide financial assurance for the decommissioning of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to approve the execution of a Decommissioning Agreement, between the County and the Company, a form of which has been presented to the Board on the date hereof (the "Decommissioning Agreement").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Randolph County, Indiana, that:

7. The Board hereby finds that the execution and delivery of each of the Economic Development Agreement, the Road Use Agreement, and the Decommissioning Agreement are in the best interests of the County and its citizens. The Board is authorized and directed to execute each of the Economic Development Agreement, the Road Use Agreement, and the Decommissioning Agreement, in the name and on behalf of the County, and the Auditor of the County is hereby authorized and directed to attest the execution of each of such agreements, with such changes and modifications as such persons or the County Attorney deem necessary or appropriate to effectuate this Resolution, said persons' execution thereof to be conclusive evidence of the approval of such changes.

8. The members of the Board, the County Council, the Auditor of the County, the legal counsel of the County, and other appropriate officers of the County are hereby authorized to take all such actions and execute all such instruments as are necessary or desirable to effectuate this Resolution.

9. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

Gary Friend made a motion to approve. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes.
Motion carried.

Brandon Dickinson said and Laura if you can email those to me, later once they're scanned in, I'll kind of reformat the economic agreements with Meeks so that they're aligned with the latest additions.

Meeks said I'll have them all. I'll send it out to the group.

Brandon Dickinson said okay. Thank you, Meeks.

Meeks said probably this afternoon.

Brandon Dickinson said okay. That sound good. Thank you.

Meeks said depending on when we get done with the meeting this morning.

Brandon Dickinson said we did our part. We tried to be as easy as a Sunday morning here.

Meeks said so, your plan is to come back then on the 30th and have the final approvals with the council?

Ben Vollmer said uh huh, that's right.

Meeks said this one will probably be done then on the 30th if that's what the council chooses.

Mike said no need to come to our meeting.

Meeks said unless they just want to see you.

Mike said but we're not going to put you on the agenda. But you're welcome to attend. It's a public meeting.

Brandon Dickinson said very good, thank you. We'll see the council and auditor and Meeks on the 30th, and we appreciate the county's continued investment and partnership in the project. Thank you so much.

Mike said well we appreciate your investment.

Ben Vollmer said thank you.

Mike said thank you. Mayor Bob McCoy.

Mayor Bob McCoy – Thank you

Bob McCoy said I'd just like to thank you guys, you and Gary for your service. I know you're going to be here the 30th, but I'm probably not.

Mike said well you're welcome, Bob.

Bob McCoy said and I'd also like to thank the citizens and the community as well as all emergency services regarding basically, everything that's happened this year between the tornado, the death of a fire fighter, and just numerous things that you can't plan for, but the community's been great. Emergency services, everybody's stepped up, definitely had a lot of people in town, and we're probably going to have a rough week with the fire department and it's kind of hard to lose one of your own.

Mike said right. The departments have stepped up. Thanks for your comments, Bob. Any questions of Bob?

Indiana Broadband letter of support

Mike said before we go on to other business, we have at the bottom of the agenda, and Indiana Broadband letter of support, and we have representatives from the organization that is requesting our support. And Main Street Fiber Networks representatives. I've reviewed the support and I had one question, and that was on page 2, the 4th bullet point, Main Street Fiber Networks has provided an affordable and ideal pricing structure for residents starting at \$35.00 for qualified individuals or \$49.00 for general pricing, is that state required? Is that part of the Bead bond or Bead project?

Mark Gabriel said yeah, they want that disclosed.

Mike said so you will disclose that in your grant application?

Mark Gabriel said yes, yes.

Mike said okay. The other gentleman, Shawn asked us about questions on the map and I had no questions. Didn't know if the surveyor, surveyor had a copy of the map. Ed, did you have any questions about the map?

Ed Thornburg said my only question is when are we going to get to the middle third of the county. But, no, the map really makes sense.

Mike said okay. And for those that weren't here a few meetings ago, this project is north of 32 and west of Highway 1, is that a fair statement generally speaking?

Mark Gabriel said yes.

Mike said okay. Well they've provided us a letter and we've all received a copy of it. I'd entertain a motion to, I should ask, do you guys have anything to add?

Mark Gabriel said no. Basically, the Bead application is the Bead funding is for unserved, underserved, and that's partially why that map is reflecting the western side of the county because that's where the need, according to the FCC, that's where it is at this point in time. So, there's approximately 800 unserved, underserved in that area. As part of the buildout, we're going to pass almost 3,000 locations doing the buildout. So, and then obviously, it's 140 miles of new fiber and you know, from that, that would be our base and then we'd start building out in other areas as demand came from other, either businesses or homes.

Mike said and this letter of support basically gives you a little plus on your grant application. You can apply without, but this adds to it?

Mark Gabriel said it's actually in the, out of the 100 points, it's worth 5 points. So, if you don't have the letter, you lose, automatically lose 5 points. So, it's compared to next level grants, this is really important as part of the application.

Mike said so, this letter is to be signed by the president of the county board of commissioners, so if that body is ready to move on it, I'd entertain a motion to authorize me to sign this letter of support for the Main Street Fiber Network as IP provider.

Gary Girton made a motion to approve. Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said very good. Would you mind making a copy?

Laura said I can.

Mike said she'll need to make a copy again. Okay. Thank you, gentlemen. Appreciate your effort taking advantage of this opportunity.

Other Business:

Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff

Mike said that brings us to other business. Sheriff Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff. A couple of things for us this morning.

Art Moystner said morning.

Mike said the new regulations of law out there, you've got a quality correctional care contract that you need our approval on prior to you signing.

Art Moystner said correct.

Mike said is this a new thing or is this a new?

Art Moystner said we actually have a contract with them currently. This is an amendment to that contract, which will change how some of the funding is done, and I don't have the specific figure, but I think currently, we have a contract with them. This would reduce our yearly contract for the nursing side by \$36,000 I believe, is what's stated in there. However, we will be doing a pay as you go for prescriptions and off-site services. The off-site services, we've always done the pay as you go. But this will change on prescriptions. I did have them do a review over past years to see how this was going to affect us. I can tell you in years past, there're times that this would save us money, and times it's not. But it's just one of those that for me to come in and tell you it depends on how many scripts we need for the inmates, and it depends on how many people we send off site.

Mike said and it depends on jail population.

Art Moystner said and it depends on jail population.

Mike said so, you're wanting to enter this agreement?

Art Moystner said I am.

Mike said you've heard the recommendation or request by the sheriff. I'd entertain a motion to approve the quality correctional care contract that the sheriff has presented.

Gary Friend made a motion to approve. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Art Moystner said thank you.

Mike said and then you also have a transfer.

Art Moystner said I'm requesting a couple of things with this. One of them is the creation of a new line. To explain what we've done is in the budget. The council was kind enough to increase some funding in the General Fund for training. What I'm trying to do is get the General Fund to mimic the handgun permit fund. As we're all aware the state did away with the handgun permit fees. So, we currently still receive a little grant money from the state. But, I don't think it's what we used to make on the permit fees, and at some point, I think the state is going to stop that. They normally do. So, I'm trying to get everything set up and when I created the original line, it was for basically, school and training that we pay for. However, in going back and looking at budgets this year, I realized that I don't have, in talking to Danita, we're not comfortable purchasing ammo out of the way that line is written. So, we would like to add a line with that so that it's ammo, flares, films, etcetera that would be set up the same way we have the handgun permit fee, which is what we paid for training historically. And then I'm simply asking for a transfer of funds from the first line and split it between the two lines. So, I'm not asking for additional funding. I'm just trying to make that funding more useable.

Mike said so we need, do we need to authorize a new line? I don't think I've ever done that before.

Art Moystner said then I apologize, because according to Danita, it was the commissioners that have to create the line and the council that funds the line.

Mike said well we can create it for you.

Gary Friend said I'll make a motion we create the line.

Mike said I have a motion we create the line for ammo, flare, film etcetera. Do I have a second?

Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said transfer will take place at council.

Art Moystner said thank you. And I will be at their next meeting, I believe. So, we'll do that then. I wanted to take an opportunity to thank you guys. I will not be here at your meeting on the 30th. I just wanted to tell the two of you thank you.

Mike said you're welcome. Thank you.

Art Moystner said for helping and I think we've accomplished a lot and with your help and with the council's help with some of the funding in the jail, I think we've made some very good improvement within the building and we will continue doing that. But, I wanted to thank you both for your service to the community, and your assistance you've given me over my time as sheriff.

Mike said I thank you for staying on top of the jail and bringing those needs to us. And obviously, there're going to be future needs too.

Art Moystner said there will. There will, and I think we have some good people coming, both commissioners and council, and we'll continue. But thank you.

Gary Girton said it's been a privilege to work with you, Art. I tried to do my part as far as the maintenance facilities and so on, from my start here some years ago, that's been an issue that I've had with some structures that we've spent our time, a lot of money and a lot of effort to maintain all those structures. And we've got them all in decent shape, some in good shape. Now we need to work more seriously on the jail.

Art Moystner said and we're getting there. So, I appreciate that and thank you.

Mike said thanks, Art. Be safe out there.

Payroll Claims \$329,220.93

Mike said the next item, our payroll claims in the amount of \$329,220.93. I'd entertain a motion to approve the payroll claims.

Gary Friend made a motion to approve. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes.
Motion carried.

Regular Claims \$1,643,735.89

Mike said next item is our regular claims. We received a copy of these via email in the amount of \$1,643,735.89.

Gary Girton made a motion to approve. Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes.
Motion carried.

Randolph County United \$20,134.35

Randolph County United Tourism \$2,365.66

Mike said next two items are Randolph County United claims, one in the amount of \$20,134.35 and the other in the amount of \$2,365.66. I'd entertain a motion to approve both of these claims.

Gary Girton made a motion to approve. Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes.
Motion carried.

SJCA CR 100 W project claim \$2,850.00

Mike said next item is a SJCA County Road 100 West project claim in the amount of \$2,365.66. I'd entertain a motion to approve the SJCA claim.

Gary Friend made a motion to approve. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes.
Motion carried.

BNY Mellon 2005 Bond claim \$210,000.00

BNY Mellon 2020 Bond claim \$53,200.00

BNY Mellon 2019 Bond claim \$152,000.00

Mike said next 3 claims are BNY Mellon claims for different bonds. One is a 2005 bond, one is a 2020 bond, one is a 2019 bond. 210,000, \$53,200.00 and 152,000. I'd entertain a motion to approve all these claims.

Gary Friend made a motion to approve. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes.
Motion carried.

Thor Construction Claim \$117,015.45

Mike said next claim is for Thor Construction and this is for work and services provided and materials provided at the Farmland EMS facility, and it's for \$117,015.45. This has been signed by the contractor. I'd entertain a motion to approve this claim.

Gary Friend made a motion to approve. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes.
Motion carried.

Settlement Fall 2024 Claim \$14,450,689.51

Mike said and finally, a claim this morning, this is the settlement Fall claim in the amount of \$14,450,689.51. I'd entertain a motion to approve this settlement claim.

Gary Girton made a motion to approve. Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes.
Motion carried.

ARPA Plan amendment

Mike said the next item on the agenda is the ARPA Plan amendment. This completes our ARPA plan, December 16th, 2024, with the additions of what we discussed at our last meeting, which would have been, I think it's the 48, 49 estimated cost of additional funding at the EMS building and the payment of health insurance liability insurance and workman comp insurance. And the Leap contract. I'd entertain a motion to approve this final amendment.

Gary Friend made a motion to approve. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes.
Motion carried.

Hartman and Williams Capital asset management agreement

Mike said next item is the Hartman and Williams Capital asset management agreement.

Laura said the same as last year.

Mike said this is the auditor's agreement with Hartman and Williams to update their capital asset records for the year ending 12/31/2024. It's the same contract as last year and it's basically a time and material contract. I'd entertain a motion to approve this contract.

Gary Girton made a motion to approve. Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Electronic Map Data application agreement renewal

Mike said next item is a Randolph County Government electronic map data application agreement and this is for Jeff Rhodes of Mapping Solutions. The purpose of the request is to have the plat book published in partnership with the soil and water conservation district. This is an updated layers opportunity and the fee is normally \$1,200.00, but because it's updated, it's a \$100.00 fee. So, I would entertain a motion to approve this application for the electronic map.

Gary Girton made motion to approve. Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Set EDIT meeting for Union City amended plan

Mike said the final matter on the agenda is to set an EDIT meeting in 2025 for the Union City amended plan. So, this is, I understand, this is for next year's Union City plan. So, I'm not sure that's something we want to do today, or want to wait until January?

Gary Friend said January.

Mike said Gary would like to wait until January to do that. Are you okay with that, Gary?

Gary Girton said yes.

Mike said okay. So, we'll table that until the 1st meeting in January, which is January the 6th. That bring us to the end of our agenda. Laura, do you have anything for us this morning?

Laura said no.

Mike said no. Meeks, do you have anything else for us this morning?

Meeks Cockerill – Handbook update

Meeks said yes. The handbook, I think we have the handbook ready to go. I'd like to probably think that we might, we're going to need to approve it at some point, and then probable have a meeting with the employees, and have Irwin there, so. I don't know, what were you thinking, Laura? Beginning of the year?

Laura said well, I guess we probably should have it approved on the 30th.

Meeks said yeah, and then have a meeting with the employees probably.

Laura said in January.

Meeks said sometime in January.

Mike said this is not something we want the new commissioners to approve? I think that would be a better policy.

Laura said so the policy goes into effect January 1.

Meeks said yeah, right. And we can amend it. I mean the new commissioners can then, we can amend it.

Mike said well can we get a copy of it then?

Laura said yeah, I can forward that to you. Were you okay with it?

Meeks said I probably want to do a little deeper read on it. But what I read, I didn't see anything that caused any heartburn at all.

Mike said is this a red line addition or is this a final?

Meeks said it's a final.

Laura said it's a final.

Meeks said final, and I'd like to have Erwin explain it. So, maybe, we can have, I'll email them to see when they can come in January to meet with the employees. How do we want to do it? How do we want to do it, or how do you guys, how do you think you want to do it?

Laura said like how we do our insurance meetings?

Meeks said just take a day and have them here and any questions and we go over the highlights.

Laura said you'll have to come help.

Meeks said so that sounds like the plan. We'll get a day or two and then we'll coordinate with the new commissioners if they want to be here or not.

Mike said okay. Anything else for us Meeks?

Meeks said no.

Mike said Gary, do you have anything for us?

Gary Friend said the highway coming back in?

Mike said pardon?

Gary Friend said is the highway coming back in?

Mike said they are. Joe, are you here?

Joe Copeland said we've had one bid from Milestone contractors. The total is \$766,650.00 for the resurfacing of 800 East from State Road 28 to 700 North. That includes everything. This is a Community Crossing matching grant fund project, and I would recommend to accept Milestone's bid.

Mike said how does that line with the original?

Joe Copeland said yeah, it's a good bid.

Mike said okay. We have a recommendation to award this bid for 800 East from State Road 28 to 700 to Milestone.

Gary Girton made a motion to approve. Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Joe Copeland said I need some signatures.

Laura said I have to scan all those bids. Do you want to look at them and then bring them to me to scan after you guys are done with them?

Jay Long said yeah, we can if that's okay. I think that's what he wanted to do anyway.

Mike said okay. Anything else for us?

Joe Copeland said I do have a question. I don't know why, but last Monday, it was raining and I had some problems at the highway with the internet access. I could get better internet access through my phone then I could on what was coming into the highway. We had a teams meeting with INDOT. That's one of the problems and I couldn't, we couldn't get connected until I brought out my phone and used it. And we had no problems. I thought I'd make you aware of it.

Mike said do you know if it was a bigger problem than just the highway garage?

Jay Long said seems like it's been happening here recently, you know what I mean, like if 3 or 4 people are on trying to do something, it seems like it's been kind of an issue. We had Joseph come out and looked at one of the lady's computers. They worked on it. They were able to

remove some stuff and make it faster but seems like it's been here recently a lot. I mean, it's been buffering.

Mike said other than contacting Leap, I'm not sure, they're here and they've obviously are aware of the problem.

Gary Friend said are we buying a scaled down bandwidth out there?

Jay Long said I don't know what exactly.

Nate Moore said no we're not on fiber or nothing, so, that's probably part of the problem.

Gary Friend said are you on NLBC out there?

Jay Long said yeah, yeah.

Nate Moore said I think there is fiber across the road, but it was going to be expensive.

Jay Long said yeah.

Mike said I don't think the 4-H has fiber.

Nate Moore said or is there not any?

Gary Girton said it runs along the road but we can't get access for it.

Meeks said we've had this issue before. We've talked about this.

Mike said I guess a question for Leap would be is there something that we can boost up the service out there?

Mike Stultz said I was just talking to Joey about that and I think you guys might be on one of the lower plans with your current internet provider. It may be something that we could look at to get better service and then get that for you guys.

Jay Long said okay.

Mike Stultz said and then look to see what it would look like to maybe get you on their fiber connection.

Jay Long said okay, alright.

Mike Stultz said it would be more expensive, but.

Jay Long said okay.

Mike said okay. Thank you.

Joe Copeland said thank you.

Mike said Gary Girton, do you have anything to for us?

Gary Girton said I haven't been up to Farmland, how are they doing?

Gary Friend said the last time I was there, they were doing well, but I haven't been there recently.

Mike said is that all you've got, Gary? I don't have anything this morning.

Citizen Comments (3 minutes)

Mike said any citizens here that would like to make comment? Well I had a long speech prepared about having served the county and it's been an honor and a pleasure to serve the county, but since we're meeting on Monday the 30th, I'm not going to say that. I'd entertain a motion to adjourn.

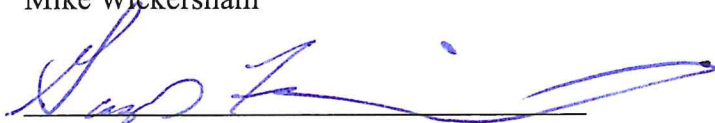
Adjournment

Gary Friend made a motion to adjourn. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Meeting adjourned.

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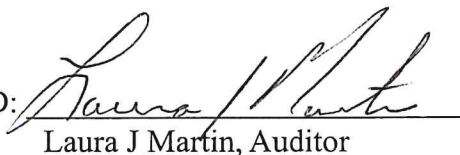


Gary Friend



Gary Girton

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Laura J Martin, Auditor

