

## Randolph County Commissioners

April 15, 2024

The Randolph County Commissioners met at their regular meeting at 9:00AM 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 J Martin, Sheriff Art Moystner and County Attorney Meeks Cockerill.

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Pledge of Allegiance

### Council's update

Mike said first item on the agenda is a council's update. And I'm not seeing anyone from council here this morning, so, we'll move on. Next item is an addition to the agenda. We've asked our new EMS director, Brad Mullen to give us a report of the status of the emergency services office and his role as director for the last few weeks.

### Brad Mullen – EMS update

Brad Mullen said first of all, this is Dalton Brown. He's one of our paramedics of Randolph County. He has agreed to help me out in the office with some of the, as an interim assistant director, and he's helping up out. He's a training officer, so he's going to help us with training, and with the scheduling and do a lot of stuff to get us going in the right direction.

Mike said good, good.

Brad Mullen said all our trucks are getting certified today by Striker. They're checking to make sure all our load systems, all our cots, all our devices, all our monitors are all up to date. This is a yearly thing that happens. They're going to make sure that everything is good. If there's any pieces or parts that need to be fixed, they're going to go ahead and fix them today because we have that agreement with them. Another question I have, with our truck being over in Farmland, and Green Township over there, how do we go back to us covering that since we have a truck over there in that area?

Laura said township trustee.

Mike said township trustee would be who you would contact is what Laura just said.

Brad Mullen said because we kind of had an issue this weekend with a bad accident over there, and they sent both people, both departments, they sent Albany, which is now ran by Delaware County and they sent us, and it was just kind of a real cluster.

Mike said okay. I would talk to the township trustee and ask them how they want that covered.

Brad Mullen said the Delaware County just recently took over for Albany EMS. I'll just go talk to them and see what way we can do that.

Laura said I have that contact if you need it.

Brad Mullen said okay. I'll stop down later on today. But everything else is working out good. Have a lot of questions about the building over in Farmland and where the status of that is.

Mike said have you seen those plans?

Brad Mullen said I have. Yeah, Gary has shown them to me.

Mike said you okay with that, the kind of informal?

Brad Mullen said yes. I mean, it's a start. I mean I understand, you know, we had a tornado and some back up plans, but we're going in the right direction. And I feel comfortable that we're going to be in there and moving smooth and going from there.

Mike said okay. Very good.

Brad Mullen said do you have any questions for me?

Mike said have any questions of Brad?

Gary Girton said no, sound good.

Gary Friend said I do not.

Mike said okay. Thanks for coming in.

Brad Mullen said thank you.

**Tammy Pruitt, MOU for BSU**

Mike said next item is Tammy Pruitt, memorandum of understanding for Ball State University, which we've received a copy of. And there were some questions that Meeks had had, but I think those have been answered. Is that correct?

Meeks said yeah, I think so. They answered it.

Mike said I don't see any reason not to go ahead and enter this agreement. It's basically a year and a half commitment to offer them this space.

Mike said Jake, have you seen this agreement?

Jake Donham said let me come up there and ask what you're talking about first.

Mike said well it's just some matters that we're required to provide space that is secure, safe, private, easy to access and furnished with a table and chair for basic use.

Jake Donham said for what?

Mike said for Ball State. The space that we're giving them, we're saying it's secure, it's safe, it's private, it's easy to access, and it's with a table and a chair.

Tammy Pruitt said they will be bringing their own furnishings too.

Mike said oh, they will?

Tammy Pruitt said yes.

Mike said that's for patients. I think it's under part 3II, responsibilities of Randolph County Health Department. There're 7 or 8 bullet points there.

Meeks said on page 4, section E.

Jake Donham said so, you guys will be providing staff for it, is that what it reads here?

Tammy Pruitt said we have a committee that's going to be volunteering.

Mike said I presume the communication and the matters will go between the health department and Ball State. It won't involve the facility management.

Meeks said I think yours is page 4, section E.

Jake Donham said this is as safe as the rest of our buildings. I don't know what their definition of security is versus ours, I guess would be my only question. I mean, we don't have cameras in that building.

Mike said I've been there. I think it's safe. I guess I'm asking if you've been there and you think it's safe?

Jake Donham said sure yeah. I just want to make sure they, I was interpreting what.

Mike said well, I would agree, if it's safe for the rest of the tenants in there, I would say it's safe for Ball State.

Jake Donham said so are they asking, right here they're saying something about cameras. Are they wanting cameras in the building, or what is that? Double lock door, tv, cameras, etc.?

Mike said I didn't see that.

Jake Donham said there on E. I just don't want to have you guys sign this then they come back and say well now we've got to put cameras in there. You know what I mean?

Tammi Pruitt said no, they've never talked to me about cameras.

Jake Donham said that's the only thing I really see there would be a question I would ask, I guess. But, other than that, without fully reading the whole thing.

Mike said I'm not sure what, when and where applicable means in this provides the cameras. So, we could strike paragraph E prior to signing this agreement. Because they've never talked to you about it, I would say that they're probably not expecting it.

Tammy Pruitt said no, and it says it's not limited to.

Meeks said includes, so it says includes.

Tammy Pruitt said includes, not limited to.

Mike said where applicable.

Jake Donham said it's just really gray right there. Let's just put it that way. You could read it either way.

Mike said when and where applicable.

Meeks said I had it underlined and a big star by it. Just strike it, initial it and send it back to them.

Tammy Pruitt said on that one?

Mike said that's what I would do is strike the entire paragraph E.

Meeks said yeah.

Mike said and then we'll initial it if we agree to sign it this morning. Does that work for you, Gary?

Gary Girton said yes. I think that's the best way to handle it right now.

Mike said that way, we can get this program started.

Gary Girton said right.

Mike said so, I'd entertain a motion to approve this memorandum of understanding and facility use agreement between the Randolph County health department and Ball State University with the striking of paragraph 11 E on page 4.

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

Jake Donham said I will ask real quick, is there, do they have hours of operation, days of operation, or do we know anything like that yet?

Tammy Pruitt said it would be like our hours.

Jake Donham said okay. So, I know in the past, with SBA and some others, there drew some Saturdays and all, so we had to re-tool, you know, get some people in to unlock and be in the building on county staff for that. So, I just want to make sure.

Mike said this is all coordinated with the health department. So, matter of fact, it calls for the health department's signature. But I'm not sure they can sign.

Meeks said no, you need to sign it.

Mike said okay. Anybody have any questions?

Tammy Pruitt said thank you.

Mike said Jake, we're going to take, talk about the jail in the sheriff's report, so can you just stick around just for a few minutes?

Jake Donham said oh, I'd love to. That's why I'm here, Mike.

#### **Jay Long and Jessica Olson – Highway update and road plans going forward**

Mike said Jay Long and Jessica Olson, highway update and road plans going forward, and Lonnie.

Jay Long said I'm just going to give you an update on the two bridges. One on State Route 32, it's on schedule. It's supposed to be finished at the end of June. The bridge on 36 by Lynn, it's actually two weeks ahead of schedule. So, he's projecting mid-May. That would James Case. He's the project manager for both of the projects. And I did come up with our third projection list of things we're going to be doing this year. Basically we, obviously, you know the 32 bridge has been closed, our roads down there have taken a real bad beat down from all the traffic coming around. So, basically, we're going to grind them down and pave that whole 4-mile section there from 32 travelling south on 5 East to Base and from Base, all the way to 2 East to come into town towards Winchester. There are some other projects we need to visit too. I was just talking with Joe. We're going to try to do something with north Old 27 on the north part of town there. I need to get with the city, to see if we can get something paved through there. Like I was talking with Joe, he said there was a Community Crossings grant, maybe we can get something off of that.

Mike said when they did South 27 with a Community Crossings grant, they didn't go to the city limits. They stopped just short of the city limits.

Jay Long said uh huh, yes.

Mike said it would be, I think some of the residents out there would be pleased if we could fill that gap with cooperation with the city from where they stopped, to the city limits.

Jay Long said yes. And I know you've asked for that before, and that is a project of ours also. I'm waiting for Shean to get back with me. He had, since the tornado, he had somebody come out and give him some quotes and stuff on finishing that from there out to there, so. A little bit on the chip and seal, as you know, some, most of our roads, way out east and west, south, north of town, have gotten, you go out there a little bit, I'm at about 62 miles on chip and seal. I'll try to get some of them, life brought back to them.

Gary Friend said you have 62 to do or 62 total miles of chip and seal.

Jay Long said 62, total, right now.

Mike said okay.

Jessica Olson said mine's just the financial things. So, I gave you a whole lot of data that you may or may not want to look at. I did the total pages, then I gave you all the stuff that added into that total. That's, just up until March. We were still hauling debris that first week of April. So, I've got to get those numbers into FEMA.

Mike said so, this is for a two-week period, basically?

Jessica Olson said correct.

Mike said it looks like a total of around \$200,000.00?

Jessica Olson said correct.

Gary Friend said is this a running total, or is this just the two-week total?

Jessica Olson said that's a two-week total, because we were, like I said, we were still hauling.

Gary Friend said and the landfill fees, was that in coordination with Solid Waste right now?

Jessica Olson said yes, because Shonda's doing all the stuff on the landfill. So, I'm not.

Mike said and that's coming out of their budget?

Jessica Olson said that's what, yes, correct.

Gary Friend said do you have any idea what the whole thing is going to come in at?

Jessica Olson said I mean, we hauled what, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, in April, ours is not going to be much more than \$10,000.00.

Gary Friend said are you talking about landfill?

Jessica Olson said well no, I'm talking about landfill and labor and equipment.

Gary Friend said equipment?

Jessica Olson said yeah, yeah.

Mike said have any questions on Jessica's report or Jay's report? And Lonnie's here to tell us about the old highway barn.

Lonnie Garza said exactly right. So, in the process of all this tornado stuff that was happening, they had reached out to me which, at the last, I'm always at the bottom, key holder, so they asked where they could put some stuff. And the only place I could go without putting it at the new highway barn, was the old highway barn. So, we opened the doors there. I guess, we weren't supposed to, but we opened them. It helped to store a lot of stuff.

Mike said nobody said you weren't supposed to.

Lonnie Garza said we opened that up so, there's a bunch of product still there and I sent Gary some pictures. I don't know if you got them this morning.

Gary Friend said I haven't looked this morning.

Lonnie Garza said okay. It's through my comcast email. So, that's what's there. Apparently, I've been notified a couple of times, there's two trailers in there full of other stuff. Apparently, the Moose that was, they're bringing all that back. I was asked at one time, you know, what would happen now from here on out, you have to talk to the commissioners, but apparently, that hadn't happened. I didn't know that. I should have communicated more with you guys, just so we can you know, stay in contact with what's going on.

Mike said it's a nice, crisis management, it was a good thing to do, and it's still not a, it's not in the way, I guess, it's just a matter of security and I don't know what's out there as far as an inventory, and I don't know really, who is responsible for it.

Lonnie Garza said anything in the building, there's nothing else from ours in the building. Everything that we have or have stuff stored, is outside.

Mike said and I don't know if the long-term recovery committee is responsible for all of those?

Mayor McCoy said I did get somebody ask me about insurance on all that, and as far as having insurance on the long-term recovery group as a whole, and I think they were talking a little bit with Matchett and Ward about that, and working through the foundation. So, I think that is on their mind to try to get a plan on handling that.

Mike said that's kind of reciprocated this. I got a text from an insurance agent from Matchett and Ward about whether we had insurance on it. And I said well, I don't think we do.

Meeks said it's not ours.

Mike said we don't know what's there, and it's not ours, yeah.

Lonnie Garza said so, who claims that? Is that the highway department or is that not ours as a whole?

Meeks said it's not the county's.

Mike said I think it's going to probably, I would hope it would revert to the long-term recovery committee, I suppose. But, I think at this point in time, our communication probably would be with them. Wouldn't you say that would be the case mayor?

Mayor McCoy said I would think so. They need to get with me, at some point.

Lonnie Garza said okay, we can do that. Perfect.

Mike said okay. I appreciate you coming in.

Gary Friend said it was on the spot. It was the right thing to do, right then and there. You know, we'll be reverse engineering all this down the road when it's appropriate.

Mike said okay. Anything else for the highway department?

Gary Girton said yeah, I have a question for Jay. You were talking about the runarounds for both the bridges and repair of the roads, is the state paying any of that?

Jay Long said no.

Gary Girton said when they did that, when they did that before on 36, they did the mile runaround there at, what, 300 and 700 and then back to 200, the state came in finally, and helped with that after we argued with them for a long time.

Jay Long said we have been in contact with them. We've talked multiple times. As the last date, I got an email back and the lady basically, had told me that they weren't able to help us on it because they didn't know what the state of the conditions of the roads were before they started their project.



Mike said it's not an authorized detour either is it? I mean, that's, I think, I remember when they repaired 900, the state 900 as an authorized run around.

Jay Long said I think Union City Pike was the official detour.

Mike said so, how's it look? Did it get damaged at all?

Jay Long said it actually looked fairly good, besides, there're a couple residents that have called in, you know, had yard issues and we're actually going to go back and you know, kind of take a look.

Mike said the state might help in that situation.

Jay Long said yeah.

Mike said it's an authorized detour.

Jay Long said we're going to try our best. I mean, we just keep emailing back and forth, so.

Gary Friend said I guess we could ask like we did the EMS, how are you doing with your job?

Jay Long said good, good.

Gary Friend said do you need anything from us?

Jay Long not really, no. We're doing good. Everything's going good. I've got a good, got a group, team, and we're doing really good.

Mike said okay. Any other questions?

Gary Girton said good to hear, yes. Keep it up.

**Joe Copeland – 4-way stop 100 E & 700 N (at school)**

Mike said Greg Sommer. Joe Copeland, 4-way stop at 100 East and 700 North, at the Ward township #7 school, I believe.

Joe Copeland said yes sir. It's been a slight delay because of two broken bones and a foot, so, and I got delayed. Traffic counters are in my vehicle right now. After this meeting, we're headed up there to set them out.

Mike said okay.

Joe Copeland said they need to run Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Then I'll have the information I need.

Mike said okay. You'll have it at the next meeting?

Joe Copeland said hopefully, yeah.

Mike said okay, very good. Do you have some other matters?

Joe Copeland said yes. The, they awarded the Community Crossing matching grant funding this past week. We received \$1,068,949.98 for bridge 304 on Carl Street, here in the city. So, I've already talked to the engineer. And the only item, we've got two items, one is utilities and we're okay with the city. That's not a problem, but, water line, like the mayor warned me, we are talking, the engineer is talking to us. So, but the problem is, they don't want to do it until later in the fall. Well, problem is, the water, we can't demolish the bridge because the water line is attached to the bridge. So, we're going to figure something out so we can get this thing started. We have to be under contract within four months. So, we've got, we've still got to bid it, even though we may have to have some delay. I hope not. That's crazy to have to delay that.

Mike said what would happen if we just knocked the bridge out?

Joe Copeland said well, I don't know, if they'd shut the water off I guess.

Mike said is there anything we can help you to get that done?

Joe Copeland said I don't think so at this time. They are talking. They've got a consultant and our engineer is talking.

Mike said I know in the past state legislators and state senators have been called in to assist with the water company.

Joe Copeland said okay.

Mike said and we don't call on them very much, but this might be an opportunity for the city and county to reach out to, it is the county's bridge isn't it?

Joe Copeland said yes.

Mike said reach out to our state representatives to say put some pressure on the water company.

Joe Copeland said I will keep that in mind.

Mike said it's good news we got that grant. That's good news.

Joe Copeland said yes, that's good. We can get that bridge completed. And then we also, one other item we have to do, we have to buy some right-of-way. So, I'm getting ready to start, the company that, CRE, that we have on, under contract, to have them go ahead and get started with that. And part of the property, I believe, is in the city.

Mayor McCoy said we don't have an issue with that now. We may have an issue with the water company if they want an easement.

Joe Copeland said okay. And then, along with that, the email that we received talked about again DocuSign, and you have to do the DocuSign thing. And they weren't, you know, resolution or something. And there was a resolution done in 2022, and I think it will serve hopefully, I'll give it to Meeks. Here's a copy. It'll serve for our purposes, since Mike is still the president, so, I'll send that over to INDOT and see if they'll, if it's okay with them. And the last item is there're some culverts that were, we want to, or we need to replace. I'm getting started on these big ones again. I've got three culverts and a bridge here, and I've got, I'm working on three more, getting them to zoning, ready to go. I got, asked for three companies to give me quotes. They're the only three I'm aware of at this time. One of them didn't give us a quote, County Materials. And I think the reason may be that Civil-Con, the first one, sometimes get their prices from County Materials. So, he may be using their quote to be able to give us that number. The first one, bridge 190, it's actually a bridge. It's two culverts right now, big culverts. And it needs replaced. And to put a bridge in there, we have to raise the road. Well if I have to raise the road, then I've got to buy property, I've got to move fences, I've got to tear down trees, I've got, it's quite an ordeal, alright. But I can replace it with two culverts, but the culverts need to be bigger. Those are small. Upstream is larger, downstream is larger. So, I need to increase the size. So, we're looking at probably, I think it was a 14 by 7 box, two of them, yeah, 14 by 7, to set in there to take that flow. But the quote, low quote was \$203,750.00. Still cheaper than a bridge. But, the question I had was, can I use that on a quote, or do I have to advertise that, like a bid?

Meeks said it's over 150, right?

Joe Copeland said yeah.

Meeks said I've printed it up for the ambulance.

Joe Copeland said if I need to bid it, then I'll go ahead and bid it.

Meeks said purchases over a 150, yeah, competitive sealed bid.

Joe Copeland said okay.

Mike said where is this bridge 190?

Joe Copeland said Base Road just east of 700 West.

Meeks said I would think the other two though, or, they're separate projects, and not all the same project?

Joe Copeland said yeah, they're all three separate locations.

Meeks said so, the other two would be just, yeah.

Joe Copeland said of the three, okay.

Meeks said just go on.

Joe Copeland said the one is kind of a weird, it's got a tile that runs underneath it, and I believe that's the one I talked with Ed about. It's down by the solar farm, the south end. It's on 700 South, east of 400 West.

Mike said which one is that?

Joe Copeland said 941.

Mike said okay.

Joe Copeland said it's not a big box, but there's a, currently, there's a tile that runs underneath it. And I want to move the box over and replace the tile under the road. And the property owners didn't have a problem with that. Mike had talked to them, Haffner. So, they were good with that. So, if it's okay, I'd like to get permission to purchase the 941, the 1278 and the 2228 culverts, and then I'll advertise for the bridge 190.

Mike said where's that money coming from?

Joe Copeland said we have it in MVH, I believe. Isn't that right? We set it aside for that.

Gary Friend said in the 2024 budget?

Joe Copeland said yes.

Mike said okay.

Joe Copeland said and then bridge 190, I believe, is in the bridge fund. That was already set aside with the additional we had.

Mike said you heard the request and recommendation?

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

Joe Copeland said alright. Thank you.

Mike said thank you Joe. Have you got help to put those traffic things out?

Joe Copeland said Lonnie is going to go with me. It takes two to do it.

Mike said okay. Be careful out there.

### Arleace Green, SBA- Information on SBA program

Mike said Arleace Green, Small Business Administration, information on the Small Business Administration program.

Arleace Green said good morning.

Mike said good morning. Welcome to Randolph County.

Arleace Green said I am glad to be here, but unfortunately, the circumstances is not good. I want to thank you all for having me to come up to present the SBA Disaster Program. We have a couple of programs. We have programs for home owners, renters, businesses and non-profit organizations that have suffered damages due to the severe storms, the tornadoes that took place March the 14<sup>th</sup> of 2024. We also have, for the home owners, renters, and businesses, this is one program, they must have physical damages. And the terms can go up to 30 years. We do have a program where it's 12 months, no interest, or no payments for the first 12 months. You can borrow up to \$500,000 for the homes and \$2,000,000 for the businesses. And you can get up to \$25,000 unsecured. Now, we do have another program that's for businesses, non-profit only, and they do not have to have any physical damages. The damages come in their economic injury. And this is where to be able to detect economic injury, it takes 6 months to a year. And this is when your sales have decreased. Now, a lot of times, a lot of business owners does not see this occur until after the fact. That's why we encourage business owners to go ahead and apply for this to help them to take care of ordinary business expense. They may have had to take out a high interest credit card to make ends meet or go get a loan from a bank. And those interest rates right now, are through the roof. SBA interest rate can go as low 4%. And again, up to \$2,000,000 you can borrow. The first 25 is unsecured. The deadline to apply for damages, physical damages, will be May the 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The deadline to apply for economic injury, that's for businesses and non-profit only, it would be December the 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. And the reason being that that deadline is extended so long, again, economic injury is kind of hard to detect. It takes some time before you can even see that it has crept into your business accounts.

Mike said what was that date?

Arleace Green said for the economic injury, December the 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. And for homeowners, renters, physical damages is May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Mike said okay.

Arleace Green said so, at this time, I will open the floor for any questions that you may have.

Mike said and they come to your location at 325 South Oak Street to make this application?

Arleace Green said that's one of the DRCs that is open in your location. Or either, they could go on line and apply. I will leave a couple of fliers over there for them to pick up. They can go on line or they can call the 1-800 number, because the DRCs, my understanding, they will be closing this weekend. I think Friday will be the last day.

Mike said their last day?

Arleace Green said yes.

Mike said okay.

Arleace Green said but that doesn't stop anyone from applying.

Mike said sure, sure. And you are obviously, working with the Mayor as well, city of Winchester?

Arleace Green said yes, yes. Mayor McCoy, yeah. We have met and talked and I have explained these programs to him as well.

Mike said Arleace, I don't have any questions. Gary, do you?

Gary Friend said no, I do not.

Arleace said alright. Well, I thank you for having me. Good luck on your endeavors. You have a nice day.

Mike said thank you. You do the same.

**Chris Peacock – Farm Drainage**

Mike said Chris Peacock, farm drainage. This is the Ben Brumfield 7 acres that we have been, out by the airport.

Chris Peacock said did you all receive a copy of Brumfield's bid?

Mike said we did.

Chris Peacock said okay, great. So, this is just a continuance from two weeks ago when I was here, and did not have a bid from Ben Brumfield at that time, to complete that work. His bid came in at \$6,784.47. That is for 40-foot spacings, 40 foot on center spacings for systematically tiling the 7 acres east of 300 East. So, I would like approval for that if we could please. And that would be installed after harvest of the 2024 crop.

Mike said you've seen this, Ed?

Ed Thornburg said yes.

Mike said does it look reasonable to you?

Ed Thornburg said yes, it does.

Mike said okay. I forget how we paid for that.

Gary Friend said sent it to council for additional appropriation out of General.

Mike said okay.

Gary Friend said I'd make a motion we do the same for this.

Mike said have a motion to approve the Ben Brumfield quote for tiling the 7 acres out by the airport and ask council to do an additional appropriation from General funds to pay for it. Do I have a second?

Gary Girton said is, are they doing tiling then, to hook into their, the rest of their field, or we're just doing our section?

Chris Peacock said yes, great question. And that's how Mr. Brumfield is able to tile this so reasonably priced. He will be tiling his ground that surrounds this, and just run the strings of tile through the seven acres owned by the county.

Gary Girton said okay. That makes sense. I wondered how they were going to do that.

Chris Peacock said yeah, that's a great price for this.

Gary Girton said I'll second it.

All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said very good. Thanks for coming in Chris.

Chris Peacock said thank you. Appreciate it.

Gary Friend said Chris, thanks for your coordinating help during the tornado.

Chris Peacock said welcome.

Mike said well, council was here. Now council has left, so, we won't have a report from council this morning. Mayor, do you have anything for us this morning?

### **Mayor Bob McCoy - Update**

Mayor McCoy said we did receive the Community Crossing grant this year, as well as the county, I'm glad the bridge is, that's a good thing. Our Community Crossing grant was for I'm thinking a million, forty-five thousand, which will be East North Street from East Street to Union, which will be sidewalks, tree removal and new street then also, Franklin from Meridian to Polk Street, which is going to take care of the, I call it the ugly sidewalk right there along the building over here that's built up crooked. We're going to take that sidewalk down and make it angle parking through there. So, we're going to cut the size of that sidewalk and have three quarter sidewalks all the way down to Polk Street as well. So, that will be a big plus for that

project. And we're going to be starting the other project on Greenville from Washington to the hospital, here shortly. Probably noticed the building next door. If you hear a big boom, don't be alarmed, because it's probably something falling on the street. Hopefully, that'll be down today or at least manageable where we don't fear falling, but it's pretty close to being down. So, plans for that, I really, people have been asking, kind of up in the air. We will get it cleaned up and then we'll go from there. Possibly, maybe work with some grants, and don't really know what we're going to do yet. So, other than that, kind of working with the long-term recovery group a little bit, and trying to figure that all out. Slow process, but I am still getting calls from people that, no insurance, little insurance, or problems with insurance.

Mike said you going to be getting those for a while?

Mayor McCoy said probably so.

Mike said anybody have any questions of Mayor Bob?

Gary Friend said I would just be interested to see what the next section over, when that building is down, looks like for the downtown

Mayor McCoy said we're going to have to, I'm going to talk to Bob Cook a little bit and Kyle, again, I mean maybe working with Main Street, what we can possibly do to dress the sides of them buildings up and things like that. I know Bob did salvage some bricks to possibly brick up the side of his from this building. But I haven't talked to Kyle yet. Once it's down, we'll have a better idea what it looks like. I can tell you, going down in the basement of both buildings, that was a solid building. The guys said that was impressive on how that thing was constructed, being it was back, you know, 1894 or something?

Mike said okay. Well thanks Bob.

Mayor McCoy said no problem.

### **Other Business:**

#### **Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff**

##### **Argo Consulting Evaluation**

Mike said that brings us to other business. Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff and Jake. You guys want to come up and we'll do your report first, then we'll talk about the jail, unless they're one in the same.

Art Moystner said which report are you referring to?

Mike said just the general Randolph County Sheriff's report.

Art Moystner said I can tell you that we are currently, as of the end of last week, unless my jail commander has hired someone, we have four open jail positions. I know we're getting ready to do another hiring position for the road, because we'll have one opening coming up between now and the middle of May. So, other than that, I think the building is going pretty good. I had heard



from Cobalt Civil, they're supposed to come in, I think next week to do the last cleanout that we have for the septic. And that should finish out the septic projects we've been working on.

Mike said okay. Any questions of Art? Let's talk about the Argo Consulting Evaluation.  
Art Moystner said okay.

Mike said Jake, have you got any reason not to go ahead with Argo to do this, the engineering part of it?

Jake Donham said no. I mean, this would be round three with Argo on projects, and the first two, so far have been home runs, on the old hospital and this building, from what they've done and what they brought to us. The one project, there was extra contingency money they actually gave back to us because they didn't use it. It's just getting to the point now, where we just need to decide if that's what direction we want to go or not. I talked to Tony this morning, just to get a, wrap my head around what this was and how to, what to expect out of you guys, or what was going on. He said it's pretty much to the point, this is what they see. Of course, those are all estimated numbers. He said he's more than happy to come in and have a meeting with somebody to discuss, get a contract drawn up or some direction on where to go from here. But he said right now, the ball is in our court of what we want to do. The last visit, when they were on site, they obviously, you know, revisited the HVAC, had the engineer put his eyes on it, then looked at the plumbing side of things too, and kind of through some project numbers at that, as well, you know, if we wanted to go that route, with everything as one package, or he said he could put it in as an alternate price with the HVAC project. So, he said he could do it a couple different ways or the whole shooting match.

Mike said for what they evaluated, it's pretty inclusive, even though, I mean there's going to be the question of the fans, but you presume they're 30 years old, just like all the other equipment, that you're probably going to have to replace those, but he really hadn't looked at, to see that.

Jake Donham said are you talking about the rooftop fans?

Mike said yeah.

Jake Donham said yeah, I know those have, those have been replaced as needed. I know Phil Strausky with Salyer Taylor probably five or six years ago, he went up and I think there was eight or ten of them, he put new motors on.

Mike said okay.

Jake Donham said so those, Mike, I think those would probably just be look at them and then change as needed probably.

Mike said he talks about, although he's got, remove and replace and return exhaust fan in here, to the quote. So, that would be in the case we needed to do that?

Jake Donham said right.

Mike said and I guess we're really not going to know for sure until we enter an agreement with them to do the project?

Jake Donham said yeah, there's still a lot of investigating they need to have done, which is going to be contractor work as far as cutting open some pipes. They want to cut some sections of pipe out throughout the building so, they can then physically see the inside condition of those pipes. He said until they know what the inside of pipes looks like, they cannot really determine whether they're going to re-pipe the whole system or not. There was mention on the heat side of not knowing if it was treated or not, or if there's any schedule of treatment on the heat side of the water, and it doesn't appear that it has been monitored for quite some time. It's got something in it, but we don't know what or how much.

Gary Friend said that's referring to protecting the interior of the pipes?

Jake Donham said yes. So, the old hospital and in here, on the heat side, quarterly, have a guy comes in and take samples and adds and subtracts whatever he does with his chemicals to make sure his numbers are correct, for the integrity of the pipe. And the, like the new boilers having the aluminum, newer equipment having aluminum exchangers, they got to revamp and then use different chemicals for what piping we have and what equipment we have.

Gary Friend said well it's time to move along I think.

Mike said well I think so too. What are you thinking, Gary?

Gary Girton said well we don't have a choice. We've talked about trying to get something together on this, and we've looked at issues here and issues there, and now I think we're looking at the whole issue. And I think that's where we need to go. And I think we need to stay with Argo. I agree with Jake that we've had very good success with them from the start, and it's a shame that what's you call him is no longer with us. Can't think of his name now.

Gary Friend said Marcus.

Gary Girton said Marcus, a great guy. He came over here and ate pies all the time. That's the only reason he came over here to do engineering work, he said, to get pies and take home with him. But anyway, they know what they're doing, and they've shown that for the two projects that they came in here and explained to us what they were doing, why they were doing it, and most all of it made perfect sense. It's just a matter, okay, now we've got a considerable amount of trust and believe in what they can do, and they're qualified and their engineers are qualified. So, I think we need to stay with them for our engineering design work, and move forward with that as soon as we decide what we're doing. And then move with that. Get done what we can do as soon as possible because who knows what'll happen. And we don't want to have to piece meal this together in order to keep things going until we actually start on the project.

Gary Friend said well I think it's probably a good ARPA expense.

Mike said did you hear that?

Gary Girton said what?

Mike said Gary Friend thinking it would probably be a good ARPA expense.

Laura said do you have your spreadsheet? I'm not sure there's enough in there to cover the whole project.

Mike said well this would be the \$109,650. The engineer. I presume when we get this thing developed that \$2,000,000.00 repair job will be more, a little more accuracy in it. We'll know for sure if it's more or less than that.

Art Moystner said yes.

Mike said but I think, I don't think that's an unfair number to think that that's what we're going to have to spend on our jail.

Gary Friend said I don't either.

Mike said I don't need to remind anybody that spending that amount to preserve our 30-year old jail is a lot less than trying to build a new one.

Jake Donham said absolutely.

Gary Friend said my motion needs to be to accept the \$109,650, as engineering?

Mike said and I think he put in here it's a not-to-exceed figure.

Gary Friend said yeah.

Mike said so it may not be, and probably we want to let them develop a contract and we come back at a later time and approve that contract. But today, I would say we would hire Argo Consulting Engineers as our jail consultant for the repairs that we need.

Jake Donham said I can touch base with Tony and tell him that the 109 was agreed upon and have something to sign at the next meeting if that's okay.

Mike said okay. Sounds good.

Gary Friend said and for us, we'll commit it from ARPA?

Mike said I would commit it from ARPA. Do you want to make that motion?

Gary Friend said yeah, I'll make that motion. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Gary Friend said we have to move on this.

Mike said I think so. I think we need to take care of it.

**Quotes Submitted for dishwasher, icemaker and Range**

Mike said now the other three, dishwasher, icemaker and range.

Art Moystner said and I would share with you in looking at those quotes, I think there's one quote that covers, there's one quote that stand alone, and then another quote that covers both of those, and I have to open up to see my email here. They talked about the one item, which is the dishwasher sanitizer, and the cost of that. And then, when they send the other, it has to do with the stove, I believe those are the same company.

Mike said right.

Art Moystner said and I believe that total on there is a combination of both the stove and the dishwasher on that quote. I don't know why they've done it that way.

Mike said I see what you're saying. My concern, and then I'm not, I mean, commercial grade appliances are expensive, and I think those are fair prices for the units. Not sure where they're getting \$6,000.00 for technician installation and training for a dishwasher.

Art Moystner said and I can ask those questions.

Mike said and I guess my other question would be if they're stuck on that, is there anybody locally that's certified to install this Hobart dishwasher and train us on it? I know Econolab does work in that area for commercial dishwashers and stoves and things of that nature. It's, I can't think of his name now.

Jake Donham said Scott Jester?

Mike said Scott Jester. Thank you. Scott Jester does a pretty good job. He's a local guy. I don't know if he can handle this size, but I do know that he's handled ours at Mrs. Wicks, and they're commercial.

Art Moystner said okay.

Mike said nothing this big. And the other question I was going to ask is, we've got a contract for a company to provide meal service.

Art Moystner said correct.

Mike said do they supply equipment?

Art Moystner said they do not. We are required to supply the kitchen and the equipment for them to supply the meals.

Mike said okay. I just wondered. Okay. So, I guess, I don't have a, again, we need them. Ours are pretty well done.

Art Moystner said and I know part of the price they were talking about some of that was to remove the old equipment and take it with them.

Mike said just one each services, installation training services, CKI Installation model number install, \$6,008.00.

Art Moystner said I will ask more questions on it. And I can reach out to Scott and see if he can stop and see me this week.

Mike said it's kind of listed that they, and maybe it is included in there, but they've got it under different numbers, remove and dispose of existing, and it may be that's what it costs to do it. But I just, think we probably want to.

Gary Friend said I think we should just table it for two weeks until these questions are answered. Get more information then we'll act on it then. Mike, I think, we're going to do something to take care of it, but we need time to asked the questions.

Mike said can we wait two weeks?

Art Moystner said I've waited for several months, so, I'm not sure two weeks is going to kill me.

Mike said well I think it's worth investigating. I mean, that's a, that's 30% of the costs of the dishwasher.

Art Moystner said sure.

Mike said that just seems unusual to me. They may be the only ones that do it, so.

Art Moystner said okay.

Mike said okay.

Gary Friend said and I think when it comes back around, it's another item we can commit to ARPA.

Mike said two weeks, I think so.

Sherrie Timmons said Art, don't you have a grant for this? Don't you have a grant for it or not?

Art Moystner said this is not. The grant is for the laundry equipment. Yes, they didn't approve this in the grant request.

Mike said so, hopefully, we'll deal with both of these issues, Argo and the C&T Design and Equipment company, dishwasher, stove and icemaker in two weeks, at our first meeting in May. Is that fair?

Art Moystner said sure.

Mike said hopefully, Argo will have something back to us and we'll get that rolling.

Art Moystner said yep. Thank you.

Gary Girton said so, you're saying that you're guaranteeing dishes will be washed?

Art Moystner said am I guaranteeing?

Gary Girton said since you said it will be no problem another two or three weeks?

Art Moystner said we wash them currently.

Gary Girton said no, I mean by hand or something if it breaks down?

Art Moystner said it's, it's, we've been able to keep the current machine going. There's been a few leaks with it. We've had a few problems that we've had them come in and fix, but we've had to fix it frequently enough that I think it's time to replace.

Gary Girton said oh, I agree with that. I just know you keep talking about the dishwasher, got another leak in, another week there.

Mike said and the unit, itself, is well priced.

Art Moystner said sure.

Mike said the installation is going to be a little high.

Gary Girton said we've got to move forward, no question.

Art Moystner said I'll try to have the answers to you by maybe Wednesday.

Gary Girton said that sounds good.

Mike said okay. Very good.

Art Moystner said thank you.

Mike said thanks, Jake.

**Minutes of March Executive sessions**

Mike said next item, our minutes of our March Executive sessions. and there are three of them.

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

**Payroll Claims \$333,581.36**

Mike said next item, our payroll claims which are at our place in the amount of \$333,581.36. I'd entertain a motion to approve the payroll claims.

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

**Regular Claims \$1,448,497.20**

Mike said we received a copy of our regular claims in the amount of \$1,448,497.20 via email. If there are no questions about the claims, I'd entertain a motion to.

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

**Butler, Fairman & Seufert Inc. Claim \$9063.88**

Mike said next claim is a Butler, Fairman & Seufert claim in the amount of \$9,063.88. This is for the T-hanger/taxi lane construction, a partial pay request.

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

**Randolph County United Claim \$20,134.34**

**Randolph County United Tourism Claim \$2,365.66**

Mike said next two claims are the Randolph County United Claim in the amount of \$20,134.34 and the Randolph County United Tourism Claim in the amount of \$2,365.66. These claims are their regular monthly claims.

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

**Housing Resource Hub Claim \$2,000.00**

Mike said next item is a Housing Resource claim in the amount of \$2,000.00, the monthly payment. And I will say that through some meetings I've had with the Housing Resource, they've become a little more active to the satisfaction of the Housing Steering Committee.

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

**Baker Tilly assignment due to restructuring**

Mike said brings us to Baker Tilly assignment due to restructuring. Have you seen this?

Meeks said yeah. It looks like they're just assigning the contract to a new company.

Mike said to a new company? So, we need approval to allow this assignment, they need our approval to allow this assignment. So, I need a motion to approve we consent and acknowledge and agree to this assignment.

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

**Area Planning/BZA attendance report**

Mike said next item is the Area Planning/BZA attendance report. Any questions or comments? Well, we'll say our commissioner was perfect attendance for the course. That would be my only comment. Do you have anything Gary?

Gary Girton said no, short a couple of them, but they're not in our jurisdiction.

Gary Friend said we have had a quorum though, every meeting.

Gary Girton said right. That helps.

**Permit fees**

Mike said next item is an email and a proposed fee schedule change for Randolph County building permits presented by our building inspector, Randy Abel. And I don't see Randy here today. And basically, as I'm gathering it, we're changing the way we would issuing building permits based upon square footage and nature of construction regardless of the value of construction. Is that a fair summation?

Gary Friend said it is. Puts away the challenges of cost of projects.

Mike said right. I guess my only question would be, I think it would be probably appropriate to have Randy here to share what his thinking is here and to share what his thinking is here, and also answer any questions we might have regarding some of these fees that he's established.

Gary Friend said doesn't it seem the fees were categoric. There's room to be more precise.

Mike said so, do you want to table this for two weeks and ask Randy to come the first meeting in May?

Gary Girton said I think that would be better.

Gary Friend said yeah.



Mike said okay, we'll go ahead and do that.

**Riverstart III – Decommissioning performance bond**

Mike said next item is the Riverstart III – Decommissioning performance bond, which we've received a copy of via email, and it's been supplied by Riverstart Solar Park III, LLC., and it's for decommissioning. And we are being requested to accept this as their decommissioning performance bond. And you don't see any reason not to accept it? Are you guys here to talk on that?

Brad Dilger said we can answer questions if you have any.

Mike said I'm not sure we have any questions. I didn't know if you wanted to present anything on it.

Brad said no, just if there were any questions.

Mike said okay.

Gary Friend said do you see anything with it, Mike?

Mike said I don't see any problems with it.

Gary Friend made motion to approve.

Mike said it's a draft. So, I presume it would be signed by the principal and the surety at some point in time. So, I'll accept the form of the bond. Have a motion. Do I have a second?

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

**EDIT Plan (Set EDIT Meeting)**

Mike said next item is our EDIT Plan, which we received a copy of that from Meeks last week, and it's a new plan.

Meeks said it just adds the \$25,000.00 for five years for Randolph County Promise.

Mike said that's under number 8.

Meeks said I didn't add. I modified number 8.

Mike said a grant Randolph County promises to be paid to the community foundation for five years in the sum of \$25,000.00 per year for a total of \$125,000.00 for 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28. The amount reflected in this EDIT plan would be for the first three years which is \$75,000.00. I'd entertain a motion to approve this Randolph County Edit Plan.

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

Mike said with that, then we probably should schedule an EDIT Board meeting. Wednesdays seem to be the best nights for those.

Gary Friend said can we possibly do it as late as the 24<sup>th</sup>? Reason is, is I'm trying to set a salary committee meeting that same evening. We could do it right after the EDIT meeting?

Mike said okay. That works for me, the 24<sup>th</sup>. Oh, I won't be here the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Gary Girton said the 24<sup>th</sup> you say?

Mike said Wednesday, that's a week from this Wednesday.

Gary Girton said okay.

Mike said I'd have to complete a proxy.

Gary Friend said if you'd rather not, we can do another Wednesday.

Mike said no, that's okay.

Meeks said I will not be at the meeting.

Gary Friend said I figure we could get, it and the salary committee meeting in the same evening, know what I'm saying?

Mike said I think so. Do you want to do the 24<sup>th</sup> Gary?

Gary Girton said yes.

Mike said okay. April the 24<sup>th</sup> is an EDIT meeting. 6:00 o'clock.

### **Losantville grant letter**

Mike said next item is the Losantville grant letter. We did decide to grant them \$275,000.00 from the Indiana Renewable Energy funds, or ARPA Renewable Energy funds. This is a letter doing that.

Gary Friend said I think we just need to give you permission or authority to sign, and the council present to sign.

Mike said it's pretty straight forward that would be our commitment.

Gary Friend said yep.

Mike said so, someone want to move approval?

Gary Friend made motion to approve.

Mike said I have a motion to approve the letter to the town of Losantville giving them \$275,000.00 from our Renewable Energy funds for their requested connecting residential and other new customers to the new sewer collection system. Got a second?

Gary Girton said they were looking at bidding that so they don't have 5 or 6 different contractors digging up lines. So, that may, anyway, that would make a little more information on the table of what you're doing.

Meeks said well we put a grant of up to, not to exceed. So, if it's lower,

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

### **Farmland Ambulance Blding**

Mike said Farmland ambulance building. Advertisement, county of Randolph Indiana. This is advertising for a proposal and qualifications from interested professionals, developers and contractors for the design and build of the new ambulance building. And then it describes what the ambulance building will be. And it requests the proposal fee will be submitted by a certain time, which we've not established, and opened at a certain time which we've not established. And then, are we adding the drawing?

Meeks said I don't know how you can possibly advertise the drawings. So, that would just be available at the Auditor's office. But I think it's safe other than that.

Mike said so, if we want to find out what this is going to cost us, we're going to have to advertise for this.

Gary Friend said it says a minimum of 30, 50. It can be larger.

Mike said it does describe the size, what size walls, and what it included, one full bath, one half bath, storage room, mechanical room, bay room. So, if we're going to approve this advertisement, we, and do we not have an address?

Meeks said I just didn't know what it was when I was typing it through.

Mike said we need to add the address. So, we put in 301 East Jackson Street, Farmland, Indiana, and this would go into, published two times, one week apart with the second notice at least 7 days prior to the deadline. So, that would go in, how soon would that go it?

Meeks said I figured you'd have it on a Friday.

Mike said okay, the closure?

Meeks said the closure on Friday at noon is what you guys usually do.

Mike said okay.

Meeks said then you'll have the bids on your next meeting on Monday.

Laura said I think it takes, you guys got to have it like a week in advance.

Meeks said yeah, maybe we'll need a, I figured you were looking at the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mike said we'd need a second meeting in May?

Ray Cooney said if we got it today, we'd probably get it in Thursday.

Meeks said I actually thought it probably would take those people a little bit longer to get a bid together. But I don't know how long it takes to get bids together. I was thinking June 3<sup>rd</sup>, but that's just my, then you'd have 30 days.

Mike said that works for me.

Gary Friend said it does for me.

Mike said June 3<sup>rd</sup>. So, we'll establish, is June 3<sup>rd</sup> the Friday or the Monday?

Meeks said June 3<sup>rd</sup> is your Monday. So, you will open it June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bids received by May 31<sup>st</sup>. I just did not know how long it would take to get those guys to bid it. Laura, I will type this up and send it to you this afternoon.

Laura said okay.

Meeks said you should have it this morning after the meeting. Then if you guys know of anybody that, any contractors.

Gary Friend said I do. I know one, for sure.

Meeks said probably a good idea to send that to them.

Gary Friend said I was going to ask you if that was proper.

Meeks said no, absolutely, send it to whoever you want.

Gary Friend said alright.

Mike said okay.

Gary Friend said I'd like as many local contractors as possible to take a look at it.

Mike said that brings us to the end of our agenda. Laura, do you have anything for us this morning?

Laura said I do not.

Mike said Meeks?

**Meeks – RAZ 32 grant letter, EDPR Headwater's III project**

Meeks said yes. I also sent a letter for RAZ 32, very similar to the Losantville one. I didn't have a very good grasp of the project parameters, but I did get an email back this morning that said that they'll work on it and get that back to me. It had a lot of stuff that they talked about, and I didn't want to, they should be able to give us a project, a scale of the project, yeah. The other one is I did meet with EDPR on Friday. They are looking at a new Headwaters III.

Mike said Headwaters III? which that would be a turbine plan, for turbine, okay.

Meeks said yes. Looks like 46 to 47 turbines north of Parker City, south of Missinewa River. And about, looks like a 445 million-dollar project. That is going to be later in the summer or fall.

Mike said east of 1, west of 1, how far East are you coming?

Brad said all west of 1. So, like our delivery route will be coming off of 27 and the turbines wouldn't start for about 4 or 5 miles west of 27, going to the Delaware County line.

Mike said west of 1 or 27?

Brad said we're delivering off of 27. So, when we talk about the road use agreement, we'll be using roadways west of 27. Most of the turbine installations then are going to be the majority west of 1. Some will be just east, but the balance of the project is mostly north of.

Mike said you are going to run county roads from Highway 27 to Parker?

Brad said yeah, but, so, keeping north of 32. That's, because deliveries off of 32 would be very difficult. So, that's where we'll try to just have one or two major routes from 27. I think it might have been later last year, there were some other routes were presented to the Commissioner's. So, we can revisit some of those. But some of the asks at the time were the avoid around the golf course and some other areas to reduce that traffic.

Mike said I was thinking at that time that farm was going to be more east of 1 than it was west of 1.

Brad said 1 is about as close to east center part of that project, where 1 does the job would be just about the central eastern portion of that project. So, we can bring some maps to the general area that we're looking at.

Mike said okay.

Meeks said so, that's probably later this summer, or this summer, later this summer to get those events together.

Mike said okay. You guys have anything else to add?

Brad said no, it'll just be for the agreements, construction on that project, still will be late summer of next.

Mike said okay. Anything else Meeks?

Meeks said I don't have anything else.

Mike said Gary?

**Gary Friend**

Gary Friend said two things. One, did you want to have any discussion on the daycare at Union City?

Mike said yeah, that's on my, you can bring it up.

Gary Friend said well I'll go to the other one, first one, you got the letter from the APC office about discontinuing the part-time help?

Mike said right.

Gary Friend said I don't think I agree with that. I think they need part-time and full-time on there for the rest of this year as the budget would allow. And that's what council would allow of the funding. But what do you think about that?

Mike said well, I guess two things. One is, if Debra is suggesting it, she probably knows as well as anybody, but you're also the liaison with the Area Planning Commission, so you know as well as anybody, so I guess I would defer and say why don't you guys work that out. If she, I think the important thing is she gets somebody full-time. And she's kind of, and Debra's not here, she mentioned, commented to council, I think, she has a job description she's going to have to bring it here. And we're going to have to approve it and then council would authorize the salary for it. I think would be the way it works.

Gary Friend said yeah.

Mike said if we need a part-time, then, I think, we don't want to leave her short.

Gary Girton said I was concerned about that also, the way things look like they may be, I understand she needs a full-time person because the struggle in the past. But that's up to her, so we'll take her recommendation. Gary can work with her.

Gary Friend said I'll reach out.

Mike said yeah, I'd reach out to her and talk to her about it.

Gary Friend said yeah I'll reach out. It might be the unknown factors she's not seeing a lot of work coming to that office.

Mike said well, and she may be relying on the building commission office more than they want her to. And if she has, if she needs part-time help in addition to full-time help, and she's using building commissions staff for that, then that's probably not a good situation.

Gary Friend said right. And we're pretty vulnerable with no redundancy right now at all.

Mike said okay. And you brought up the childcare facility in Union City.

Gary Friend said yeah.

Mike said and the concern has been raised that the YMCA may opt out of managing that facility. I'm not sure if they've decided that or not, but that's just what the conversation is. But, we've been alerted by the mayor, and I think Steve Shoemaker was that they're talking about pulling out and take their equipment with them. And it was raised that we funded the purchase of that equipment back in 2019 in the amount of \$43,700 and some dollars. And concerned that, we want to encourage the Y not to take that equipment or?

Gary Friend said I was on the Incentive Committee when we did this for RCU. This was the second round. The first one dealt with OCRA, Ceann actually brought it to the RCU. And it was my understanding at the time, and my feeling at the time, not to basically, don't know whether I read it or not, but this equipment is purchased for daycare in Union City. And I believe it ought to remain there personally for the next company that wants to start it up and run. That's yet to be determined. So, I would encourage the Y, I don't know if we have a legal stand, I don't know. But I would encourage the Y, from our, from my position, to not take the equipment that was designed or, that was purchased for use in Union City.

Mike said and you are correct. We bought the equipment for the Y to use at Union City.

Meeks said in the 2017 to 2020 plan, the plan said a grant to the YMCA for equipment and other uses for its daycare in Union City, Indiana in the sum of that \$43,000. So, it was a grant for them, so there would be no legal standing for us to try to call that back or anything.

Mike said that's what, even the minutes reflect that in my conversation with Ceann, Mike asked if none of this equipment was fixtured, so if the Y pulled out, the equipment could be removed. And Ceann said yes, that was correct. Yes Ceann?

Ceann Bales said I just want to speak to the fact of I was called, both in by roll of it and my role with the Indiana Alliance of YMCAs, and I can say that we have advised them both in my past role, and as Alliance, to do a one-dollar buyout to whoever would take it over. I can tell you I

met with the CEO Brian. He said there was never a talk about running away with that equipment.

Mike said okay, very good.

Ceann Bales said so we want to squash those.

Mike said so it's a non-issue then?

Ceann Bales said it's really a non-issue. Now, please understand, it's not voted by their board yet, but Brian was in full agreement. We met, I gave him the history, I said your right legally, it's not there, but in good faith, he said of course, we wish we could continue, we can't, we want that childcare to continue, we'd be open to have a conversation. As of the Friday before, they didn't even realize anybody was interested in running it. And so, that's why they didn't have a conversation. But they are in full support of to work with the school or whoever, so they can keep that community whole.

Mike said I really thought that was the case. So, okay.

Ceann Bales said so, there's no, yeah.

Mike said appreciate your input Ceann.

Gary Friend said thank you.

Ceann Bales said yep.

Mike said that's all I have this morning.

**Citizen Comments (3 minutes)**

Mike said do we have any citizens here, yes Ceann.

Ceann Bales said sorry. I do have something real quick, on behalf of the Community Foundation of Randolph County and a trail grant that we're working on. We just met Friday, so I apologize. I couldn't get officially on the agenda. We're working on two separate 5 million-dollar grant applications through Lilly Gift 8. One would be a regional grant with Henry County to extend the trail. This is all around trail development. There to partner with them, and then the other one would be a 5 million for our county to development and enhance the trail that you've all supported through the next level trail grant that would provide a shelter. It could provide a trail head. It could provide embellishing the parks in both Losantville and Modoc. There's no match required, but we just met Friday. I'm helping write those grants, but because of the tornado, we're behind kind of the 8 ball. They're do April 30<sup>th</sup>. And we're needing a letter of support for that, but I know that we don't have anything in front of you. I totally understand if you're not comfortable, you know, writing one it's just a way, you know, just that you support the trail development in Randolph County as commissioners and write briefly how you supported the next level trail grant with a financial commitment. And, you know, and nothing specific. But



we are needing letters of support for that, and we need it by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Again, Lisa wasn't able to come here today either. I told her I'd be coming anyway, and would mention, but we respect if it's too short notice. But, did want to make you aware of what we're trying to get done for the community in those two efforts.

Gary Girton said well I think we need to move forward with this. I don't think it would be a problem to write a letter of support.

Gary Friend said I agree.

Mike said do you have a letter?

Ceann Bales said we could get one for you. Yeah, it'll be just really basic, just how you support trails extension in Randolph County.

Mike said and if you get it to Laura, then we can come in and sign it.

Ceann Bales said okay.

Gary Girton said have you sign it.

Mike said want me to sign it on behalf of the commissioners?

Gary Girton said yes. That would be my motion.

Laura said yeah, just sent it and I'll put it on their letterhead.

Ceann Bales said okay.

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

Ceann Bales said thank you very much.

Gary Friend said we don't need to fund this?

Ceann Bales said nope, no funding.

Mike said any other citizens here that would like to share this morning?

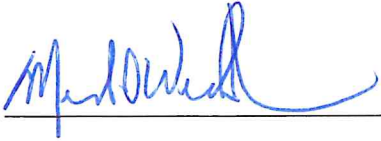
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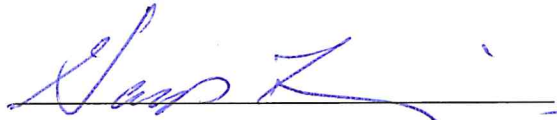
Mike said hearing none, I'd entertain a motion to adjourn.

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

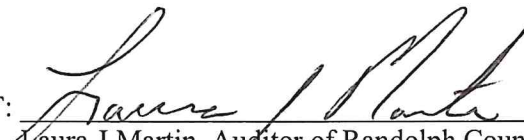
Reviewed and signed this 3 day of June, 2024.

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Laura J Martin, Auditor of Randolph County