

Randolph County Commissioners

October 20 , 2014

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, William Terrell and Gary Gitron. Also present was Randolph County Auditor Mary Ann Lenkensdoter, Sheriff Ken Hendrickson and Thomas Cockerill represented Meeks Cockerill who was absent. Gary Friend was the County Council representative.

Pledge of Allegiance

Michael Wickersham, President presided over the meeting.

Randy Abel, Building Commissioner –update of abated properties

Randy Abel stated I have several updates on the abated properties. The first one is at 9797 US Hwy 35 Losantville. Gary Greive property is in compliance.

Timothy Simmons property located at 1995 S. Base Rd, Winchester. He contacted me by e-mail asking for demolition contractors. About a month ago the trailer caught on fire. The frame of the trailer is gone but there is still some rubbish scattered about the property. I have sent Mr. Simmons an e-mail asking him how he was going to take care of the rest of the property. He said he hired a contractor and it should be done in a couple of weeks. I drove by last week and nothing has been done. I will e-mail him again and ask for the contractor's name and what the time line is for the rest of the clean-up.

Don Leis property located at 4518 E. 800 S, Lynn has been taken care of.

Gordon Mann property located at 11497 W St. Rd.28 Redkey (Fairview). A letter was sent out on July 23, 2014 and I haven't received any communications from him. I have had three other citizens call the office that are concerned about the property. Wickersham said if he doesn't respond then we will take the next step. Randy Abel was asked to send another letter referring to the original letter sent and give Mr. Mann 14 days to respond.

Timothy Allen property located at 1656 E. 700 S. Lynn has been cleaned up and taken care of.

Joshua Farmer property located at 106 W. Wine St. Modoc should be taken care of by the Town of Modoc.

Bill Ramsey property located at 5035 Sugar St. Union City (Harrisville.) This one might be more of a health issue and it was recommended that I contact the Health Department sanitarian Dave Harris to send a letter. I have not heard back from them.

William and Rikki Holderman Duff property located at 1492 N. 500 E. Union City, (Harrisville.) I have had contact with them and they are both out of work and are trying to get someone to come and take away the concrete blocks. The blocks are moved back out of the right-away.

Cathy Allen property located at 505 E. Pearl St. Saratoga. This one should also be taken care of by the Town of Saratoga and I forwarded the complaint to Bill Hardwick who is on the town board.

Chris Shaneyfelt- EMA- vehicle purchase

Chris Shaneyfelt stated I have looked for vehicles at Muncie per your request. I felt the Chevy and Dodge dealership spent more time with me but the Ford dealership did not. William Terrell asked if he had a particular vehicle he thought would work for what he needed. Shaneyfelt stated all vehicles are fairly the same. On the Ford option 2 they specifically had a trailer sway control which is not listed on the other quotes. The first 3 quotes that I brought you, I didn't go visit because I didn't have the time to travel. I went to a district meeting in Muncie and stopped by the three dealerships. After reviewing the vehicle options Commissioners okayed Chris to work with American Chevrolet. William Terrell made a motion to allow Chris Shaneyfelt to negotiate with American Chevrolet and place an order for a new vehicle. Gary Gitron seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Terrell stated he would help assist Shaneyfelt if needed.

Tom Fisher Losantville Town board-wind farm money for clean-up of property

Tom Fisher stated we have a property in the middle of town that was built in the late 1800's. The property is not livable or repairable. We have gotten quotes on tearing it down for \$12,000. I am putting a request in for \$15,000 from the wind farm money since we don't have the money to do it. There is a tree that will have to come down also. Once this building is down we will turn it into a Veteran's park. There is a pine tree right across from this that was planted by the war mothers of WWII. We have been working on this idea for five or six years. It's a slow process. Wickersham said you would have to appear before the Commissioners and the Council to ask for wind farm money. It doesn't have to be done in a joint meeting. Fisher stated he would go the County Council meeting. Wickersham stated he would like to visit Losantville first and tabled the request until the first meeting in November. William Terrell thinks this request is needed.

Regular Claims \$399,502.32

William Terrell made a motion to approve regular claims as presented of \$399,502.32. Gary Gitron seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Payroll Claims \$188,977.06

Gary Gitron made a motion to approve payroll claims as presented of \$188,977.06. William Terrell seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Minutes of September 2, 2014 and September 15, 2014

Gary Girtton made a motion to approve September 2, 2014 minutes as presented. William Terrell seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

William Terrell made a motion to approve September, 15, 2014 minutes as presented. Gary Girtton seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Winchester easements

Michael Wickersham stated the county agreed to transfer two easements to the City of Winchester at no cost. William Terrell made a motion to grant a temporary highway easement to the City of Winchester. Gary Girtton seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Wickersham questioned the consideration of dollar amounts on the easements since the county is not receiving any money. Thomas Cockerill stated he wants to review the easements and he would have these corrected before the end of the meeting. Wickersham stated the intent of the Commissioners was to grant temporary and perpetual easements to the city at no charge.

Thomas Cockerill returned to the meeting with the corrections. William Terrell made a motion to grant perpetual easement to the City of Winchester. Gary Girtton seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Airport monthly report

Gary Girtton made a motion to approve the Airport monthly report as presented. William Terrell seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Treasurer's monthly report

William Terrell made a motion to approve the Treasurer's monthly report. Gary Girtton seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Treasurer's monthly Edit report

William Terrell made a motion to approve the Treasurer's monthly Edit report. Gary Girtton seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Edit claim – \$15,833.33 to Randolph County Economic Development

Gary Girtton made a motion to approve the Edit claim for \$15,833.33. William Terrell seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

2015 Holiday Schedule

Gary Girtton made a motion to approve the 2015 Holiday Schedule as presented. William Terrell seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Other business-

Michael Wickersham stated he noticed in the minutes of September 2nd that Jake, Phil and Gary were going to work on a routine schedule to better clean the RCFPO building. Gary Girtton stated we are making progress.

Wickersham stated Phil Silvers sent an e-mail to me and the rest of Commissioners stating on Election Day November 4 is a county holiday for employees, however his building is open. He is asking do I have the holiday off or do I work this day as comp time hours at the rate of 1 ½ times the hourly pay. It says that Centerstone and GRIC employees are in the building that day. So the question is, do we need him there that day? Gary Girtton stated he doesn't think he needs to be there at 1 ½ times the hourly rate. Wickersham asked if GRIC and Centerstone have keys to the building. Jake Donham stated he doesn't know if those tenants have keys to get in or not. Donham asked how has it been done for the last 10 years. Wickersham stated that is a good question and didn't think that Phil needed to be there if they can get in and operate their offices. Donham thought that possibly Phil had come in and unlocked the building in the morning. He wasn't sure why one of the part time guys couldn't come in the morning to work his hours and the other guy work the evening schedule as usual. Commissioners gave the authorization for Gary Girtton to check with Phil Silvers and work it out.

Citizen Comment

John Reece, Lynn thanked Tom Fisher for his service to his country and his efforts in Losantville. The Ford truck that was talked about earlier has aluminum and won't rust. The rest all have the same drive train and warranty. Had the Ford been in a higher consideration that would have been a good factor to consider. William Terrell thought that enhancement would be coming out in the 2016 vehicles.

Todd Longfellow, Union City stated the Tea Party wanted to thank the Commissioners for allowing the rally on the Courthouse square. Approximately twenty people participated in the rally. We plan to have rallies possibly more often and moving them around the county.

Adjournment

Gary Girtton made a motion to adjourn. William Terrell seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Reviewed and signed this 17th day of November, 2014.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



W. A. Ford

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ATTEST: Mary Ann Lenkensdofe
Mary Ann Lenkensdofe, Auditor of Randolph County