

Randolph County Commissioners

May 4, 2015

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, Tom Chalfant and Gary Girtton. Also present was Randolph County Auditor Mary Ann Lenkensdofer, Sheriff Ken Hendrickson and County Attorney Meeks Cockerill. Gary Friend was the Council representative.

Pledge of Allegiance

Michael Wickersham, President presided over the meeting.

David Daly, Prosecutor – 2nd deputy Prosecutor contract

David Daly stated I am here about my 2nd Deputy Prosecutor's contract. A few years ago there was a decision made to restructure part-time employees and the benefits that they had received in the past. I have one employee that is part-time. That employee is my child support Deputy Prosecutor Carlton Brumfield. Council at that time said they would work with me for funding if he was a contract employee. The commissioners at that time were not going to put him on a contract. It was frustrating because 100% was going to be paid from incentive and PTD funds at no cost to the county taxpayer. The Commissioners were determined that this didn't make a difference to them. They said it wasn't fair because no one else received insurance for part-time status. I still think it does make a difference on giving him benefits because of where the funding is coming from. I consider that part of his compensation package. When it was removed I had to tell him he was expected to do the same level of job, maintain the same high performance marks, run the office the same but we are reducing your benefits. I am back to seeing if you would reconsider giving back the benefits. If you are willing to go with the proposal I would need to get with the Auditor's office and see about working out some details of funding. I know that incentive money isn't what it used to be. I know that PTD money is still available. Right now he gets paid from 3 different funds. I'm not proposing any new money, just benefits. Commissioners said they would like to see the proposal. David Daly said we will come back in a month with a proposal.

Beth Krieg-Probation – grant Proposal

Beth Krieg stated I have done a grant with Drug Free Randolph County for the last 3 years. I started this when the supplemental user fees were depleted. I have looked for ways to fund what few services we have for probationers. One is drug testing and that is required by the courts. I have applied for \$3000 but I know we will not get full amount. Last year we were awarded \$2200 and it was used for paying for drug testing. Michael Wickersham made a motion to approve the grant and allow the President to sign. Tom Chalfant seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Pappy Williams and Matt Simmons Health Dept – preparedness grant and local health maintenance

Matt Simmons, Public Health Coordinator explained that Randolph County has participated in the preparedness grant for at least the last 10 years. It is funded by the CDC on the federal level. There are some counties that do not participate and their money is sent back to the State and then they disperse back to the ones that do have the grant. Simmons said there are two parts to the grant. The base grant and the Ebola supplemental which is getting its name changed to the Infectious Disease Supplemental Plan. The grant pays for office supplies, salaries and traveling expenses. The budget for Randolph County this year is \$16,959. This money is completely reimbursable from the State. We bill them and they reimburse us at no expense to the county. I attend one meeting a month at the district level either in Anderson or Muncie and a conference once a year. The supplement amount is \$17,658 and that is divided up into 4 payments as long as I am meeting the requirements of the grant. Gary Girtton made a motion to approve the president to sign a request for a \$34,617 grant. Tom Chalfant seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Jessica Olson said local health maintenance is a carry forward and not a new grant. Whatever is not spent the previous year is held over and a budget is made for that carry forward amount. The amount of \$6271.77 is left over and Dr. Sowinski and the board opted to budget these dollars. Tom Chalfant asked if Pappy Williams had an update on the Health Department and personnel. Pappy Williams said Valerie Gibson is no longer with us and she has not been replaced. We still have the sanitarian, county health nurse, clinic nurse and then 2 that keeps the death and birth records. We only have 2 full time employees right now. Wickersham said so we are fulfilling our legal requirements for a county health office. Tom Chalfant wanted to know if there is going to be a replacement of Gibson or just realign the personnel you already have. Matt Simmons said the board would have to do that and they don't meet until July. Tom Chalfant made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of Local health maintenance grant carry forward- Clinic asst. \$5,000; SS \$310; Medicare \$73; Enviro healthcare \$500; utilities \$100; printing \$138.77; public legal notices \$150. Totaling \$6271.77. Gary Girtton seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Jon Meeks and Friends of the Ward Twp. district No 5 school- request for funds

Jon Meeks stated I am here to give you background on the Ward Twp. District No. 5 school. We have the restoration underway for this former one room school. It is located near Deerfield and known as the Jackson School. This building is one of six remaining one room schools in Randolph County. This

building was built in 1891 and used for only about 20 years and has been very well maintained. The Sommer family has owned the farm around the school for the last 17 years where the school building is located. This building has received a lot of attention. Last year a group of us found out the Sommer Family would donate the school and 1 acre to a legal entity. We started a feasibility study. Greg Sommer took a picture of the school and entered it into the DNR statewide contest and received 1st prize. On the summary page is a few of the things we have accomplished. The 1500 volunteer hours were used for removing debris from around the school and doing the prep work to be able to form a non-profit corporation. We had contractors come out and look at the building. The general consensus was, it is a very sound building and has not been structurally compromised. Landmarks of Indiana agreed with the contractors and liked the Gothic Revival architectural style along with a possibility of being a candidate for the National Register of Historic Places. We have also partnered with other one room schools. After the restoration we would like for it to become an educational resource center. We would recreate the 1890's era classroom. Last summer we did have a problem with the roof. Goodhew Roofing replaced a portion of roof for us as an in-kind gesture. We have also received period school desks, school masters desk and McGuffey readers. The school has its original chalkboard that is not made from slate. It is plywood painted black and we have the original floor. We have prepared a budget for 2015-2016 and have applied for seven different grants. We have applied to the Community Foundation for a grant and recently found out that we were awarded \$10,000. Also, the Lilly foundation will match for each \$1.00 raised. We have hired a consultant to help with the application for the National Register of Historical Places. If this is awarded we would be the only one in East Central Indiana. We will be having an open house on June 13, 2015 at its location. Contractors have submitted quotes for work on the foundation and for the exterior brick work. We have also collected \$4,500 in contribution. We are here to ask for \$10,000 for restoration. If this body grants this request that makes us eligible for the matching grant and it could be increased by 50%. Wickersham asked what is your two year budget plan? Meeks said that would be for \$70,000. \$55,000 of that would be contractual services. I have talked to Greg Hinshaw about the school involvement. Eventually, I will talk to other superintendents in the surrounding counties. Tom Chalfant asked what the total would be for this to be completed. Jon Meeks said with the volunteer labor it would still be close to \$70,000. Commissioners said they would like time to think it over and tabled their request to the next meeting.

Michael Dean, Witkemper Insurance –liability insurance

Michael Dean gave an overview of Witkemper insurance company. We are based in Indianapolis and two years ago I opened up operations in Union City. We are specialist in commercial insurance for places such as municipalities, schools and public entities. Today I would like to ask for the opportunity to quote the property and liability insurance for the county. I have understood for the last two years because of the size of the account you have not bid this out and this year would like an opportunity to bid on the county's insurance. We represent around 30 carriers and have access to 100 more. Wickersham asked if the 30 carriers handled public entities or are they general liability carriers. Dean said they were general liability carriers. There are probably 12-13 that work with public entities including workman's comp. Wickersham said he has been a Commissioner for three years and we have not bid out the agency part of this business to my knowledge. Part of my concern is last year we got a renewal from our current company that bounced our deductible from \$10,000 to \$ 50,000 per incident. Obviously they didn't want our business anymore so our agent at that time shopped the market and found Bliss McKnight that gave us a more reasonable insurance package. I feel like they took us out of a bind. I don't want to get into bidding companies and would like to see what our current company has for us this year as far as a renewal. Tom Chalfant said he is always open for competition but I am not certain whether I want to change. I am open to seeing a bid if you want to go to all the trouble of putting a bid together. Mary Ann Lenkendorf said if you decide to bid you will need to open it to everyone plus the advertising and putting packets together. It is time consuming. Meeks Cockerill asked what counties references could he give. Dean said he can get references from the municipalities of Elwood, North Vernon, Indianapolis whatever the commission is looking for. Wickersham stated I know that last year we were desperate and whoever Bliss McKnight got helped us in the sense of they were willing to take our risks on for a lot less than our existing insurance carrier. If they were willing to increase the deductibles so high it tells me our claims are not the best. I don't know if the claims have improved that much or not. Meeks said we did have two or three really bad claims and we were told it takes a while for that to come off. Wickersham said if it is the will of the commission to rebid the agent's portion of this I am not opposed to it. It would have to take a lot to get me to move on that. Michael Dean said we are a full service agency and we will provide recommendations on work comp or general liability. Wickersham asked how the commissioners wanted to proceed. Dean said he would like to earn the opportunity to service the county and if they wanted to give a small portion of it to him that was fine also. We are work comp specialists. Wickersham asked if he did work comp in other counties and do you know who they are? Dean said they did have counties but he couldn't remember offhand who they are. I can provide you that through email. Wickersham said if we are talking about October 7th we have a little time to consider this and can revisit this on the 18th. Gary Girtton stated he would like to consider looking at the insurance in January. That would give us an opportunity to look at what we have and see what we get back this summer with the renewal. That would keep us 90 days ahead of all these dates. Wickersham said we can get the renewal dates and revisit it on the May 18th meeting and decide whether we want to move any differently with the agency or just wait until the first of next year.

Tea Party representatives- request to use sidewalk/lawn for rally

Todd Longfellow stated we want to do another rally like we did last year. It would be May 23rd from 10 am to 2 pm and our rain date would be May 30th. Gary Girtton made a motion to approve the use of the courthouse grounds for the Randolph County Tea Party rally. Tom Chalfant seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Parker Civ- prior wind farm money request

Jimmy Wyman represented the town. I am the superintendent of the streets, parks and sewage departments. I came to you at the end of last year with a request for wind farm money for water meters. Since then we have had a lot of meetings and have reevaluated our plan. We decide not to get the cadillac of water meters. We want to take the same amount of money and distribute it through the whole town. In our plan we would like to do a revitalization of the downtown. We would like to fix the faded signs, sign posts that are bent and rusted, put some benches in the downtown area and put trash cans assessable to the public so that we don't have trash blowing down the streets. We would like to do some painting of the curbs and striping in downtown along with some landscaping. Our park needs some new equipment also. In order to save the town \$50,000 we want to go with the touch read water meters. The money we save from the meters we can use towards the rest of the town. The city building was donated to us and now it needs some help like painting and landscaping. The town board said they would go 50-50 with the home owners on sidewalk repair. We have allotted \$15,000 for that, the park equipment \$20,000 tree trimming \$7,000 and touch read meters \$50,000. The Town Council, Clerk and I put the proposal together. Wickersham said we are in the second installment of the wind farm money and are facing the funding of the repairing the county roads at \$200,000 a mile. That takes the wind farm money down really fast. I am not ready to act on this today. I would like to think about it and with some of these items maybe we could direct economic development funds towards them. Gary Girtton wanted to take time to think about it also. Maybe in the next couple of months we will have the criteria on the wind farm money. Wickersham said we will revisit this on the June 1st meeting.

Highway dept - CHA feasibility study tabled from April 20th

Tom Chalfant stated Jay Harris, Danny Love and him have met and have gotten a cost of \$10,400 for the feasibility study. Chalfant said we thought we could use the preliminary study of the cost but the location hasn't been determined yet. Tom Chalfant made a motion to contract with CHA for the basis of design program study proposals of \$10,400 a feasibility study for a new highway garage and pay it from cunn cap if allowable. Gary Girtton seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Danny Love stated he wanted to discuss the paving of the wind farm roads. The contractors who bid on it do not want to go with a two year guarantee on the road surface. They want a one year guarantee with a 3 inch overlay. The ditches/tiling and subgrade is still a two year guarantee. The reason the contractors don't want anything to do with the two year guarantee on the road surface is because they had nothing to do with the cement stabilization. Michael Wickersham said the original road agreement is for a two inch overlay and a two year guarantee. Tom Chalfant asked would you rather have a three inch overlay with a one year guarantee. Danny said he would. I am here today to ask about getting the wind farm road agreement revised. The contractors want to start right away. Meeks said he has looked at the changes and you are only modifying the agreement and not releasing anything in the agreement. Tom Chalfant made a motion to accept the modified road repair agreement of two year guarantee on drainage and stabilization with a one year guarantee on three inch pavement overlay on all roads. Gary Girtton seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Love told Commissioners that he is retiring at the end of this month effective May 28th due to personal reasons. Love said he has worked for the county over 40 years and said it had been a pleasure working with Commissioners.

Also, Love said the road stabilization will cost around \$4 million which includes 900W. I have been in contact with Greg Beumer to see if we can get any help on fixing the roads. Greg was going to get someone to come this week to take a look at the roads. We can patch some of the roads with our crews but there are some that need to be cement stabilized. I have not ever seen the roads this bad. I'm not sure we will get all the roads done even if the money is available.

Jessica Olson, grant reimbursement

Olson said I am here to present the settlement for incentives funds. The settlement is up at the end of the year. I have in the Federal Title IV-D- \$1,394 general, \$2,098 in Prosecutor and \$1,394 into the Clerk's incentive. Tom Chalfant made a motion for approval of the grant reimbursements. Gary Girtton seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Ken Hendrickson, Randolph County Sheriff

Hendrickson stated I have a request for a DARE grant of \$3787.63 for drug free Randolph County for Prevention and Education. Tom Chalfant approved the request for the Dare Grant. Gary Girtton seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Regular Claims \$311,157.79

Tom Chalfant made a motion to approve the regular Claims of \$311,157.79. Gary Girtton seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Payroll Claims \$188,857.17

Gary Girtton made a motion to approve the Payroll Claims of \$188,857.17 as presented. Tom Chalfant seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Minutes of April 6, 2015

Gary Girtton made a motion to approve the minutes of April 6, 2015. Tom Chalfant seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2015-07 2nd reading ordinance for change in building code fees

Tom Chalfant made a motion to pass 2015-07 ordinance amending certain sections of the Randolph County Building code by title only after the 2nd reading. Gary Girtton seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

The 3rd and final reading will be presented on May 18th.

Reappointment of Beverly Manning to Winchester Community Library Board

Gary Girtton made a motion to approve the reappointment of Beverly Manning to the Winchester Community Library Board. Tom Chalfant seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Report from Albany emergency medical service

Wickersham stated we have received the report from Albany EMS via e-mail. The service had in 2014 a total of 53 runs to Green Township and/or Randolph County.

Comp time report

Wickersham stated the Comp time report is for the period ending March. It has come down from February by about \$3800 is better. So I would say the policy is having a positive effect. Wickersham stated he would like to thank the Auditor's office for working with the EMS on resolving their comp and vacation time issues.

Nuisance complaints- update

Wickersham stated there was a complaint filed by Stephanie Ingle on properties in Harrisville. It doesn't appear that Randy Abel is having any luck with one of properties. The next step is to send the letter from the Commissioners and tell them what the next action will be if they don't clean them up. Gary Girtton made a motion to send the properties in Harrisville a letter from Commissioners and tell them what the next action will be if they don't clean them up. Tom Chalfant seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Additional Appropriations:

Tom Chalfant made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for the Highway Department - Land host fees \$305,228.55 and wheel tax \$422,415.21. Gary Girtton seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

For review:

Commissioners reviewed the following item with no action being required.

Soil & Water minutes

Other Business-

Gary Girtton said that Jake is expecting information back on the jail roof in the next few days. We are waiting on when he is going to issue the materials for bids. We have received the information from ARGO on the RCFO building. Gary Friend, Jake and I will sit down and review the information. We don't have a new pump at the RCFO building yet.

Michael Wickersham reported on the monument. I have received an email from Giorgio Gikas telling us that they have opened the flag and there are a lot more problems than anticipated. I haven't heard anything more. Tom Chalfant said he wanted to make sure our contract is the quoted price. Wickersham said there might be a plus or minus of 10%. Meeks said there is a stated price for that. Gary Girtton said he would like to know the date of return.

Adjournment

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

Reviewed and signed this 13th day of June, 2015.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



ATTEST: 
Mary Ann Lenkensdofe, Auditor of Randolph County