

Randolph County Commissioners

April 15, 2013

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 William Terrell, Michael Wickersham and Gary Girtton. Also present was Randolph County Auditor Mary Ann Lenkensdofer, Sheriff Ken Hendrickson and County Attorney Meeks Cockerill.

Prayer was given by Michael Wickersham followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

William Terrell, President presided over the meeting.

Greg Beumer, Economic Development-appointments to Cardinal Redevelopment Commission

Greg Beumer stated the Randolph County Edit plan has been completed and he would like to set a date for the Edit board to meet in order to disburse some funds. Beumer stated there also needs to be an appointment made for the Cardinal Redevelopment Commission since there are members that do not want to continue serving on the board. Two members wishing to resign are Allen Jefferies and Tom Ferkinhoff. Beumer stated Mayor Bryan Conklin would be willing to serve in one position. He has no one to suggest for the other position. Michael Wickersham stated that since there were two appointments that were filled by citizens he wondered if it would be better to fill these positions with a citizen appointment instead of an elected official. Beumer stated he could reach out to others that could possibly fill the positions. He will bring a recommendation from the Economic Development board to Commissioners at their next meeting. Michael Wickersham made a motion to appoint Mayor Bryan Conklin to the Cardinal Redevelopment Board replacing Allen Jefferies. Gary Girtton seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Beumer stated that he brought Mayor Croyle with him for a proposal. Mayor Croyle stated he would like the County to consider funding from Edit the advancing manufacturing initiatives. They are in the process of starting another class for the unemployed or underemployed individuals in the community. One of the schools in the county is starting this curriculum in their vocational department. There are a number of students that have expressed interest in signing up. There is a cost for the curriculum of \$2,600 per person. Winchester has committed \$50,000 of edit funds for this initiative and would like to see the County match that amount. The mayor would like to see this happen to have a better-educated workforce and become a more attractive industrial site. Mayor Croyle stated Winchester high school wants to offer the full curriculum along with Monroe Central offering a curriculum. Croyle stated that after the first class of graduates, those individuals had the opportunity to be employed. Three of them were hired before Marjun completed the course as apprentices making over \$20 dollars per hour plus benefits. Michael Wickersham stated it is a tremendous opportunity for displaced workers in the county. Gary Girtton asked if the Mayor could give the criteria on the process. Mayor Croyle stated Workone has gone through the people they are servicing and sent invitations to see if the individuals are interested. The individuals go through an interview process and drug screen and work ethics process. Then they go through four modules and have to pass a test to get the certification. This certification is recognized nationally. This is 140 hours of training, three days a week. If you miss two days, you are out of the program. Gary Girtton stated he also believes it is a good program. Commissioners agreed it would be good to fund twenty individuals at the cost of \$52,000. Michael Wickersham made the motion to fund \$52,000 from the edit funds. Gary Girtton seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried. Meeks stated he would need revise the edit plan again that he had prepared for today. Commissioners agreed to have an edit board meeting at 6 PM on May 8th.

Beth Krieg, Probation- agreement with juvenile detention center

Beth Krieg, Probation officer stated that currently they have been using the detention center in Delaware County for juveniles. Wernle Children's home in Richmond now has a secure center and she would like to consider using both of the homes. Wernle home does provide transportation for the juveniles back and forth to court, which the Delaware detention home does not. Wernle has provided the agreement with a per diem of \$130. Delaware County charges \$119 per day excluding transportation. Starting in 2014 Wernle may adjust their per diem but the cost quoted in the agreement will not change until then. Krieg has already used Wernle home once. Wernle only has fifteen beds so she would not be locked in to use just them. Krieg stated they have three individuals under eighteen that are in the juvenile detention center. The contract will be through the end of the year. Michael Wickersham stated that he didn't see where it was written in the contract to provide transportation. Krieg stated she would have to talk with them. Gary Girtton made the motion to approve the agreement with Wernle home through the rest of the calendar year of \$130 per day providing the transportation is written into it and would allow the President to sign. Michael Wickerham seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Robin Vickery, Community Corrections- grant agreement

Robin Vickery stated she has gone through her grant review with Community Corrections and has received a biennial grant of \$307,366. This is a two-year grant commencing on July 1, 2013 through July 1, 2015. She stated that in January she had received the letter of support from the Commissioners. Robin was there to get signatures and send this onto the department of corrections. Robin stated after receiving

a level one ranking last year they are only required to write the grant every two years. This was the final paper work for approval.

Mike Kennedy, Veteran's Officer- update on former RYC area

Mike Kennedy gave an update of the Veterans shelter status. Linda DeHaven was present and stated she is now helping Kennedy with all the paper work to obtain the shelter. He needs a cost determined to lease the space so it can be included in the business plan. Kennedy is working towards the 501C3 status and this information is required. It was stated that a cost had been determined last year and the amount was in the minutes. Michael Wickersham stated the cost should be reviewed due to several leases coming due this year. Kennedy stated everything that needs to be done for the State has taken longer than he anticipated. He does have a timeline of when he would like to be in the building. There was a storage room in the basement that was previously used by the RYC. He needs storage for canned goods and other items and would like the use of that room. Michael Wickersham stated there is room in the basement for the storage Kennedy is requesting. Mary Ann Lenkendorf stated she could search the minutes for the amounts that were discussed for square footage price and provide a copy of the previous RYC lease to Wickersham. Wickersham stated he would compile the information and get back with Mike Kennedy within the week. Linda DeHaven stated to proceed on with the shelter they have figured on housing ten men in the facility. There needs to be house parents and will require having a small apartment for those individuals staying with the men in lock down environment. This will be a 24/7 facility. There are several security issues to deal with and both Kennedy and DeHaven have toured a shelter in Fort Wayne. DeHaven stated if anyone wanted to make contribution that can be made through Community Foundation.

In other matters, Michael Wickersham stated he had met with Lisa Waber from GRIC and they need additional space in the RCFO building. There is a room the Red Cross had used in the past but after contacting them, the room is no longer needed. Wickersham stated he would like to offer the use of this room to GRIC and they will not need to use it until fall. Michael Wickersham made the motion to offer the former Red Cross room to GRIC starting with their fall schedule. Also, to include installing a baseboard heater since there is no current heating system in the room. GRIC will pay their current square footage price. Gary Girtton seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Jamie Stump- Ordinance 2013-06 an ordinance to amend the unified zoning ordinance

Jamie Stump, Executive director of Area Planning stated that a veterinarian bought a property in Farmland. The veterinarian came to Area Planning asking for a zoning change. When Jamie looked into the zoning change to a C3, there is a provision that states a veterinarian clinic or animal hospitals cannot be located within 100 feet of residential districts or within 50 feet of a C1 or C2 district. This lady has already bought the home before investigating if it could be used for a vet clinic. The property is surrounded by C1, C2 and residential. Bob Cook, attorney for the veterinarian looked into amending the unified zoning ordinance. The vet clinic would be left in the C3 zoning but definitions added to C2 vet clinic which includes household pets. The vet and Bob Cook came up with the household pet's definition since the house would not accommodate large animals. So this request would be moved into the C2 and allow for only household pets. William Terrell asked if there would be outside runs for dogs. Jamie stated it would all be inside and there would not be the problem of dogs being outside. Michael Wickersham asked if the lady would sell to someone else could there be more setbacks. Stump stated all neighbors would be notified of the changes but they had not thought of what would happen if she sells. Wickersham stated this change affects the community but also affects the whole county. Wickersham could see this as spot zoning and believes there are procedures to follow without affecting the whole ordinance. Jamie stated there was a favorable recommendation from the Area Planning board. Jamie stated that each legislative body can adopt whether to accept this change or not and she would keep track of each legislative body. Farmland will vote whether they want to accept this or not. Meeks Cockerill stated the Commissioners would be voting to accept this change for all the unincorporated areas and was not sure how it could affect too many places because most areas would be zoned agricultural. Wickersham stated if the area planning board approved this by 9-0 then they represent the county areas. Gary Girtton moved that Commissioners pass Ordinance 2013-06 after the first reading. Michael Wickersham seconded the motion. 3 aye votes cast. Motion carried. Gary Girtton moved that the rules be suspended and have the second and third reading by title only and adopted the same day. Michael Wickersham seconded the motion. 3 aye votes cast. Motion carried. Gary Girtton moved that the Commissioners adopt Ordinance 2013-06. Michael Wickersham seconded the motion. 3 aye votes cast. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 2013-06

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE UNIFIED

ZONING ORDINANCE OF RANDOLPH COUNTY, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the Area Planning Commission of Randolph County has recommended that the Unified Zoning Ordinance of Randolph County, Indiana, be amended;

WHEREAS, the Area Planning Commission of Randolph County held, pursuant

to notice, a public hearing on the amendments of the Unified Zoning Ordinance and has,

by vote, made a favorable recommendation to amend said Unified Zoning

Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, RANDOLPH COUNTY, INDIANA, that
said Unified Zoning

Ordinance of Randolph County be amended and the enactment of the new

amendments which amendments are set out in Exhibit "A", and attached hereto and

incorporated herein and made part of this Ordinance.

Passed and adopted by the Randolph County Commissioners, Randolph County;

Indiana, on this 15th day of April, 2013

Janis Mote- bench placement on north side of courthouse

Janis Mote stated her family purchased a memorial bench in honor of her father Wally Haines. She was requesting to put the bench on the courthouse lawn since there were two empty spaces on the north side. Janis was not sure if the bench was the right size to fit the cement pad. Meeks Cockerill stated there is a commemorative committee that would look at these requests and recommend to Commissioners. Mary Ann Lenkendorf stated that Winchester Main Street has been the group to help decide the placement of the benches in the past. William Terrell suggested that Janis talk with the Commemorative Committee. Mary Ann stated that Anne Riddle would be coming to the Commissioners meeting in May to talk about Main Street items. Wickersham stated that he thought the groups could come together to make a decision.

E911 Agreement-

Mayors Steve Croyle and Bryan Conklin were in attendance. William Terrell stated he needed to hear from Mayor Conklin since Mayor Croyle had already signed the agreement. Conklin stated the executive operations board met and it was suggested to possibly pay a prorated amount through the end of this year so that it coincides with the cities and county's budgets. There was a discussion to look at phasing it out over so many years. It was also brought up if the County Council will look at evaluating LOTF for emergency services. Conklin stated these discussions were not in a form of a proposal but just conversation. The numbers given by dispatch for Union City's percentage of calls excluding fire and EMS puts them at 15.5 percent of the overall calls in the county. Winchester is 31 percent and the county at 25 percent with the remaining balance being all the other communities. Conklin is willing to further the discussions. He stated this was the first time the board had met in three years and would like to continue with discussions about consolidation and technology. He was willing to hear other ideas. William Terrell stated but it appears you are not willing to sign the agreement. Conklin stated my previous comments weren't that I would not sign but I want to further the conversations. Terrell stated that in the operations meeting that Commissioners would be looking at lowering the amount with a prorated cost for both Winchester and Union City. This year there is no way we can do this with the hole it would make in the budget. Meeks Cockerill stated in order to fund the position if Union City does not pay, the short-term problem comes with a possible layoff at dispatch and the long-term problem is how are you going to pay for the two dispatchers. Wickersham stated long term does the county want to take over all the monies for dispatch, and if we make that decision how do we pay that out. If we say that we think Winchester and Union City should continue to contribute to dispatch and EMS then we get the agreements or we have to shrink our service. Wickersham stated it did seem to him that if we are a consolidated dispatch service then we need to wean ourselves off their contributions. He would suggest doing that over a five-year period. William Terrell stated what he would like to see is for the cities to pay the amount due and then have Council figure into the budget what they want to do for next year. Mayor Croyle stated he realizes there had been no increases for the insurance costs. The problem is once the budget process is done that is the amount budgeted for the next year. He also realizes this was long overdue to not have an increase but wonders where they can absorb the difference in price. Meeks Cockerill stated the increase in price is a projected cost and if the projected costs come in less the money would be in the line item to credit back to the cities. Mayor Conklin made a proposal to take the \$46,000, which was the past amount, and prorate that to the end of the year. He believes that County Council will have the time before budget hearings to have a plan to address what they want to do. Conklin went on to state if Randolph county dispatch represents all of Randolph County and by it being said that if Union City doesn't pay, our level of service will go down. It has been inferred that Union City will be treated one way with the level of service and everyone else in the county will be treated another. Conklin believes that is blatantly wrong from a government entity that represents all of Randolph County. It has not been spoken here but has been inferred. William Terrell stated by the same token it could also be inferred that Union City is holding the rest of the County hostage because the rest of the County would have to suffer to make up the difference that Union City is not willing to do. Conklin stated it could be turned back around to say that we are trying to be fair because for the past twenty-five plus years we have paid Randolph County tax, all the 911 fees came to the County, and we received zero. So the shoe is back on you. I am here trying to compromise and if you think, we are holding the county hostage that is your

words. I want to get things to move forward but to state that you are going to change some services for one part of the county is blatantly wrong. William Terrell stated so you are stating you are not willing to pay to fund a chair but it's okay to charge the Mayor of Winchester. Mayor Conklin stated according to State law, we do not have to pay for a dispatcher. The funds of Winchester are theirs and I am here representing the funds of Union City. Michael Wickersham stated he is concerned with the amount to be paid this year. He believes that if it is a countywide dispatch then we should absorb the cost and you pay us a stipend to do that, which would include all communities. Conklin stated he sees that Union City should pay around \$41,000 until the end of the year. He is trying to force the discussion since the operations board has not met for over three years. Gary Girtton stated he believes the policy operations board should be meeting at least quarterly and there is no logical reason for that board not to meet. Girtton believes that there can be disagreements but there is a need for everyone to sit down and talk. He also believes there needs to be changes in the agreement before he would be willing to sign it. Michael Wickersham stated that if 75% of \$112,000 is used that it would mean we are going to be short \$7,700 by the end of the year for both cities. That would mean laying someone off around Thanksgiving or Christmas but it may be something we have to do. Mayor Croyle stated this problem is not unique to Randolph County and by reaching out to the Association of Indiana counties there are different ways and remedies to handle this problem. This problem has been looked at for a number of years. Croyle is hoping they can come up with a solution that is amicable to everyone and not one sided. Mayor Croyle stated that he believes the cost should be prorated for the rest of the year using the new rate to help defray some of the costs. Hopefully, at the end of the year there would be a plan as to how we would proceed from that point. Mayor Conklin stated you can also look at this; part of the dispatcher's duties is to let people in and out of locked areas and could be called upon to work on behalf of the sheriff's department. Therefore, we are also supplementing part of dispatch but also supplementing some jail duties. Ken Hendrickson stated that is something that can't be avoided since the building was built that way. Hendrickson said the doors would be operated by whoever is not busy at the time. Wickersham stated again that we still need the \$82,000 for the short term and find a way to wean ourselves off over time. The Council would need to be involved to find the funding for the difference. William Terrell stated the policy and operation boards needs to meet to find ways to drop the funding down for next year. Mayor Conklin stated it needs to be decided before July so everyone knows for their budgets. That is why it is frustrating because three years ago, I was sitting in this chair asking the Commissioners and Council to implement LOT tax and here it is three years later and nothing has changed. However, you are asking us to relinquish \$56,000 to support a county entity. Michael Wickersham asked the Mayor if he was willing to fund 75% of the \$56,000 and Conklin replied that he was. Wickersham stated that he wants to see resolution so that we don't have to deal with this every year. Meeks stated the amount for the 10 months (March through December) would be \$46,986.34 and the agreement can include that if the health care costs are not as much the cities can be credited. Gary Friend stated that the council will need to know approximately how much money is needed so the Council can decide where they are going to get the money from. Mayor Conklin stated he would be having their police department to take the nuisance calls instead of those calls going to the county. Meeks Cockerill stated he could have the agreement rewritten and sent to the Auditor for Bill Terrell to sign. Michael Wickersham made a motion to have the agreement written to allow William Terrell to sign as Commissioner President. The cities of Winchester and Union City will pay the prorated amount of \$46,986. Gary Girtton seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Mayor Conklin also stated he was approached by KISS TV asking to permanently install audio and video equipment and broadcast the Commissioners and County Council meetings. This money would come out of the Union City franchise fees. William Terrell asked how much equipment they would have to install. Mayor Conklin stated it wouldn't be any larger than a telephone base. This would be downloaded to the internet and anyone could watch it. Michael Wickersham made a motion to allow KISS TV to video Commissioner meetings and to work with Jake Donham to on installing the equipment. Gary Girtton seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Regular Claims \$300,093.33 and Payroll Claims \$192,608.93

Gary Girtton made a motion to approve the regular claims of \$300,093.33 and payroll claims of \$192,608.93 as presented. Michael Wickersham seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Minutes of March 18, 2013

Michael Wickersham made a motion to approve the minutes of March 18, 2013. Gary Girtton seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Economic Development monthly claim \$15,833.33

Michael Wickersham made a motion to approve the Economic Development monthly claim of \$15,833.33. Gary Girtton seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Treasurer's monthly report and Treasurer's monthly edit report

Gary Girtton made the motion to approve the Treasurer's monthly report and Treasurer's monthly edit reports as presented. Michael Wickersham seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Airport monthly report

Michael Wickersham made a motion to approve the airport monthly report. Gary Girtton seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Clerk's monthly report- February & March

Gary Girtton made the motion to approve the Clerk's monthly reports for February and March. Michael Wickersham seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Renovation- BIS digital claim \$628.00 and Proglass claim \$525.00

Michael Wickersham made a motion to approve the BIS Digital Claim of \$628.00. Gary Girtton seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Michael Wickersham stated he had visited the Huntington Courthouse and they had similar weather stripping on their doors. Michael Wickersham made a motion to approve the Proglass Claim of \$525.00. Gary Girtton seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Michael Wickersham asked if it was inappropriate to send an invoice to the architect Bob Taylor for payment. William Terrell made the motion to send a copy of the invoice to the architect requesting payment. Michael Wickersham seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Mental Health Proclamation

Michael Wickersham made the motion to approve a proclamation for May being Mental Health awareness month. Gary Girtton seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Mary Ann Lenkendorf stated she had sent Commissioners an e-mail requesting that the basement door along the drive remained locked during the day. The Sheriff's department would need to use a key to enter through the door. Jake Donham has stated he can fix the door to automatically lock once you enter the building. Michael Wickersham stated he believes it is a good idea to do this as long as everyone has access. It also raises a larger concern for security in the basement and other areas since there are very few people in the basement. This is something commissioners need to talk about and locking the side door would be a first step. Ken Hendrickson stated everyone at the jail had keys to that door. Michael Wickersham made the motion to allow Jake Donham to adjust the lock on the basement entry door. Gary Girtton seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Michael Wickersham stated he would be letting the Paranormal group into the County home on May 3rd from 7 PM to 1 AM and needed a key.

Gary Girtton stated received an e-mail about the RCFFO building having water entering the hallway from the exterior. He would like to make sure there is no structural damage in the downstairs hallway. Michael Wickersham commented that Jake has stated it has been addressed in prior years and at that time, Commissioners chose not to run exterior drains. Girtton stated it may need to be dug out and investigated. There needs to be two or three companies to come in and give advice on how much it would cost to fix this. Meeks Cockerill stated the repair could be paid from cum capital. Michael Wickersham made a motion to appoint Gary Girtton and Jake Donham to work towards getting quotes on fixing the water problem at the RCFFO building. William Terrell seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments

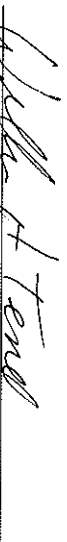
Gary Friend wanted to comment that the Economic Development interim director Greg Beumer will be leaving after extending his original term. The board will be going through another selection process but there have been problems of not having a budget to pay a higher wage for a qualified individual. As we go forward, he would like to discuss having more edit funds available for a new director. Gary Girtton asked if he had a ballpark figure on what it might cost for a director. Gary Friend stated they offered \$45,000 the last time with no benefits and that didn't work out. In the economic development world that is not going to be enough money unless, we want to hire someone and train them from the ground up. We need to consider why the Economic Development office is not on the County's insurance plan. There are plenty of other offices that get county benefits. If you bring someone in with no benefits, they won't stay. Mary Ann Lenkendorf stated Economic Development individual are not county employees and would not qualify to get insurance benefits. Friend stated he sees that it would take around \$70,000 plus benefits based on what is being paid around Indiana. Randolph County's edit funding could support this. This would not impact county general and would be paid out of edit funds entirely. Gary Girtton asked if there are any more discussions on the joint venture with Jay County. Friend stated he thinks there could be a small consolidation of things but it will take a while for any large consolidations. They do have a committee that is moving cautiously forward.

Adjournment-

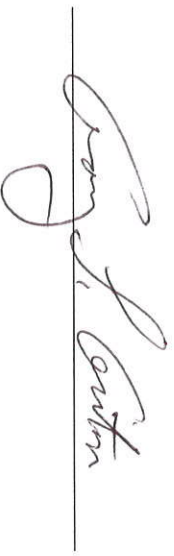
Michael Wickersham made the motion to adjourn. Gary Girtton seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Reviewed and signed this 3rd day of June, 2013.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS







ATTEST: 
Mary Ann Lenkensdofe, Auditor of Randolph County