

Randolph County Commissioners

April 20, 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 Lenkensdofar, Sheriff Ken Hendrickson and County Attorney Meeks Cockerill.

Pledge of Allegiance

Michael Wickersham, President presided over the meeting.

Highway Department – update CHA feasibility study

Tom Shannon stated he was here to answer any questions about the CHA feasibility study. Tom Chalfant said the committee is still working through the proposal. Commissioners tabled this study for two more weeks to give the committee time to look over the proposal.

Randy Abel, Building Commission – Ordinance 2015-07 amendment of fees

Tom Chalfant moved that the Commissioners pass Ordinance 2015-07 by title only after the first reading. Gary Girtton seconded the motion. 3 aye votes cast. Motion carried. Gary Girtton would like to wait on passing the 2nd reading in order to get any comments about the changes.

Bruce Hosier, REDC director – Mainstream Fiber network presentation

Bruce Hosier stated through the REDC Strategic plan we have identified many areas that needs addressed. From the strategic plan we developed four main committees. Today we wanted to present from the infrastructure committee about the fiber optic process. We need to upgrade and update our capacity in fiber optics in our internet. Through the process of looking at different vendors the committee decided on Mainstream Fiber Network. Hosier presented Fred Price Vice President of Mainstream Fiber network. Fred Price said our program is different than other programs. We invest in your community and not you investing in us. We can deliver the fastest speed you want up to 1 GB. We are involved in voiceover phones and security as well. We own the fiber and we don't lease from someone else. We would also be renting office space in town to store the servers. The office will have people on staff to handle any needs that are necessary. Our company is currently involved with 5 other counties doing the same program. We are working with governmental agencies such as schools, cities and county. The program would be customized for your particular needs. Once the fiber has been installed in your community we will only be using 20% so you will have room for growth. If you have more businesses move in and need more speed it is just a matter of flipping a switch. Our company isn't a wireless set up. It would have a fiber line coming from the pole straight into the business or homes. Counties we serve are Brown, Harrison, Washington and Blackford. Tom Chalfant asked who is your competition and who would you replace. Price said this is not a program where everyone has to use us. We are in competition with AT & T, Comcast, Time Warner and others. We are finding our pricing is about 20% less and also our installation charges are significantly less than they are. Hosier said he has talked to 3 or 4 major businesses in Randolph County. I am working on meeting with them and have Mainstream Fiber show what they could potentially receive. These companies would like to have a dedicated fiber line. Fred Hoffman said we have extra cables at the courthouse. The main fiber truck comes into the jail and comes from the old hospital. This fiber is just for our facilities. Bruce Hosier said Mainstream is pretty much on the hook for the investment and they look to build their capacity. Fred Price said we would tie into another major carrier to get it to Randolph County. There would be 70-80% fiber availability to homes and business. There will be some areas that we will not be able to reach in the county. Hoffman said he thought Comcast and Frontier had fiber available and Indiana Fiber network could expand if they so choose.

Jessica Olson, Chief Deputy Auditor and Paula Albin, Deputy Auditor – handbook policy change & grant reimbursement

Olson stated I have grant reimbursement for Title IV-D federal grant. These are all through the Clerk's Incentive Fund. The clerk's amount is \$2612. Prosecutor -\$3930, the general incentive - \$2612 and the remaining is for County general. EMA grant reimbursement of \$9763.48 has been received and still has expenditures of \$1810.07. Tom Chalfant made motion to approve signing of the reimbursements. Gary Girtton seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

We also have several departments that have to be contacted after hours. While auditing our service records, we found that not everyone is doing it the same. This change would be an amendment to the handbook policy. The documentation of hours accumulated after working hours were not being done correctly. Michael Wickersham asked if this amounts to a lot of hours. Albin said it is not consistent within the departments. Wickersham stated this would be for all handbooks. Tom Chalfant made a motion to approve the amendment to all handbooks. Gary Girtton seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Olson said we have been discussing electronic time keeping again. We need to get to where we can withhold a week so that everyone works the time before getting paid. Mary Ann Lenkensdofar said we are looking at another electronic time keeping system and will have a webinar later this month.

Regular Claims \$329,290.17

Gary Girtton made a motion to approve the Regular Claims for \$329,290.17 as presented. Tom Chalfant seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Payroll Claims \$191,645.27

Tom Chalfant made a motion to approve the Payroll Claims of \$191,645.27. Gary Girtton seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Minutes of March 2, 2015 and March 16, 2015

Tom Chalfant made a motion to approve the minutes of March 2, 2015 as presented. Gary Girtton seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Tom Chalfant made a motion to approve the minutes of March 16, 2015. Gary Girtton seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Airport monthly report

Tom Chalfant made a motion to approve the Airport monthly report. Gary Girtton seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Clerk's monthly report

Gary Girtton made a motion to approve the Clerk's monthly report as presented. Tom Chalfant seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Treasurer's monthly report

Gary Girtton made a motion to approve the Treasurer's monthly report as presented. Tom Chalfant seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Treasurer's monthly edit report

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

Edit Claim- Randolph County Economic Develop. monthly claim \$24,833.33

Gary Girtton made a motion to approve the Randolph County Economic Development monthly claim of \$24,833.33. Tom Chalfant seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

IDOC claims- Didier Hardware \$12,500 and Romar Professional Services \$10,000

Tom Chalfant made a motion to approve the IDOC claim for Didier Hardware of \$12,500. Gary Girtton seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Gary Girtton made a motion to approve the IDOC claim for Romar Professional Services of \$10,000. Tom Chalfant seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Request of \$100,000 for Town of Farmland and claim

Michael Wickersham stated we have previously discussed this and chose not to give Farmland \$100,000 from wind farm money. Instead we chose to loan them \$160,000 at no interest until September or October. In the fall we would decide whether to forgive all or pay part of it back. Farmland took our request to the Council and they did not agree. So the Council went back to the original \$100,000 from the wind farm money to help with their water treatment needs. The minutes will reflect that I agreed to support them with the \$100,000 from a month ago and I still do. Tom Chalfant said the committee was formed to try and set protocol for awarding grants. We have met by phone and agreed to award Farmland \$100,000 out of wind farm money and 3 agreed not to award anymore monies until we have a plan in place to repair our infrastructure. I would say the three would like for the rest of the money to go to county infrastructure repair. Gary Girtton said I am still in the same position as before. I am not opposed to helping Farmland but not willing to grant the money since there is no protocol. I thought Council would have been a little more willing to work with us since it wasn't affecting anything except delaying until there was a plan. I go to the town meetings and each town asks where is our money. I tell them as far as I'm concerned we aren't going to give any more money until there is a plan. Michael Wickersham said we gave Ridgeville and Lynn the majority of their request and gave money to Losantville out of Edit funds. Farmland needs to have something done with their water treatment plant. I think even with the \$100,000 they will still have to raise the water rates. So they are going to be paying for this improvement as well. Gary Girtton said he wasn't disagreeing and I am not opposed to helping Farmland. I still think Farmland should get the \$100,000 until October or until we get a plan together. Tom Chalfant said some from the committee think the money needs to go toward county infrastructure. The cities have issues and the county has issues and I sympathize with everyone. Everyone has problems with sewer and water. Tom Chalfant made a motion to approve \$100,000 for Farmland's request of wind farm funds for their chlorination system. Michael Wickersham seconded the motion. 2 aye votes cast. Gary Girtton did not vote. Motion carried.

Tom Chalfant made a motion to approve the claim for \$100,000 for the Town of Farmland from Wind Farm funds. Michael Wickersham seconded the motion. 2 aye votes cast. Gary Girtton did not vote. Motion carried.

Revised Edit Plan and date of Edit board meeting

Tom Chalfant made a motion to approve the revised Edit plan. Gary Girtton seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried. Commissioners set the date for the Edit meeting for April 29th at 6 p.m.

Approval of Doorways Investigations Group with County Home and designate use of \$750 donation

Tom Chalfant made a motion to apply the \$750 to the maintenance at the county home and let the investigation group use the county home. Gary Girtton seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

County form 17T refunds- \$37,432.60; \$43,530.09; \$40,188.93; \$370.16; \$374.00; \$587.17; \$257.57; \$682.15; \$674.08

Gary Girtton made a motion to approve the 17T refunds as presented. Tom Chalfant seconded the motion. All aye votes cast. Motion carried.

Other Business

Jake Donham said Four Square Solutions out of Fort Wayne came in and did the field measurements and evaluation of the jail roof. This is the last piece they need before getting the bid packages ready. ARGO sent an email concerning the RCFPO building. He has his final presentation, reports and prints ready for us. ARGO would like to know how you would like the presentation to be handled. Jake suggested looking over the information and if there are questions then having him come in person. The commissioners would like copies and have Gary Girtton, Gary Friend and Jake discuss the information, then bring back their findings to the Council and Commissioners meeting.

Donham said in the courthouse, the 2nd floor AC unit has a problem when it switches from heat to cool. The 4-way valves are leaking and the parts aren't here and have to be sent from overseas. It could be close to the end of the May before we get them. When the parts come in we are looking at shutting that unit down for 2-3 days to change the valves.

Michael Wickersham said Geraldine Osborn came with a complaint on her road. Danny Love and I visited with Geraldine and neighbors. Mark Hunt did present me with a claim for a damaged tire. A spike rock went through his semi-tractor tire. We took their request under advisement. Wickersham said the petition should be a little bit more formal than the one presented at the last commissioners meeting. Danny has taken their request under advisement and explained with the way the roads are right now and funding, chip/seal on 750 east will definitely not happen this year. Wickersham said he has turned the Hunt claim over to our county attorney.

Citizen Comments

Todd Longfellow, Union City -Do I understand there are already fiber optics in the county and if so why haven't they expanded. Wickersham said if you request fiber optics at your location then you contact the supplier but you would have to pay for it. Fred Hoffman said both Comcast and Frontier have fiber. So if you want Comcast fiber at your house you would call them. There is fiber available. Longfellow asked if PCS-Win would get hit hard with this. Wickersham it wouldn't be any different than any other competitor. Tom Chalfant said PCS-Win was invited to be a part of the Economic Development Infrastructure committee and they declined. They have been informed about this. Longfellow said he didn't like to see competition if it could put another out of business.

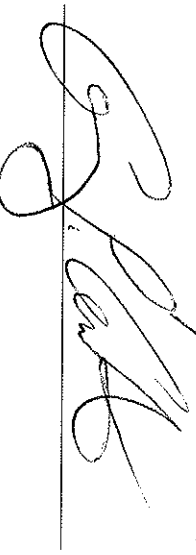
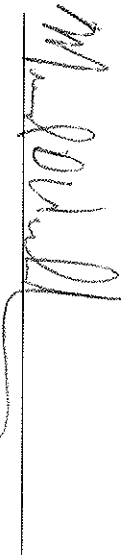
Jim Wallace-Winchester- I have heard there is another wave of turbines coming into the county. Wickersham said he has read it in the paper and there were comments from another county. Meeks said there are agreements in place for more to come in the northern and western parts of the county but those aren't new.

Adjournment

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

Reviewed and signed this 18th day of May, 2015.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



ATTEST:


Mary Ann Leikensdof, Auditor of Randolph County