

Vermillion County Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

August 05th, 2025

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. Call to order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- III. Roll Call - All Present
- IV. Approval of Minutes July 1st, 2025
Peebles motions, Dunavan seconds
All in favor, motion carries.
- V. Approval of Claims from July 11th, 15th, 18th, 25th, 29th, and Aug 1st, 2025
Hess motions to approve all but June 6th 2025, Peebles seconds
All in favor, motion carries
- I. Approval of Payroll July 3rd, July 18th, and Aug 1st, 2025
Peebles motions, Hess seconds
All in favor, motion carries
- VI. Public Comments: Buddy High, with concerns on the Zoning UDO, sites pages 114, 120, 2.01, FW .01, FE .03, KA .01, 10.01, 10.02, 10.03, 10.10, 10.16, 10.17, 11.02. Commissioners will review and get back with Mr. High
- VII. Open Issues: NA
- VIII. New Issues
 - a. Procurement Policy and Allowable Costs Policy to be approved per SBOA for Federal grants.
Peebles motions to approve the two policies with changes to the either policy, if need be.
Hess seconds
All in favor, motion carries.
 - b. Sheriff- Meal contract with CPC - I'm wanting to enter into a contract with Vickus. It's a sister company to CPC who's our commissary company and have them take over our meal plan. With the price of groceries and just going and that's going to the store and shopping, it's becoming a little bit on the expensive side and also trying to meet the dietary requirements for our daily menus at the jail. This company is going to help us get from basically a little over \$3 a meal down to around \$1.25 a meal.

So, at the end of the year, depending on our population at the jail, this should save us between \$60 and \$80,000 a year. And it's still going to be they'll send us all the ingredients, everything we need and then we'll make it there that, you know, prepare their inmates. It's a 2700 calorie a day meal. So, they're going to be getting plenty of calories, plenty of protein, plenty of plenty of dairy, everything with the they're required to be served. And like I said, it's going to be, it's going to be less work on the kitchen staff and it's going to save us, should save us between again depending on population between 60 -80 thousand.

Dunavan- Sounds like no brainer to me. \$60-80 thousand

Peebles- saves you the person running to get the get it

Sheriff- Inaudible-- without those Sam's and Walmart and GFS every week and actually Peebles- it might be almost a full-time job.

Dunavan- Do you think inmates are gonna like this reduction in? All right. Well, you guys have any other questions for the sheriff?

Sheriff- Can I leave a copy of the contract that you guys have signed? Yeah, **I'll entertain a motion to approve the contract.** The sheriff is presented. Oh, there was 1 issue. I'm sorry.

There was 1 issue that John, when I sent it to John that he saw about it automatically renewing. I reached out to him and he says we can take that out. That's not scratching. Yeah, that's not a problem. So, scratch the automatic renewal.

Dunavan- OK, Misty, if you would scratch that before you sign that, all right, **I'll entertain a motion.**

Peebles- What was what was the amount of savings that

Sheriff- it should save us between \$60 and 80,000? Here is what we kind of come up with.

Dunavan- And again, that depends on what our population is. So, I'll make the motion to approve the contract. **I have a motion on Mr. Peebles.** Do I have a second? **Hess Seconds**, any further discussion?

Discussion, I'll add is that we strike out that automatic renewal before we sign it. Awesome. OK, thank you. **All those in favor. Motion carries.**

c. Vermillion County Handbook- The handbook committee has met for the last six months.

The committee consists of the auditor, both the council, commissioner's attorney, the council president, the commissioner president, the County Sheriff and HR payroll. We went through the entire handbook and we the committee has voted in favor of multiple changes. I forwarded those for you guys review highlighted them because we didn't highlight them. It'd be pretty hard to tell the 72 pages with them. I'll go and read them for the public and for you guys again.

Seasonal employee clarification about paid holidays, etcetera. They've always received certain benefits, but it was not stated in the handbook that way. So, we wrote that out.

All employees are recognized as nonexempt other than elected officials or otherwise specified in their job descriptions. There were some issues with the SBOA on that of some employees were not exempt, they were exempt and we had no way to fall back and say Yes, they were. No, they weren't. So, we clarified that in the handbook.

Comp time in the handbook it says you were capped at 160 hours. However, employees were not aware that they could cash that out at any time when they wanted to. So, the committee voted in favor of stating comp time is capped at 160 hours. Anytime an employee goes over 160 hours, it shall be paid out at the next pay. That way we're not caring a balance for a year, six months, they're paid out immediately and with that if an employee gets 20 hours of comp time, they're allowed to take that out the very next pay. So, the council, they were actually was a very big fan of this because that is going to reduce our liability going forward. So, the committee voted in favor of that.

Another item, emergency closing of the courthouse. On occasion, the commissioners close the courthouse to the weather. And when we do that, the jail employees and the county highway still go to work.

Umm, so the committee felt that it was fair to offer one paid personal day to all employees at the jail and the highway if an emergency closing happens. And the caveat would be listed that that personal day has to be used in the same calendar year and they cannot roll it over. Everyone was in favor of that.

The committee voted to add a fourth week of vacation at 15 years. Currently it 1 week after 1 year of employment.

In 10 years, you got 3 so they felt it was a prudent add a fourth week of vacation after 15 years.

We clarified the hours and employees work and the old handbook everyone was listed as 8 hour shifts which is not accurate. The Sheriff's Department works twelves and the highway and courthouse works 8. So that was clarified.

For the personnel days; there was a change in that your personal days are currently use it or lose it for the counting. The committee voted overwhelmingly in favor to have two options at the end of the calendar year. Personal days, the county will allow the employee to be bought out at 50%. You get 3, so the county would buy back a day and 1/2. Option 2 employees would be allowed to roll those personal days into sick, maximum of three years, so they'd be able to roll those into sick time.

In the last two items that were approved and changed, the county does not offer paid maternity leave. The committee voted to offer six weeks paid maternity leave. However, the employee must be employed one year before that can be taken.

And then the last thing that was updated was bereavement was three days and the committee voted to up that to five days, a 2-day increase.

So those are all the changes that were made in the county handbook. Bring that before you guys tonight for further discussion or if there isn't any, I would like to get the handbook approved as is.

I don't know if there's changes you don't like. We can strike changes

Hess- The committee voted on it so.

Dunavan- Now, I will say there was a couple items on here. Most of them were unanimous. There were a couple items that were 5, two votes. The sheriff was there a lot. I think most of them were unanimous, Mike, is that right? Yeah, there might have been one or two items that were negotiable, like the paid maternity leave, I think may have started out of four weeks. Then there was a discussion about 8:00. Then we settled on 6.

But for the most part, a lot of this is just cleaning up language, like for the Sheriff's Department. I mean, it's just crazy to say they work 8 hours. I don't know that anybody works 8 hours out there, you know. Yeah. **I'll entertain a motion to approve the handbook as presented**, unless you guys would like to make any changes.

Peebles- My big concern is what, what does somebody's salary go to? If they have a set salary and it's budgeted for that salary and we're automatically paying them out 20 extra hours a week. That overtime rate? Or a pay period. What does that? What does that increase their salary to at the end of the year?

Dunavan- That I don't that I don't know, Bill, because I mean, their salary rates set for the year by the council. So, like the comp time or like the sheriff, you know, for overtime, they're paid out immediately, aren't they, Sheriff? Yeah. So, the sheriff doesn't get comp time. So that the comp time issue was more than the county's carrying like I'm going to throw out a number \$100,000 liability, but most employees thought they had to keep it. So now that we're stating, hey, once you earn it, you can take it off. And a lot of our younger employees burn it as soon as they get it. Now you're, you know, older ones, they try to keep it around 160 because they like to be at that time. But it also would fix it.

Because some people are carrying over 160 but with this new language they would be automatically forced. If they get the 161 they're getting paid out that that hour at the next pay.

So that was the big thing with the comp time was just to reduce our liability going forward because we can't stop elected officials or department heads from authorizing that comp time if they need to work just like the clerk's office or stuff like that.

Hess- I'm good with that. So, there's a committee that was put together to create those recommendations. And so,

Dunavan- yeah, and they meet quarterly. So once implemented, we'll meet again to see if

there's any outstanding issues or if there's certain issues with this, the committee will reconvene me, go to the commissioners and say, hey, this didn't work out, we need to amend it. But this just cleans up some issues that's been talked about for years and if approved, we'll send out a countrywide e-mail tonight with the highlighted changes so everybody can see that.

Hess- I'll make a motion to approve it.

Dunavan- OK. I have a motion by Mrs. Test. Do I have a second?

Peebles I Second

Dunavan- Second by Mr. Peebles?

Any further discussion? Hearing none, I'll call for the vote.

All in favor. Motion carries.

- d. Connie Swaim- Parke/ Vermillion Humane Society- Hello, I'm Connie Swing. I'm the president of the board of the Park Community Humane Society. Also, with me today is Jean Sportner, who is our vice president of Humane Society. I just wanted to take a little bit of time and tell you a little about what the shelter does, what we can't do, and at some point, we've discussed having a contract with both county and Vermont County commissioners. Trying to figure out what does that contract look like on both sides of our fences as well.

So, I want to give you just a little bit of background. Year to date as of August 1st, we have taken in 284 animals, 156 of those animals came for Vermilion County. That was 105 cats and 51 dogs. The average cost based getting the animals spayed and neutered, the average length of stay ends up to be about \$650 by the time the cat leaves, by the time an individual cat leaves the door. And about \$600.00 by the time an average job leaves the door. And then some animals or more. Some animals are less, but we do have about 10 animals right now that have been with us for a year or more. So those do add up a little bit more. It's lots easier to adopt out puppies, small dogs and kittens.

We carry a list, so we don't take it. We can't take animals in if we do not have an open kennel. And this is always going to be the issue, right?

We get calls every day. Our shelter manager Arena gets cursed at mightily on a daily basis. Many words I have never been put together before. So, we usually what we do is we have a list. So, if you call in and you want to surrender a pet and we do not have an open kennel, we will put you on a list. Right now, If you have a cat, you're on the list for an average of 20 days If you have a dog that you want to surrender; you are on the list an average of 30 to 45 days. So that's about basically just think of this, there is always a need in the county that we just don't have enough kennels to fit in everybody that's going around or that needs us.

What we can't do, I'm sure you're all see on social media; all of the people who are very concerned bless them. About the animals that are sick or the animals that are injured, what to do about them, that we are not an animal control agency. We do not have the manpower to simply go out every time somebody calls us and says a dog has been hit by a car or this cat isn't walking and it's on my couch and I want somebody to do something about it and things like that. So that's kind of a dicey issue too that we get into is and probably something I should talk to the sheriff about it sometimes just kind of decide what about the animal control officer and us.

We just got a call about a dog that was shot in the head, but we like, we don't have a veterinarian on staff, so we could literally not take that dog and do anything with it. So, if that dog was brought to us. We would find it just turn around on a Saturday or Sunday and take that dog and try to find an emergency vet point appointment for it. So those are the kind of things where there's this area of whose responsibility is it to take this animal.

So, like I said, we can only take animals in if we have open kennels. Right now. We just took six puppies from Vermillion County. I think they may have been a confiscation. They were in Clinton. They were really, they had bad air, my ear infections from fly strikes, meaning that maggots had been on their ears. So, we took these six puppies and they broke with parvo. So that meant we could not take in any puppies for at least another month to month and a half. And we've had to shut down 5 kennels in order to quarantine the area where these parvo puppies are. So, so those are the kind of things that the shelter deals with basically on a daily basis.

And we are very grateful for the money that you have given us every year. We are very, very grateful for that. I've been in the animal welfare industry for almost 20 years now with various shelters and rescues in the state of Indiana. I do not think things are going to get better. As a matter of fact, everybody that I'm talking to an animal rescue seems to feel that things are getting worse. There is a veterinary crisis. It is really difficult to find a veterinarian. Vigo County has been trying to open a low cost spay and neuter clinic. They've had a really hard time finding a veterinarian to sign on for that. We would love to have a veterinarian at our shelter as well.

Since I've been on the board, which has been right at a year, every month we talk about like how do we get a vet at our shelter, what would it look like, how can we afford it and things like that. So, it's just there is a veterinary crisis and it's hard to find veterinarians, especially in rural communities such as ours. So that's always going to be an ongoing mission people want us to do trap, neutering and release. So, if you're not familiar with what trap, neuter and release is, it's for cats. I know Newport has a big issue with wandering cats. Cayuga people are constantly complaining to me about all the stray cats in Cayuga as well. So, if we had to trap, neuter, release program.

Someone would come in, they would trap said cats. They would take said cats to some place where somebody would spay and neuter them. They would put an ear tip on their ear, just cut off the tiny top of their ear so that if people will then know that they have been altered. And then those cats have to be released back to the place where they were trapped. So, these cats do not go away to some magical place. They do go back to the place they were trapped.

So, so many unaltered animals are in both Parke and Vermillion counties right now. I mean, every day if you look on any of the local chatter groups, somebody has got free puppies or kittens for sale, or there are puppies dumped someplace or kittens dumped someplace that people are hoping that somebody will come and find. And believe me, I wish that we could help every single person who calls us and says please take this animal, but realistically we cannot, we could probably double the size of our shelter and maybe start to be able to take in most of the animals that come in and sometimes certainly would like to have on our ginger or in our future that we will build a new shelter. The one we have now is actually celebrating its 25th anniversary in November. So that's just a little bit of overview about the shelter.

And I just wanted to open it up for questions to see what questions you may have. Especially in light of like, what would you like to see in any kind of a contractual agreement between the Humane Society and you?

And if you need to think about it, I'm also happy to give anyone my phone number.

Dunavan- Sure, Connie, I appreciate you coming tonight. I know I serve on the board with you, and the shelter's always been an issue for years. But it's a lot of lack of understanding. Kind of like you said, people just expect a shelter to go out and do these things and take animals in in an agreement. I think us and Parke both would love to have an agreement. I'm not sure what that looks like. You know, I know we give, I think, \$50,000 - \$55,000 and I think Parke, they were supposed to match us, but I think they're \$30,000. I think, I'm not sure they're in.

Swaim- We'll be talking to them too.

Dunavan- I don't think they're a thing. But I would entertain whatever agreement you have. If you want to send it to the commissioners, let us review it.

Swaim- So, I have something that we've kind of tweaked with an attorney. Can I just e-mail that to you?

Dunavan- Yeah, Gmail to me and I can share it out to the board and then we can review it. I mean, 'cause I think essentially the numbers have always, even when Mark Southfield was on the board, I think Vermillion County always has more numbers in Park and that's why our money was always a little bit higher. I mean, it is based out here.

Swaim- So, Park also has the advantage. I think they can keep a lot more dogs. So, he's expanded. Sheriff Fraser has expanded his kennels in Parke County as well. So, they're actually a huge help to us, because they're able to keep a lot. The only thing is the animals that get adopted out through the sheriff's offices may not be spayed or neutered. Which long term then

are they going out for sure.

Dunavan Well, and that's something if you talk to the sheriff, you know, maybe the county can work together and maybe we can, you know. You know, work something there. I'll defer to the sheriff on that. I don't want to speak for his.

Swaim- Well, I see. Yeah, not necessarily. But in Parke County, I know that that's a big help to us in terms of dogs. So, we usually once a month we'll figure out how many dogs Jason has and then whatever open kennels we have, we kind of work with him to take some of those.

Dunavan- Yeah. I would just like to see, yeah, whatever agreement you got. And then if you and the sheriff can get together. And I mean, I would love to expand the shelter, but is it the right place to expand it? Is it better to go somewhere? You know what I mean? I think that's a longer-term solution because it seems like we don't have enough, you know, room and people being told they're on a one month wait list. It's hard for people to hear, you know, but I appreciate your comments. Live stream, people can see this. So, commissioners, do you have any other comments or?

Hess and Peebles - I don't. I did not.

Dunavan- Thank you, Connie, for coming. Send me that proposed agreement. We'll review it.

- e. Purdue Ext/ Lori Bouslog- Toshiba Agreement- Hi, I'm Lori Bouslog with Purdue extension here in Vermillion County and you should have received this document in your pocket.

So, we currently have a copy machine that is not included in the lease that the county has with Toshiba. A year ago, when that process started, the contract for the Canon copy machine that we have, there were two there was too much time left on that contract for us to financially be able to move into the County agreement with Toshiba. We're at that point now where we can save the county a considerable amount of money. We currently are paying \$679.59 a month for one copy machine and with this proposed machine from Toshiba, that would lower that payment to \$320.23.

Now there is in in the documentation the number of allowable scans or copies per quarter or month. That I would feel more comfortable about before you approve this is to know exactly what that that number is. I've looked through this contract and I don't see it in.

Dunavan- Is it going to be the same as with the current county is what we currently have with the county?

We would either table it or be approve of pending. You getting verification from what's his name? It's Toshiba. Yeah. Larry Dole. I mean, if Larry can put that in writing that and you feel comfortable with it and it's in your budget, I would have no problem doing that. But I don't want to sign it until you get a verification in writing that. So, I have to come back to the September one. Well, if the commissioners agree to approve it tonight, we could approve it pending. You getting that verification, then we can just sign it via DocuSign or something. That's not a big deal.

I just think we want that in writing that he's that way that way you feel comfortable with it too. So. OK, well, I'll **entertain a motion to approve the upgrade the copying machine as presented from Lori Bouslog tonight pending verification from Larry Doll on the cost.**

Hess- I make a motion.

Dunavan- I have a motion by Mrs. Hess. I have a second?

Peebles- I Second

Dunavan- Second by Mr. Peebles. Any further discussion?

Hearing none. Call for the vote.

All in favor, Motion approved.

- f. Ron Mack -Drainage Ordinance 2025-013- On that county surveyor, I sent you guys a copy of the proposed drainage ordinance that the drainage board put together.

This is 4 1/2 years in the making when I first took office, I got called about a couple of situations along County Road for people to put in the wrong. It was obvious to be wrong size culverts and when they put them in there was no base on them. So, what happens when you have a covert lane in a ditch and there's no base in it? First time you get a rain, somebody by the door, you take an 8-inch culvert, sink it down in the mud, 4 inches. Now you got 4-inch cover.

So anyway, that kind of started the ball rolling. So, one of my mentors in Clinton County, he had a pretty comprehensive advantage ordinance and he sent that to me. It was about 300 pages. And so, we whittled everything out of that and came up with a rough draft.

Sent that to the drainage board. Let the drainage board chew on it.

Still, for a good six months, they came back with some changes and some questions. So, then we got a copy of the Vigo County drainage ordinance and looked at their situations, what how they attacked. And the main issue with it was with driveways, you know, and got that, got that through the process. So, what we ended up with is this document here.

In the in the we had this original ordinance, I sent that to DES Engineering. We let them go through it again, make sure everything was standardized, all the calculations are correct.

Method for what measuring runoff and how many gallons per hour that might be versus how many cubic feet per minute that might be. They actually ran into a situation with that over in Montgomery County and four state a company to build an acre or two-acre retention pond on sand bed because that's what that's what the standard said. It's never held any water 10 years, you know. So anyway, we wanted somebody to go through it, look at it. We came up with this document.

We then took it to the APC and asked them to look at it and it passed. Through the APC, they didn't actually vote on it, but they all read it and read it. And then we put it on the county website or 30 days. I've got no comments, no negative feedback This is the hopefully the final copy of the document.

We feel like it's a real important thing to do in the last, I'm gonna say six weeks, I've had 7 calls from 7 different engineering firms looking for stormwater management plan, which we had in place, a pretty decent document, the drainage standards, what this document is about, we're looking for County Road West, we're looking for right of ways, we're looking for County Road weight limits and bridge weight limits. So, I kind of inherited a bunch of that.

And the bridges are on are done. They're on the GIS. We're still in the process of getting through the right of ways and trying to figure out that what that is because the road woods go anywhere from, technically it says 2 wagon widths up to 70 feet.

And then so the ordinance that they passed a couple years ago, it says, hey, it's 15 foot from the center room. What do you do when you have a 60-foot Rd. It didn't work right away.

State Supreme Court Toy said. Then all you have is a road service. You have no right of ways. So, we're trying to get through that and map that so then we can bring it to the commissioners and you guys can decide where you want your right away. So, on what roads?

So, this we've got pulled down to 50 pages and it includes and one of the things that's really important in talking with HWC and DES Engineering is make sure we had a standard way for every engineer that's going to do any kind of project in the county to calculate how much water they're going to be moving from one point to the other.

Some guys like to use the old charts, some guys like to use computer programs, some

guys like to do their head and he said the difference is to come between those different methods of calculating that. So, need to have something in standard. And that's what we're hoping to do with this, make everything standard, get it out there so people can find it.

Dunavan- Sure. Commissioners, any questions, comments for Ron on the proposed ordinance?

Pebbles- Not necessarily on the ordinance, when my question would be enacting the ordinance is when somebody calls and says I'm building something. How does that how do that start the process of putting in this ordinance to work?

Well, in like in terms of commercial, industrial type things like how, how does it go to the permitting part of getting the right culvert put in that kind of thing?

Mack- There's calculation in there and then

Pebbles- who does the calculating those I guess is what I'm saying.

Mack- Well, they, they do, they, they do all that and then I think it's set up now to work we have to hire.

I think we have to hire another engineer to go over those plants and make sure the right penny as far as that, is that what the process is.

Penney Carpenter- For the residential, for the residential in the past it's been the foreman of the garage, whatever district there and they go out and look at it and make that decision.

Dunavan- And for building permits, they're still applying a building permit. So that means. So, there is a process once they come through. like I said, I looked at this and like you said, it's great. It's standard now. Now we're going to have something that they're going to.

It's not like, well, it's on Monday, it's different than Thursday.

Mack- And that's one of the things that I'm talking to all these engineers and guys that are calling me, they're looking for. They don't care what the rules are, but they want to know what the rules are.

If this guy is just one way to calculate runoff and this guy over here uses a different way, you know, then all of a sudden, you've got problems and this is what to run it into the Fountain county quite a bit.

Dunavan- Any other questions?

No Other questions? **I'll entertain a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-013.**

Pebbles I'll make the motion.

Dunavan- Motion by Mr. Peebles. Do I have a second?

Hess- I second

Dunavan- Second by Mr. Hess. Do I have any further discussion? Hearing none call for the vote.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Mack - Last week I sent a rough draft of a letter to you guys asking to Provide us AMC map of where they run their fiber optic so we can get that on our GIS map here. Again, that's something else that people want to know when they call me. Where are your fiber optic ones as well? You're not going to go back to AT&T and get that information, but Joink gets spent pounding money to run the fiber optics and they do send a photograph.

And of a GIS photograph of where they put lines in when they send a billion.

Dunavan- But we don't have an overall quality, just upload and put it on the GIS and you were going to send them that letter on our behalf.

Want to make sure everybody's on board. I'm in favor of you sending that on our behalf. I have no issues with that

Pebbles- if it's necessary information.

- g. State Festival Association Book for 2026- I believe Becky Hulbert sent us this information last year. The county participated in this and the cost was escalating \$4000. Alright, well anyway, what account does it come out of?

The commissioners have participated in this for I think three years. It lists a lot of good events in the county. The Hill Flying, a Little Italy festival, Tarquini's Mother's Day event, I think Dana Fire Festival. I think it was like 9 events. But Becky would like to see that re up again. I am in favor of approving that and the county does have the money. You did check that for that account. So, **I'd entertain a motion to approve the cost for the State Festival Association book for 2026.**

Do you guys have any other questions?

Peebles- I did. I did read that e-mail. What was that cost again?

Dunavan- I think it's like \$4900. I think it's right under \$5k because I think it's like \$400 or \$500 per event listed because when we first done it, we only done like \$5k. And then that kid came back and said, hey, we've got some other smaller customers, do you want to list them? And I think if you've attended some of these you've seen, Becky will tell you and I, I would agree that it's increased participation in these events.

So, it's just one way for the county to help grow. And that festival book, have you ever seen it? It's huge. I mean, it goes against distributed out throughout the entire state.

I'll make a motion. All right. I have a motion by Mr. Peebles. Do I have a second? I have a second. Second by Miss Sess. Any further discussion?
Hearing none call for the vote all in favor.
Motion carries.

- h. Veterans Affairs Officer- Inee Mayhan- a vehicle from Sheriff Dept to have for home calls. Good evening everybody and just to give everybody an update, on the month of July, I drove approximately 725 miles.

Which resulted in expenditure of \$355.25 because it's rate of \$0.49 a mile and some of the community outreach activities for the month of July was 4th of July and participate in flag retirement ceremony at Portland Park.

Attended a Rex baseball game July 5th. It was a Veterans night that was well attended by Vermillion County veterans along with surrounding counties.

Also did a radio interview with WAXY and promoted the Veterans Service Office here in Vermillion County and abroad and what the job description of a VSO is and also attended a Wabash Valley Military Support Organization meeting; which is helping me strengthen and get resources here locally within Vermillion County.

I attended a VA fair at the Terre Haute Clinic, which resulted in five new veterans signing up for services with Vermillion County, but they are not from Vermillion County, but they come to Vermillion County for their appointments. So, we are getting veterans coming into the county for services as well.

I was able to attend a Legion 6 District Legion meeting at Crawfordsville and was able to attend and see their veteran park first hand. And it's amazing. So, it gave a little food for thought also.

For the whole month of July, I was able to enroll 9 new veterans and regrettably we did lose 2 Vermillion County veterans in the month of July. So, I wanted to express my condolences to those two widows and on behalf of Vermillion County, I did attend a 2-day conference in Indianapolis focusing on new veteran benefits and DSO training and that the promotion of the owner-occupied grant with Thrive is proven successful. I am collecting photographs now of my list I have.

Dunavan- Just so the commissioners know I need to secure 17 or 20 list for the owner-occupied thing and I told Thrive I would like the commissioners to at least match any of that.

I think I'm up to 4 but I need a very hard person to compete with. She works extremely hard and I appreciate everything she does. But anyway, 17 and in retrospect Montgomery County went through the owner-occupied grant and there are much bigger county on us. They only had nine people apply before the grant was submitted and she has doubled that number by herself. So just want to put that in perspective of what a great job she's doing in the VA office. So anyway, continue on as well. Yes, Sir, thank you for that.

Mayhan- Well, in the month of July I filled out 107 forms, I uploaded 37 and numerous different ways of communication from e-mail, office visits, home visits, phones. I had I found 48 claims for the month of July also.

Then to speak on the vehicle and I ran the numbers today and for says I started on January 31st which was a Friday so I just took from February to July which is 6 months and the average miles driven it came out to \$264.65 for reimbursement. So, if you take that average, multiply it by 12, you get \$3175.76. The travel budget for the office is \$2000, so that's why we was wondering if it would be more cost efficient for a vehicle that is sitting there in, you know, the sheriff's parking lot versus reimbursing me with that.

But then also to kind of help strengthen my claim on this, I am also. I use Retrospect and it's a computer program and so I now have full VA access and so I'm able to get in to veteran's files and upload how much they are making each month off compensation claims and stuff. And so far, I just got through, I did, I was able to get through A through F today and just with what I have done in the last six months, we have seen a projected influx of over \$10,000 in additional funds from the veteran's compensation.

That that's a financial boost that benefits our local veterans by enabling them to expand our services for them. So that's the number pretty proud of already. So yeah, that's great.

You know, that's about all I have right now.

Dunavan- Sure, Commissioners, any thoughts? I know, I know, I've replied back to the e-mail, but Bill Misty, do you guys have any other thoughts on the request for the vehicle?

(inaudible from audience)

Hess- I think I need to do a phenomenal job, actually. So super proud of you and what you've done for our county so far. I personally like to see in a newer vehicle. But that's just my opinion about it. So, I think you've done exceptionally well. You've come to our meetings every month and you definitely showcase that helping our veterans and our community is phenomenal. So, thank you very much.

Mayhan- When he did tell me about the charger, I kind of roll eyes because I did test drive and that's thing to do. Exhausted. It was a bad idea.

Hess- Well, I don't think we could do that, but.

Dunavan- Yeah, I would second what Misty said. I think you've done a phenomenal job. I would defer when it comes to the vehicle. If the sheriff or you think the 2018 19 Ford Explorer is better than the Dodge Charger, I would defer to you and the sheriff on that. I think you deserve the vehicle. I think you've exceeded my expectations and above what you've done with the VA office. Those numbers tonight, you read is just phenomenal for the veterans.

So, I would defer to you and the sheriff on that. On what vehicle you would prefer Bill, Any other?

Peebles- No, I, I just, I don't want to put her in a vehicle that's going to fail on her way.

Audience- A job taking care of all the money, vehicles, the oil changes and keep track of all the maintenance and everything I'll get, we can get with him and he can tell us which would be the better.

Mayhan- And I would just be grateful for whatever. So, I'm going to look and get a horse in the mouth at this one. I appreciate everything you guys have allowed me to do so far.

Dunavan- I'll entertain a motion to approve this request and let the sheriff and I need to decide what vehicle would be best for her to utilize.

Peebles- I will make that motion.

Hess- I will second it.

Dunavan- Any further discussion hearing none call for the vote. All in favor. Aye, motion carries.

Dunavan- And one last thing I did have too, so on those vehicles are you wanting to put some markings on them that'll say VA officer or something, something along that line together? Let us know what you'll need on that because I don't know. I mean, I know the sheriff goes to the Greencastle. (inaudible)

- i. Professional Service Agreement- HWY- commissioners had emailed you this a while ago when our administrator left us, Melisa Carty, a former employee of the county over 30 years of experience has agreed to come on and help Tia and the highway department in this agreement you'll see it's a not to exceed amount of \$6500. She'll keep track of her hours to you will look at those approve those. We have the money and the riverboat fund to pay for this.

She has already had a meeting with Tia and she is a wealth of knowledge T would really like to use her. So, I'll open that up for potential approval tonight if you like

Peebles, makes that motion,

Dunavan- I have a motion on Mr. Peebles to approve the professional service agreement with Melissa Carty not to exceed \$6500. Do I have a second?

Hess- I'm seconding it,

Dunavan-second by Miss Hess. Do I have any further discussion? Hearing none call for the vote. All in favor motion carries.

- j. Redevelopment Resignation/ Appointment- The commissioners received a resignation for the Redevelopment Commission. One of our board appointments, Amanda Murphy attended her resignation, I believe last week. So, we do have an opening on that board. I will open this up now for discussion. I do know we had one individual reach out to all board commissioners that expressed interest, Mr. Chew. However, I will open that up for discussion among commissioners now if we'd like to act on that vacancy on the Redevelopment Commission.

Hess- I've had an opportunity to kind of go over what Mr. Chew sent us and all the information. So, I would like to make a motion to put it in that position, open position.

Dunavan- I have a motion by Mrs. Hess. Do I have a second?

Dunavan- -I will second the motion open up for discussion.

Peebles- Just think with Ashley James being back in that position, she doesn't have to come up to speed on anything and she's a member of the council, knows what's going on with economic development and funding and the whole shebang.

Dunavan- OK. I will add to on the Riley Chew. He's a local individual, he's a farmer, a small business owner and I think having someone from that AG industry on one of our boards, I think we've kind of failed that over the years. And he's young, he's a little older, me a couple years older. But I think Riley will make a great addition to the Redevelopment Commission. He'll represent that AG industry and I think he will excel to position any other further discussion.

Peebles- Well, I have no issues with these capabilities. It's just it's just putting them in that situation and bringing them up to speed, taking a couple months to do that maybe you know, in the part time aspect of it.

Dunavan- All right. Hearing no other further discussion, I'll call for the vote. All in favor, aye. All right, motion carries. We will notify Riley Chew his appointment tonight.

- k. Economic Development Services Agency Agreement- And e-mail to you is an agreement that John Myers had prepared for economic development. We've had no economic development since late January, mid-January. In this service agreement the rise and the county would agree

to share a director and administrative assistant for the entire county of economic development. And in that agreement the county would give \$100,000 and two broken up payments based on tax disbursements, the rise is in favor of this agreement. They didn't sign it at their last meeting. They left it off the agenda. But I spoke to all the board members after the meeting and they are all in favor of it.

I've spoke to the council. Ashley James said the commissioners approved this to add it to their agenda and an additional appropriation for the \$100,000 but they won't act on until the commissioners approve or amend the contract. But all council members have reviewed that. I've sent that out a week, week and a half ago. Ashley's not shared any comments back to me yet. She said if she had any outstanding ones that they would share them. They did say I think there was 1 minor question on there about being in the economic development office only two days a week and they may want to require that to be 4 or five in the rise so that was no issue either. So, I think that's a very minor change, that economic agreement.

So, I'll leave that up to you guys if you want to discuss anymore or look anymore over it or if you guys are OK with it to approve it.

Peebles- I know we discussed this in an executive session and I don't want to talk about executive session, but I thought it was to be up to the amount of \$100,000 whatever.

Dunavan- I think when we sent this out, John sent that out, the rise on their end said they wanted the minimum of \$100,000 to be able to hire an administrative assistant, a director. And I think what route they're going with now is with that money, this economic development director will solely just do economic development. They're going to spend a smaller amount of money and hire a facilities director, the hand that manages the rise and its employees themselves.

So, they felt with this money they could have, and I don't know if they're going to use a whole \$100,000 for economic development. They may use some of it, you know, well, they'll use it for economic, but the money they're saving, they'll hire the facilities director with.

So, they feel they have a much better chance at hiring somebody saying, hey, your focus is just economic development for the whole county and you don't have to worry about the day-to-day operations of the RISE facility.

Hess- Somebody would pick up if they're going to do benefits, they the rise would pay for the benefits I'm assuming

Dunavan- yes, the rise had reached out to the county for the last several years because they basically currently buy individual plans authorized and with our new insurance broker Epic, it reached out to Blue Cross Blue Shield or Anthem and they have indicated to us that they could be added to our insurance under an umbrella, which is great news because our previous broker had told us that was not a chance ever. So that's a really good deal because they would get a better rate on insurance, but they would pay for it out of the money. So, they would just be like an umbrella under Vermillion County. So, Epics already, in my opinion, paying dividends to the two months in or one-month in.

Peebles- And this, this person will be a RISE employee, not a county employee.

Dunavan- Yeah, they will be employed by the RISE directors. So, you know, in this, you know, the county would agree to provide the office space for them. And that's what, you know, one of the councils said they didn't like the couple days they wanted maybe five days a week, which doesn't matter 'cause the rides doesn't really have an office space currently for them. But yeah, they would be employed by the RISE directors. We would have no hiring firing capabilities. We would just provide the monetary value. And I think it's got something in here if you want to break the agreement, it's like 90-day notice or something like that.

But our thought is "give it a try and see if it works" and have one point of contact. You know in the past you would go to a meeting in Indianapolis and you'd have the rise director, then you'd have the county EDC director fighting over where the project goes. And with this one person, now they can go, no, the rise of the best situation or hey, maybe South of Dana is or I74. So, this one person will be recognized as the one county Lido for Vermillion County, which we believe. And even John Myers says that's a great, great opportunity.

Hess- And they would solely report to the board of directors at the rise.
And so then potentially having five people that they would report to and so is there going to be someone that is going to be the point of contact or how is that going to work?

Dunavan- the president of the board being the point of contact for this director, just like they do it currently, like Cindy Wilson, you know, she's the water department. I think they're all delegated one person to more or less answer to that way they're not taking a phone call from 5 different board members.

Like I said, John, the BCS management wrote all this up. He done this and he, he felt, he actually thought there'd be more and more comes from the rise. And when he found out it was just a minimum \$100,000, he goes, he goes. I would sign that pretty quick, you know, 'cause he was, he was under the impression they wouldn't, you know, change a lot of this stuff.

Peebles - I guess the reporting, the reporting to the rise board is you know, something they can work out. And I really, I really want to get economic development moving back in this county that soundly as we can.

Dunavan- I think we're all fielding phone calls constantly. And some of us, sometimes we have the answers and sometimes we don't.

Peebles- **Well, I, I will make a motion that we proceed with this.**

Dunavan- All right, **I have a motion by Mr. Peebles. Do I have a second?**

Hess- I'll second it.

Dunavan- Second by Mr. Hess, Do I have any further discussion? Hearing none call for the vote. All in favor. Aye, Motion carries.

We'll sign that. And Misty, if you could put this on the council agenda and I think it'll be September with that additional because Ashley told us to go ahead and ask for the additional \$100,000.

- I. Enterprise Fleet- Jacob Roddy- Good evening. I've had a chance to talk with all of you individually about this proposal ultimately here today just to answer any one-off questions, explain to the public sheriff's here so we can talk about it and ultimately form a partnership here to help the county stay in safe vehicles and ultimately lower your budget going forward.

Maybe not get a dual exhaust Mustang, but we can get you into something nice and we put some money back into the county budget.

Dunavan- Yeah, Jake, I, like I told you on the phone, I've been a fan of this since like 2018. I think it's fantastic. It saves money. It takes the maintenance. If you go with the maintenance agreement, it takes the maintenance out of it. The sheriff's lucky that he's got, you know, John Bennett. But if he ever decides to retire, Mike, are you going to start working on vehicles?

Peebles- so take it down range and use it for target practice. Target practice and Rice working on it.

Dunavan- Yeah, I mean, yeah, I think it's a great idea. Commissioners, do you have any? I mean, I know I think you've met individually with us and yeah. I think the only question I would have since the sheriff is here, I think what you've included in here is all of our vehicles, right,

Roddy- Correct. So, this the only thing that is not included in here and just to spread some ICE, I don't believe we touched on it. The only caveat, so this does include all the vehicles. It does go like for like part of our program is right sizing some departments due to COVID or even just budget constraints at vehicles that cost effectively are not efficient that or just here and there you could only get what you could get during COVID. That's part of our job. Hey, maybe Veterans Affairs doesn't need a server, not that she has a Suburban right now, but just stuff like that to be more prospective.

But also, your chassis, your medium duty, like your dump trucks, we'll still manage those, but those do not make sense to replace every four years to dump body on that is more expensive in the chassis. We'll manage those still like everything else, but then we'll manage those year over year. Just track the maintenance for you and then we'll identify the right time to replace that.

Dunavan- Jacob, since the sheriff is here, Mike, your predecessor, Sheriff Phelps, when we discussed this with him, he was I won't say against the idea, but he wanted, you know, the more control over the vehicles and at that time, Enterprise couldn't guarantee certain vehicles. Like currently you're running Tahoe's, right, for the most part. So, the question is, can you get Tahoe's for the Sheriff's Department or would they have to move to something else? Because I don't want to put making vehicles that he doesn't absolutely, you know, for his deputies. I don't want to change that.

Roddy- So ultimately, you think of us more as consultants. We're going to bring financial analysis to compare the Tahoe to the Durango to the explorer and then even the trucks say, hey, we'll show you down to a cent per mile. This vehicle makes the most sense. Ultimately, it's your decision if you want to run Tahoe's or if you want to run Durango's in your apartment. Same with your other departments. We may tell you this vehicle doesn't make sense for the operations in this department, but ultimately it is your decision.

Dunavan- OK, Well, I can, I don't know if I can speak for you, Sheriff, but I would say Durango's because you wouldn't want to see any numbers.
Yeah, we, we had a Durango. What was it? It would have only like 5000 miles. It wouldn't even run.

Sheriff- We've moved just a couple motors,

Dunavan- Yeah, so you can provide the analysis. But Vermilion County's feeling on it is that, you know, if the brain goes out of those certain years of the Durango's, I don't think we want to look at one again. They're not, they're not good vehicles

Roddy- ultimately after. So today I'm here to essentially start the partnership. The next part of this process is you sent me the list of vehicles we'll go through and identify a based on this year's budget, what makes sense to replace this year and then we'll meet with the sheriff, what is the outfitting on that vehicle? What's the vehicle type needed? And then we'll be the consultation there and get everything rolling that way.

Dunavan- the, what's the cost on this for you guys? Is it taken out? I mean is it taken out of like the vehicles or is there a, a set cost to get started?

Roddy- So basically, it's just on the vehicle. So, each in the individual vehicle is essentially its own contract. We'll sign a master lease agreement, but each individual vehicle will be on its own lease purchase that way we don't have a set monthly fee.

Dunavan- So, for our vehicle count, we have how many vehicles on here.

Roddy - This shows 43 I believe the vehicles that you sent me that would be included in this was about 57.

Dunavan- 57 is the updated one. George Smith just sent me that so 57 so.

Roddy- Ultimately this this portion is a proof of concept. The reason it's more of a proof of concept is hey, we're going like for like part of our program again is right size make sure you're being most cost effective.

So ultimately what we're projecting is your total fleet budget would be 490, which is \$125,000 savings year 1 and that's what they're placing 23 of the given 43 units.

With the updated list being 57, I could see that potentially going up and then the savings also going up.

Dunavan- So, like as an example, because you guys said through the years you'll rotate so many out. So, like the highway department, we just spent some really good money on some like 2500 3500 hundred trucks and you guys stop it. Is it 3500?

Roddy- Actually 7500. So, we can like your dump trucks. We'll manage those. We just don't cycle them every four to 5-6 years.

So, we can help like your dual tandems, those types of vehicles.

Dunavan- So, tandems and single axles, you guys don't

Roddy- we can, we can do, we'll, we'll source them. We just probably won't put it on a

standardized lease like a Chevy Malibu or something like that.

Dunavan- So as an example of the first, the truck that we just purchased this year, that was \$57,000, would it be traded out in two of them? Yeah, two of those trucks, 2500 or 3500. With snow plows and you would source all that. So, on a new truck like that since because the savings is in the maintenance.

Roddy- Yes and no. So, the savings overall will jump back just for if you go to the fourth page in this just after your police profile.

Yes, the majority of our savings does come from managing vehicles in the meetings. Ultimately, as the sheriff mentioned earlier, right now your contractually tied to sell your vehicles to the auction. We sell our vehicles, your vehicles wholesale straight to dealerships. So now even a police vehicle and a sheriff's vehicle that has been beat up over the years, we can take it to a dealership and get a much better return than the auction. Now you take a typical government vehicle 5 to 10,000 miles a year over five years you're selling a 5-year-old vehicle. 30,000 miles. We can sell that at very high level and that goes back into your budget as opposed to letting it depreciate, Brackett racket, mate.

Dunavan- Well, I mean, where you were basically giving away for nothing.

Roddy- So, we identify the right time to replace it based on how much we're appreciating it over the five years, the resale value and your operational expenses all combined, not just the maintenance.

Dunavan- So back to the Sheriff's Department though. So, it would be up to Mike and if we if we would sign this or approve this with you. And you meet with Mike and he's like, hey, I want Tahoe's regardless, even though your cost analysis may say Durango's is the best or for explorers. We're starting to leave that decision up to the sheriff because I personally don't want to tell the sheriff what vehicle he's got to run or this or his deputies that will be knocking down my door when you tell him they're out of there. They're nice Tahoe's that they love one

Roddy- 100%. So, like I said, each, each vehicle is on an individual contract. We don't, we're not going to force you to buy a certain brand. We're agnostic. We don't get paid differently from Ford, GM or Chevy. Same with replacements. So, we're not going to come to you if budget with a new Senate bill that just came out, budgets are going to be constrained a little bit. We're not going to come to you at year 4 and say, all right, you need to replace these 20 vehicles and forward it and take them as long as you're paying your bill and you're communicating with us to involve fleet management and allow us to manage your fleet.

We'll let you do that. Ultimately, we did. We want us and we want you to trust us that we're making the financial decision based on the reset value, your operation expenses that we're tracking that it does make sense to replace these vehicles this year.

Dunavan- So he replaced say 5 or 10, whatever the number is the vehicle is being replaced. Is it always going to be a brand new, I mean that that year? So, Inee would in theory be in like a 2025- 2026

Roddy- 2026. So typically, what we'll do and this is more at the end, but we'll have two meetings per year. One is to review the last 12 months and then one will probably about this time every year plan for the next 12 months. Hey, what's your budgets? These are the vehicles that we've identified that makes sense to replace. Do we have any new vehicle needs? We'll plan for that. So that fits in the budget. So that year over year you're not getting a surprise on your budget.

Dunavan- OK. So, the for the markings on these vehicles, that's no issue to have the markings

Roddy- Mostly your sheriff's and your highway department's going to see this, but ultimately, we're gonna want to order from the manufacturer.

We do have to go to a dealership. We can, your local dealership here is in our network. I know you and I have talked about that, Bill. Ultimately, we'll secure that vehicle and then we'll notify and hub fitter based on the hub fitting that's needed and then we'll get that built out, let them know approximately when that vehicle is going to be there. So hopefully that all lines up, whether it's coming from the manufacturer or the dealer, it's so the vehicle is not just sitting at a department waiting for outfit to get there, we get it. Outfitted graphics, anything like that.

And then we deliver it to you turnkey, ready to go.

Dunavan- OK, select the graphics would so you guys would pick somebody or like locally. You know, if we use someone local, 'cause we still use

Roddy- same with kind of you, your vehicle models and trims. If you have a local partnership with a dealer and outfit graphics, we can still utilize it. We're not in the business of making or breaking relationships with financially makes sense to rotate your vehicles. We're not going to break a relationship because it's \$50 cheaper.

Dunavan- Yeah, yeah, of our preferred partner, absolutely. Why don't like at the courthouse here, we've got like, you know, the probation as a vehicle. Courthouse has a vehicle and like assessors a vehicle. And I've always thought like if we could get a nice vehicle, we could have a countrywide vehicle parked here that people could sign out. You know, if it's a new vehicle, you know, everybody could sign it out. And we're not having four vehicles someone's not being used. Some of them are being used like Inee use hers, but the other ones might sit here for 2-3 weeks, maybe a month. But I guess that's a conversation we could have about aging out.

Roddy- That's also too. So, part of our what we'll do analysis wise is we'll, we'll look at your fleet year over year based on the mileage. And we may say, hey, this one's only driving 1500 miles a year. It may make more sense to go right one.

Based on your, your state incentive and your rental prices, we're going to tell you, hey, I would love to make money on this vehicle, but it makes more sense financially for you all to go rent one when you need it

Peebles- What really grabbed my attention was when we were talking money and you said in a 10 year your projected savings by rotating these vehicles out before they're totally worn out and getting the value back out of that vehicle that in 10 years the savings would be almost \$400,000.

Roddy- Conservatively we're looking at 374. The number that you saw on their below that is 462. That is including \$87,000 of unrealized gains. That's just an accounting principle over the 10 years. We're accounting for lease costs, but we're not showing the actual depreciation and the equity that you're gaining in that vehicles. So really if you drag it out another couple of years, it's another \$100,000 conservatively. Again...

Dunavan- this is that's based on the 43 cars, not the 57

Roddy- 57. Bump it up a little bit probably. I'm assuming those are not all brand-new vehicles that are in pristine condition.

No knock on the sheriff department's maintenance guy or anything.

Hess- I guess one of the things when we chatted was the money. Obviously, savings was one that I liked a lot. But having all of the maintenance online where you can just go look at the vehicle and see what needs to be done and how often it's so then we know that people are driving safe vehicles is super. I think that's huge.

Roddy- So, part of our program to give the sheriff's a little bit more information as well is every you'll have a website and a portal that all department heads have access to.

Every vehicle and then with the maintenance program, we'll talk about how the sheriff's is doing those since they're doing their own maintenance, but each individual RO and every repair that is done on that vehicle will then be uploaded into the website. This would probably be a tool that the Sheriff's Department may or may not use with their current in-house staff may just be a tool that he can utilize to help himself track it a little bit better. I'm not completely sure. I haven't talked with him,

Peebles- I don't think. I don't think there's a miscommunication. It's not that you guys are doing the maintenance that you've got. John is really, really up on tracking it. He coordinates it, right.

Sheriff- Helps me build the insurance company and get, you know, the repairs. So, we're ready to go. So, so then John, the only thing he does, he'll maybe change some oil.

Roddy- so then John would basically then he would be able to at any given time log into the

website. He can get notifications via his cell phone.

This vehicle is X miles overdue. This vehicle is X days overdue for an oil change. Same with accidents. So, with accidents will be a co-signer on your insurance and we'll hold title to that vehicle. So, we'll, we'll contact with your insurance based on the book value of that accident when it happens to try to just be a partner there and help you out with that settlement.

Hess- And then we also talked about the tracking of the vehicles. Is that correct?

Roddy- Correct. So, our maintenance programs, our field programs and our Geotab telematics, those are all add on products, they're customizable to whatever the county sees fits. Ultimately, we offer those because the more data that you give us, the better partners that we can be for you. The telematics and the GPS tracking, it is the most extensive data that you can provide. The Sheriff's Department probably has something similar.

It reads mileage, real time tracking. You can do geofencing. So, if you've got department working in this particular area, but also fuel. The biggest thing when you use a fuel card and the Geotab. Not saying it's happening, but negligence if you've got somebody using a fuel card at this gas station, but the vehicles over here.

Doesn't add up correctly. So, you can you know, it's probably not having a ton, but you can just hold your employees accountable and just make sure tax dollars are going with it where they're saying we're going. But also, accident recreation. You guys are in the in the municipality space.

Accidents are going to happen and with the public, a city marked vehicle, county marked vehicle is a target. It does an accident recreation, unfortunately. So, it will read the mileage or the accident, the miles per gallon, how fast you're going, if there is a harsh break any like that just to cover your end if you were actually not at fault enough.

Dunavan- So, on this fuel core, how does that work?

Roddy- Then I guess your card is basically just a credit card. Any gas station that would be utilized in the county or even outside of the county.

Each driver can get one, or each individual vehicle can get one. Each individual driver will get a pin specific to them. They type in the mileage they get their gas; their expenses are then tracked into the website.

It's more it's not a huge saving but you can track what you're spending if you have bulk fuel.

Dunavan- And we have a pretty good rate on that's what I was getting at. So, for like the highway to foreign sheriff, we burned through a lot of gasoline, diesel, we got a really good rate. So that was my question was are we going to save anything?

Roddy- The fuel card will not be completely honest. It will not be the addition to the fuel card is typically geographically per mile is very long. I don't know where you got your bulk fuel stationed.

Dunavan -We've got them in all three of our garages plus the Sheriff's Department.

Roddy- But then I would honestly, I'd probably tell you to stick with that.

Dunavan- Because I know we get a discounted rate buying all year. So that was my concern. I was like man, because the state of Indiana I think goes you know, they buy them like Casey, but you could be paying \$4.00 one day and then.

Roddy- Transparently, I would tell you to stick with both fuel if you've got it and you've got a way that you track it and feel comfortable with what you're spending on fuel. I would say continue with how you're doing that, absolutely.

Maintenance wise, Bill and I talked about this. So, there's two programs, both are really similar for all your employees. When you go to outsource it, they'll have a maintenance card, either a physical card or in their phone. They go up to your Jiffy Lube or the dealership. Hey, this vehicle needs an oil change. Dealer will scan the bin, it will pop up the entire repair order. That dealership then contacts our team in Saint Louis and we cross reference what has been done recently to what they're requesting just to make sure you're not doubling up on filters or an oil change light just didn't get changed and we're not changing oil again after 30 days just to

minimize your costs and then we approve it and upload that RO to the website. Your drivers don't need credit cards or anything like that with no

Dunavan- they can be used at our local dealerships then so

Roddy- and Bill and I talked about this in the 25-mile radius from right here there's 22 vendors and believe

Peebles- from superior coach Clark, Clark's in Cayuga, Pilson's in Clinton and that part of that there were other, there were other.

Dunavan- So how does, let me ask you this question then. So, the bigger dealerships might be on it, but say we take something like Wilson, we have some smaller shops. How do they become a preferred if they're not on the preferred or is there a way they can even do it if there's 22 and 25?

Roddy- We probably wouldn't just because then think of it like this. If you've got 22 partners here that we already work with and you've got a one off that you maybe take one vehicle a year, we're doing all this onboarding for this account for them to maybe service one of your vehicles.

Dunavan- And I don't know, it's only one, but I mean, I do know we utilize the small one.

Roddy- That's a few of them.

Peebles- We went, we went through the list and I know superior coach Clark Chevrolet. There were there were several.

Dunavan-Those would be the biggest ones besides EAS.

Roddy- Maybe part of what you can look at is every driver will be able to have it in the app on their phone and they can use the use my current location or, or if you're out on a call, maybe an Indy use your current location and you can it'll show you a map of where everything is

Dunavan- superior coaches on it. Maybe the other ones are on too. I mean, because I wouldn't have. Because you want to keep it local. Yeah, but Clarkson Pilsen's are local. And I mean, and, and, and superior coaches. I know we buy a lot of tires from them. So yeah, that's awesome. I yeah, that's great.

Commissioners, any other questions for Jake?

Peebles- Yeah, big question and you probably already said it. What's the number to get this kicked off or is it

Roddy- ultimately there's not a number? All in the equity of the vehicles that we have right now. So, you're, you're talking all in cost, cost will be. So next part we'll just identify what vehicle's reaction want to replace

Dunavan- so the cost won't start until the meeting with us or the department has been saying, all right, we want to replace 5 and then that's when that kicks off the

Roddy- so we don't, we don't have this a flat charge. Our charges are all tied to each individual lease. So, as you replace vehicles we'll sell them like the three vehicles that he's looking at getting right now we could cycle those out, use those as down payments on the new vehicles, lower that cost and go forward if he doesn't want to take those options.

Dunavan- I think its good timing because you know, going into budget hearings we could, you know, if we do get this done before budgeting or identify something, they could reduce some maintenance budgets within the budgets and say we,

Roddy- we can also part of the, if you're looking at the maintenance program, the maintenance management program even if we are not to replace the vehicle this year, we can put that vehicle on that pass-through maintenance program so that you can start tracking it and then even if you know we don't get it in this August. Maybe it comes January and this vehicle is racking up a maintenance budget. We can go to maybe a local dealership and trade it out. Cut your cost for the remaining of the year.

Peebles- Talking rates on fuel there a while ago and I know the county gets good rate on new vehicles at the dealership, but they aren't getting any cheaper.
They did. The price of a new vehicle just is going through the roof

Roddy- for reference, I believe it is. So, we work with Fountain, Warren and Benton County over in this region as well. Warren County has been on our program for quite some time now and they've seen their lease costs decreased by \$300 a month just by cycling in new vehicles now as opposed to 10-15-year-old vehicles by cycling at a new a new vehicle.
Those proceeds, they've lowered their costs by \$300 a month across their entire fleet.
And that's, substantial Nowadays

Peebles- I'm ready to make a motion that we enter in an agreement with enterprise please and get this thing kicked off.

Dunavan- All right, I have a motion for Mr. Peebles. Do I have a second?

Hess- I do have a second, I want to second this, but let me just ask one question. So, do we need to, we need to, so we'll we need to work with the council or how does this work with the council?

Dunavan- I think what will happen is if approved tonight, Jake will look over the fleet. We'll look over everything because there's maintenance budgets in everyone's budget, the highway and the Sheriff's Department being the biggest ones. And if you can cut out say \$100,000 a year and that first payment's 120, basically, if you're going to be out a little bit more on that year one, year 2. But as you progress through.

Roddy- Typically, not to interrupt you, typically year one is one of the cheaper ones because. The way I like to do it and the way I recommend it for our governments is if you are on the fence, we look at anything five years or older or over 100,000 miles. So, anything over that, I'm probably going to tell you to replace it. Sometimes I go as far as 80. We order them through the manufacturer. It's going to take a couple months, so let's go ahead and replace more this year. Part of the program is you'll have a client strategy manager they'll manage your fleet year over year and have those meetings with you. They can then look and say hey, if we replace 30 of your 56 vehicles this year, we can then take a look at the fair market value and the book value, let's say year 3 and start evening those out so that you're not 30 vehicles this year, 10 vehicles this Year 5, because that will inevitably mess with your budget a little bit.

Hess- So then will you work with the department heads? Because typically our department heads kind of run that show. So how does that work?

Roddy- I'll then take that list and I will put it in an Excel document and I'll put in a category. Hey, tell me what make and model you would prefer? I'll have you all look over it first or probably after making model especially for highway and Sheriff's Department. Aftermarket needed. What I'll probably do is just meet with him and get a spec list for that because that's pretty expensive. If we wanted to be included, if he wants to do that on his own

Dunavan-Before your second Misty. Mike, since you're here, would you mind coming up? Up here I because you are our biggest fleet besides the highway department, so I, I want to make sure you're on board and say with this that he's going to meet with you and say, hey, let's look at this list.

Sheriff Holtkamp- I don't have any information.

Dunavan- Well, here you can have my, you can have my enterprise.

Sheriff -I would definitely want to sit down with him. I've got a list of questions about the fitting the different cars for the different people, like with the dogs and stuff. Like we drilled holes for the light bars. What's that going to do? You know, I just got, I got a ton.

Dunavan- Yeah. I just want to make sure you were open to the idea. Oh, absolutely. Yeah. You know, we didn't want to sign on this. And then like, I know what Sheriff Phelps, it was an absolute no. He was like, we are not doing this. Like,

Sheriff- I just, I want me and a couple of my guys to come in with a list of questions.

Dunavan- Yeah, because I mean they're in, like you said, it may take a couple years before you start and we can start rotating the other ones out. But I would love to be because like I said, your department's going to encompass a pretty big chunk of savings potentially.

Roddy- So ultimately with aftermarket, we don't have to mess with the Sheriff's Department. If you have a vendor that you're happy with, part of our website will show you an order update. So, if we go through the manufacturer in order to be able to that way, it will show you the status of that vehicle, so if you have a local guy that does all of your upfitting, we can then tell you that this vehicle is going to be delivered this day so that you can plan with your all with your guy that way.

Dunavan- So, Mike, how quick is your vehicle to get 100,000 miles if you just had to guess?

Sheriff- Three years, three years We typically cycle at three out every three vehicles a year. When there was less deputies, typically a deputy guy, a new vehicle every three years. Now it's not every four years, but we've got several vehicles over 100,000 miles

Dunavan- and that cost per every three. I mean, what is that like 60,000 a vehicle now, Sheriff- Cost are just under \$51,000, that's before we updated all the equipment. That's Dunavan- \$150,000 cost right there in one year.

Roddy- Put it in perspective. Small town of Sheridan and Hamilton County. We did 10 Tahoe's with a fitting and it was about 120 for the year. Obviously, they are driving much less mileage to their lease payments or spread out over 5 years as opposed to if you're driving 30,000 miles a year. We'd probably do three-year terms, keep it within that, but just payment wise to put in perspective what that financing term does

Dunavan- and each vehicle would be different. So, the Sheriff's Department might be on shorter lease as well like the VA maybe a five year

Roddy- may be even you have, you know some of your patrol guys, those are going to be shorter vehicles if you've got vehicles inside the department that are not driving each individual vehicle is based on the mileage but also the resale value. If we go with the brand that the resale value is not as strong, we may set it up on a shorter term.

Dunavan- I just wanna make sure the sheriff's included all that, you know, on this thing.

Sheriff- We would get guys like you guys maybe work the night shift that are constantly patrolling. They're gonna hit 100,000 miles quicker than me, who's mostly in the office, you know what I mean?

Dunavan- But you have a lot of vehicles, probably over 100,000. So, with this program, you could potentially replace a lot of these not unsafe vehicles, the vehicles you're taking to the auction and not getting much money out of.

Roddy- since he brought up a good question, wear and tear holes in the vehicles. The way our funding is set up, if you're familiar with leases, it's more of an open-ended lease or a market value finance. So, what we're doing is we are depreciating it down to an unpaid principal instead of 0. Like a typical financier dealership would be at the end of that lease, you are responsible for that unpaid principle. But part of our partnership is we do a risk template comparing the book value versus the fair market value every six months and year over year to make sure even if a hole is drilled in it for those cages or the lighting, you're not going to be upside down and no less money. Because the whole point of our program is when you turn that vehicle in and we tell you it makes sense to turn it in, you've got equity to the next vehicle.

Hess- So then do you manage like their mileage? So, what, like what is that with the maintenance system? You manage that and you're like, hey, he's about to hit like 60,000 miles. This is something to think about.

Roddy- Essentially what I'm doing right now or what I would be doing is looking over your mileage, your client strategy manager, they would sit when they sit down with you manually, they're going to report on your entire fleet and same thing I'm going to be doing here is these are the 10-15, whatever that number is, vehicles that are at 100,000 over or approaching, we

would recommend replacing them this year. And then we'll come with the maintenance data and the field data to essentially back that up. Just show the increasing track.

Dunavan- Any other questions? I don't have a motion for Mr. Peebles. Do we have a second?

Peebles - I already made the motion. Yeah, you did.

Hess- I would like to actually, I know I want to like, I think it's a great program, but like, what if the other department heads, like I'd like to see if they're on board with this.

Dunavan- Well, your only other department, who is, who is the other department? The other department head, you're only just going to be the highway, which is basically the commissioners. You've got probation that has a vehicle. But again, all those have been transferred from the, from the sheriff to us.

Health department doesn't have a vehicle, so on water I think has a truck. Mark O'Hara Emergency Management.

So, so for the most part, though, it's highway and Sheriff's Department. Those are your so the other ones, I think they're going to tell you they're driving. I mean, those are grant vehicles. So, they're nicer, but like, but the one sitting around the courthouse, they've got some hours in age. And so, I don't, I don't think it'd be as long as the sheriff and you know, us are involved and in favor of moving forward. I think we could probably approve it. And then we can just wait for Jake and the sheriff to get together on that and, and review all those vehicles out there and see what they come up with.

OK, all right. As long as Mike's good, I'm good. So, Mike's semi good. He hasn't read the whole thing yet. He doesn't you want?

Sheriff- I think me and a couple of my guys need to sit down with them and just get these questions.

Dunavan- And we're going to sign up for anybody. Yeah. And we're not signed up for any money. So, if you come to us and say, hey, this is a terrible idea, we don't think this will work. I mean, we'll rely on your feedback to us.

Hess- So Yep. Then, then I'll second the motion.

Dunavan- I have a second on this. Do I have any further discussion?

Hearing none call for the vote all in favor aye, motion carries.

And Jake, we'll just wait to hear from you and the sheriff because I think the commissioners are pretty much on board with the highway department. We would look at your analysis on that. So, I think just schedule something with Mike,

Roddy- Analysis or do you want me to start with essentially building out what vehicles I would recommend?

Dunavan- I would take your recommendation analysis the whole 9 yards, whatever, whatever you want to give.

Roddy- I think we'll start. I'll start with the non-sheriff's vehicles and then we'll have to work with the sheriff.

Peebles- And he'll see how nice it's working right there at the county garage and he'll see how long I want on board.

m. Grant Proposal- Next agreement before you is a grant proposal. Every year the commissioners approve a CCMG grant proposal. Melissa Weibel has done this for several years for the county. About a month ago I reached out to her and asked her to send an updated proposal. Call reached out, emailed Melissa, still not provided me with one, but based off last year's cost, her grant was \$9000 to write the grant.

Clark Dietz overseas the Community Crossing grant. If you remember, they oversee the bid documents, they review the bid documents and then they also do the construction oversight, so

when it's being late they will come out and inspect it.

That cost for 2025 is not to exceed \$35,000, it's \$15,000 lump sum. Then they get another \$20,000 not to exceed for inspections. So, Clark Gates is at 35, Weibel's at \$9000. So, all in on the Community Crossing grant. You're at \$44,000.

Before you is a proposal from HWC Engineering to handle all of these things for \$21,000. Umm, so that is before you tonight. The Board of Commissioners, if not, we can reach out to other various companies, but I think looping them all in together, making sure they do the CCMG, the oversight, you know, all three of those things would be wise.

Like I said, we have multiple forms we can reach out to, but HWC and just sent that to us and said, hey, we're interested in this. So, I just got fat, I think Monday. But we can table it, we can approve it, we can wait till next meeting. We could reach out to some other firms if you want to review other potential options. But at the at the bare minimum, I think we can save the taxpayer some money because you're \$44,000 with everything else.

Now, I will say we have not missed a Community Crossings grant. However, every firm I have talked to, it is going to be tighter this next year for grants. Benefiting us is we're a small community and they normally tend to give small communities under 25,000 residents or under 50,000 kind of First Division. So hopefully us, Warren County, Fountain County will still stay in the mix, but your bigger cities, I think they will struggle to potentially get this grant match.

Peebles- So, the \$21,000, the HWC? Just takes a Clark Dietz 35K off

Dunavan- so Clark Dietz was at 15,000 front and then it was a not to exceed amount of 35 for the other.

Peebles- you mention, you mentioned Melissa Weibel

Dunavan- \$9000 that was her cost last year, but she has she stole when she first started it was like 3 or 4000. Over the years she's raised it, but just going off last year's number, she hasn't updated anything. I've asked her for it a couple times. But based off the \$9000, you can just add the 9 and 15 and you're still, you know, you know, over the 21.

Yeah, so Clark Dietz the fee for the bidding services of the task Order will be a lump sum of 15,000 dollars, \$15,065.

And that is forbidding services for chip seal, HMA overlay and gravel, the HMA which was this year's grant and then the fee for construction administration which is the observed, the observation was not to exceed \$20,000. So then again, they may only bill \$10,000. I don't have those exact numbers, but if they bill, I mean but we have to budget for that whole now. So, the highways budgeted over 40,000 for the CCMG grant and administration and an HW CS proposal. They are doing all three for the \$21,000.

Which is a, you know, substantial savings, but you know, for their grant writing services, I think they only had it was under \$9000.

But again, we can table it and then ask, you know, you could ask RQAW, you could ask Wolford, you could ask Clark Dietz again, but I think internally we've had some issues with Clark Dietz with some grants and other administration stuff that didn't quite go as smoothly as we liked.

So, we can leave that up to you guys or we can look at it. But that was, I want to bring that to you guys attention because that CCMG does need to like start moving forward rather quickly. Like we need to have a plan in place by December and having a team on board and, and we've already got all the data. So, it won't take a lot like some towns when they start fresh, you have to raid all the roads, you have to have an asset management plan. We have all that in, in the file at the department. Kylie kept all that in OneDrive. So, we are good to go there. So, it's more someone just coming in, picking up the ball and going forward with it.

So, I'll leave it up to you guys if you want to think about it or we can approve it or we can, like I said, reach out and get some other proposals as well.

Peebles- I guess I'm kind of shocked that the price number is that much different. They're going to do the inspections of the work they're going to do. Everything that Mark Beats was doing, Dunavan- Yep, the Grant administration. The construction, you know, oversight and then the

grant for the grant prepared. They've got it itemized out as 2026 CMG project document development \$9,000, 2026 CCMG bidding services \$7,000. So really half of Clark Dietz was \$15,000.

So there, that's their half savings there. 2026 construction administration observation \$3,000 and Clark Dietz had left \$15,000 in for that. So yeah, you're getting much, I mean a much-reduced rate. 2026 project close out \$2,000 total amount \$21,000.

I do know they do a lot of work for the rise and for other communities within the county as well, yeah, they do a lot of other stuff. So, I mean, yeah, it is a lot cheaper and it's half the price. Yeah. I mean it's, yeah. So, I mean, if you want, we can reach out and get a couple others just to compare, just to see if this is, I mean, they come in, maybe someone's cheaper, maybe RQW is cheaper than \$21,000. I don't know, Kevin smile and I don't know, cheaper than \$21,000. But we could or I mean, or you could prove it. It's up to you guys. I just want to bring it to your attention 'cause we don't want to be behind the 8 ball and definitely bring it firm in and then. Like, hey, we've only got 30 days and then they're gonna burn through, you know, they're gonna be working overtime getting some of the stuff done if they if we don't have the stuff ready, so.

Hess- I mean, I would rather be ahead of the 8 ball than behind the 8 ball. So, I mean...

Dunavan- and again, I will say I didn't, you know, reach out to HBC. They said, hey, if you guys are going to do your community crossings or which I think they'd heard that, you know, Clark Dietz, you know, they had some issues. So again, this would have been sent to you sooner, but I just got it yesterday. So, yeah, it's up to you guys.

Peebles- Right of the top it's a \$14,000 savings just right off the top, yeah.

Dunavan- And then there always is an unknown, no matter if you go to somebody new. So, I mean, you know what you have now, you know that it works.

Peebles- I've worked with HWC and they're very, very thorough. OK, very thorough. They've done multiple water projects and Dana and like I say throughout the other communities in the area, so.

Hess- I'd say let's make a, I'd make a motion move forward on it.

Dunavan- All right. So, I have a motion by Mrs. Hess to approve HWC's Proposal for the 2026 CCMG funding cycle, which includes project documentation, development, CCMG bidding services, construction, administration, observation and the CCMG project closeout not to exceed \$21,000.

Dunavan- Do I have a second?

Peebles- I second,

Dunavan- second by Mr. Peoples? Any further discussion?

Hearing none, I'll call for the vote. All in favor. Aye, Motion carries.

Misty when we sign this, can you send that to Tia.

- n. Engineer on call Proposal - An engineer on call proposal. The council allocated us \$40,000 for a full-time engineer, which you all are aware we cannot hire a full-time engineer for \$40,000. What I would like to ask is 2 things. First, if you're in favor of requesting a transfer of funds from the County Council from \$40,000 it's in a pay scale line item into a professional services line item and if you're in favor of that before you tonight you have two agreements that have been sent out or sent to you for review. One is from Wolpert Engineering and the other one is from RQAW Engineering.

I spoke to both firms. Umm, those are good firms. Our key that we've been around, Kevin, how many years? Forever Woford is a relatively new company. I think they started 10 years ago, maybe 5-10 years ago.

So, they're, they're all relatively new, but they're all not to exceed an hourly rate like, you know, RQW, you can look back at theirs. They go all the way down from \$137 to \$300.00 an hour.

I think they looked at it more as a not to exceed 50,000 and they would bill accordingly.

So, if we're in favor of the transfer, you could potentially approve this pending the council approval to transfer the funds into the professional service. And this would only be good for the remainder of this year. And the some of the council would be since we're no longer have the one position. This would help the administrator, the foreman's, this would help them if they need anything called on, they'll have a, you know, a full time engineer basically services on call.

Umm, I think Wolford's got some people locally out of Terre Haute. RQAW has an engineer actually living in the county, lives in Perrysville.

So, I'll leave that up to the to the board if you guys entertain 1, going to the council and requesting a transfer of funds and then 2 potentially selecting 1 tonight based on the approval of the transfer.

Peebles- My only question is the \$40,000 in the engineer fund, I know we've discussed it before. We haven't already transferred it to pay for something else, have we?

Dunavan- No, it's still, it's still sitting there. It's still sitting there and, and I know if the, I mean, and I think they, I've talked to Ashley about it, I think they'll be open to it, especially with the new restructure, you know, and I think if we can utilize it because it's going to be hard if you didn't allocate not to exceed \$40,000, all these firms wouldn't come due because they're not going to be call for just \$250, you know, if they know that's there, but they can't do it without the county authorizing them to come out and do work for us.

Peebles- For the last time I remember that money being talked about was the repairs on the building.

Dunavan- Yep, for the for the spindles and stuff.

Yeah, the council approved that council and they approved the full \$150,000+. Yeah, they approved that full amount for the spindles. So, yeah, so we didn't have to touch the \$40k.

Peebles- OK. OK. Just making sure.

Dunavan- No, it's still there, So, would you guys be in agreement of requesting the transfer then?

Peebles- Not to exceed \$40,000.

Dunavan- Yep, that's what's in there, yeah.

Peebles- For the rest of this year,

Dunavan- yeah, because that's all it's budgeted for this year. We don't know if the council will re-budget it or we. I mean, when Mike submitted the budget, he kept it in there.

Peebles- We can, we can spend \$40,000 in Vermillion County.

Dunavan- Again, it's going to be approved by us or the department. So, I mean, like if it's Wolford or a kid, if they just can't come in and start doing work, it's a, it's like a task order type deal. Someone's going to sign that say hey, Kevin or hey Bill come in and we had this bridge collapse or hey, we need help rewriting, you know, the survey or whatever it may be they're only going to work on approval. Yeah, we're not handling the \$40,000 checkbook because if we do, they'll spend \$40,000.

(inaudible chatter)

Dunavan -Yeah. So, if we use 5000, now that we use 5000?

Yeah. So yeah, they won't. Yeah, it's just an on call. It's just an on call not to exceed 40,000. And then they give you their billing rate. So, I mean you may only use 5000 if we so at the end of the year if we use 10,000 we could say council leave the 40 in there, but we only need about 20,000 wrong call services. So, reduce it to 20 and that's all we need for 2026. But this gives us a few months to see if we need it or if we and we don't, but I imagine we probably will on some things.

Peebles- I would, I would ask to transfer the money. It's not being used. I mean,

Dunavan- OK. Misty are you in favor?

Hess- You want me to make a motion?

Dunavan- I think by agreement on the transfer is good. We'll fill that out. The second thing is do you guys want to act on one of the two agreements tonight? You have Welford and it would be based conditionally on council transferring the funds. So, we couldn't use either one of these until the council authorized the transfer. But if they do we could use one of them. So, do you have a preference or would you like to vote on one of these firms tonight

Peebles- RQAW is in the room?

Dunavan- Kevin's in the backroom.

Dunavan- Is that your motion? I have a motion by Mr. Peebles.

Hess- Seconds

Dunavan-I have a motion by Mr. Peebles to select RQAW for their proposal not to exceed \$40,000 for engineering services pending Council approval for transfer. I have a second by Mrs. Hess. Do I have any further discussion?

Hearing none, I'll call for the vote. All in favor, aye, Motion carries.

Hess- So, Tia had emailed us about the credit card for the highway department. So, I want to make sure that we get that we talked about that.

Dunavan- Yes, First Financial Bank has like a rule basically that you've got to have minutes stating that someone the credit card at the highway department is in Mike's name. So that needs to be updated. I would recommend that, you know, the commissioners give approval to Tia Heid as the highway administrator and you in theory could give permission all the formants as well. We can do that tonight, but without it being in the minutes first financial will not issue a card without being in the minutes at the minute.

Hess-I think that we need to have Tia added to a card. I mean that's minimum.

Dunavan- So, you just want to just leave it to you then for now. I would say yes yeah. **You want to make that motion then I'll make a motion OK for Tia to be added on for the first financial credit card.**

Hess- Makes a motion

Peebles- I have a second and for Mike to be removed

Dunavan- Yes amend that motion Yes,

Peebles- I'll make the second

Dunavan- any further discussion hearing none call for the vote all in favor Aye motion carries

Last thing on the agenda I had emailed out to you guys a housing proposal there's been some talks with the council and commissioners, there was an economic development agreement, signed with the McClain subdivision outside Cayuga. And that agreement anytime a house sells or a lot sells the county will retain. So, the county would entitled to \$8500 from any cut of sales.

Anything over \$22,000 the county would retain more money. The McClain's owe an outstanding loan balance of \$175,000 to the council or to the county I should say umm, and with this proposal that I emailed you guys, the McClain's would.

Pick Al don't want to say controlled a developer to build houses, 2 houses, 2 lots. They wouldn't. The county would enter an agreement to deduct their money from the total loan that is owed to them. And it wouldn't be \$22,000 because we get 95 of that. So, whatever, \$17,000 we would deduct. So tonight, I would like to ask the commissioners if there's any.

Agreement or in favor of moving forward with this agreement and the claims are in favor. I'd spoke to Tim Cotter last week. He's in favor of building 2 lots.

And in that agreement, whether it's Tim Cottrell, Jacobs Construction, anybody, they would

have one calendar year to pay the money back at law cost. So, the counties in theory fronting the money, but we're not fronting it because we're deducting it from the loan. The McClain's benefits of houses get built. You know, the county's getting tax revenue. The builders, if they sell those houses, they're just going to buy them next time directly from the McClain's subdivision and we won't have to be involved.

So anyway, that's before you tonight. You can have that right now.

But I talked to John a little bit before the meeting, and I think the commissioners can enter into an agreement with the Mclean's and with whatever builder is chosen. And then, like I said, I've reached out before and Tim Cottrell was probably the most eager, ready to go.

So, I'll open up to discussion if there's any you know.

Agreement on agreement or ideas on if we could proceed with that?

Peebles- I don't see any issue. I wouldn't want to proceed with it.

Dunavan- Yeah, I think it's a win-win. I think, you know, if we can get something built, you know, it deducts from their loan what they owe us. And if a builder comes in and says, hey, I'm just worried about the upfront cost, but I'll take two lots and then within one year we're getting the money back again. And that's more investment that we could use for something else, whether it's housing, we'll have to build another house.

So, I think it's a win and I hope Cottrell is still ready to go with it. He's a very well-respected builder in the southern part of the county, does a lot of work. So, I'd love to get him north of 36 up here in the Cayuga area and it may bring more interest to it once it's being done there in that subdivision.

If you guys have no objections to it, do you mind if I work with John then on preparing a document with the McClain's and with the builder then I have no objective. OK, I will work with John on that then.

OK, well, we're at the end of our agenda. Misty. Bill, do you guys have anything else that we missed want to talk about?

IX. Adjourn

**Dunavan- I'll entertain a motion to adjourn. I'll make the motion. We adjourn.
Peebles Second.
All in favor. Aye. Meeting adjourned**

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