

**VANDEBURGH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
EMERGENCY MEETING  
December 15, 2020**

The Vanderburgh County Board of Commissioners met in session this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. in Exhibit Hall A of the Old National Events Plaza with President Jeff Hatfield presiding.

<b>Reconvening of Meeting</b>
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President Hatfield: Okay. We'll go ahead and get started. It's 3:00 p.m., and we are reconvening an emergency meeting of the Vanderburgh County Board of Commissioners, December 15th, 2020.

<b>Attendance Roll Call</b>
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President Hatfield: Madelyn, please call attendance.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: I am a yes as well.

**(Motion approved 3-0)**

<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>
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President Hatfield: If we could all stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

<b>First Reading of Vacation Ordinance CO.V-01-21-001: Petition to Vacate 140' of PUE at 10425 &amp; 10445 Havenwood Meadows Dr. &amp; Permission to Advertise Notice of Public Hearing</b>
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President Hatfield: First, under action items, is a first reading of vacation ordinance, CO.V-01-21-001, and permission to advertise notice of public hearing. Just need a motion to approve the first reading of vacation ordinance. CO.V-01-21-001, a petition to vacate 140' of public utility easement at 10425 and 10445 Havenwood Meadows Drive and permission to advertise the notice of public hearing.

Commissioner Musgrave: So moved.

Commissioner Shoulders: I will second the motion.

President Hatfield: Madelyn, please call the roll.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: I am a yes as well.

**(Motion approved 3-0)**

President Hatfield: The notice of public hearing will be in the Evansville Courier on Friday, December 18, 2020, and the public hearing will take place on Tuesday, January 5th, 2021 at 3:00 p.m., most likely here at the Plaza.

**Contract Renewal & First Amendment to Agreement to Provide Services: AMR**

President Hatfield: The next item is a contract renewal and extension with AMR. The contract renewal with amendment that provides for a one-year contract extension, with two amendments. Is Lee Turpen here.? Okay. How are you doing today?

Lee Turpen: If I can indulge the Commission, I have a short Power Point here.

President Hatfield: Can everyone hear him?

Commissioner Musgrave: No.

President Hatfield: No.

Lee Turpen: How about now?

President Hatfield: Okay. How about now?

Lee Turpen: I have a short Power Point, if it's okay with the Commission?

President Hatfield: Can everyone hear him now?

Lee Turpen: How's this?

President Hatfield: That's great.

Lee Turpen: Okay.

President Hatfield: Everybody responded to that.

Lee Turpen: Alright.

President Hatfield: Okay.

Lee Turpen: Let's see if I can. Okay, just a short Power Point to cover just a little bit over the last few years and a little bit about our organization, to give you some numbers here. First of all, American Medical Response is part of Global Medical Response. From a national perspective and actually international perspective, we have 38,000 employees currently, 7,000 ground vehicles, the majority of which are ambulances, 306 helicopters and 106 aircraft. We are the primary FEMA contractor for disaster response in the 48 contiguous lower States. With, which this year we've had multiple deployments for COVID and for hurricanes both of which Evansville AMR employees have spent quite a bit of time on as well. Some of them had over 30 days in New York city during the COVID deployment. Locally GMR is represented by AMR, the Evansville operation, and the Air Evac 46 base stationed at Deaconess for air medical response. AMR Evansville is comprised of 150 employees. We have 21 ambulances, two of which are specialty ambulances. One of those is bariatric, and one of those is specifically designed for neonatal and maternal transfers. We operate a regional dispatch center in our location on Virginia. That dispatch is the medical side of 911 for the city and the county. We also provide emergency medical dispatch instructions for the community for Scott Township's EMS as well. And outside of Evansville, we dispatch the medical for Henderson and Union County, Kentucky from the Evansville operation, as well as Owensboro, Kentucky. We also do emergency medical dispatch instructions for the public for both Greenwood, which is Johnson County and Shelby County, up on the other side of Indianapolis. So, there's a lot that goes on in our dispatch center here. We are the only current ambulance service

in Indiana that has been selected by the federal government to take part in the ET3 program, which will kick off in January of this next year, which allows for telemedicine from the field and some treat and release, as well as transport to alternative destinations, such as urgent care, which is something that nationally healthcare has been wanting to see for a long time with EMS. We, so we will be the pilot program for the entire State of Indiana. And 2021 marks the 100th year for the local operation. Alexander Ambulance service began their ambulance service here in 1921, and it has been Alexander Ambulance, then Mercy Ambulance, and now AMR. So, we'll be planning some interesting celebrations for next year with a hundred years of service to the community. To talk a little bit about response time performance, in the county the actual response time requirements for the current county contract are actually one second off from the city requirements. They're virtually the same. Priority one, which is emergent potentially life-threatening runs, is 12 minutes or less. Priority two is 13.30 or less, and priority three is 20 minutes or less, with 90% reliability on the aggregate. The City of Evansville is just one second different on those, one second less. 2019 response time compliance, as you can see here, was around 90%, a little over 90% for the first three quarters, and then with some work that we did working with Chief Adams from McCutchanville, and looking at hotspots in the county for calls that took an extended response time, we were able to trim that to 94.49. And then as you can see in 2020, it's been 92.11, 93.61 and 90.98 per quarter. If quarter four continues as it is, it was currently tracking to be about 93.8% on compliance for this fourth quarter of the year. The response time requirements for the county, it is one of the things that I believe that this community actually gets a benefit of, is that the stability of the volume that is here, the fact that the city contract exists alongside the county contract adds a lot of stability and infrastructure that can be shared. So, it generally allows for us to extend a response time requirement. You will find that in Indiana, that most counties, suburban and the rural portion of counties, actually don't have response time requirements. It's actually unique that we do here, and a wonderful thing that we can do, and actually be held to a standard on that. To give you a little bit of idea and what we've been doing with coastal locations, our ambulances come on duty and unlike many other ambulance services, we made the decision in 1993 to move away from 24-hour shifts. We felt even then that there was a fatigue issue, which the science is just kind of catching up with today. So, we have our units on duty for 12-hour shifts, with a maximum of 16 on duty before we invoke fatigue rules. So, our trucks move the entire time they're on shift. They move in response to hour of day, day of week, and the demand and geography of where ambulances are needed. Last year we took an in-depth GPS analysis of some of these calls, and we pushed the posting locations for some of the levels further out into the county. The most significant of those being the intersection of Kansas and Highway 57, to better cover Center Township and that arena, and moving one of the city posts down to post eight, which is down off of Barker and Broadway, to give a better response area down deep into Perry Township and down into Union. And then the post four station, which is out at German Township's fire station on the, their southern station off of Cynthiana Road. So, the trucks move at various levels. If we get above seven units on duty, which peak staffing is around 14 to 16 units, depending on hour a day, if we get above a level seven, which means seven of those ambulances available at once, we start double posting at these posts. So, there's actually two ambulances covering in the area. We are also in 2021, we are wanting to extend to the Suburban Chiefs, there's a new tool in our new CAD system, that's dynamic posting, that actually is somewhat of an AI predictor system. We have been letting it run in the background, and it has been somewhat uncanny on putting ambulances in very weird places, with ambulance runs actually occurring after it makes a suggestion in most cases. So, we're wanting to talk to the Suburban Chiefs and see if we can do a 15- or 30-day trial of dynamic posting and see what it yields too. In most of the cases, it is actually going to help a little bit with availability and shortening response times even further. The last contract period was a five-year contract. This is a one-year extension to the current contract, with everything that's going on with COVID and everything, that would give the county time to look at some options and be able to see if there's anything that they would like change from your end on this. What we do, would like to see in that one year, is an elimination of the county subsidy offset, which is \$50,000 a year that the county pays, and that was mainly to offset decreases in payments primarily from Anthem. We don't believe that, with the city not paying a subsidy that it's fair for the county to pay a subsidy. So, therefore, we would like to see that eliminated. And it has been a long time since

there has been a rate increase. So, we've asked for, the actual current contract does allow for us to raise the rates, we just feel it's more transparent to say in this extension, what the maximum increase could be in that. And, primarily the reason for that is the fact that when we compare that to other rates and ambulance services around Indiana, the rate for Vanderburgh County is low. And we really, there's a stage where you get into what's considered to be deep discounting from a compliance perspective. And the rate is low enough that that could be something that could rear its ugly head at some point, and where the government could actually say your rates are too low, they're non-competitive. So, that's one of the reasons that we'd like to actually just bring that up so that it's in the same arena as the ones that are around us in Southern Indiana. And then just, all the different companies that are a part of GMR here, which has reached AMR, Air Evac, Rural Metro just a large number of supports that we have across the country. And I can answer any questions, and I do have copies of this Power Point for the Commissioners.

President Hatfield: Commissioners, do you have any questions for Mr. Turpen?

Commissioner Shoulders: I do not.

Commissioner Musgrave: If you're ready for a motion to approve. I will make that.

President Hatfield: Yes.

Commissioner Shoulders: I'll second the motion.

Commissioner Musgrave: So moved.

Commissioner Shoulders: Yeah, I'll second the motion.

President Hatfield: Do we have a motion and a second? Okay. We have a motion and a second to extend this contract for one year on the terms. Just for the audience's edification, the County Attorneys have been working with AMR for most of the year on this contract, and they keep the Commissioners apprised of this independently, and which is why we don't have any questions. Most of our questions have been answered through counsel, and we have a motion and a second. Madelyn, please call the roll.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: I am a yes as well.

**(Motion approved 3-0)**

President Hatfield: Thank you, Mr. Turpen.

<b>Courts Expansion Project Memorandum of Understanding</b>
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President Hatfield: The next item is the court's expansion project Memorandum of Understanding. The Vanderburgh County Council gave the approval to move forward with the court's expansion project, as set forth in the attached MOU. The County Council specifically authorized the Evansville Vanderburgh County Building Authority to spend up to \$4.5 million through a tax-exempt loan, or some other alternative funding source to finance the proposed project.

Dave Rector: Good afternoon, Commissioners, Dave Rector, Building Authority. As you just mentioned, the Council has requested that we take the next step towards that, which is an MOU with you all. Joe Harrison and David Jones have worked on this and consulted with Jeff Ahlers. I think all agree to the language for us to move forward and seek funding to pursue the project, get bids, find out what it is and go back to Council and they'll determine up to what level they want to expand at the two and a half, three and a half,

four and a half million-dollar level. And I'm here to answer any questions. Joe is also here, if you have any legal questions.

President Hatfield: So, what this is, is the, on the third floor of the Civic Center in the area that used to be the old jail, there've been several plans laid out, and the Building Authority has met with the Commissioners, separately, and members of Council, separately, to look at these plans to improve that space at the old jail, into new courtroom space. The Council has already signed off on this, you're saying, and now you're asking us to do the same.

Dave Rector: That's correct. Thank you.

President Hatfield: Okay.

Commissioner Musgrave: I just want to make sure I heard correctly. It's on the second floor.

Dave Rector: Second floor, yes.

President Hatfield: Second floor.

Dave Rector: Second floor.

Commissioner Musgrave: Yeah, I'm often asked what happened to the old jail space, and I tell people that all the cells were taken out years ago, and it's, it looks like a big empty, not a very good warehouse, on both floors. So, the second floor, you're proposing the remodeling of that into courtroom space, and the third floor will remain as it is, which is big, empty and not being used, and really not in a position to be used because it's no air, no nothing

Dave Rector: Yeah, the third floor we made available for additional or further or different build out.

Commissioner Musgrave: A different use.

Dave Rector: Yes.

Commissioner Musgrave: I'll make a motion to approve the court's expansion project Memorandum of Understanding.

Commissioner Shoulders: I will second the motion.

President Hatfield: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Madelyn, please call the roll.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: I am a yes as well.

**(Motion approved 3-0)**

President Hatfield: Thanks Dave.

Dave Rector: Thank you, Commissioners.

Commissioner Shoulders: Thanks, Dave.

<b>Superior Court: Contract for Part-Time Grant Work: Jennifer Wilkey</b>
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President Hatfield: Next, under Superior Court is a contract for part-time grant work with Jennifer Wilkey. Seeing nobody is here, is there anyone on WebEx on that issue?

Commissioner Musgrave: I did read the contract and I can make a motion to approve.

President Hatfield: I would just make a motion.

Commissioner Musgrave: So moved.

President Hatfield: So this is a one-year contract agreement for part-time work to be paid from a grant awarded by the Substance Abuse Council. We have a motion.

Commissioner Shoulders: I will second in a second.

President Hatfield: Madelyn, please call the roll.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: I am a yes as well.

**(Motion approved 3-0)**

<b>Health Dept: Overdose to Action Grant Extension</b>
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President Hatfield: Next item, under Health Department, we have an Overdose Data Action grant. This is an extension of a current Overdose Data to Action grant through August 31, 2021. The purpose of this grant is to work to reduce overdose deaths.

Commissioner Musgrave: Motion to approve.

Commissioner Shoulders: I will second.

President Hatfield: I have a motion and a second. Madelyn, please call the roll.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: I am a yes as well.

**(Motion approved 3-0)**

<b>Health Dept: COVID Vaccine Clinic Grant Extension</b>
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President Hatfield: Item number two is possible funding through the Indiana State Department of Health to the Vanderburgh County Health Department for vaccination clinics. This is an amendment for expenses related to COVID vaccine clinics. This is an extension of the COVID testing clinics grant with an additional award of \$120,960.

Commissioner Musgrave: I don't see anyone from the Health Department online there, but if I'm wrong about that, would that person speak up, but I'm very excited about this.

President Hatfield: Yeah, we need it.

Commissioner Musgrave: It's the possibility that we will have clinics for the new COVID vaccine. So, I'm very happy to make a motion to approve.

Commissioner Shoulders: I will second that

President Hatfield: We have a motion and a second. Madelyn, please call the roll.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: I am a yes as well. Thank you.

**(Motion approved 3-0)**

<b>Computer Services: Rubrik Data Backup System Upgrade Contract</b>
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President Hatfield: Item F is Computer Services, the contract for Rubrik data backup system upgrade. This is a refresh upgrade of our data backup and recovery system. The current system will end in April, 2021. The total cost is a split between the city and the county. Mark Uhrin is here. Please take it away.

Mark Uhrin: You pretty much said it all. This is to replace our existing backup system. Same vendor. We back up a significant amount of data, and this is to just keep that going.

Commissioner Musgrave: Motion to approve.

Commissioner Shoulders: Second.

President Hatfield: We have a motion and a second. Madelyn, please call the roll.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: I am a yes as well.

**(Motion approved 3-0)**

President Hatfield: Thanks, Mark.

Mark Uhrin: Thank you.

President Hatfield: Okay.

<b>MBE/WBE Compliance Consultant Agreement: Talmadge Vick</b>
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President Hatfield: Next item G is the 2021 MBE/WBE compliance consultant agreement. This is a program that was started two years ago. It had never been tried here in the county prior to that. I've been very pleased with the performance of improving the participation of minority and women owned businesses with the county. Commissioners, do you have any questions about this program?

Commissioner Musgrave: No, very happy with the way it's working. Happy to make a motion to approve.

Commissioner Shoulders: I will second the motion. I know Mr. Vick is on the, here at the meeting via Zoom. I just wanted to applaud him again for his continued work as it relates to this agreement. So, I will second the motion at this time.

President Hatfield: Madelyn, please call the roll.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: I am a yes as well.

**(Motion approved 3-0)**

<b>2021 Agreement for Legal Services: Joe Harrison, Jr.</b>
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President Hatfield: Next item is the 2021 agreement for legal services with Joseph H. Harrison Jr., who is in the room to answer any questions the Commissioners may have.

Commissioner Musgrave: A motion to approve.

Commissioner Shoulders: I will second the motion.

President Hatfield: Madelyn, please call the roll.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: I am a yes as well.

**(Motion approved 3-0)**

<b>2021 Agreement with Bose Public Affairs Group</b>
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President Hatfield: Item I is the 2021 consulting agreement with Bose Public Affairs Group.

Commissioner Musgrave: Motion to approve.

Commissioner Shoulders: Second.

President Hatfield: Madelyn, please call the roll.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: I am a yes as well.



**(Motion approved 3-0)**

<b>2021 Legal Services Agreement: Jones Wallace, LLC</b>
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President Hatfield: Next item J is the 2021 agreement for legal services as the Vanderburgh County Attorney with David Jones and Jones Wallace, LLC. David Jones is in the room if any Commissioner has any questions,

Commissioner Musgrave: Motion to approve.

Commissioner Shoulders: I will second.

President Hatfield: Madelyn, please call the roll.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: I am a yes as well.

**(Motion approved 3-0)**

<b>2021 Legal Services Agreements with Ziemer Stayman Weitzel &amp; Shoulders Relating to Delinquent Real Property Taxes General Legal Services Agreement for Other Matters</b>
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President Hatfield: The 2021 agreement for legal services relating to delinquent and real property taxes with Ziemer Staymen Weitzel and Shoulders. Don't know if they're on the line, don't know if they're in the room for Commissioners, if they have any questions.

Commissioner Musgrave: Motion to approve.

Commissioner Shoulders: I will second.

President Hatfield: We have a motion and a second. Madelyn, please call the roll.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: I am a yes as well.

**(Motion approved 3-0)**

President Hatfield: Item L is the 2021 agreement for legal services with Ziemer Staymen Weitzel and Shoulders, LLP.

Commissioner Musgrave: Motion to approve.

Commissioner Shoulders: Second.

President Hatfield: Madelyn, please call the roll.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: I am a yes as well.

**(Motion approved 3-0)**

<p><b>First Reading of Ordinance CO.01-21-001: Amending Ch. 18.04: Flood Hazard Protection</b></p>
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President Hatfield: Item M is ordinance number CO.01-21-001. This is an ordinance amending chapter 18.04 of the Vanderburgh County code. Dave Ballew is in the room to answer any questions regarding this issue.

Commissioner Musgrave: I know that this was the subject of much discussion, and I've read all the emails and I understand it, and I'd like to make a motion to approve.

Commissioner Shoulders: Second.

President Hatfield: Dave, do you have anything to say? You know, just for a moment, just tell the audience what this is about. I mean, I could say it, but you're standing right there. Go ahead.

Dave Ballew: Absolutely. Yeah, Dave Ballew, Building Commissioner. What we've done here, we've been put on notice by FEMA and Indiana DNR to bring our ordinance a little more in line with federal and state guidelines. So that's what we've done, in conjunction with input from Bill Pedtke and SIBA. So, you know, we've been able to get to this a little better in guidelines with federal and state standards.

President Hatfield: But the most important thing is, that by updating this, we are keeping a lid or doing our part to keep a lid on floodplain insurance for our residents.

Dave Ballew: Yes. We have to have the floodplain ordinance in order to participate in NFIP.

President Hatfield: Right. Otherwise, their rates would go up.

Dave Ballew: Yeah.

President Hatfield: Yeah, but that's not going to happen due to us.

Dave Ballew: Right.

President Hatfield: Okay. Do we have a motion?

Commissioner Musgrave: And a second.

President Hatfield: And a second. Madelyn, please call the roll.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: I am a yes as well.

**(Motion approved 3-0)**

President Hatfield: Thanks Dave.

<b>2021-2023 Teamster Collective Bargaining Agreements:</b> <b>County Treasurer's Office</b> <b>County Surveyor's Office</b> <b>County Clerk's Office</b> <b>County Prosecutor's Office</b> <b>County Recorder's Office</b> <b>County Voter Registration Office</b> <b>County Auditor's Office</b> <b>County Coroner's Office</b> <b>County Highway, ONEP, Supt. Of Co. Bldgs, Burdette, Weights &amp; Measures</b>
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President Hatfield: Item N is the 2021 Teamster contracts. Our first one is a contract with the Treasurer's Office and the Teamsters.

Commissioner Musgrave: I'll make a motion to approve.

Commissioner Shoulders: I'll second.

President Hatfield: Madelyn, please call the roll.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: I am a yes as well.

**(Motion approved 3-0)**

President Hatfield: The second one is a contract between the Teamsters and the Surveyor's Office.

Commissioner Musgrave: Motion to approve.

Commissioner Shoulders: I will second.

President Hatfield: Madelyn, please call the roll.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: I am a yes as well.

**(Motion approved 3-0)**

President Hatfield: The third one is a contract between the Teamsters and the County Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Musgrave: Motion to approve.

Commissioner Shoulders: Second.

President Hatfield: Madelyn, please call the roll.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: I am a yes as well.

**(Motion approved 3-0)**

President Hatfield: The fourth one is a contract between the Teamsters and the Prosecutor's Office.

Commissioner Musgrave: Motion to approve.

Commissioner Shoulders: Second.

President Hatfield: Madelyn, please call the roll.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: I am a yes as well.

**(Motion approved 3-0)**

President Hatfield: The fifth one is a contract between the Teamsters and the Recorder's Office.

Commissioner Musgrave: Motion to approve.

Commissioner Shoulders: Second.

President Hatfield: Madelyn, please call the roll.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: I am a yes as well.

**(Motion approved 3-0)**

President Hatfield: The sixth one is a contract between the Teamsters and Voter Registration.

Commissioner Musgrave: Motion to approve.

Commissioner Shoulders: Second.

President Hatfield: Madelyn, please call the roll.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: I am a yes as well.

**(Motion approved 3-0)**

President Hatfield: The seventh contract is between the Teamsters and the Auditor's Office.

Commissioner Musgrave: Motion to approve.

Commissioner Shoulders: Second.

President Hatfield: Madelyn, please call the roll.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: I am a yes as well.

**(Motion approved 3-0)**

President Hatfield: The eighth one is a contract between the Teamsters and the Coroner's Office.

Commissioner Musgrave: Motion to approve.

Commissioner Shoulders: Second.

President Hatfield: Madelyn, please call the roll.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: I am a yes as well.

**(Motion approved 3-0)**

President Hatfield: The eighth and ninth contract, and I'm assuming One Plaza and the Highway Department should be done separate, Mr. Jones?

David Jones: Well, it's all one contract.

President Hatfield: Okay. So, the ninth contract is between the Teamsters and our County Highway Department, and One Plaza.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> This collective bargaining agreement is with the County Highway, Old National Events Plaza, Superintendent of County Buildings, Burdette Park and Weights & Measures.

Commissioner Musgrave: Motion to approve.

Commissioner Shoulders: It's Old National—

David Jones: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

President Hatfield: Microphone, microphone.

David Jones: These are all grouped just because these are all departments under the County Commissioners. The previous eight—

President Hatfield: Are between the others.

David Jones: --are between separately elected officials' offices.

President Hatfield: Okay. Number nine is, did you make a motion? Did you second?

Commissioner Shoulders: I thought I did, but I'll second again.

President Hatfield: Okay. Madelyn, please call the roll.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: I am a yes as well.

**(Motion approved 3-0)**

**Sidewalk Waiver for Heckel Road Commercial 2 (Withdrawn)**

President Hatfield: The next item has been deferred or withdrawn. That was a sidewalk waiver. Okay.

**Rural Broadband Update: Audrie Burkett**

President Hatfield: Okay, Audrie.

Commissioner Musgrave: Audrie is online.

President Hatfield: Audrie, you're online. We're going to talk about the wonderful work that you've been doing with broadband.

Audrie Burkett: Yes. Good afternoon, Commissioners. Can you hear me okay?

President Hatfield: Yes.

Audrie Burkett: Okay. Wonderful. Well, I'm excited to say that it's not only an update, but a recommendation coming from the rural broadband committee. This started out with the broadband RFP back in September of 2020, and after much careful consideration and discussion, the evaluation is coming today to recommend awarding the Vanderburgh County rural RFP to Watch Communications, and for Vanderburgh County Commission to begin contract negotiations. And a quick summary, the committee, we received two responses and one submission was marked incomplete. The solution by Watch Communications, it's a wireless solution that focuses on the northern portion of the county priority area A that's outlined in the RFP, and the committee felt it was the quickest way to serve the most Vanderburgh County residents that currently have little to no broadband access or extremely slow speeds. Priority area A, it runs along the top portion of the county, full east to west above Boonville-New Harmony Road. According to the proposal that we heard from Watch Communications, most of those residents in priority zone A which choose to engage with Watch will be served with internet speeds of up to 100 megabytes per second download speed, and 10 megabytes per second upload speed. And this project, it would also benefit existing Watch customers with increase in speed

and increase in reliability of service to them. The total cost of the project, as currently defined, is \$941,000, with Vanderburgh County contributing \$577,000. The current, the committee, it further recommends that the contract negotiation process include key deliverables; a marketing strategy to new and existing service level agreements and coordinating with an engineering firm to determine the final broadband availability for that region, since it is a wireless technology and a line of sight, a line of sight network design. The committee recommends that the final contract award amount be determined by the Commission after confirming those deliverables, the marketing strategy, the service level agreements and the final broadband availability. Furthermore, the committee recommends to continue to seek out additional technology that will be favorable for priority area B and priority area C through the Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana, that's outside of this current RFP process. The committee learned that there were significant roadblocks with overall lack of data and where internet service providers will and will not serve, and so it's very important with broadband, rural broadband, to keep looking for ways for priority area B and C to be served. And we just applaud the Commission for taking these efforts and working to serve those rural residents without access, and especially Commissioner Musgrave for championing this. She's been working on this for several years, and we're just very excited to bring that recommendation to the Commission. And I'm happy to answer any questions that I can.

President Hatfield: You know, Audrie. I want to confirm something you just said, when I first came in two years ago, one of the very first things that Commissioner Musgrave told me she was very interested in working on, was broadband in our rural areas. And so, you know, it takes a long time to get anything going and getting it right. And in the last six months or so we brought Audrie on to help, and she and Cheryl have been working on this pretty hard. And then we put out an RFP, a couple months ago, and then Audrie and Cheryl put together a selection committee to receive these proposals. And in the last 24 hours, I was able to talk to two of the three committee members, and they described to me the challenges that they had and the feeling of desperation they had, desperation is probably too strong, but really just the feeling that we weren't going to make this happen. You know, there was just some hurdles, and, but then at the last meeting that they had, they were able to work out a whole mess of problems. And you know, these, these committee members I'm referring to are no pushovers. And they're very, I don't know the third person, which is why I didn't call them, but the two other members, and I'm sure the third member is just as good, they knew their stuff. They did their homework. They knew what they were talking about. They convinced me, they knew what they were talking about. Audrie, she didn't have to do any convincing, I already knew she knew what she was talking about. If anybody knows Cheryl and broadband, Cheryl knows what she's talking about. And so, you know, I felt very good about it. I felt very good about what was happening. And so my, you know, congratulations to Cheryl Musgrave, Audrie Burkett, and these committee members in the work that they've done. It really almost didn't happen, almost. And, just everyone dug deep there at the end and really came through with something. And, so the whole goal is in northern Vanderburgh, and then I'm gonna let Cheryl and Ben take it, in northern Vanderburgh County you have spots that kids, they cannot get on. And, so the whole goal is to get them on, and not leave them behind. So, very good work. Very good work, Audrie.

Commissioner Musgrave: Thank you, Commissioner Hatfield.

Audrie Burkett: Thank you, Commissioner.

Commissioner Musgrave: Thank you, Audrie. Very kind of you to say those words, and it has been a long and frustrating road, but I'm so pleased to make this motion and I, the attorneys wrote it up so that we could make sure, or Audrie did, and the attorneys reviewed it. So, let me read this so that we get it just right. I make a motion to award the Vanderburgh County rural broadband RFP to Watch Communications, subject to an executed contract that includes the following items to be negotiated; (a) key deliverables, (b) a marketing strategy to new and existing customers, (c) service level agreements and (d) an engineering firm to determine final broadband availability based on network design. In this motion, I include that the Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana continue to seek additional technology solutions outside of this RFP process, that will be favorable for priority area B and priority area C.

Commissioner Shoulders: I will second the motion. I want to circle back to both what President Hatfield and Commissioner Musgrave both stated. Kudos, first of all, to Audrie her office, the committee, certainly to my fellow Commissioner Cheryl Musgrave for her work. She has been the definition of persistent. If you looked it up in the dictionary, I think you'd see her on this project. And I am proud to second the motion, within the motion of having (a) through (d) and the EDC component to it. So, certainly been hurdles, as President Hatfield said, but we have been consistent and persistent, and I know Audrie and her team will continue to do so. So, I am proud to second the motion, and kudos to you, Audrie. Great job, Commissioner Musgrave.

President Hatfield: And one last thing to say, Audrie, if you would confirm this, we're kind of in halftime.

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

President Hatfield: That where this goes from here, is it goes into the hands of the negotiators for the contract, and so that'll be the sausage making part of this. And the end goal is to come back. Do you know, maybe this isn't a question for Audrie, but maybe for Jones Wallace or somebody? Dave, what is our expectation about when they come back with something? How long do you think that would take?

Commissioner Musgrave: I don't think it will take them very long. I'm sure that maybe even by our first or second meeting in January, that there will be something.

President Hatfield: So, the goal is the first quarter of '21, we would have a contract worked out with measurable, measurables that would be adhered to. And, so great. We have a motion and a second.

Commissioner Musgrave: I would just add that once the contract is in place, Watch Communications has two tracks of deliverables. One to be completed within three months, and one to be completed within six. So, this is no long drawn out process. We expect them to get right on it once we have that contract signed.

President Hatfield: Right. Okay, we have a motion and a second. Madelyn, please call the roll.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: I am a yes as well.

**(Motion approved 3-0)**

President Hatfield: Thank you, Audrie.

Commissioner Shoulders: Thank you, Audrie.

Audrie Burkett: Thank you all Commissioners.

<b>COVID-19 Phase 3 Grants</b>
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President Hatfield: The next item, and I hope Debbie's on the line. This is a COVID-19 phase three grant presentation by Debbie Bennett- Steersman. Debbie, are you on?

Commissioner Musgrave: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

President Hatfield: Oh, really?

Commissioner Musgrave: Debbie, if you can hear me, we cannot hear you.



President Hatfield: Okay, audience, what this is, we did this a couple of months ago, and the State of Indiana has offered grant opportunities. Debbie, just interject if, and every now and again you might be able hear us, but we can't hear you. Anyway, a couple months ago Debbie was successful in applying for Vanderburgh County to receive a grant through the State of Indiana, and this is another application that we want her to handle for us to—

Audrie Burkett: Commissioner Hatfield, I would be happy to interject. Debbie is a co-worker and a team member at the Economic Development Coalition.

President Hatfield: Okay.

Audrie Burkett: I'd be happy just to share a couple of those bullet points for you.

President Hatfield: Okay, great. Take it over.

Audrie Burkett: So, this is round three for the COVID relief grants. We will send a full summary to you so that you can see the maximum grant requests for the County is \$250,000. There's no local match required. The important dates to remember are the proposal date, which are January 29th of 2020, and February 26th of 2020. I'm sorry, 2021. We're not going back to 2020, we're moving forward. So, application due February 26th of 2021. There will be two public hearings required. One public hearing between the proposal and application. The eligible project (Inaudible. Technical Interference.) projects... I hear someone joining. The eligible activities have increased, so we will provide a summary of those to you. These do need to retain jobs for low to moderate incomes, needs to benefit low to moderate income area and beneficiaries (Inaudible. Technical Interference.) has to include expanded (Inaudible. Technical Interference) mental health services, childcare services, public Wi-Fi locations, food bank services, and loans that you and business grants that you did last time. So, our office will have a full summary for you, but we feel this is something to pursue again, and it's something that's very positive for Vanderburgh County.

Commissioner Musgrave: Audrie, do you know if we need to make a motion?

Audrie Burkett: Yes, please make a motion.

Commissioner Musgrave: And, okay, so, I will make a motion to pursue the COVID-19 phase three grants in any capacity that Vanderburgh County is eligible.

President Hatfield: How many?

Commissioner Shoulders: Second.

President Hatfield: Okay. So, what we're doing is—

Audrie Burkett: Do we also need a public, a motion for a public hearing, Debbie? Just nod if that's a yes.

Commissioner Musgrave: Okay, we'll do that right after we vote on this.

President Hatfield: So, this motion is to pursue this grant opportunity, which is, if it works like the last one, this will be important for entities that may apply for this money to help them get through this pandemic. Correct, Audrie?

Audrie Burkett: Correct, and these, this can include the city of Evansville as well.

President Hatfield: Okay. That's good. Alright, we have a motion and a second. Madelyn, please call the roll.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: I am a yes as well.

**(Motion approved 3-0)**

President Hatfield: And, then, Commissioner Musgrave, were you going to make a motion to notify the public that we'll be having a public hearing on this?

Commissioner Musgrave: Motion for the public hearing that's related to this grant.

Commissioner Shoulders: I will second for the public hearing.

President Hatfield: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Madelyn, please call the roll.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: I am a yes as well.

**(Motion approved 3-0)**

President Hatfield: Is there anything else, Audrie?

Audrie Burkett: I don't think so. I think that that covers everything in our office. We'll be in touch with next steps. Appreciate it.

President Hatfield: Awesome. Thank you both.

Commissioner Shoulders: Thanks.

**Board Appointments**

President Hatfield: The next item is board appointments, and do I have to read each of these individually? No, I will. Okay, the first, and then vote on them individually?

Commissioner Shoulders: No, just vote on them as a whole? I don't know.

President Hatfield: I think we're going to vote on them individually. No, I'm just kidding.

Commissioner Shoulders: No, you can vote on them as a whole he said.

President Hatfield: And, I'm going to go real slow too.

Commissioner Shoulders: You do what you want.

President Hatfield: Okay.

Name	Board Name
Stanley M. Levco	Alcoholic Beverage Board of Vanderburgh County
Jeff Hatfield	Area Plan Commission of Evansville & Vanderburgh County
Cheryl Musgrave	Central Dispatch Board
Cheryl Musgrave	Commission on Homelessness in Vanderburgh County
Ben Shoulders	Domestic and Sexual Violence Commission
Cheryl Musgrave	Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana Board of Directors
James Schiff	Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana Board of Directors
Cheryl Musgrave	Evansville - Vanderburgh County Emergency Management Advisory Council
Deavron Farmer	Evansville - Vanderburgh County Emergency Management Advisory Council
Alexis Berggren	Evansville Convention and Visitors Bureau Commission
Mackenzie Black	Evansville Convention and Visitors Bureau Commission

Jeff Hatfield	Evansville Industrial Foundation
John Stoll	Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee
Ben Shoulders	Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee
Eric Williams	Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library Board of Trustees
Ben Shoulders	Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville
Xavia Harrington	Human Relations Commission
Ben Shoulders	Information Technology Advisory Council
Ben Shoulders	Old Courthouse Foundation Board of Directors
Ben Shoulders	Solid Waste Board
Jeff Hatfield	Solid Waste Board
Cheryl Musgrave	Solid Waste Board
Jeff Hatfield	The ARC of Evansville
Ben Shoulders	Vanderburgh County Drainage Board
Cheryl Musgrave	Vanderburgh County Drainage Board
Jeff Hatfield	Vanderburgh County Drainage Board
Cheryl Musgrave	Vanderburgh County Redevelopment Commission
Wayne Kinney	Vanderburgh County Redevelopment Commission
Tori Kron Langton	Burdette Park Advisory Board

President Hatfield: And, could I have a motion?

Commissioner Musgrave: Motion to approve?

Commissioner Shoulders: I will second the motion. I think there's 30 there. So, I will second the motion.

President Hatfield: Madelyn, please call the roll.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: I am a yes as well.

**(Motion approved 3-0)**

\*(Dan Carwile was previously appointed to the Human Relations Commission, and his term does not expire until 12/31/2021.)

**Health Department**

President Hatfield: And I would like to ask Joe Gries to come up and give us a presentation on the vaccine in Vanderburgh County. Please speak into that microphone loudly.

Joe Gries: Thank you, Commissioner Hatfield, Commissioners. Good afternoon. I apologize for not being here earlier when you had the agenda items that were approved. I appreciate that. Essentially, what that grant will allow us to do, we'll be able to hire folks that will help us as we do our mass vaccination clinics over the next several months. So, we will be responsible for vaccinating certain groups, and, and having that available to certain groups here locally. We will work with those organizations, community organizations, local government to make sure that we have everything available to whoever wants that vaccine. This'll be a long process, but we hope to get going here very soon. We know that the vaccine is in Evansville. Deaconess received the first doses today, and they're starting their process. I know emails have gone out from the State to healthcare workers here locally, so that they can get signed up for that vaccine and receive that. So, we will be receiving vaccine probably in the next month. We hope it's very soon, and once we do, we will be working with this grant money, but also with the

Health Department, all hands will be on deck to make sure that we are providing that as quickly and as efficiently as we can. So, we're very excited, and we look forward to this.

President Hatfield: You know, Joe, barring anything we don't know, because we don't know what we don't know, right?

Joe Gries: Yes.

President Hatfield: Is it realistic for the public to expect that by spring or summer of next year, anybody that wants a vaccine in Vanderburgh County will have been able to get one?

Joe Gries: You're putting me on a spot here. You know, if you don't hold me to it, I think it's possible. Yes. These different providers, companies that have developed these vaccines, they're going to be shipping it out as quickly as they can, and, and getting it to, you know, everybody in the United States who wants it. And, so, I'm hopeful that within the next month Vanderburgh County Health Department will be receiving doses. We will be able to get those out as quickly as we can, and every week then more and more doses are sent out. So, I would say, yeah, maybe the, by the first or end of the first quarter start of the second quarter, it's going to be readily available to the masses, to everybody who wants it.

President Hatfield: And last question, and I'll turn it over to the other Commissioners, how will we broadcast to our community of what, when they think, individually, they should go and apply for a vaccine? How are you going to get that word out? You know, we talked about first responders, you know, nationally, we all hear the news, right? First responders, get it first, and then people in our homes for seniors, frontline workers, and then it goes to other categories of people. How are we going to get that word out for people to know that they should be applying online or calling up to get a vaccine? How are we going to do that?

Joe Gries: We're kind of at the mercy of the State, the State Health Department on how that will be rolled out. Once we know that and have that information, we're going to get it out as quickly, and, you know, as much as we can through local government, through working with these organizations who are in these different categories. We'll be reaching out, specifically the Health Department will be tasked to reach out, like to, possibly, folks who are living in congregate settings, you know, possibly homeless, you know, facilities, people that help, you know, those folks. But also, you know, maybe local law enforcement, local, like you said, first responders. When that information becomes available to us, and they tell us, okay, here's what we have to do to get them signed up, then we'll be sending that information directly to them. For the public, we believe that this, once it gets to a certain point, providers, healthcare providers will be, will have this available to them in their offices. They'll, it'll be in local pharmacies, CVS, Walgreens, things like that. So, it will be readily available, once we get to a certain point, but we're just not quite there yet. If the Commissioners have any thoughts or ideas how to help us get that message out, we're, you know, we'll work with you as well to make sure that we are getting that information out as quickly and as easily as possible.

President Hatfield: Commissioners, do you have any comments or questions for Joe?

Commissioner Musgrave: The sooner the better.

Joe Gries: Absolutely. Thank you all.

Commissioner Musgrave: Whatever you need.

Commissioner Musgrave: Appreciate that. Thank you very much.

<b>Department Head Reports</b>
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President Hatfield: Okay, next item is department head reports. Are there any department heads on online? Or, I don't see any in the audience.

**New Business**

President Hatfield: New business? I want to ask Commissioner Shoulders to talk about the 20 21 County Official Inauguration Day.

Commissioner Shoulders: Sure. Thank you, President Hatfield. So, we will have, as we always have had, at least in my tenure, County Inauguration on January 1st at noon, New Year's Day of '21. The difference is we are not, due to COVID, not having one in person. This will be strictly Zoom. And I know, I don't think Kristin is here, but Kristin or Bailey will be providing the link, if they haven't already done so, to the four, I think it's 14 or 15. I think it's 14 folks being sworn in this year, to either take their new term, as a newly elected official, or their reelected term. Circuit Court Judge, the Honorable David Kiely, will be conducting the entire ceremony. I'll be facilitating it along the way. I wanted to commend Kristin Comer, and Bailey both, for their work on this. I do want to remind the 14 newly elected officials, or current elected officials being sworn in that day, that you, you do need to call the Clerk's Office, the County Clerk's Office to set up an official time to come there and sign your forms and be sworn in there as well. Obviously, the trade-off is, we cannot do that if we're Zooming on this. So, although you'll be sworn in by, and from a ceremonial standpoint, it's not official till you execute your forms. So please, please, between today or any time between now and January 1st or 2<sup>nd</sup>, call the County Clerk's Office to schedule a time to swing by there, if you're going to be sworn in on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Again, January 1st at noon County Inauguration via Zoom. I believe it's also an event on social media. So, thank you again to Kristin and to Bailey.

President Hatfield: Very good. Good job, Commissioner Shoulders and Kristin.

(Comments made by someone trying to join online.)

President Hatfield: Anyway, Commissioner Musgrave, do you have anything to add on that?

Commissioner Musgrave: I don't.

**Old Business**

President Hatfield: Okay. under old business, do we have anything?

Commissioner Musgrave: No.

President Hatfield: Okay.

Commissioner Shoulders: Just remind everybody, as we end the year, because this is our last meeting, the three W's we've talked about for many, many months. Please continue to wash your hands, watch your distance, wear a mask. Merry Christmas to all, be safe.

President Hatfield: I'd like to also express Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone, Happy Hanukkah.

Commissioner Shoulders: Yep, Happy Holidays.

President Hatfield: And, I'd also like to express my condolences to all of our Vanderburgh County families who have lost a loved one through COVID. And, I want them to know that we pray for them, and we are hoping that the vaccine is going to allow us to alleviate our society and our world from this scourge.

**Talmadge Vick: MBE/WBE Compliance Consultant**

President Hatfield: Next item is consent items. I just need a motion for that.

Commissioner Shoulders: Commissioner Hatfield, I was just made aware, if we could circle back to an item here? I believe Mr. Talmadge Vick would like the floor for a couple of minutes to discuss the contract?

President Hatfield: Oh, okay. Go ahead, Talmadge.

Talmadge Vick: Good afternoon., Commissioners. Good afternoon, Attorney Jones and all in attendance. I realize that you have a lot to cover on your agenda today, and actually, I just really wanted to highlight for you, if I may, if you would give me a couple minutes, just a couple of things, I think, that would be of importance for you to realize as relates to the MWB Program, and some of our brief achievements, and I'll highlight those quickly for FYI 2020. So, in actuality, I just really wanted to speak about that, if you could be so kind to give me a few minutes, I really appreciate it. So, first, I'm thankful for each of you and your support to allow me to work collectively with you and Vanderburgh County to be an ambassador, excuse me, to engage, equip, and facilitate growth, as well as to build and to increase the MWB business capacity for Vanderburgh County. And as we all know, this has been a year with the new norm that has emerged over this year, or however, you know, this has not altered our goals, as we have continued to build, to work to collectively increase and enhance MWBE spends, excuse me, for the County, and as for, as well as the local business community. So, with that, you know, we've created some better outcomes and synergies that will hopefully, not just today, but futuristically continue to foster relationships that will be sustainable for Vanderburgh County, which is our goal, and the MWB community and local business owners collectively. So, I know you all understand my passion for this space, and I appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve you in this capacity, and I just really want to highlight a couple things where, as we have come through this year, it's been challenging for all of us. But I would like to record a few things I think that will be vital and important for you, the Commission, as well as Vanderburgh County, its employees and the City of Evansville and the region to take note of. That is very positive. First and foremost, if I compare our 2000, our 2019 project list, we had about 13 projects that were rendered in 2019, comparably to the project list that we had that was rendered mostly through the Department of Engineering and Mr. John Stoll. For 2020 we had, I counted, I could be off one or so, but I counted six projects, major projects that took place throughout this year, through this pandemic. Fortunately, through that, we had a number of participating MWBE's in each and every one of them. (Inaudible comments due to technical issues.) Two to 13 MWBE organizations. Of the six contracts, three of them successfully (Inaudible), which is great. We also increased our MWBE professional services line from what was in 2019, \$285,632.01 to 2020 to \$301,066.73. So, we had an increase there, a gain of about \$15,400, which is great. Also, alongside with that, collectively speaking, of all the projects and the participation levels from the County, we were able to still make a mark this year. And I'm happy and humbled to announce to you that we were, again, over a million dollars in our MWBE spend. So, we had collectively, with the professional service and the contracting opportunities, and design opportunities that took place with the County for 2020, a total of \$1.37 million to round it off, of participation for this year. So, I just really wanted to make you all aware of this, because, you know, amidst a pandemic, I think, we collectively working together and all encouraging each other. And I, again, thank you all for your time in allowing me to you know, to be here, to do what I do. And I just want to say again, I'm proud of these efforts, and I think collectively we've all worked hard this year. And at this time, may I entertain any questions that you, the Commissioners, have or anybody else.

President Hatfield: Talmadge, that sounds great. It's exactly what we wanted to see happen back in 2019 when the three of us supported this effort. What you're also saying, I think, if, if I remember last year's numbers, that means over \$3 million in two years. \$3 million worth of contracts in the last two years have been able to be, basically women owned businesses and minority owned businesses have been able to participate in our county contracts. Is that correct?

Talmadge Vick: Yes, that is correct, President.

President Hatfield: And it's not, and just to, you know, remind the public, this isn't a mandatory thing. In other words, it's voluntary when contractors or vendors use MBE, WBE's. It's not a requirement to do business with us. It's a goal. It's not mandatory. And for something that's not mandatory to work as well as it's done in the last two years, is a testament to your efforts and how you conduct our business on our behalf, and I want to thank you for that. Does Commissioner Musgrave or Shoulders have anything else to add or say?

Commissioner Shoulders: Well, to piggyback off of that, and well said, President Hatfield, you know, although it's not mandatory, we had never, as a county, had a way to quantify those measurements, or those participations, until Talmadge and his group came into play two years ago. So, you've done a great job, and I know that it's only going to get better as you walked us through year over year, the numbers there, the percentages there, the participation's there. Kudos to your efforts, and I know, obviously, in more ways than one COVID slowed us down, but even that being said, we still saw the needle move. So great job to you, Mr. Vick, and thank you for all your work.

Commissioner Musgrave: I certainly can't improve upon that, but thank you very much, and keep up the good work. None of us know what 2021 will bring, but I'm looking for brighter days and more contracts.

Commissioner Shoulders: Absolutely.

Talmadge Vick: Commissioner Hatfield, Commissioner, I don't know if you can hear me or not, excuse me, but I'll just say Commissioners, thank you very much. I appreciate it. I'm very humbled, and I'll continue to work forward and work hard, and we will look at and for a continuance of this growth and sustainability for this program, and I'm thankful of the surge. So, thank you.

President Hatfield: Thank you, Talmadge.

<b>Consent Items</b>
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President Hatfield: Okay, I've lost my place. So, we're going to start at the top of the agenda again. Just kidding. Okay, consent items.

Commissioner Musgrave: Motion to approve the consent agenda.

Commissioner Shoulders: I will second the motion to approve consent.

President Hatfield: Madelyn, please call the roll.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: I am a yes as well.

**(Motion approved 3-0)**

<b>Final Reading of Rezoning Ordinance VC-10-2020</b> <b>Petitioners: James H. &amp; Tonya M. Hall</b> <b>Address: 3909 Old Henderson Road</b> <b>Request: Change from Ag to W-I</b> <b>Action: Approved 3-0</b>
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President Hatfield: And, Krista, you're up next. We'll let her get up here to the, what this is, is a final reading of a rezoning ordinance. VC-10-2020. The petitioners are James H. and Tonya M. Hall. The address is 3903 old Henderson Road.<sup>2</sup> This is a request from a change from Ag to W-I. And, first we will have remarks by Area Plan Commission employee, Donna Holderfield.

Donna Holderfield: Yes. Okay. Krista Lockyear, on behalf of James H. and Tonya M. Hall, are requesting to rezone the property located at 3909 Old Henderson Road, from

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<sup>2</sup> This should be 3909 Old Henderson Road.

Agricultural to Waterfront Industrial, to allow boat shop repair and boat storage. And the inquiry was received by the Area Plan Commission as to the zoning of this property by an appraiser. It was determined at that time that the property was not zoned properly for boat shop and boat storage. The Northern part of this property has been used for boat repair and storage for at least 20 plus years, as shown on area photos. This is a request to rezone their property located at 3909 Old Henderson Road from Agriculture to Waterfront Industrial, to allow a boat shop and boat storage. This rezoning comes forward from the Area Plan Commission with a recommendation for approval, having nine affirmative votes and zero negative votes.

President Hatfield: Okay. Next, Ms. Lockyear, do you, Mrs. Lockyear, do you have anything to add?

Krista Lockyear: President Hatfield, Members of the Commission, I really don't. I think this rezoning speaks for itself. It was my client's understanding that it was zoned proper for a boat shop for years and years and years. And he's, he knows all his neighbors. We don't have any neighborhood remonstrance, and would appreciate your approval.

President Hatfield: Are there any remonstrators in the audience or on online? Seeing none. Do you have any rebuttal to that Mrs. Lockyear?

Krista Lockyear: No, no, I'll waive rebuttal.

President Hatfield: Alright. Commissioners, do you have any comments or questions for Mrs. Lockyear?

Commissioner Shoulders: I do not.

President Hatfield: With that, I would just need a motion to approve rezoning ordinance VC-10-2020 on this final reading.

Commissioner Musgrave: So moved.

Commissioner Shoulders: I will second the motion.

President Hatfield: Madelyn, please call the roll.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: I am a yes as well.

**(Motion approved 3-0)**

Krista Lockyear: Thank you.

Commissioner Shoulders: Thanks Krista.

Krista Lockyear: Have a good evening.

President Hatfield: You too.

<b>Public Comment</b>
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President Hatfield: The next item is public comment. Does anyone in the audience or online have any comments, questions, or remarks to make to the Vanderburgh County Commissioners? Seeing none and hearing none.



**Recessing of Meeting**

President Hatfield: Just need a motion for adjournment, with—

Commissioner Shoulders: Recess, recess.

President Hatfield: -- with a recess, but we have Drainage Board.

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Commissioner Shoulders: No, I mean you have to--

President Hatfield: Oh, I'm recessing, I would like a motion for a recess of this emergency meeting.

Commissioner Musgrave: I will so move.

Commissioner Shoulders: I will second the motion to recess.

President Hatfield: Okay. So, this meeting has been recessed until January—

Commissioner Shoulders: 5<sup>th</sup>.

President Hatfield: 5th, in this room at 3:00 p.m.

(The meeting was recessed at 4:05 p.m.)

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

**Commissioners:**

Approval of the December 1, 2020 Emergency Commission Meeting Minutes.

Approval of the December 8, 2020 Special Commission Meeting Minutes.

ONEP Fee Waiver: Human Relations Virtual Annual Dinner: January 16, 2021.

**Employment Changes:**

Health Dept. (4)	County Clerk (2)	Auditor (2)
Treasurer (3)	Sheriff (1)	Prosecutor (3)
Circuit Court (1)	Superior Court (24)	DADS (1)
Legal Aid (2)	County Council (1)	

**County Auditor:** Claims Voucher Reports: 11/30-12/4/2020 & 12/7-12/11/2020.

**County Clerk:** November 2020 Monthly Report.

**County Engineer:**

Department Report & Claims.

Proposal for Purchase of Department Vehicle.

**Those in Attendance:**

Jeff Hatfield	Ben Shoulders	Cheryl Musgrave
David Jones	Madelyn Grayson	Lee Turpen
Dave Rector	Mark Uhrin	Dave Ballew
Joe Harrison	Audrie Burkett	Joe Gries
Talmadge Vick	Donna Holderfield	Krista Lockyear
Others Unidentified	Members of Media	

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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**Jeff Hatfield, President**

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**Ben Shoulders, Vice President**

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**Cheryl A.W. Musgrave, Member**

(Recorded and transcribed by Madelyn Grayson.)