

**VANDEBURGH COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EMERGENCY MEETING
January 5, 2021**

The Vanderburgh County Board of Commissioners met in session this 5th day of January, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in Exhibit Hall A of the Old National Events Plaza with President Jeff Hatfield presiding.

Reconvening of Meeting

President Hatfield: Okay, I'm going to go ahead and get started. This is a reconvening of the emergency meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Vanderburgh County, January 5, 2021.

Attendance Roll Call

President Hatfield: Madelyn, please call the attendance.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Here.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Here.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: I'm here as well.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Hatfield: If we could all stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

Election of Officers

President Hatfield: The first order of business is election of officers of this Board for the year 2021. I will entertain motions for President.

Commissioner Musgrave: I would like to make a motion for Ben Shoulders as President.

President Hatfield: I second that motion. 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)

Commissioner Hatfield: Congratulations, Ben.

President Shoulders: Thank you both.

Commissioner Hatfield: Okay. The next would be for the office of Vice President.

Commissioner Musgrave: I would like to make.

President Shoulders: Oh, go ahead.

Commissioner Musgrave: Okay, I'll make a motion for Jeff Hatfield to be Vice President.

President Shoulders: I will second the motion.

Commissioner Hatfield: Madelyn, please call the roll.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Hatfield?

Commissioner Hatfield: I'm a yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Shoulders?

President Shoulders: Yes.

(Motion approved 3-0)

Commissioner Hatfield: Alright, Ben, let's switch.

President Shoulders: Okay.

Commissioner Hatfield: And, congratulations.

President Shoulders: Well, thank you, sir.

Commissioner Hatfield: Alright.

Commissioner Comments Regarding 2020

President Shoulders: Thank you both, and I wanted to first and foremost say, and I'm sure Commissioner Musgrave has a few things to say too. I want to commend Commissioner Hatfield serving as President during the calendar year of 2020. Obviously, we all know how, just chaotic to say the least, historic, we could use many adjectives for this past year, but Jeff's leadership was second to none.

Commissioner Hatfield: Thank you, Ben.

President Shoulders: So, no one had a textbook to go off of, no one had anything to relate it to. So, Jeff, I, and I'm sure that Commissioner Musgrave has some other comments, just want to commend you and say thank you for everything.

Commissioner Hatfield: You're welcome.

President Shoulders: Because you were a great President.

Commissioner Hatfield: You're welcome.

Commissioner Musgrave: You're always joking, and, so, you know, I'll just make a bad joke too. I thought you caused it all. We elected you President and you bring this emergency on. No.

Commissioner Hatfield: I'm glad I cannot take credit for this one.

Commissioner Musgrave: Aw, man. So, it was a tough year. You stepped up, and as a small business owner it put great pressure on you, your family, your business, and you handled it with grace. Thank you, and there were a lot of really rough decisions to be made, and we gave you the authority to make those decisions on behalf of the Commission, and you went out there and you got the job done. You've done us proud, and so now, Ben, you're up.

President Shoulders: I've got big shoes to fill, and I'm serious. Thank you again, Jeff.

Commissioner Hatfield: You're welcome, both.

President Shoulders: I'll be leaning on you a lot this year during this time. So, again, we appreciate and applaud Commissioner Hatfield's leadership during this past year.

Transfer & Reauthorization of Authority under the Emergency Declaration

President Shoulders: On that note, I look forward to serving in this role this year, and, again, thank you to the Commissioners for their support. The next item we have is the transfer and reauthorization of authority under the Emergency Declaration. And, I ask for a motion for that, in terms of having the President of this Commission serving in that capacity.

Commissioner Hatfield: I'll make that motion, and I just want to give a little background on it, and then how that worked. Early on in the pandemic, very early, we didn't really know what each day was going to bring, and we didn't know how quickly our county would need to act. The other Commissioners felt like there were times that we would have to act quickly, and so they gave, made a motion back, I think in March, to give me the authority, as President, so, it's not me, it's the office of President, the authority to act on the Commissioners behalf, when it deemed an emergency. And, there were a few times, but quite frankly, there weren't a terrible amount of times that I had to do that, but it did come in handy in the few times that I did feel like there was an emergency. And, so, I would like to make the motion to transfer this ability onto our newly elected President here in matters dealing with COVID for, until a further date that we don't believe we need it.

Commissioner Musgrave: And, I'll second that motion, and just reflect that we all get calls, all hours of the day and night, and when we're not getting calls we're getting emails and texts, and I know, Ben, that this puts you under more pressure to answer the phone. So, I hope that this year is easy for you, and I hope that it's easy for the entire community. That this virus recedes into our memories, as quickly as possible, but I'm happy to second that motion.

President Shoulders: I hope so too. Thanks. We have a motion and a second. Madelyn, the roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Hatfield?

Commissioner Hatfield: I'm a yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Shoulders?

President Shoulders: I am a yes as well. The motion passes. Thank you.

(Motion approved 3-0)

Finance Committee 2021: Dottie Thomas: Treasurer

President Shoulders: The next item we have under our action items, letter A, is Dottie Thomas serving as Chairman of the Finance Committee for 2021. Dottie is here. Happy New Year and good afternoon, Dottie.

Dottie Thomas: Happy New Year and congratulations to you both. Yes, the Chairman of the Finance Committee for 2021. I'm assuming that the Treasurer is the Chairman of the Finance Committee. It's been that way in the past. So, Susie told me to get here and get it done.

Commissioner Musgrave: Okay, I'll make the motion for you to be Chair, and I would like the record to be not Chairman but Chair—

President Shoulders: Chair.

Commissioner Musgrave: -- of the Finance Committee be Treasurer, newly elected Treasurer, Dottie Thomas.

Dottie Thomas: Thank you.

Commissioner Hatfield: Second.

President Shoulders: A motion and a second. Madelyn, the roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Hatfield?

Commissioner Hatfield: I'm a yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Shoulders?

President Shoulders: I am a yes. The motion passes naming Dottie Thomas the Chair of the Finance Committee.

(Motion approved 3-0)

Dottie Thomas: There we go. Alright, thank you.

President Shoulders: Thank you.

<p>Final Reading of Ordinance CO.01-21-001: Amending Ch. 18.04: Flood Hazard Protection</p>
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President Shoulders: The next item is the final reading of ordinance CO.01-21-001 amending the chapter 18.04, the Flood Hazard Protection. Are there any comments from either David Ballew, Building Commissioner, and/or our attorney, David Jones, before we make a motion to approve on final reading, and/or any Commissioners comments? I know we discussed this in length, I believe, last meeting, during first read, but not to say we're not open and welcoming additional comments.

Commissioner Hatfield: I'll just say that I want to commend Jones Wallace for their ability to convene a group of people who are interested in this subject matter to balance the growth community with the protection of the homeowners that we have who happen to own homes in a flood plain area. In amending and updating that ordinance, what that will hopefully ensure and what the goal was, was to minimize the rate increases that these folks may have on their flood insurance of their home. Without this amendment, their flood insurance rates would probably skyrocket. And, so, it's very important that every county have these, if they have people that live in flood plain. So, I do want to thank attorney, Craig Emig, and the entire law firm of Jones Wallace for helping us navigate. It's taken about six months to a year to update, and I want to thank them for that.

Commissioner Musgrave: Is that a motion?

Commissioner Hatfield: That's a motion.

Commissioner Musgrave: And, I'll second that motion.

President Shoulders: Okay, a motion and a second. Madelyn, the roll call please.

Commissioner Musgrave: Public comment?

President Shoulders: Oh, any additional public comment? I think we opened it up before, but any public comment and/or comments from the previous bodies mentioned? No? Okay. Madelyn, the roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Hatfield?

Commissioner Hatfield: I'm a yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Shoulders?

President Shoulders: And, I am a yes as well. The motion passes, and that was final read on that item.

(Motion approved 3-0)

<p>Public Hearing and Final Reading of Vacation Ordinance CO.V-01-21-001: Petition to Vacate 140' of PUE at 10425 & 10445 Havenwood Meadows Drive</p>
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President Shoulders: Another final read we have is letter C, and that's the public hearing and final reading of the vacation ordinance CO.V-01-21-001. And, again, we discussed this previously, but are there any additional comments on this final reading item?

Commissioner Musgrave: I think we have the petitioner here.

President Shoulders: Okay, your name and who you're with, sir.

Jonathan Garvey: Jonathan Garvey, address is 2607 Beaumont Drive, and I am the petitioner for this consideration of vacation of the public utility easement that's located at 10425 & 10445 Havenwood Meadows Drive.

Commissioner Musgrave: Well, I read through all your documents and you've got all of the approvals that you needed to get, and it looks like everybody's on board with it, right?

Jonathan Garvey: Yes, it was pre-approved by the Assessor's Office, so hopefully we're good to go this time.

Commissioner Musgrave: Alright.

President Shoulders: And, just to remind the public here, this is for a petition to vacate 140' of public utility easement at your address, sir, correct?

Jonathan Garvey: That is correct.

President Shoulders: 10425 & 10445 Havenwood Meadows Drive.

Jonathan Garvey: Yes.

President Shoulders: Okay.

Commissioner Musgrave: Happy to make a motion for approval.

President Shoulders: Okay. I have a motion on the floor.

Commissioner Hatfield: Oh, second. I'm sorry.

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

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Hatfield?

Commissioner Hatfield: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Shoulders?

President Shoulders: I am a yes as well. The motion passes.

(Motion approved 3-0)

President Shoulders: And, thank you again to Mr. Garvey for his time and attention here today.

Commissioner Musgrave: Congratulations.

President Shoulders: Congrats.

**Extension of Emergency Paid Sick Leave Benefits for County Employees
Through March 31, 2021**

President Shoulders: The next item is the extension of the emergency paid sick leave benefits for county employees through March 31, 2021. So, we're going all the way through the first quarter of this year. I just need a motion for that.

Commissioner Musgrave: I'll make the motion, and I understand that the County Council is prepared to fund this. Is that correct?

Commissioner Hatfield: Yes, I got a letter from Council President in 2020. I guess he's still President until tomorrow, that they, that he is very much in favor of this, and is very much going to advocate for this at tomorrow's meeting. I think that Council staff was able to get a hold of one other Councilperson that expressed support for this. I think they see the need for people to be able to deal with COVID if it inflicts them, or any of their family members. I have, you know, very much faith in that Council will do this. I would not support it if I did not hear from the Council President stating that he supports it and he will advocate for it at the public meeting tomorrow.

President Shoulders: That's tomorrow?

Commissioner Hatfield: Yeah.

President Shoulders: Okay. So, is that a second?

Commissioner Hatfield: That's a second.

President Shoulders: Okay, so, Madelyn, the roll call please. We have a motion and a second.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Hatfield?

Commissioner Hatfield: I'm a yes as well.

Madelyn Grayson: President Shoulders?

President Shoulders: I am a yes as well, and as Commissioner Hatfield mentioned before, this will also be voted on tomorrow at County Council's meeting, in their chambers.

(Motion approved 3-0)

2021 Property & Casualty Insurance Renewal Summary

President Shoulders: Moving on, letter E, this is our 2021 annual property and casualty Vanderburgh County insurance. I need a motion for that renewal please.

Commissioner Musgrave: Motion to approve.

Commissioner Hatfield: Second.

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

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Hatfield?

Commissioner Hatfield: I'm a yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Shoulders?

President Shoulders: I am a yes, and that will be renewed accordingly.

(Motion approved 3-0)

Sheriff Office: Vehicle Loan from First Federal Bank

President Shoulders: The next one is a request from our Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office. It's a vehicle loan agreement with First Federal Savings Bank to do the financing for their office. I just need a motion, unless someone is here to speak on that. I don't believe there is, but—

Commissioner Musgrave: I would be happy to make the motion.

President Shoulders: Okay.

Commissioner Musgrave: And, I understand that they got competitive bids for this.

President Shoulders: Yeah, it's my understanding they got three or four.

Commissioner Musgrave: And this is the winning bid.

President Shoulders: I think it was three bids from banks, and this bank that they have chosen was the lowest interest rate and terms, best terms.

Commissioner Musgrave: Okay.

President Shoulders: So, I have a motion and ask for a second.

Commissioner Hatfield: The second is, just so the public knows, this comes out of the Sheriff's line item account for vehicle purchases.

President Shoulders: Yes.

Commissioner Hatfield: And, I did check with the Auditor, and it's well within that line item budget.

President Shoulders: Okay, I have a motion, good point, I have a motion and a second. Madelyn, the roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Hatfield?

Commissioner Hatfield: I'm yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Shoulders?

President Shoulders: I am a yes as well. The motion passes.

(Motion approved 3-0)

AT&T Service Agreement Extension: Centrex Phone Lines

President Shoulders: Letter G, we have three different contracts we'll do individually here that fall under the County Commissioners wheelhouse. The first one is the AT&T service agreement extension with AT&T for Centrex phone lines. I just ask for a motion, unless someone is here to speak.

Commissioner Musgrave: So moved.

President Shoulders: Okay.

Commissioner Hatfield: Second.

President Shoulders: A motion and a second. Madelyn, the roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Hatfield?

Commissioner Hatfield: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Shoulders?

President Shoulders: I am a yes as well.

(Motion approved 3-0)

2021 GAGE Service Agreement

President Shoulders: The next one is our annual 2021 GAGE, which stands for Growth Alliance of Greater Evansville, service agreement.

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

Commissioner Hatfield: I'll second.

President Shoulders: A motion and a second. Madelyn, the roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Hatfield?

Commissioner Hatfield: I'm a yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Shoulders?

President Shoulders: And, I am a yes as well. The motion passes.

(Motion approved 3-0)

2021 Economic Development Coalition of SW Indiana Grant Agreement

President Shoulders: The third item within this letter, is the 2021 Economic Development Coalition services agreement.

Commissioner Musgrave: Motion to approve.

President Shoulders: I have a motion.

Commissioner Hatfield: Second.

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

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Hatfield?

Commissioner Hatfield: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Shoulders?

President Shoulders: And, I am a yes as well. That motion passes. And both of those, all three of those are annual contracts.¹

(Motion approved 3-0)

Alpha Laser City-County Master MFD Agreement Renewal

President Shoulders: The next is a Computer Services agreement. It looks like the contract is with Alpha Laser. This is a master agreement with Alpha Laser to provide multi-function devices in support to the city and to the county. The old agreement expired at the of this past calendar year, on 12/31, and resulted in substantial savings for both the City of Evansville and the County of Vanderburgh. So, I ask for a motion to continue with Alpha Laser.

Commissioner Musgrave: So moved.

Commissioner Hatfield: I'm a second.

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

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Hatfield?

Commissioner Hatfield: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Shoulders?

President Shoulders: And, I am a yes as well. The motion passes to continue the contract with Alpha Laser.

(Motion approved 3-0)

**Superior Court: Professional Services Agreements for Treatment Court:
Dion Wingerter, John Helfrich, Ryan Barrett & Troy Hardin**

President Shoulders: The next action item is a Superior Court Deputy Sheriff service contract. This is an agreement for the Deputy Sheriff's to provide home verification visits. The day reporting monitoring and drug and alcohol testing of participants of Vanderburgh County Treatment Court and those places on day reporting. I believe, yes, I know there's a couple folks here. So, just your name and who you're with, please.

James Akin: I'm James Akin. I'm with the Superior Court that operate with these Deputies.

President Shoulders: Okay, and anything you want to add about the contract?

James Akin: It's paid for by a Department of Corrections grant, so it wouldn't involve any county funds.

President Shoulders: Okay.

Commissioner Musgrave: Do you need individual motions? Or can we do all four at the same time.

President Shoulders: Well, that's what I was going to ask our counsel. We have four different individuals, do we need—

David Jones: The contracts are the same. (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

President Shoulders: Sure.

¹ The AT&T service agreement extension is for 36 months.

Commissioner Musgrave: Okay, I'll move to approve the contracts for, and I'm sorry if I pronounce this wrong, Dion Wingerter, John Helfrich, Ryan Barrett and Troy Hardin.

President Shoulders: Okay.

Commissioner Hatfield: I bet that's Dion.

Commissioner Musgrave: Okay.

President Shoulders: Dion.

James Akin: Dion Wingerter.

President Shoulders: I have a motion.

Commissioner Hatfield: Second.

President Shoulders: Okay, a motion and a second to approve all four contracts. Madelyn, the roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Hatfield?

Commissioner Hatfield: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Shoulders?

President Shoulders: I am a yes as well. The motion passes.

(Motion approved 3-0)

President Shoulders: And, thank you, sir, for being here with us today.

James Akin: Thank you.

County Engineer

President Shoulders: The next action item is with, is through the County Engineer's Office. This is with, I don't think John's here, but this is with the Covert Avenue acceptance form. The county portion of the project has been now completed. Knock on wood. So, this acceptance form covers the county section of the project between Green River Road and I-69. And, John, if you want to elaborate a little bit, feel free, but it does exclude the repairs to the pavement markings and any erosion control issues that would need to be addressed when the entire project is completed next year. But, feel free to go ahead.

John Stoll: Yeah, that pretty well sums up the status of it. The project has been finished in the county section. The county section begins just east of Green River, and like you said, extends out to I-69. The sidewalks were constructed, the road was resurfaced, and the striping was changed to reconfigure it to provide the center turn lane and the bike lanes, and everything looks good.

President Shoulders: And, about the project cost is expected to be roughly what?

John Stoll: We don't have the final—

President Shoulders: Sure.

John Stoll: --interlocal agreement with the city as of yet, but we've got \$900,000 in the Road & Street Fund to cover—

President Shoulders: To cover it?

John Stoll: -- the expected county portion of the project cost.

President Shoulders: Sure.

John Stoll: The interlocal agreement will be coming to you once we get the draft back from the city, but until then, we're just working off estimates, and it should be around \$900,000.

President Shoulders: About \$900,000? Okay. Unless my fellow Commissioners have any other additional comments, I would just ask for a motion to approve.

Commissioner Musgrave: So moved.

Commissioner Hatfield: Second.

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

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Hatfield?

Commissioner Hatfield: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Shoulders?

President Shoulders: I am a yes as well.

(Motion approved 3-0)

President Shoulders: And, I think, John, you have another item here. It's the Community Crossings grant agreements with INDOT.

John Stoll: Yes, this covers the two most recent Community Crossings grant awards that we received in December. One of the agreements is for \$300,000, let me get the exact figure here, \$300,561.75, and that will cover an asphalt paving contract that will pave Red Bank Road, Baseline Road, Rosenberger Avenue, the streets in Key West Subdivision and the streets in Ashley Place Subdivision. Then we also have an agreement for \$167,011, and that will do concrete street repairs in Brookview Heights Subdivision. These figures were based on INDOT providing 50% of the project costs, and that was based upon the estimates we provided in the applications we submitted last month.

President Shoulders: Okay, and I'll just add that the County Attorney, David Jones, has reviewed and approved the INDOT agreements. We'll have notice to bidders for the projects on February 16th, a few meetings here away, and we'll plan to have the contracts ready for award on March 30th. That's really about all there is to add, I believe.

John Stoll: Right, we have to have the construction contracts awarded within four months of the date of the INDOT notification that we received the grants, and based on the date of that notification letter, we have to have the construction contract awarded by April 8th.

President Shoulders: April 8th, yeah.

John Stoll: So, we'll meet that schedule, based upon your currently scheduled Commissioners meeting dates.

President Shoulders: And, these will be paid for from the Local Road & Street Contractual Account, by the way.

John Stoll: Correct.

President Shoulders: Alrighty, well, I just ask for the motion to approve.

Commissioner Musgrave: So moved.

Commissioner Hatfield: Second.

President Shoulders: Okay, a motion and a second. Madelyn, the roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Hatfield?

Commissioner Hatfield: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Shoulders?

President Shoulders: And, I am a yes as well.

(Motion approved 3-0)

Department Head Reports

President Shoulders: And, John, you may as well stay up here. We've got department head reports, and you're usually our leadoff hitter anyway, so.

John Stoll: I don't have anything else.

President Shoulders: Okay, that was short and sweet.

John Stoll: That covered it.

President Shoulders: Well, Happy New Year, and glad to have you back.

John Stoll: Thanks.

President Shoulders: Thanks. Any other department head reports that would like to address this Commission today? Department head reports? None at this time? I know we receive a lot of your reports via email, so, alright.

Board Appointments

President Shoulders: We're moving on. We have still some lingering board appointments from last time that we still didn't get to, and we will do those individually. I think there are four today. So, the first one is, we're replacing someone on the Board of Zoning Appeals, and I will ask for a motion to appoint a new BZA member.

Commissioner Musgrave: Motion to approve Tori Langton.

President Shoulders: Okay.

Commissioner Hatfield: Second.

President Shoulders: I have a motion and a second. Madelyn, the roll call please to approve Tori Langton to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Hatfield?

Commissioner Hatfield: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Shoulders?

President Shoulders: And, I am a yes as well. Congrats to Tori, and our office will be in touch with you as to your first meeting and next steps.

(Motion approved 3-0)

President Shoulders: The next one is what we call PTABOA, that's the Property Tax Appeals board. I'll ask for a motion to appoint, or re-appoint, oh wait, that's not right.

Commissioner Musgrave: That's not right.

President Shoulders: Yeah, actually it is, I believe the motion would be made for Khris, I believe it's Khris Seger and Chris Stuard, if I'm not mistaken.

Commissioner Musgrave: So moved.

President Shoulders: Okay. So, the motion is to re-appoint the two that are, I believe, in that position now, which are Chris Stuard and Khris Seger.

Commissioner Hatfield: Second.

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

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Hatfield?

Commissioner Hatfield: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Shoulders?

President Shoulders: And, I am a yes as well. The motion passes.

(Motion approved 3-0)

President Shoulders: The next one is for the Disability Services Board. I ask for a motion to re-appoint—

Commissioner Musgrave: Bob Guzzo.

President Shoulders: --Bob Guzzo, okay.

Commissioner Musgrave: So moved.

Commissioner Hatfield: Second.

President Shoulders: Madelyn, the roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Hatfield?

Commissioner Hatfield: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Shoulders?

President Shoulders: Bob Guzzo?

David Jones: PTABOA.

President Shoulders: I will, yes.

(Motion approved 3-0)

David Jones: You have to do the waiver.

Commissioner Musgrave: Do you want it right now?

David Jones: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

Commissioner Musgrave: Okay.

President Shoulders: Let me, let's finish this one and then go back to that. Okay. And, then the last one right now we have today, we'll have a few more next meeting, is the Building Authority Board of Trustees, we have one position there. I ask for a motion for that.

Commissioner Musgrave: Move to re-appoint Brandon Boots.

President Shoulders: Okay.

Commissioner Hatfield: Second.

President Shoulders: I have a motion and a second to re-appoint Brandon Boots to the Building Authority Board of Trustees. Madelyn, the roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Hatfield?

Commissioner Hatfield: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Shoulders?

President Shoulders: And, I am a yes as well.

(Motion approved 3-0)

President Shoulders: Moving back real fast, our County Attorney has pointed out that when we did this last year on what we call the PTABOA, Property Tax Appeals, we have to, I need to ask for a motion waiver, because that's one of those few boards we have where it is politically party related, but therefore we would have to pass a waiver, since, I believe, both of these gentlemen are of the same political party.

Commissioner Musgrave: I move, essentially, to repeat the same language as last year.

President Shoulders: As last year.

Commissioner Musgrave: It's not at my disposal right here, but I would ask for it to be incorporated into the record that waives the statutory requirement of opposite party affiliation—

President Shoulders: Yes.

Commissioner Musgrave: --for these members. So, that's my motion.

Commissioner Hatfield: You know, we did this a year ago, and I'm not going to speak for my fellow Commissioners, but I just totally rejected the idea that political parties should have anything to do with property tax assessments, and that I felt, and I'm going to let my fellow Commissioners talk too, I felt like what mattered the most was an awareness of the assessment process, and ethics and the ability to see multi points of view and make fair decisions on, in relationship to the taxpayer. And, so, I've been here for two years, and I'm proud that two years in a row we're going to eliminate the requirement that a political party affiliation on this subject matter, and for that reason I second this motion.

President Shoulders: Well said. Madelyn, the roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Hatfield?

Commissioner Hatfield: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Shoulders?

President Shoulders: I am a yes, and I couldn't agree with Commissioner Hatfield more. Proud to do this as well. So, we're re-appointing Chris Stuard and Khris Seger to the PTABOA Board.

(Motion approved 3-0)

New Business

President Shoulders: The next item is, it's under new business, and I just have one thing, my fellow Commissioners may have more, but just want to, every year we introduce a date of when we'll have our annual Vanderburgh County road hearing, where we listen and lead our fellow taxpayers to determine which roads are of the most need and so forth. So, I think we're going to propose March 2nd?

Commissioner Musgrave: I'll make a motion for March 2nd.

President Shoulders: Okay, and we don't know yet what that looks like. We preferably would like to, we've had them in person in the past, it may be a Zoom, we don't know, we're still about 60 days out, but we definitely want to have something on March 2nd. What it looks like we don't know yet, depending on, obviously, where we're at as it relates to COVID. But, regardless, we would have it that date. So, there's a motion there.

Commissioner Hatfield: Second.

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

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: I'll say yes, and I also want to encourage folks out there in the county to get your road issues before us now.

President Shoulders: Yes.

Commissioner Musgrave: Now is the time to tell us, and we'll incorporate that into our draft plans that we'll then vote on. But, those of you who have brought roads to our attention since our last road hearing, fear not, we've kept a record of that, but it never hurts to tell us again.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Hatfield?

Commissioner Hatfield: I'm a yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Shoulders?

President Shoulders: And, I am a yes as well. We'll, more details to come, but we will have our road hearing on March 2nd.

(Motion approved 3-0)

President Shoulders: Any other new business from either Commissioner? Okay.

Old Business

President Shoulders: Old business, I just have one item, and I just want to say thank you to everyone who attended and congrats to those who were sworn in to our January 1st Vanderburgh County Inauguration ceremony. It was certainly different than most. Right, Linda, I see you out there, you were part of it, but we did it all via Zoom, and I want to thank first and foremost Vanderburgh County Circuit Court Judge, David Kiely. The Honorable Judge Kiely did all of the oaths of office swearing in, and did a great job. I also want to thank Reverend Adrian Brooks who led us in a wonderful invocation, and I want to thank Kristin Comer with our office, who set up the Zoom, got everything lined up for the day and so forth in the program. So, thanks to everyone involved with it. I thought it went really well, and I know there were many family members, including mine, who were able to either Zoom in or call in, and for what we had to deal with, I think it went pretty smooth, I don't know.

Commissioner Musgrave: Well, it did go smoothly, and thank you for the time it took out of your day to plan and attend that. I also would like to keep the Zoom aspect of it going forward, because so many of us have family who would never be able to travel, and what a great way to include them in the event. I mean, an in-person event also covered on

Zoom, I think that's perfect. So, well done to everyone, and I hope we can keep part of that for the future.

President Shoulders: Very good point. Anything to add, Commissioner Hatfield?

Commissioner Hatfield: No, just congratulations to both of you and to all the officeholders who took office January 1, both old and new. I know it's an exciting day, and, anyway, congratulations to you both.

President Shoulders: Thank you, Commissioner, and I'm glad you said that. It reminded me that, for those of you who were sworn in, you know, if you haven't already though, you do have to still make an appointment at the County Clerk's Office, because the trade off was, you still have to sign your, you know, you're swearing in board appointment, the form, in person. So, if you haven't done that, please do that before your first board meeting, of whatever board or whatever office you're sworn into. So, most of you, I think, have, but just in case you have not, please call the County Clerk's Office. Anything else to add on new or old?

Commissioner Hatfield: No.

President Shoulders: Okay.

Consent Items

President Shoulders: Consent items, I just ask for a motion to approve the consent items.

Commissioner Musgrave: I'll make a motion to approve, and I'd also like to note, under request G, the request to rollover vacation time, I am in favor of allowing employees to always rollover. In fact, I'm so in favor of it, I would like to rescind any "use it or lose it" clause in the personnel handbook. That's my motion. I'm not asking for a, it's not part of it to rescind that, I'm just saying I'm in favor of everything on the list.

President Shoulders: Oh, I got 'ya. So, you're still, the motion is still to approve all of the—

Commissioner Musgrave: Right.

President Shoulders: Okay.

Commissioner Hatfield: Second.

President Shoulders: Okay, a motion and a second.

Commissioner Hatfield: And, I agree with Commissioner Musgrave on that.

President Shoulders: Madelyn, the roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Hatfield?

Commissioner Hatfield: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Shoulders?

President Shoulders: I'm a yes as well. The motion passes to approve all consent items.

(Motion approved 3-0)

Public Comment

President Shoulders: Any public comment here today? Public comment? Any additional comments from fellow Commissioners? I will just say, I hope everyone had a very safe,

healthy and happy holiday season. Happy New Year, now that we're finally into 2020.² I don't know about you, I'm pretty happy about that. And, can't say enough to please follow the three W's; wear a mask, wash your hands and watch your distance.

Recessing of Emergency Meeting

President Shoulders: On that note, I'll ask for a motion to recess, until we convene again.

Commissioner Musgrave: So moved.

Commissioner Hatfield: Second.

President Shoulders: A first and a second. Madelyn, the roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Hatfield?

Commissioner Hatfield: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Shoulders?

President Shoulders: And, I am a yes as well.

(Motion approved 3-0)

President Shoulders: Thank you all. Safe travels.

(The meeting was recessed at 3:32 p.m.)

CONSENT ITEMS:

Commissioners:

Approval of the December 15, 2020 Emergency Meeting Minutes.

Waiver of ONEP Fees for 2020 City and County Meetings.

ARC of Evansville September-November 2020 Reports.

Vacation Rollover Requests: Area Plan & County Clerk.

Surplus Request: Sheriff Office: Vehicle.

Employment Changes:

Health Dept. (4)	ONEP (1)	Co. Hwy. (3)
Weights & Measures (1)	County Clerk (1)	Auditor (3)
Treasurer (2)	Sheriff (4)	Surveyor (3)
Prosecutor (1)	Assessor (1)	Election Office (2)
Circuit Court (1)	Superior Court (1)	Area Plan (1)
Legal Aid (2)	Public Defender (1)	

County Auditor: Claims Voucher Reports: 12/14-12/18/2020 & 12/21-12/25/2020 & 12/28-12/31/2020.

County Treasurer: November 2020 Monthly Report.

County Engineer: Department Report & Claims.

Those in Attendance:

Ben Shoulders	Jeff Hatfield	Cheryl Musgrave
David Jones	Craig Emig	Madelyn Grayson
Jonathan Garvey	Dottie Thomas	James Akin
John Stoll	Others Unidentified	Members of Media

² Should be 2021.

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