

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 13, 2018**

The Vanderburgh County Board of Commissioners met in session this 13th day of March, 2018 at 3:02 p.m. in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex with President Bruce Ungethiem Presiding.

Call to Order

President Ungethiem: Good afternoon. I would like to invite you all to, or I welcome you all to the Board of Commissioners meeting for March 13, 2018.

Attendance Roll Call

President Ungethiem: Madelyn, will you call attendance please?

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Here.

Madelyn Grayson: President Ungethiem?

President Ungethiem: Here. Having two members present, we do have a quorum. Commissioner Shoulders is not available this afternoon.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Ungethiem: Would you please stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

President Ungethiem: Thank you.

Commissioner Comments

President Ungethiem: Okay, I don't see any students here, but you guys did miss the Solid Waste meeting. If you missed it, there were three very lovely young ladies who got trophies for their artwork. They are up on billboards, I think one's on Green River Road, one's on 41, and one's on Weinbach.

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes, we were happy to welcome Addison Koch, a second grader at St. Ben's; Grayson Koch, her sister, who's a fourth grader; and Julia Stark, an 8th grader at St. Ben's. They have three wonderful billboards promoting "Going Green" all around town.

President Ungethiem: So, if you see those, that's where those came from, and we congratulate those three young ladies.

Grow Southwest Indiana Workforce Update

President Ungethiem: Alright, we'll move on to action items. The first item is Grow Southwest Indiana Workforce update, and Jim Heck is here to give us an update.

Jim Heck: Thank you. I appreciate you allowing me to come by and give you an update. I know you guys know that we are required by law to have a couple of meetings each year with our elected officials in our region. Our next one is coming up, you have the save the date card in front of you. So, on Friday, April 27th, 8:00 a.m. Central Time at the Vincennes University Campus in Ft. Branch will be our next meeting for the elected officials. We hope you're able to attend. You should be able to, we've got some pretty

good updates, I think, coming there for, if you're able to make that meeting. I also just wanted to give you a little update. Our program year runs from July 1 to June 30th each year, so December 30th is kind of our halfway point. Just to give you some information about what happened in the last, in that six month period is on this paper that Angie handed you. One of the things that we've been working on really hard is developing our workforce from school upward. The Tour of Opportunity is something that we've started where we take, in Vanderburgh County's case we take middle school kids and take them to businesses, to not just tour the business, but to talk about career pathways and how do they get those jobs inside those businesses, so that they can plan their pathway. The idea is to get them to plan their pathway, throughout school, and into careers as they get older. So they have an idea of what they want to do as they get older, and really to let them know about manufacturing and the manufacturing world that we have in this area that really leads to some high wage, high demand jobs. One of the other things that we do is the Teachers Boot Camp. This summer will be our fourth one. Actually, the sign up is right now, so if you know any Vanderburgh County teachers that want to take part in that two week boot camp, they could go to our webpage and sign up for that now. We're also proud of our Jobs for America's Graduates Program. We have one program in Vanderburgh County, and that's at Bosse. All eight of our schools that we have the program in reached the National JAG recognition of meeting all five performance standards. Bosse was one of those that met all five of those performance standards. So, we're really proud of that. If you're not familiar with Jobs for America's Graduates, we take students that are at risk of dropping out and work with them, not only to stay in school, but to go on to post-secondary, whether it's into jobs, the military, or into post-secondary training. We have been working with the Commissioners here locally on a Job Fair coming up, and you'll see a flyer in front of you. And, on Thursday—

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes, I want to thank you. I had asked, last year they hosted two job fairs for us.

Jim Heck: Uh-huh.

Commissioner Musgrave: And, I asked them to host two again this year. The first one's date has been set. So, we're very happy to let you continue announcing that.

Jim Heck: Okay, Thursday, May 10th at the C.K. Newsome Center we'll host another job fair. One of the things that we've been doing with our job fairs recently is we've been pairing advisors to people, with people, so that they can go, they have a better shot. As we talk to employers, some people weren't aware of what they needed to do at a job fair, they just came up and said, hey, whatcha got open? We're trying to get them to be more targeted, more looking for this is the kind of career I want, what employers offer that kind of career? So, that they can target that, instead of employers taking applications from people that really have no intention of going to work for them. So, they schedule for them to come in and talk to them, and they don't show up. So, we're trying to eliminate that, so we've been working with them. We hope to have some of those at this job fair as well on May 10th. We've had, I talked to Sara just before I came over here, we've had a good response from employers, so I think we expect to have quite a turnout for this event.

Commissioner Musgrave: What's our unemployment rate now?

Jim Heck: We are about, we are under three percent for this region.

Commissioner Musgrave: Well, that's good news.

Jim Heck: And, if you look at the back of this sheet, you'll see, the Labor Force estimates for Vanderburgh County and for our region, Vanderburgh County, at the end of December, your unemployment rate was 2.7 percent. So, you have about 90,000 people employed in Vanderburgh County, with about 2,500 unemployed.

Commissioner Musgrave: So, what this means is that if you're looking for a job, you're likely going to be able to find it.

Jim Heck: There are jobs out there that are available, yes, that's correct. Yeah. So, and just to give you a snapshot, this is just a snapshot, a year ago in December we were at 3.7 percent unemployment. So, we've dropped a full percentage point in a year. So, it's, employment is, we're as close to full employment as I've seen it in my time working in

workforce development. We've been working closely with the Promise Zone as well. During the course of last year I was approached and asked to head up the Job Development Committee for that Promise Zone. So, we, I began hosting that meeting, and we've had kind of a resurgence with that group. So, we've had some really nice meetings, and we're starting some education initiatives out inside the Promise Zone that are really starting to pay off, I think. We're working with Old National Bank to do some financial literacy, we see that that's a real issue inside the Promise Zone, that people need to be able to understand their paychecks, understand what taxes are and understand how to save for different things, like retirement. So, we're working with them to put on some of those financial literacy classes that you'll hear more about in the future. Then you'll see a list of the business representatives that are on my Workforce Board from Vanderburgh County. You see those all there at the bottom of the front page, and then on the back of this you'll see our, we've got a nine county region, so there are required partners, or members of my Workforce Board from labor, community-based organizations, youth serving organizations, education and training, government and economic development. You'll see those listed, they represent all nine counties, not just from the county they live in.

Commissioner Musgrave: Do you have any knowledge of what the Legislature might do with regard to changing Workforce Development? Has that been made any clearer?

Jim Heck: I just know what I've heard, Cheryl, and I've heard that they're looking at doing some more studying over this next legislative session, but that one of the things they're doing is there is going to be another board established. I don't really know the name of that board.

Commissioner Musgrave: (Inaudible) another board?

Jim Heck: That board established at the State level, that would include the Department of Ed, the Department of Workforce Development, the Commission for Higher Education and then Blair Milo's position, whatever that is. I don't recall her title. Those would all make up that board. They've still got till tomorrow, I think, to finalize that, so we'll get all of the details after tomorrow.

Commissioner Musgrave: But, there's not any thought that they're going to change the distribution of funds or the regional boards?

Jim Heck: Not at this point that I've heard.

Commissioner Musgrave: Okay.

Jim Heck: Which is a good thing, unless they were going to give us more money. We would always take more money. That's what I...I would be happy to answer any questions anybody might have.

President Ungethiem: Jim, do you know how many positions are currently open in Vanderburgh County that have not been filled?

Jim Heck: We looked at our open jobs in Indiana Career Connect, and there's about 3,000 job postings right now that have been open for like the last three weeks. Now, that may not be 3,000 jobs, that's just they've posted that many jobs. Some of them they just keep open all of the time, but if you look at it, there are probably more jobs open than there are unemployed people to fill them.

President Ungethiem: Is that just in, that's in the region?

Jim Heck: That's in my region and in Vanderburgh County.

President Ungethiem: Okay.

Jim Heck: Yeah.

President Ungethiem: Okay, yeah, I was just looking, we just got this flyer today through the email, and it is from the Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana, and they're talking about 11 additional projects with a projected estimate of 935 additional new jobs.

Jim Heck: Uh-huh.

President Ungethiem: That are going to layer on top of that. So, I'm thinking, we've already got open positions, how do we manage this other 935 new jobs that we're—

Commissioner Musgrave: We need more people.

President Ungethiem: We need more people, we need—

Jim Heck: We do, and we work closely with our existing businesses and with the existing economic developers, and right now our big issue is we need people, more people moving into this area. We need people to have more kids too for the future, but for right now we just need more people moving in.

President Ungethiem: Are you having any issues with getting the high school juniors-seniors to looking at a more technical career than maybe a college career since a lot of these jobs are more technical in nature? Are you having issues with convincing them that that's a viable way to go?

Jim Heck: No, actually, I think, that our Teacher Boot Camp has gone a long way toward making that known to those kids. That was one of the things we wanted to do with that, show those teachers what kind of jobs there are out there in the technical lane. So, if you look at the Southern Indiana Career and Tech Center, their enrollment has been going up the last couple of years. So, the kids are listening. We have a harder time convincing their parents that every kid doesn't have to go to college. That's, and to be honest with you, that's our biggest challenge right now. Kids understand it, are beginning to understand it better than their parents understand it. And, I mean, I understand parents want their kids to go to college and they want them to be the best they can be, and I understand that, but I see jobs go unfilled everyday that kids could get the skills right out here at the Tech Center or one or two years at Ivy Tech or Vincennes University and go to work making really good money.

President Ungethiem: Can I make a suggestion, that would possibly—

Jim Heck: Uh-huh.

President Ungethiem: --help with that?

Jim Heck: Absolutely.

President Ungethiem: Two of my friends who have probably been the most successful of the group of friends that I run around with, neither one of them have a college degree.

Jim Heck: Right.

President Ungethiem: I would suggest that you find people in our community like that who could come in and talk about their experiences of how they started out as a, one of them started out as a tool and die guy—

Jim Heck: Uh-huh.

President Ungethiem: --the other one started out as a carpenter. Both of them Sunday sent me an email from Florida saying the weather is great, showing themselves on the beach, while I'm watching it snow. So, they have been very successful in their career, and not because they went to college—

Jim Heck: Right.

President Ungethiem: --but because they knew what they wanted to do and they worked very hard at doing that, and have become very successful. So, my suggestion would be to find those people in our community, and both of these guys would probably be willing to sit down and talk to folks and basically say, this is how, you don't have to go to college to be successful, you can be successful if you pick something you love to do and be the best at it.

Jim Heck: I would love to do that. If you could give me their names I would...send me an email and let me contact them. I would love to have them, because I believe anybody we can get out there to do that just helps with what we're trying to do.

President Ungethiem: Okay.

Jim Heck: Well, thank you, I always appreciate the time here.

President Ungethiem: Very good. Thanks.

Jim Heck: Thank you.

County Health Department Remodel Architectural Proposals

President Ungethiem: Okay, the next item on the list is the County Health Department remodel architectural proposal. Is Joe here?

Commissioner Musgrave: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

President Ungethiem: Joe had to, had another, we did have a conversation with Joe. Let me give you a brief explanation of what's going on here. The Health Department is in the process of getting their contract renewed.

Joe Harrison, Jr.: Their lease.

President Ungethiem: Pardon?

Joe Harrison, Jr.: Their lease.

President Ungethiem: Or their lease renewed, and part of that lease renewal is an upgrade of their facility. So, they have gotten architectural proposals, they have selected an architectural proposal, and they're proceeding forward with Southwest Mental Health in going through that process of developing the plan to update their current space. I think they're actually going to get some additional space for growth potential. So, that's going on, that will take approximately three months to get that process completed. Then the Health Department will come back to the Commissioners with a contract that will be signed by the county that will extend that lease with Southwest for, I think, it's a five year period of time, or something like that. So, that's basically what that process, where we're at in that process. Do you want to add something there?

Commissioner Musgrave: No, I'll just go ahead and make a motion to approve the contract with VPS Architecture, and say that I'm happy that the Health Department has decided not to relocate, but to renovate and expand in their existing location.

President Ungethiem: Okay. Do we actually need to vote on that, or is that—

Joe Harrison, Jr.: Well, why don't you just go ahead, why don't you make the motion that you would recommend that they move forward with VPS.

Commissioner Musgrave: It's actually an agreement.

Joe Harrison, Jr.: I don't think it's to be signed by the Commissioners though, is it?

Commissioner Musgrave: Do you want to look at it?

Joe Harrison, Jr.: Yeah, I don't think so.

Madelyn Grayson: I just added signature lines.

Joe Harrison, Jr.: Oh, okay, because I don't think there was one in there. That's fine. The signature lines weren't on there when I sent this out. So, okay.

President Ungethiem: Okay, I will second that motion. Any further discussion on that particular proposal? Seeing none, all of those in favor signify by saying aye.

Commissioner Musgrave: Aye.

President Ungethiem: Aye. Opposed?

(None opposed)

President Ungethiem: And the motion carries.

(Motion approved 2-0)

<p>Public Hearing to Consider Transfer of Tax Sale Certificate: 1408 Stringtown Road to Full Gospel Mission, Inc.</p>
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President Ungethiem: Alright, the next item is a public hearing to consider transfer of Tax Sale Certificate at 1408 Stringtown Road to Full Gospel Mission, Incorporated. I would entertain a motion...do we have to, I assume we have to open the public hearing with a motion? I would entertain a motion to open the public hearing.

Commissioner Musgrave: So moved.

President Ungethiem: I second. The motion, or the public hearing is now open. Any comments from anyone in the public on this particular issue?

Commissioner Musgrave: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

President Ungethiem: Any—

Joe Harrison, Jr.: Well, the only thing I would mention is this is a resolution to, for the Commissioners to consider assigning the Tax Sale Certificate to the property at 1408 Stringtown Road, which the county has a tax lien on due to unpaid taxes, to Full Gospel Mission, a non-profit entity here in town. They seek, they would like the Tax Sale Certificate, and then they would move forward with trying to obtain title to the property. This is the process, by statute, that has to be followed whenever a Tax Sale Certificate is assigned to a non-profit entity.

Commissioner Musgrave: So, for a motion to approve, what am I approving?

Joe Harrison, Jr.: You're approving the resolution which would assign the Tax Certificate to them, and then they would take it and move forward.

President Ungethiem: So, is the resolution item D?

Joe Harrison, Jr.: It's Resolution R-03-18-003, and attached to that resolution is the Tax Certificate, it's a part of the resolution.

Commissioner Musgrave: Okay.

Joe Harrison, Jr.: Maybe it's not attached.

Commissioner Musgrave: It's 3-18-3 and not 3-18-2?

Joe Harrison, Jr.: Two was the one that was passed at the last meeting.

Commissioner Musgrave: And three then is the final one?

Joe Harrison, Jr.: This is the final process.

Commissioner Musgrave: Well, that's confusing.

Joe Harrison, Jr.: That's why there was a public hearing today.

Commissioner Musgrave: Okay, well, then I'll make a motion to conclude C, and then we'll do D.

Joe Harrison, Jr.: Okay.

President Ungethiem: On the agenda we've got the public hearing, and then we've got the resolution after that.

Joe Harrison, Jr.: Right, well, the public hearing, I didn't see the public hearing, but, yeah, obviously you've got to have the public hearing first. No one has commented. So—

Commissioner Musgrave: I'll conclude, motion to conclude the public hearing.

Joe Harrison, Jr.: Yes.

Commissioner Musgrave: There we go.

President Ungethiem: And, I'll second that. All of those in favor signify by saying aye.

Commissioner Musgrave: Aye.

President Ungethiem: Aye. The public hearing is concluded.

(Motion approved 2-0)

<p style="text-align: center;">Resolution CO.R-02-18-003: Assignment of a Tax Sale Certificate for Property at 1408 Stringtown Road</p>
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President Ungethiem: Now—

Joe Harrison, Jr.: Now you go.

President Ungethiem: --a motion to, for the final reading of the Resolution CO.R-02-18-002 the assignment—

Joe Harrison, Jr.: Three.

Commissioner Musgrave: It should be three.

President Ungethiem: Oh, it is three?

Joe Harrison, Jr.: Yes.

President Ungethiem: Typo. Assignment of Tax Sale Certificate for property at 1408 Stringtown Road. This is the final reading. You have a motion to approve?

Commissioner Musgrave: I do move to approve.

President Ungethiem: I will second. Any public comment? Seeing none, roll call vote please.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Ungethiem?

President Ungethiem: Yes, and it is approved.

(Motion approved 2-0)

<p style="text-align: center;">Board Appointments</p>
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President Ungethiem: Okay, we move on to board appointments. We have one additional board appointment this evening, Natalie Rascher to the Greenway Advisory Board.

Commissioner Musgrave: Move approval.

President Ungethiem: And, I will second that. Any further discussion? Seeing none, all of those in favor signify by saying aye.

Commissioner Musgrave: Aye.

President Ungethiem: Aye. Opposed same sign?

(None opposed)

President Ungethiem: That motion is approved.

(Motion approved 2-0)

President Ungethiem: One thing on board appointments, we do have—

Commissioner Musgrave: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

President Ungethiem: What's that?

Commissioner Musgrave: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

President Ungethiem: Yes, we have a couple of additional board appointments that are open, at this point in time. So, if anybody is interested, please contact the County Commissioners Office and we'll see if we can accommodate you.

County Engineer

President Ungethiem: Moving on to department head reports. John, do you want your customary lead off position?

John Stoll: First I would like to request the award of contract VC18-02-02, the street repairs in Windemere Subdivision to be awarded to E&B Paving for \$95,959. They provided the low bid on the project.

Commissioner Musgrave: So moved.

President Ungethiem: I will second. We have a motion and a second. Do we have any further discussion? Seeing none, all of those in favor signify by saying aye.

Commissioner Musgrave: Aye.

President Ungethiem: Aye. Opposed?

(None opposed)

President Ungethiem: The motion carries.

(Motion approved 2-0)

John Stoll: Next I would like to request the award of contract VC18-02-03, street repairs in Broadlawn Subdivision, also to E&B Paving for \$118,695. Again, they were the low bidder on the project.

Commissioner Musgrave: So moved.

President Ungethiem: I will second. We have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? Seeing none, all of those favor signify by saying aye.

Commissioner Musgrave: Aye.

President Ungethiem: Aye. Opposed?

(None opposed)

President Ungethiem: The motion carries.

(Motion approved 2-0)

John Stoll: Then last I've got a contract with CTL Engineering. This is for additional testing to find the depth of rock in the alignment of the University Parkway sewer. This is for an amount not to exceed \$9,740.

Commissioner Musgrave: I'll move approval.

President Ungethiem: I will second. We have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? John, I think this money is coming out of the TIF Fund out there?

John Stoll: Correct.

President Ungethiem: Okay. All of those in favor signify by saying aye.

Commissioner Musgrave: Aye.

President Ungethiem: Aye. Opposed?

(None opposed)

President Ungethiem: That motion carries.

(Motion approved 2-0)

Commissioner Musgrave: Can I ask how that is coming along, because I recall that it should have been done by now?

John Stoll: The project should be ready for bid within about the next month is what we're estimating. We need to get this final rock data and provide that to the contractors in hopes of getting better bids. I was talking to the consultant yesterday, we were coming up with some approximate schedules based, bidding schedules based on the upcoming Commissioners meeting dates, and we think it will be ready for bidding within the next month.

Commissioner Musgrave: And the completion?

John Stoll: I didn't ask him about a completion date. I can find out and let you know.

Joe Harrison, Jr.: Yeah, we need to know that.

Commissioner Musgrave: Yeah.

Joe Harrison, Jr.: Hopefully yet this year.

President Ungethiem: I think it was late this year, if weather permits.

John Stoll: Yeah, I think you're right, but I can't remember for certain. I'll find out.

President Ungethiem: Okay, thanks, John.

John Stoll: Thanks.

President Ungethiem: Any other department heads? Seeing none.

New Business

President Ungethiem: We'll move on to new business. We have some information items in new business. Number one is the Job Fair, May 10, 2018, 1:00-3:00 at the C.K. Newsome Center, which we talked about earlier when Jim was up here. The second item is the Jail Blue Ribbon Committee's next meeting is April 2, 2018 at 3:00 in this room. At that point in time I think we're going to have a lot better picture of where we currently are with the existing jail, and possibly some options as we move forward. We need to have that information so that we can respond to the Department of Corrections letter that was sent to us some months ago. Joe is in the process of drafting our response to that letter at this time.

Commissioner Musgrave: I would also like to thank the Indiana Senate. There was a bill moving through the Senate that would have potentially caused some harm to Vanderburgh County. House Bill 1233 had had inserted, and I'm told it was against the rules, language that would have allowed, which would have voided a local ordinance that we have, an ordinance against strip mining in Vanderburgh County. This language would have made that language go away and opened up Vanderburgh County to the potential of strip mining. Today the Senate stripped that language out, and so that issue is dead, at least for this session. I know that there was a great deal of concern among, I got calls from a couple of counties last night nearby, and everyone was in panic mode that this language had been inserted there. So, I just want to thank our representatives in the Senate for taking that out.

President Ungethiem: Okay.

Joe Harrison, Jr.: Commissioner, are there other counties around here that have a similar ordinance as Vanderburgh, or not?

Commissioner Musgrave: No, but there's an issue working its way through in Warrick County, some homeowners who are concerned about the possibility of strip mining within 300 feet of their house, or is it yards? I know that they were working on a local agreement, and this language would have prevented them from arriving at a local agreement.

President Ungethiem: Okay. One other item on new business is another informational item, the Big Creek Ditch Association meeting is next Monday night at 6:30 at Hornville. So, for all of you who are interested in that, I think there will be refreshments provided. You have a, I shouldn't say refreshments, there will be a meal provided as a part of that Big Creek Ditch Association meeting. So, for all of those who are interested in that, that's next Monday at 6:30.

Old Business

President Ungethiem: Any old business? Seeing none.

Public Comment

President Ungethiem: Any public comment? Seeing none.

Consent Items

President Ungethiem: The next item is the approval of consent items as listed on the agenda. I think Commissioner Musgrave has a comment.

Commissioner Musgrave: I would like to make a motion for approval of all of them except for item E.

President Ungethiem: Okay. There is a motion to approve all consent items except item E. I will second that motion. We have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? All of those in favor signify by saying aye.

Commissioner Musgrave: Aye.

President Ungethiem: Aye. Opposed?

(None opposed)

President Ungethiem: That motion carries.

(Motion approved 2-0)

President Ungethiem: Item E is the County Auditor February 2018 Accounts Payable line item. Do you want to elaborate on why that was removed?

Commissioner Musgrave: I do. Two reasons, the first is is that sometime ago the Commission made an ordinance that allowed the Auditor to move forward with paying all claims in advance of being approved by the Commission. I understand that that was done because occasionally certain, some claims got paid and the State Board of Accounts wanted to clear that up, to make sure that there was approval in place before claims. What this has changed to be is that 100 percent of all claims get paid before the Commissioners ever see them. All we ever see is the Accounts Payable, and by the time we sign off on them, the claims have been paid, and even if we pulled one or two out, there's nothing that can be done. The money is gone, and you can't get it back. So, I think it's time for us to address that. That's point one. Point two is that the County Council, despite our multiple requests, both on the Council floor and from our, from you, Bruce, and from our attorney, has continued to unlawfully put money that should be in the Commissioners budget in the County Council's budget. By statute the Council is allowed to have only a couple of line items, and, Joe, you correct me if I'm wrong, basically their

salaries and their attorney's salary, and maybe a supply line for paper clips and copiers and that sort of thing. Instead they have retained millions of dollars over time that should be in the Commission's budget, and they process those claims themselves. That's unlawful, and I'm not going to vote to pay those claims out of their budget anymore. So, in future meetings, unless we address this in some other way, I will constantly ask for this to be pulled out. Or maybe we should just from the get go pull it out, but I would like to make a motion to deny the Council's claims, and we can get a list so that it's clear on the record, and approve all of the rest of them. So, deny the Council's claims that are unlawfully paid out of their budget and to approve all of the rest. That's my motion.

President Ungethiem: Okay. Joe, any thoughts on that from a legal standpoint?

Joe Harrison, Jr.: The thing is they've been paid.

Commissioner Musgrave: I am aware.

Joe Harrison, Jr.: You know, I think you may want to hold that issue until the next meeting, whenever that is, but the claims have been paid. So, I'm not too sure, I think Commissioner Musgrave has made her point though.

Commissioner Musgrave: What if, instead of that, I make a motion that the Auditor is not to pay those claims in the future without them coming to, the Council claims, without them coming to us first, while we work on revising that ordinance?

Joe Harrison, Jr.: Well, the only issue is we have that ordinance in place, but, yes, I understand what, I understand your motion, but the ordinance is in place that allows that, allows claims to be paid out of order.

Commissioner Musgrave: It doesn't require it.

Joe Harrison, Jr.: I know.

Commissioner Musgrave: Alright, at any rate, you've had my motion.

President Ungethiem: I'm open to suggestions as to how we resolve this. Is this an issue that we can get with Council and somehow resolve this so that we don't have to face this in the future? I guess I'm looking for a solution—

Joe Harrison, Jr.: I think—

President Ungethiem: --to the problem.

Joe Harrison, Jr.: --I think so. I mean, there have been some discussions, and I think they've been fruitful, with some Councilmembers. I think the position expressed by Commissioner Musgrave will be certainly relayed to them, and that might help some. But, that would be my thought is that you do not, I don't think there's anything you can do today. Obviously those claims have been paid, but you pulled those out, they can be set aside and acted on again, but to deny them isn't going to do anything today.

Commissioner Musgrave: Right. I'm fully aware of that.

Joe Harrison, Jr.: But, the ordinance is out there, and, you know, the ordinance can always be changed. So, I think that that might be the way to go forward.

Commissioner Musgrave: I'm also willing to table these until our next meeting, when we have more information, perhaps a response, we have our third member here.

Joe Harrison, Jr.: Right.

Commissioner Musgrave: But, I'm not going to vote to pay these Council claims today.

President Ungethiem: Would you amend your motion to table this until two weeks from now?

Commissioner Musgrave: Certainly.

President Ungethiem: So, that we can have all three members present and we can have more discussion on this?

Commissioner Musgrave: What I'll do is withdraw my first motion.

President Ungethiem: Okay.

Commissioner Musgrave: And make a motion to table.

President Ungethiem: Okay, I will second that motion to table until we have all three members here and we can have some more discussion with Council. There's a motion and a second. Any further discussion? All of those in favor signify by saying aye.

Commissioner Musgrave: Aye.

President Ungethiem: Aye. Opposed?

(None opposed)

President Ungethiem: The motion carries.

(Motion approved 2-0)

Commissioner Musgrave: In thinking through this, I don't want to hold the approval up for the other claims. Does that make any difference? Little or none?

Brian Gerth: I don't know, I mean, I don't know if it really matters.

Commissioner Musgrave: Okay.

Brian Gerth: Clearly everything's been paid. We're just looking for Commissioners approval on the report, so when the State Board comes and pulls it, it's signed off on.

Commissioner Musgrave: It really doesn't matter when, but basically what has happened, that ordinance took all executive authority away from us and gave it to someone else.

President Ungethiem: Uh-huh.

Commissioner Musgrave: Rightly or wrongly, even, and Mr. Gerth has told me multiple times, that even if a claim later we decide, oh my gosh, that shouldn't have been paid, there's nothing we can do.

President Ungethiem: Okay. Joe, can I ask that if you could put together a meeting with some of the key folks in the County Council again, and let's see if we can get this resolved before the next meeting.

Joe Harrison, Jr.: Will do.

President Ungethiem: Okay, thank you.

Joe Harrison, Jr.: I'll see if I can get something together next week.

President Ungethiem: Thank you.

Adjournment

President Ungethiem: Seeing that there's nothing else on our agenda, and is there anything else to come before the Commissioners?

Commissioner Musgrave: Motion to adjourn.

President Ungethiem: I will second that, and we are adjourned.

(The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.)

CONSENT ITEMS:

Contracts-Agreements & Leases:

Health Dept: Water Testing Contract with IDNR & Harmonie State Park.

Commissioners:

Approval of the February 27, 2018 Commission Meeting Minutes.

Road Closure Request Approval: St. Wendel's Men's Club: Grillin' N Chillin' 5K.

Economic Development Coalition: February 2018 Report.

Old Courthouse: Pigeon Abatement Proposal: Detrimental Wildlife Removal.

UNOE: February 2018 Monthly Report.

Employment Changes:

Burdette Park (8)

Health Dept. (3)

Prosecutor (1)

Co. Assessor (2)

County Clerk (1)

Superior Court (3)

Sheriff (9)

Circuit Court (1)

DADS (1)

Travel Requests: Drug & Alcohol Deferral Services: 2018 Annual Travel Request.

County Engineer:

Department Report.

Pay Request No. 35: U.S. 41 TIF Expansion: \$150.

Pay Request No. 32: University Parkway TIF: \$16,269.

Pay Request No. 4: Phoenix Commerce Center TIF: \$495.

Claims.

Surplus Requests:

County Clerk: Five Sets of Roller Shelves.

County Assessor: Three Computer Monitors.

County Clerk: Request to Waive Fee at ONEP: Poll Worker Training.

Those in Attendance:

Bruce Ungethiem

Cheryl Musgrave

Brian Gerth

Joe Harrison, Jr.

Kristin Comer

Madelyn Grayson

Jim Heck

Others Unidentified

Members of Media

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