

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EMERGENCY MEETING
MARCH 31, 2020**

The Vanderburgh County Board of Commissioners met in session this 31ST day of March, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in Room BC of the Old National Events Plaza Center with President Jeff Hatfield presiding.

Reconvening of Emergency Meeting

President Hatfield: Okay, I'm going to call to order the Vanderburgh County Commissioners reconvened emergency meeting, March 31, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Attendance Roll Call

President Hatfield: Madelyn, could you call the roll?

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 you all stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

2020 Local Elected Officials Agreement

President Hatfield: Our first item under action items is the 2020 Local Elected Officials agreement. This is an agreement with the local Workforce Investment Board, and I would like to nominate Commissioner Shoulders to this board.

Commissioner Musgrave: 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? I guess, yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: I am a yes as well. That motion carries.

(Motion approved 3-0)

Superior Court: Professional Services Agreement: Veronica Inkenbrandt

President Hatfield: Item B is Superior Court, Professional Services Agreement with Veronica Inkenbrandt. Judge Lloyd has requested to staff the Protective Order Assistance Office. I just need a motion for approval.

Commissioner Musgrave: So moved.

Commissioner Shoulders: Second.

President Hatfield: Madelyn, 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. That motion carries.

(Motion approved 3-0)

Sheriff: Quality Correctional Care for Mental Health & Suicide Prevention

President Hatfield: Item C, agreement with Quality Correctional Care, LLC for mental health and suicide prevention services. This is adding 16 hours a week to an already signed contract for suicide prevention and intervention requested by the Sheriff. I just need a motion.

President Musgrave: Move approval.

Commissioner Shoulders: I will second the motion.

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. That motion carries. Thank you.

(Motion approved 3-0)

BRIT TPA and Assured Acknowledgment Agreement

President Hatfield: Item D is BRIT TPA and Assured Acknowledgment. This is just simply hiring our county's claims adjuster.

Commissioner Musgrave: And there's no change in the county adjuster, correct?

President Hatfield: That's correct.

Commissioner Musgrave: I move permission for approval.

Commissioner Shoulders: I will second the motion.

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. That motion passes.

(Motion approved 3-0)

Berry Plastics Hold Harmless Agreement

President Hatfield: Item E is a hold harmless with Berry Plastics, where the county is holding Berry harmless for the face guards that they are making for our local Sheriff's Office. These items are rushed. Berry is capable of making them, but they are not necessarily approved by the CDC or FDA at this point, because of time. And, I do know that they are modeled after face masks that are already being manufactured, and, I do believe in Berry. I believe that they can make these just as well. The need, I think, is immediate, and I encourage approval of this.

Commissioner Musgrave: Motion to approve.

Commissioner Shoulders: I will certainly 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. Thank you.

(Motion approved 3-0)

Hornby Lane Emergency Road Access Approval

President Hatfield: Item F is Hornby Lane emergency road access approval. This is a road we've been hearing about for a very long time, over a year. This will allow us to utilize our own forces and materials to make it passable and wide enough for emergency access vehicles only. I would like to entertain a motion to do that.

Commissioner Musgrave: So moved.

Commissioner Shoulders: 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)

Resolution CO.R-03-20-007: A Resolution Allowing County Employees To Use COVID-19 Benefits as Approved at the Emergency Meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council on March 25, 2020

President Hatfield: The next item is G, Resolution number CO.R-03-20-007, a resolution allowing county employees to use COVID-19 benefits, as approved at the emergency meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council on March 25, 2020.

Commissioner Shoulders: So moved.

Commissioner Musgrave: Second.

President Hatfield: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion on that? Or any Commissioners like to comment on that?

Commissioner Musgrave: This allows the employees to use 24 hours of paid time off before April 7th, which I think is in conflict with our handbook, correct?

President Hatfield: Yes, Ma'am.

Commissioner Musgrave: Okay, that's good.

President Hatfield: Hearing no other discussion, Madelyn, could you 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. That motion carries.

(Motion approved 3-0)

Department Head Reports

President Hatfield: Any department head reports? And, I think what we can do is, if, is County Engineer, John Stoll on the phone?

John Stoll: Yes.

President Hatfield: Do you have anything that you would like to enlighten us on today?

John Stoll: The only thing I have is that Peck Road termination that's on the consent agenda. Other than that, no, I don't have anything.

President Hatfield: Okay. Any other department heads that are on the line that would like to say a few words? Hearing none. Thank you, John.

New Business/Old Business

President Hatfield: Any new business from the Commissioners?

Commissioner Musgrave: No.

Commissioner Shoulders: No.

President Hatfield: I just have a few things to say. The Commissioners and myself, the last two weeks, have been very busy divvying up our skill set and working on and working with our fellow officeholders throughout the county, and, of course, our department heads. The first week, say a week ago prior, what we totally concentrated on was reorganizing the government to be able to work remotely. I do want to thank my fellow Commissioners Shoulders and Musgrave for all the fine work that they put into that. I would like to also

thank all the county officeholders. I felt like that particular week, after the Declaration, that everyone worked well together, everyone had the best interest of the employees, first and foremost on their mind. Our county government is split up into a dozen or better county officeholders, very unlike the city, and it takes an enormous amount of collaboration and cooperation to make county government move in one direction swiftly. And, comparative to the city, which has a lot more latitude on how quickly it can make decisions and move. I am extremely impressed with my fellow Commissioners, very impressed with my fellow county officeholders. Every single one of them had the best interest of the employees and how to restructure our government from home and still be effective and still provide services. And, so, I just want the citizens to know that they have an enormously talented group of officeholders. And, it could have been just the opposite direction, but it wasn't. And, I want to thank my fellow Commissioners Musgrave and Shoulders for all the fine work they did, and certainly want to thank the, all the county officeholders for the fine work that they did that first week. Any old business?

Commissioner Musgrave: Commissioner Hatfield, you've done a great job of coordinating and leading, and I want to thank you for the extra hours that you've been putting in. And I also want to recognize the work that Old National Events Plaza, along with (Inaudible) department, they've been doing great work. I thank them for pulling together our ability to have remote hearings in the Plaza, away from the Civic Center, in order to lessen the burden on the Civic Center.

Commissioner Shoulders: And I also want to add, and Commissioner Hatfield that's awful nice of you to say and awfully humbling, but you not only deserve a huge, huge thanks, but (Inaudible) last three, four weeks, since this crisis has been (Inaudible) truly exemplifies your leadership at its finest. So, I want to thank you, and I think Commissioner Musgrave agrees that the time that you've put into this, I don't even want to think how long the hours have been, and so thank you. This is a full county team effort (Inaudible) effort, but serving as President, you have been phenomenal. So, thank you for that. I also want to thank our County Garage and Highway Department (Inaudible) tornado (Inaudible). So, thank you for that. I believe everyone is safe from that, but now they're working double time and cleaning up. So, kudos to the County Garage for the extra effort now.

Commissioner Musgrave: I couldn't agree more with Commissioner Shoulders' words about your work, Commissioner Hatfield, and after the tornado I know that the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office was called out to help Newburgh and Warrick County. I want to say thank you to them for that as well.

President Hatfield: Thank you both. I also want to remind everyone about social distancing, washing your hands. I know that you've heard it a million times, but I also know that simple rules such as that will keep you safe. And, if we're not all washing our hands a hundred times a day, or practicing social distancing, we truly are putting our lives and the lives of others at risk, and so I do encourage all Vanderburgh County residents to practice social distancing, practice washing your hands. I know that no one needs to hear it from one more officeholder, but I will, I'm going to say it anyway. It is critical that we do those things, and the sooner that we all do it more religiously, the sooner this may pass. And, I also want to say on behalf of myself and my fellow Commissioners, the last two weeks I've met nothing but people who want others to be safe, and that's very encouraging to me. I've not met a selfish person in the last two weeks, and I do believe we're going to get through this. I do believe that if we believe in ourselves and we practice simple rules, we will get through this.

Consent Items

President Hatfield: With that said, any, that is old business. So, we'll move on to consent items.

Commissioner Musgrave: Wait.

President Hatfield: I'm sorry.

Commissioner Musgrave: Alright, I'll make a motion to approve the consent agenda.

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. The consent items are passed.

(Motion approved 3-0)

Recessing of Meeting

President Hatfield: The next item is basically a motion to recess the meeting until a further date.

Commissioner Musgrave: So moved.

Commissioner Shoulders: Second.

President Hatfield: Okay, a motion and a second to recess the meeting. This meeting is adjourned. Thank you everyone.

Commissioner Musgrave: Recessed.

Commissioner Shoulders: Recessed.

President Hatfield: Recess the meeting, yes.

(The meeting was recessed at 10:15 a.m.)

CONSENT ITEMS:

Commissioners:

Approval of the March 23, 2020 Emergency Meeting Minutes.

Employment Changes:

Health Dept. (1)	Coroner (1)	Prosecutor (1)
DADS (1)	Sheriff (3)	

County Treasurer & County Clerk: February 2020 Monthly Reports.

County Auditor: Claims Voucher Reports: 3/16-3/20/2020 & 3/23-3/27/2020.

County Engineer:

Department Report.
Peck Road Notice of Termination.

Those in Attendance Either in Person or by Teleconference:

Jeff Hatfield	Ben Shoulders	Cheryl Musgrave
Brian Gerth	Kristin Comer	Madelyn Grayson
John Stoll	Others Unidentified	Members of Media

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Jeff Hatfield, President

Ben Shoulders, Vice President

Cheryl A.W. Musgrave, Member

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