

VANDERBURGH COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
June 8, 2021

The Vanderburgh County Board of Commissioners met in session this 8th day of June, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in Exhibit Hall A of the Old National Events Plaza with President Ben Shoulders presiding.

Call to Order

President Shoulders: Good afternoon and welcome to the Vanderburgh County Board of Commissioners meeting, today, June 8, 2021, here at the Old National Events Plaza. Hard to believe we're already in to June.

Attendance Roll Call

President Shoulders: On that note, Madelyn, the roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Here.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Hatfield?

Commissioner Hatfield: I'm here.

Madelyn Grayson: President Shoulders?

President Shoulders: Here as well.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Shoulders: On that note, please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

President Shoulders: Thank you. Any students with us here today? Any students with us today? No? Okay.

**Permission to Open Quotes: VC21-05-03:
Havenwood Meadows Pipe Repair**

President Shoulders: Our first item, before we get to the action items, is the permission to open quotes for the VC21-05-03, Havenwood Meadows Pipe Repair. I ask for a motion to open the quotes.

Commissioner Musgrave: So moved.

President Shoulders: And, I will second the motion. 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: Our County Legal will start opening those quotes, and we will get back to you on that.

Health Dept: COVID-19 Vaccination Update

President Shoulders: On to the people's business here. Our first action item is from our Vanderburgh County Health Department. Mr. Joe Gries is here with a COVID-19 vaccination update. Joe, the floor is yours.

Joe Gries: Good afternoon. Thank you. I wanted to give you some, a little bit different format here. So, I've printed off our June schedule for the Health Department, and I've provided that to the Commissioners today. Just to give you some highlights, some of the single type events that we're going to be doing this month, obviously, last Saturday we were with United Neighborhoods at the block party here in downtown Evansville. A week from this Saturday we're going to be at the Hudson & Reed Pride event at Garvin Park. We're going to be vaccinating people there. And, then, a week after that the Mexican Consulate will be visiting Evansville, and we're going to be there trying to hit some of our minority populations. Working with Alexis here at ONEP, we had a really good meeting yesterday with some community partners, working on spending the money from FEMA, getting the word out, doing some awareness and some education campaigning. Also, looking at some incentivizing for some of the clinics that we are going to be having. We're still, Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday we've got the bus out at several different locations each and every week. So, that's continuing to go really well. So, and we're also reaching out to different businesses. We still have businesses reaching out to us and talking about coming to their location again. Right now, the idea is, the stand-alone closed pod idea is pretty much, we've hit our limit there. Obviously, the hospitals still have, you can go to their locations. There're pharmacies; CVS, Walgreen's, Walmart all have those, but what we're trying to do with the Health Department is go mobile and go to where people are. So, starting also in July-August-September we're looking at any type of large event. If anybody has any event that they want to reach out to us that they want us there, we'll be happy to consider and try to be a part of that as much as we can. But, we want to fill up the schedule as much as we can and go to the people. So, that's the idea over the next several months.

Commissioner Musgrave: Are you limited to Monday through Friday business hours?

Joe Gries: No, no, no. We'll do Saturdays-Sundays, evenings, yeah, we've done that from the beginning really. We had to go out to Ameriqua, it was 10:00 at night to get some third shift people. So, those things happen as well, yeah. And, we've got staff that will, we flex schedules or they get some overtime, things of that nature.

Commissioner Musgrave: That's truly wonderful. Thank you for the work you're doing on that.

Joe Gries: Absolutely. As far as numbers, we're seeing about 400-500, no, I'm sorry, I take that back. It's about 300 on the seven-day rolling average per day. So, again, it's down, but, again, we're trying to change the method, and, hopefully, attract more people to getting the vaccine. We're still below 50% fully vaccinated, but it incrementally climbs each day. So, anytime we have another 200-300 people we can vaccinate, that's a win in my book, so. And, our numbers are really low right now. I think last week was under 40 for the total for the week. So, things are looking really good.

Commissioner Musgrave: Well, I see your zip code analysis of where folks are vaccinated by percentage, and it's startling to me to see that 47713 is the lowest, at 40.8%, well, first dose administered. I just, you know, do everything you possibly can, please—

Joe Gries: Absolutely.

Commissioner Musgrave: --to move those numbers.

Joe Gries: Yeah.

Commissioner Musgrave: I guess, the highest number here is 72% in 47708, which is the area right around the Civic Center.

Joe Gries: Right, and there's just, there's not a lot of people that live in that zip code. There's obviously a lot of businesses, but there's some. But, yeah, that's what our focus is, those areas that have those lower percentages, we're going to focus on them. And, it's the same zip codes that we have bad health outcomes, you know, overdose deaths, and fetal infant mortality issues. So, we know those areas are in need of access to healthcare and all of that. So, we're trying to really hit that.

President Shoulders: Well, Joe, thank you for being here.

Joe Gries: Absolutely.

President Shoulders: As always, thanks for the report and keep up the great work.

Joe Gries: Okay, thank you very much.

Commissioner Hatfield: Thanks, Joe.

Joe Gries: Yeah.

E-REP: Request to Assign 2021 GAGE & Economic Coalition Contracts

President Shoulders: Okay, our next, thanks again, Joe, our next action item is the E-REP presentation. Greg Wathen is here, the Co-CEO, to give us a presentation, and, I believe, request.

Greg Wathen: Thank you, Mr. President. So, really here today to do one thing and one thing only. As you know, back in January, the legacy organizations; the Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana, as well as the Growth Alliance for Southwest Indiana¹, we had contracts we signed in January, performed services for Vanderburgh County through each of our organizations. What we're asking for now, those contracts basically were signed that we have the ability to, for you to say we want to assign that to the new Evansville Regional Economic Partnership. Because we're performing the function of both for what was previously the Coalition, as well as the Growth Alliance.

President Shoulders: Okay, and, do you have the amount?

Greg Wathen: Right, so, so what you had previously, let's break it up into two. For the Growth Alliance there was \$150,000. \$75,000 was approved and awarded in January, and then the other \$75,000 would come in in July. For the Coalition, we were to have it a little bit earlier, in April, we postponed that, moving it back until this point in time where we had an opportunity to have that discussion. So, we have not received anything, and, typically our funding would come in in two tranches, we would do one, would have done in April, and the other, I think, would have been normally around November. And, so, what you're looking at right now, \$75,000 of the \$300,000 has been awarded paid, and we're looking for the remainder of the \$225,000.

President Shoulders: And, you're looking for that by the end of this year?

Greg Wathen: Right—

President Shoulders: Through this county?

Greg Wathen: --so, you do that, so, we can either do it, as you're looking at it—

President Shoulders: However you cut it up.

Greg Wathen: --because, basically, I mean, you could either do it, the Coalition's portion that would have been this month, I would dare say we probably would do it, if you're looking at July coming in—

President Shoulders: Yeah.

¹ Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville

Greg Wathen: --for the Growth Alliance maybe we just do it in July and we do the other one in November, and just making it simple for both.

President Shoulders: But, this request is just through this calendar year?

Greg Wathen: Through this calendar year. All of our agreements with any one of the public partners that we have, they're all through calendar years.

President Shoulders: Okay, and I know that E-REP is starting to gain momentum—

Greg Wathen: Right.

President Shoulders: --and I know that it, hearing a lot of buzz about it. You had a great recent article about it on Sunday, Greg. On that note, we had the presentation last meeting, so, I'll ask for a motion.

Commissioner Musgrave: Can we have discussion first?

President Shoulders: Yeah, we can have discussion first.

Commissioner Musgrave: Okay, so, Mr. Wathen has told you that unincorporated Vanderburgh County supported economic development efforts to the total of \$300,000 a year. During the consolidation effort, movement of the organizations, I began to ask what the other entities, governmental entities were paying. And, I would like to point out that the population of unincorporated Vanderburgh County is about the same as the population of the entire Warrick County. So, we pay \$300,000, Warrick County, to the best of our knowledge standing here today, pays about \$78,000.

Greg Wathen: \$78,000, right.

Commissioner Musgrave: For a total (Inaudible). So, we're paying a lot more than, let's call it four times more, than Warrick County is paying. And, I know that this all started back when the organizations were set up way back in the day, and the idea was that we would, Vanderburgh County would encourage the other governmental entities to step up and pay their share. Well, no one ever made sure that that happened, because the money just kept rolling in from Vanderburgh County and the City of Evansville. And, I feel that the unincorporated taxpayers of Vanderburgh County need to be given a break. Our population for all of Vanderburgh County is forecasted to grow, with the new census numbers in the one percent range, one point something or other percent. Warrick County is projected to grow in the six percent range. So, I cannot make a motion to pay four times as much as Warrick County, but I want everyone to understand that economic development is a fundamental need that you have to support at the governmental level. I just want parody in how much we're paying. So, someone else will have to make the motion and someone else will have to second it, because I cannot support it.

Greg Wathen: I would like to just give some clarity to, Commissioner Musgrave. I don't think we always look at it as unincorporated vs. incorporated. We look at Vanderburgh County, here are our five (Inaudible) partners; Vanderburgh County, the City of Evansville, and then the other counties, which would be Posey, Warrick and Gibson. And, in particular, both Warrick and Gibson have increased their commitment to us. We're having those discussions as we speak with Posey, but it is a process as you're going through. We originally set this up as based on a per capita basis on population. And, so, that's why you see the commitments being what they are. Obviously, Warrick County has seen some population increase, but they also have increased it over a period of time, and we'll continue having those discussions with them as well.

President Shoulders: Well, thank you, Commissioner Musgrave, for your comments, and thank you, Greg, for yours. I don't have any other comments at this time, on this, on that note, I ask for a motion.

Commissioner Hatfield: I'll make a motion.

President Shoulders: I will second the motion. Madelyn, the roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: No.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Hatfield?

Commissioner Hatfield: You know, I want to say that I have the utmost respect for Commissioner Musgrave and her points are very valid and well taken. How I look at this is a little different. You know, because of our participation, how its historically been at that level, you know, as Commissioners, me personally, I expect more for that money. Now, our budget is anywhere from \$50 million to \$60 million in Vanderburgh County. Warrick County is right at about \$16 million. So, I don't know what that percentage is, you know, participation, but my yes vote is basically contingent on seeing that the money that we put in is good money. I'm going to give the organization the benefit of the doubt, that, you know, our return on investment is equal to or greater than it has been in the past, vis a vis other counties. Knowing full well that Warrick County's budget, since that was used in an example, theirs is about \$16 million, ours between \$50 and \$60 million, so we are \$300,000, they're \$75,000, so, you know, it's kind of, probably, proportionately similar, I suppose. But, my expectations of what we get for our money are still, you know, still there. I have the utmost respect for Commissioner Musgrave's position. I've heard her and respect that, but mine is sort of a year by year vote, and conditioned on results. But, I vote yes.

President Shoulders: Okay, and I'll echo some of that. I certainly respect Commissioner Musgrave's comments. In addition to the pro rata and the, you know, prorational thing that Commissioner Hatfield pointed out, you know, I've seen, both internally and externally how this merger has taken place. You know, we're in to June now, it's just now taking off, this is just through the calendar year request. This isn't a long-term request where we're asking for, or Greg's group is asking for this amount year over year and we're locked into some 10-20 year contract. So, my vote is yes as well.

(Motion approved 2-1. Commissioner Musgrave opposed.)

Greg Wathen: Thank you.

President Shoulders: Thanks, Greg.

Superior Court: Independent Contractor Agreement: Jennifer Wilkey

President Shoulders: Our next item is Superior Court. That's the independent contractor agreement with Jennifer Wilkey. That's a one year contract. It's \$1,500 per quarter with lump sum payments. I ask for a motion.

Commissioner Musgrave: Motion to approve.

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

(Motion approved 3-0)

**Final Reading of Ordinance CO.06-21-008:
Electronic Meetings Policy**

President Shoulders: The next one is the final reading of the ordinance number CO.06-21-008. This is an ordinance establishing the policy by which members of the Board of Commissioners of Vanderburgh County may participate by electronic means of

communication. And, this is, again, the final read, first read passed last meeting. I ask for a motion.

Commissioner Musgrave: Was there any public comment?

President Shoulders: Unless there is any public comment. I don't believe, no one listed here for public comment on this subject, so.

Commissioner Musgrave: Alright, I'll make a motion to approve—

President Shoulders: Okay.

Commissioner Musgrave: --ordinance CO.06-21-008.

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

(Motion approved 3-0)

<p style="text-align: center;">First & Final Reading of Ordinance CO.06-21-009: Amending Ch. 2.56.070: Human Relations Commission Ordinance</p>
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President Shoulders: This next one is the first reading of ordinance CO.06-21-009, an ordinance amending section 2.56.070 of the Vanderburgh County code. Unless either Commissioner has any comments, I ask for a motion.

Commissioner Musgrave: I would like to ask the attorney if I can make a motion to waive the first reading, and then we would go on and pass this in one meeting? Alright, so my motion is to waive the—

President Shoulders: If it's unanimous he said.

Commissioner Musgrave: I'll make a motion to waive the first reading of CO.06-21-009.²

President Shoulders: Okay.

Commissioner Hatfield: Second.

President Shoulders: A motion and a second. Madelyn, the roll call please, and this would be waiving—

Commissioner Hatfield: Before that, could we just describe generally.... I know what it is—

President Shoulders: Yeah.

Commissioner Hatfield: --but can we, for the record, describe briefly what this ordinance is.

President Shoulders: Sure, let's have the County Legal work on that. You just had it on. You're good.

Commissioner Hatfield: It's on.

² Should be to waive second reading and approve on first and final reading.

David Jones: This is an ordinance that is required, pursuant to a Supreme Court case, Bostock vs. Clayton County, Georgia, late 2020 decision. Pursuant to that case, the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development issued a memorandum directing that discrimination because of sex, as used in the Federal Fair Housing Act, includes discrimination because of sexual orientation and gender identity, and that complaints alleging housing discrimination because of sex, involving sexual orientation and gender identity are jurisdictional under the Act. Because this finding relates to some substantive rights protected by the Act, agencies that are participating in a Fair Housing Assistance Program must either administer a law that explicitly prohibits discrimination because of gender identity and sexual orientation, or must apply its Fair Housing law in a manner that's consistent with Bostock and the FHEO memorandum, which is a Memorandum of Understanding. There was a representative of HUD that met with our Human Relations Commission Director, I think last week. So, this is simply, a simple amendment to the existing ordinance that will bring it in compliance with Federal law.

President Shoulders: Okay.

Commissioner Hatfield: Thank you.

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

(Motion approved 3-0)

Commissioner Musgrave: Now, I will make a motion now to approve. Somebody turn their mic off. On final reading, the ordinance CO.06-21-009.

Commissioner Hatfield: Second.

President Shoulders: Okay, a motion and a second. Madelyn, the roll call please to approve final reading.

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)

Resolution CO.R-06-21-010: Opting Out of Opioid Settlement

President Shoulders: Okay, our next item is a Resolution number CO.R-06-21-010. This is the Resolution to opt out of opioid settlement, pursuant to Indiana Code 4-6-15-2. I'm again going to lean on our County Legal to give some color onto this before asking for a motion.

David Jones: Vanderburgh County, along with approximately 77 local units of government in Indiana, have filed previously lawsuits that are in what's called Multi-

District Litigation against opioid manufacturers and distributors. This has been ongoing for some time. We have counsel that represents the county, as well as the greater preponderance of the other local entities in Indiana, and I understand now the City of Evansville is also represented by the same firm that represents Vanderburgh County. These cases against different companies, be they manufacturers, distributors, what not, are pending in various jurisdictions. They've been grouped before trial at various stages. And, this has been underway, I don't know, four or five years at least. This year, the Attorney General pushed, with the Legislature, a last-minute bill, which is Indiana Code 4-6-15 that took effect, takes effect July 1st of 2021, and basically provides that local governments will get no money from settlements with defendants that the State sues after July 1st of 2021. Local governments would not receive any funds from settlements with other major opioid manufacturers and pharmacy defendants. The State, under this bill, controls 85% of all opioid settlement funds. 70% is to be distributed throughout the State by the FSSA. 50% of the 70% that's allocated by the FSSA on a regional basis. The State of Indiana grabs 15%, and 15% is then distributed to local governments, based solely on population. No new opioid cases can be initiated by local governments. There are a number of cases that are in final stages for settlement, and the various plaintiffs had previously worked out with courts a formula that would allocate the settlement based upon criteria that, I'll just condense and summarize, based upon the actual impact to those local communities of the opioid crisis. Not based simply on population. You could have a county or a city that has a smaller population, I'm going to use an example, a recent article, it's been that way for some time on Scott County in Indiana. A small rural county and it's probably one of the most impacted counties in the country for opioid. They would be much higher up on the ladder in distribution, because they faced a lot more difficulties. They have a bigger crisis, less ability to deal with it. So, this Act upsets that entire formula, that entire basis, and basically is a grab by the State, and it's, in my view, it's not fair to the local units of government that have been engaged in this for some time. There's other aspects of this. So, that's the recommendation of our counsel. It's the recommendation of your counsel, that we opt out. I'll also tell you there is a timeframe to do this. It needs to be done before June 30th. It needs to be certified and a notice sent to the Attorney General. Then there is another period of time, if circumstances were to change, that we could opt back in to the statute. And, that's a possibility if enough local units of government opt out, I think there will be negotiations. I know there are discussion with, between the State and the local units of government.

Commissioner Musgrave: With that explanation, I make a motion to approve.

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, and thanks again to County Legal for clarification here.

(Motion approved 3-0)

<p>Circuit Court: Home Verification Officer Agreements: John Helfrich, Dion Wingerter. Troy Hardin & Ryan Barrett</p>
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President Shoulders: Our next item, letter G, is a Circuit Court, this is the Home Verification Officer contracts for Vanderburgh County Veterans Court. This is a contract which commences on July 1st of this year and ends December 31st of this year. It's \$44 per hour, and it's paid from 9311 Veterans Court. I believe there are four Deputy Sheriff's involved, or, okay, that's separate, so this would just be the contract. I ask for a motion.

Commissioner Musgrave: So moved.

Commissioner Hatfield: Second.

President Shoulders: 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, and it looks like the contracts per officer, I do want to mention, that is four Deputy Sheriffs, and that is John Helfrich, Dion Wingerter, Troy Harding³ and Ryan Barrett.

(Motion approved 3-0)

County Engineer

President Shoulders: Next, our County Engineer is here, I believe, and he has the floor.

John Stoll: The first item I would like to request that we approve the hiring of SJCA to design Bridge Number 1911. This is on St. Joe Road at Neu Road. We've got a bridge inventory that provides recommendations on the bridges we need to replace every year, and this bridge is at the top of the list. If we can get the design contracts started this year, we should be able to submit it for a Community Crossings grant on this project some time next year. It would probably be the second Community Crossings application period, which would be July of next year, but this will allow us to move forward. SJCA has done prior bridge projects, so, and done them successfully, so, that's why I request we proceed with hiring them.

President Shoulders: Okay.

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: I am a yes as well.

(Motion approved 3-0)

President Shoulders: What else do you have, John?

John Stoll: I've got an administrative settlement for parcel 29 on the Boonville-New Harmony Road project. This will provide a revised offer amount of \$21,775, which is an increase of \$1,500. This property is owned by Sohn and Associates.

³ Hardin

Commissioner Musgrave: Motion to approve.

President Shoulders: I have a motion. I ask for a second.

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)

President Shoulders: Anything else, John?

John Stoll: I've got supplemental agreement number two with United Consulting on the Oak Hill Road project. This is the section of Oak Hill between Eastwood and Millersburg. The supplemental agreement does not change any fees on the contract, it just reassigns the tasks and the existing dollar amount in the contract. It came about due to some impacts of the design, how it will affect the relocation of a house, and also some possible permitting issues with the Corps of Engineers. All in all, everything, the fees stay the same, it's just a reallocation. So, I would request approval.

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: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Shoulders?

President Shoulders: I am a yes as well.

(Motion approved 3-0)

President Shoulders: Anything else, John?

John Stoll: Then, last, I've got four right-of-way offers for Boonville-New Harmony Road. The parcel numbers, owners and amounts are the following; parcel 32, the owner is Deana Nixon, the offer amount would be \$37,377.50; parcel 38, owned by Thomas Hilgeman, the offer amount will be \$35,205; parcel 41, David and Janet Hale, the offer will be \$24,357.50; and parcel 43, Kenneth and Sally Hodgson, the offer would be \$14,300. This is for the road project that will run between Petersburg Road and Highway 57.

Commissioner Musgrave: Motion to approve.

Commissioner Hatfield: Second.

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

(Motion approved 3-0)

President Shoulders: Anything else, John?

John Stoll: That's all.

President Shoulders: Okay.

John Stoll: Thanks.

President Shoulders: Thanks a lot.

Reading of Bids: VC21-05-03: Havenwood Meadows Pipe Repair

President Shoulders: Any other department heads?

Commissioner Hatfield: The bids.

President Shoulders: Oh, we've got the bids, okay. I'll lean over to County Legal for the bid openings from the Havenwood Meadows pipe repair. It's on.

David Jones: Two bids, the first bid Blankenberger Brothers, Inc, in the total sum of \$45,210 even. That was in order. Second, actually it's not a formal bid—

John Stoll: It's just a quote.

David Jones: --it's a quote.

President Shoulders: Yeah, a quote.

David Jones: The second quote from Deig Brothers Lumber and Construction Co., Inc., in the sum of \$48,438 even. And, that is also in order.

Commissioner Musgrave: Do I need to still make the motion to take the quotes under advisement? Or do we just receive the quotes?

John Stoll: We'll go back and review the quotes and then have a recommendation for an award at the next meeting.

Commissioner Musgrave: Okay, so I'll make a motion to take the quotes under advisement.

President Shoulders: Okay.

Commissioner Hatfield: Second.

President Shoulders: Okay, a motion and a second to take the quotes under advisement. Madelyn, the roll call.

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: Okay, thanks, John. Any other department heads with us here today who would like to speak? County department heads with us today? Okay.

New Business/Old Business

President Shoulders: Under new and old, I think we have a board appointment to Legal Aid.

Commissioner Musgrave: We do. One of our members of Legal Aid moved away from the community, and so Kevin Gray, who is an Assistant Professor of Criminology at University of Evansville has put in his application and has agreed to serve. So, Mr. Kevin Gray is the nomination.

President Shoulders: Okay. I ask for a motion to appoint—

Commissioner Musgrave: That was a motion.

President Shoulders: Okay, I ask for a second.

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: And, I am a yes as well.

(Motion approved 3-0)

President Shoulders: The only other thing I have is I just want to congratulate several sports teams locally; Memorial for winning the baseball sectional, all the track athletes, both individual and team who made a run at State, and then, even though they're not in Vanderburgh County, they're nearby and worth mentioning, the Boonville Women's Softball Team made it to State. So, I want to congratulate all of them.

Commissioner Hatfield: The only thing I have is I wanted to express my condolences to Commissioner Musgrave for the passing of her father this past week. Those of us who have experienced that realize and know that that's a very life, a life event for the family, and I just wanted to express my sincere condolences.

President Shoulders: Me too, Cheryl.

Commissioner Musgrave: Are you looking for the consent agenda approval?

President Shoulders: Do you have anything else?

Commissioner Hatfield: Under old business?

President Shoulders: Well, that was all we had for new and then for under, anything for under old?

Commissioner Hatfield: Yeah, I just want to congratulate Commissioner Shoulders for being inducted into the Harrison High School Hall of Fame.

President Shoulders: Oh, wow.

Commissioner Hatfield: I'm sure that those that have been inducted, including Commissioner Shoulders, are very proud of their career, and I just wanted to congratulate you.

President Shoulders: Thank you very much, Jeff.

Commissioner Musgrave: Well done.

President Shoulders: Very nice and thank you. Thanks again.

Consent Items

President Shoulders: On that note we ask for a motion to approve consent items.

Commissioner Musgrave: I'll make a motion to approve the consent items, with the exception of item E, which has been removed from the list.

President Shoulders: Okay.

Commissioner Hatfield: Second.

President Shoulders: I have a motion and a second to approve consent items minus letter E. 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)

Final Reading of Rezoning Ordinance VC-4-2021 Petitioner: Elite Development Group, LLC Address: Roscommon Road Request: Change from R-3 to Planned Unit Development (PUD) Action: Tabled to the June 22, 2021 Commission Meeting

President Shoulders: I think we have two, one rezonings today. And, this is a final read from our last meeting. It probably would help if I knew which one it was, VC-4-2021. The petitioner is Elite Development Group, LLC. Anyone here on behalf of that?

Commissioner Musgrave: They asked to continue it. Remember, he was going to be out of town.

President Shoulders: Okay, so, actually the vote is to continue to have the final read of this rezoning request at our next meeting, if that makes any sense. So, on June 22nd the final read will take place, they're just asking to continue the discussion in the meantime. So, I ask for a motion to continue this request until the June 22nd meeting.

Commissioner Musgrave: So moved.

Commissioner Hatfield: Second.

President Shoulders: 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)

Public Comment

President Shoulders: I think we had two people sign up for public comment. As always, we just make, we want to make sure our public comment, we are respectful to everyone. Well, one already actually spoke, that was Greg Wathen with E-REP. So, we have, and apologies if I mispronounce your last name, Jessica Angelique? There you are. Alright. Your name, address and subject whenever you get a chance. The floor is yours.

Jessica Angelique: My name is Jessica Angelique.

President Shoulders: Wait until you get to the—

Jessica Angelique: I'm sorry.

President Shoulders: Yeah.

Jessica Angelique: Wow, it's really in your face.

President Shoulders: You can move the mic down too, if you need to.

Jessica Angelique: Okay, there we go. My name is Jessica Angelique. What else did you ask, address?

President Shoulders: Address and your subject.

Jessica Angelique: I currently reside at 714 E. Columbia Street in Evansville, Indiana, Jacobsville Neighborhood. Was that it?

President Shoulders: Yes.

Jessica Angelique: Name and address? Okay. May I have permission to hand the Commissioners—

President Shoulders: Absolutely.

Jessica Angelique: --okay.

President Shoulders: Yeah, watch all the taped wires. Thank you.

Jessica Angelique: Okay, hi, my name is Jessica Angelique. I'm a little nervous, because this means so much. The reason why I am here today speaking before the Commission is to ask permission to begin the, put together a commission to end youth homelessness in Evansville, Indiana by 2026. So, the information that you have in front of you, I put together just kind of a little bit of a presentation, a few pages, and on the opposite side you will see where I got my numbers and reference information, so that you have that information as well. The reason why I want to put together a commission is for a few reasons. Of course, in 2019 we had 448 homeless youth ages 18-24 here in Vanderburgh County. And, also in 2019, we also had 507 youth exiting foster care here in Vanderburgh County as well. So, those are significant numbers, and those numbers come directly from the Kids Count Data Book in 2019, and, again, some of that information and those references are to the opposite side of the folder that I handed to you. The numbers show a clear need for there to be a commission put together to end youth homelessness here in Evansville, Indiana. There's never been a commission to end youth homelessness here in Evansville, and some of the numbers that we're seeing, and some of the numbers that my organization is seeing, warrant that we have a commission that is focused on that. Our goal for the commission would be to, obviously, prevent and end youth homelessness here in Evansville by the year 2026. I know that is, may sound like a lofty goal, but a commission, commission members, excuse me, we would design the plan, and, of course, that plan would be presented to the City of Evansville, and, of course, to the

Commissioners as well, for approval, but, I believe that a coordinated plan involving stakeholders and community members and leaders to end youth homelessness here in Evansville is direly needed. It's direly needed. And, of course, our objectives for our goal would be SMART. And, of course, that's SMART meaning Specific Measurable Achievable Realistic and Timebound goals. I believe that that is the only way that we are going to be able to achieve our ultimate goal of ending youth homelessness here in Evansville. On slide four you will see a list of the invited commission members, some of those will be attending the meeting that we will be having, and that meeting is scheduled for Friday, the 11th at 1:15 p.m., and it will be a Zoom meeting. If you are interested in attending that meeting, sirs and ma'am's, I will forward you that link and that information as well. And, that is just going to be an informational meeting, we're just going to talk about a lot of things. One of the things that we're going to talk about is the YHDP, the Youth Homelessness Demonstrative Program, and that is a grant in the new initiative from HUD. And, what that does is that seeks to fund city and county government who have presented a plan to end youth homelessness in their city and county. And, what it does is it funds, it's a renewable grant and for us it would be applied for by the IHADA, they would apply for that grant for us, and then we, as a city would determine how to use that based on our coordinated community plan to prevent and end youth homelessness in Evansville, Indiana by 2026. And, in closing, I just want to say thank you for your time, and I came before you today hoping that you will approve and give me permission to begin the commission to prevent and end youth homelessness here in Evansville, something that's near and dear to my heart. So, thank you very much.

President Shoulders: Well, Jessica, thanks for making time and being here with us today. I, my only question or questions is, I noticed on the invited commission members list, you know, you have a couple from the Homelessness Services Council?

Jessica Angelique: Yes, sir.

President Shoulders: I think, are you on that? Yeah, and I used to serve on that, and Commissioner Musgrave is on that now, will you bounce kind of, because, I know yours is specific to youth, where they are overall homelessness, but will you, in addition to having the two members on your commission, will you kind of work closely with them. Because it sounds like the missions are very similar, even though you're focused on youth and they're focused on overall homelessness.

Jessica Angelique: Right, so, going by the city plan, we had a, Evansville has a, to prevent and end, I think homelessness here in Evansville. That plan, I believe, was put out in 2014, and so the members of that, or some of the individuals that I asked, and, you're right, the plans hopefully will mirror one another—

President Shoulders: Yeah.

Jessica Angelique: --and, hopefully, we can work together and coordinate, but youth homelessness is obviously different from—

President Shoulders: Sure.

Jessica Angelique: --other forms of homelessness. So, I want to make sure that there is a, I want to make sure that there's a focus on that, because I am seeing a lot of youth, through my organization, my organization is fairly new to Evansville, Foster Care in the U.S., since 2019, and since that time we have had 38 youth, and more this year because of the pandemic, who are homeless, they're pregnant, they're parenting. Most are graduating from high school and they can't read. So, I didn't even figure in the literacy issue. So, there's a lot that's going on within the City of Evansville.

President Shoulders: So, this is really—

Commissioner Musgrave: I do have a question.

President Shoulders: I was just going to say, so, this is really more, this is a foster care commission?

Jessica Angelique: No.

President Shoulders: Oh, okay.

Jessica Angelique: No, this commission is to end youth homelessness—

President Shoulders: Okay.

Jessica Angelique: -- in Evansville, Indiana.

President Shoulders: Okay, because you had down foster care.

Jessica Angelique: Yes, my organization—

President Shoulders: Oh, that's where you are now? I'm sorry.

Jessica Angelique: Yes.

President Shoulders: Gotcha, gotcha.

Jessica Angelique: You're fine. My organization is called Foster Care in the U.S.

President Shoulders: Commission, I see.

Jessica Angelique: And we exist to improve the outcomes—

President Shoulders: Got it.

Jessica Angelique: --of homeless foster care youth and young adults.

President Shoulders: Got it.

Commissioner Musgrave: I missed the last meeting of the Homelessness Commission, but have you approached them to ask to be a part of it? Because many of the people you have on your slide, it's the same people.

Jessica Angelique: Yes, ma'am, I have. And, the commission meeting, the Homeless Services Commission meets on Friday, the second Friday of every month at 12:00, via Zoom right now.

Commissioner Musgrave: No, I mean, the current Homelessness Commission, have you asked to have your concept be folded into that?

Jessica Angelique: Yes, ma'am, I spoke to Mr. Weir and he and I are discussing it. And, so, I have to go before them at their next meeting, which is next month.

Commissioner Musgrave: Okay, Commissioners, I just want to tell you, remind you perhaps, we have an opening on the Homelessness Commission.

President Shoulders: We do?

Commissioner Musgrave: We need to appoint someone to it. So, I'm wondering if perhaps you're interested in serving as our representative?

Jessica Angelique: Would that take away from, or draw away from the issue of homeless youth in doing so?

Commissioner Musgrave: I would think that you being on the—

President Shoulders: I would think it would enhance it.

Commissioner Musgrave: --you would—

Jessica Angelique: What do you need me to do?

Commissioner Hatfield: I personally think that, you know, first off, you do not need anyone's permission to do what you're doing, number one.

President Shoulders: You don't.

Commissioner Hatfield: Okay, and I applaud you for caring so much and making this part of what you do and who you are. By being appointed to this commission, it gives you a platform to advocate for specifically focusing in on homelessness of children.

Jessica Angelique: Okay.

Commissioner Hatfield: You'll be part of this overall group, but it could also give you a platform to move the commission to concentrate on homelessness of children. I think it's worth a try, right?

Jessica Angelique: Yes, it is. Yes, it is.

President Shoulders: I couldn't agree more with both of my fellow Commissioners, and it would give you, I think it would enhance it, and I think it would give you a voice internally as well, with the overall homelessness here. Do you want to go ahead?

Commissioner Musgrave: I'm going to make a motion to appoint Jessica Angelique to the Homelessness Commission, as the County Commissioners representative.

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. The motion passes.

(Motion approved 3-0)

President Shoulders: And, Jessica is now our newest board appointee to the Vanderburgh County Homelessness Commission.

Madelyn Grayson: Jessica, we need to make sure we have your contact information, because we will have to send you certification paperwork.

Jessica Angelique: Yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Musgrave: And, I want to tell Kristin Comer, our staff member who is listening online here, to be sure and get that contact information and make sure that Jessica Angelique is given all the appropriate forms to sign in order to become a full member of the board, and to present to the board at its next meeting as a full member of that board.

President Shoulders: Yeah.

Jessica Angelique: Thank you. Thank you so much.

President Shoulders: Thank you.

Jessica Angelique: Thank you for your time.

Commissioner Hatfield: And, let us know what we can do to help you.

Jessica Angelique: I will, and I will keep you informed every step of the way. We have a home at 23 E. Columbia Street, if you guys ever get a chance to drive by. That was donated to us by ECHO Housing Corporation. I have some really fantastic mentors; Chris Metz, Sarah Wolf, Danett Romines, and then I just added Mr. Jones, Mr. Bob Jones to that.

President Shoulders: Oh, wow.

Jessica Angelique: And, they're the reason really that I'm able to do what I am today. And, so, hopefully, that home will be the first permanent, supportive housing home for youth in Evansville, Indiana, in Evansville's history. So, we've never had one, so I'm very excited about that, and I'm working very hard on that. This has been a 30 plus year journey for me, and, so, I hope to be able to provide housing and stability and services to homeless youth in Vanderburgh County. So, thank you again for your time.

President Shoulders: Jessica, thank you.

Commissioner Hatfield: Thank you.

Commissioner Musgrave: Thank you.

President Shoulders: And, you've got some amazing people behind you and involved with you, and keep up the great work.

Jessica Angelique: Thank you so much. I appreciate it.

President Shoulders: Yeah, absolutely.

Adjournment

President Shoulders: Okay, well, on that note, I ask for an adjournment, unless anyone else has anything to come before this Board.

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: I am a yes.

(Motion approved 3-0)

President Shoulders: We are adjourned. And, remember, this next meeting we will still be here, one last time, in the Old National Events Plaza, on June 22nd. Thank you.

(The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.)

CONSENT ITEMS:

Commissioners:

Approval of the May 25, 2021 Commission Meeting Minutes.

Employment Changes:

Health Dept. (3)	Burdette Park (16)	Co-Op Ext. (1)
County Clerk (4)	Auditor (1)	Treasurer (2)
Sheriff (1)	Prosecutor (2)	Circuit Court (3)
Superior Court (3)		

County Treasurer: April 2021 Monthly Report.

County Engineer: Department Report & Claims.

County Auditor:

Claims Voucher Reports: 5/24-5/28/2021 & 5/31-6/4/2021.
Surplus Request: Six PC's.

Those in Attendance:

Ben Shoulders	Jeff Hatfield	Cheryl Musgrave
David Jones	Craig Emig	Madelyn Grayson
Joe Gries	Greg Wathen	John Stoll
Jessica Angelique	Others Unidentified	Members of Media

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