

VANDERBURGH COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
June 22, 2021

The Vanderburgh County Board of Commissioners met in session this 22nd day of June, 2021 at 3:01 p.m. in Exhibit Hall A of the Old National Events Plaza with President Ben Shoulders presiding.

Call to Order

President Shoulders: Okay, good afternoon, and welcome to the Vanderburgh County Board of Commissioners meeting, today, June 22, 2021 here at the Old National Events Plaza.

Attendance Roll Call

President Shoulders: Madelyn, please, attendance please.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Here.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Hatfield?

Commissioner Hatfield: Here.

Madelyn Grayson: President Shoulders?

President Shoulders: And, I am here as well.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Shoulders: On that note, please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

President Shoulders: Thank you.

Introduction of Students in Attendance

President Shoulders: Any students with us here today? Students?

Commissioner Musgrave: We do have.

President Shoulders: I think we do have a student with us today. If you could come up and say your name and the school you attend. Come up to the mic there, yeah.

JaRon Darrett: JaRon Darrett and I go to Harrison.

President Shoulders: As did I. Great school.

Commissioner Musgrave: Welcome.

President Shoulders: Well, thanks for being with us here today. Alright, any other students with us here today? No? Okay.

Permission to Open Bids: VC21-05-01: Concrete Street Repairs

President Shoulders: Before we get to the action items, we have another item, it's permission to open bids for VC21-05-01¹. This is the concrete street repairs. And, I ask for a motion to open the bids.

Commissioner Musgrave: So moved.

Commissioner Hatfield: Second.

President Shoulders: Madelyn, the roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Hatfield?

Commissioner Hatfield: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Shoulders?

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

(Motion approved 3-0)

President Shoulders: We'll lean on our County Legal to start opening the bids and get back with you.

**First & Final Reading of Ordinance CO.07-21-010:
Adding Section 2.90.345: Sexual Abuse Prevention Policy**

President Shoulders: On to the people's business. The first action item is a first reading of ordinance CO.07-21-010, adding section 2.90.345. This is the sexual abuse prevention policy to chapter 2.90, the employee handbook of the Vanderburgh County code. Here with us today, we have Bob Dillow from Torian Insurance to speak to this item. Bob, the floor is all yours.

Bob Dillow: Thank you very much. I'm here today because I want to speak in support of a proposed amendment to the employee handbook, adding language regarding sexual abuse prevention. Your new insurer has recommended, and I should say demanded, that the current ordinance in place that establishes procedures for properly handling the administration of a county-wide abuse policy, should be updated. The insurer asked our agency to communicate with the leadership of the county to determine if there would be a willingness by the Commissioners to consider revising and updating the current policy. As you know, there was unanimous agreement among the Commissioners to do so. I would particularly like to thank David Jones and his team for their efforts in drafting the necessary language in the updated ordinance. I would also like to thank the Sheriff's Department, the Auditor and the Health Department for their help in obtaining the information necessary that was requested by the insurance company. And, lastly, Craig Emig yesterday suggested to me that it would be nice, since we're requesting this, if we would find a way to fund an administration or a loss control prevention meeting with department heads to do so. Craig, the insurance company has set aside \$5,000 to help in that endeavor. So, after this meeting, I would like to, in the next few days, communicate the beginning of how I recommend that that process should take place.

President Shoulders: Wonderful.

Bob Dillow: That's my presentation. Are there any questions?

Commissioner Musgrave: I have a question, but not for you. Is there any value to passing this ordinance today after waiving first reading? And this is a question to our lawyers.

¹ Should be VC21-05-01.

David Jones: The sooner the better.

Commissioner Hatfield: Push your button.

David Jones: I hate this.

Commissioner Hatfield: You're on.

David Jones: The sooner the better.

President Shoulders: Okay.

Commissioner Musgrave: With that advice, I make a motion to waive the first reading of CO.07-21-010.²

Commissioner Hatfield: Second.

President Shoulders: I have a motion and a second to waive first reading. 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, to waive first read.

(Motion approved 3-0)

Commissioner Musgrave: Motion to approve on second reading, ordinance CO.07-21-010.

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: And, I am a yes as well to approve final read of this amended ordinance.

(Motion approved 3-0)

President Shoulders: Unless there's any other questions, thank you, Bob, for your time and for your guidance on this.

Bob Dillow: Thank you, and may I have an emailed copy of the signed revised ordinance that I can send to the insurance company? Thank you.

President Shoulders: Thank you, Bob.

² Waive the second reading and approve on first and final reading.

Health Dept: COVID 19 Vaccine Update

President Shoulders: Okay, our next item is our Health Department update. Mr. Joe Gries is here with us from the Vanderburgh County Health Department. Joe, the floor is yours.

Joe Gries: Good afternoon, Commissioners. Thank you. I don't have a whole lot to report as far as a vaccine update, but I did want to let you know we're continuing to work with Alexis and her team and a lot of local partners on the FEMA money, getting out the message in a way that, hopefully, will convince more and more people to receive the vaccine. Focusing on the populations that are, have lower levels of vaccinated individuals, and in those geographic zip code areas. So, we're continuing working on that. The State did tell us today that they're going to be providing us with data on who is not vaccinated in our county. So, that will be helpful too, just to know, you know, those people that we need to reach out to and try to provide those resources. So, that's kind of where we are with our vaccine. Everything is continuing with the Health Department. We're out every week and the hospitals, lots of different places you can get the vaccine here in Vanderburgh County. I think at one time I counted that it was over 50. So, with all the different pharmacies and different things like that, so.

President Shoulders: Wow.

Joe Gries: So, I don't know if you have any questions there. If not, I can go into the rest of it. Okay.

Health Dept. Contract with Verizon

Joe Gries: So, our first other item is a contract with Verizon. This is for our WIC, Women Infant & Children Nutrition Program, for phones for their staff. They contact their clients with those phones, those WIC phones, and that will be paid for through that grant.

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: And, I am a yes as well.

(Motion approved 3-0)

President Shoulders: What else do you have, Joe?

**Health Dept. Immunization Clinic Contracts:
Laura Lively, Amanda Arnold & Chase Throop**

Joe Gries: The next three, and I don't know if you want to take them all at once, or one at a time, but we have contracts for Laura Lively, Amanda Arnold and Chase Throop. These are going to be paid for through our Immunization Grant. These contracts will be for these individuals to continue to help us with our COVID clinics and our immunization efforts. Also, to get, to make sure our school age children are vaccinated before they go back to school, just for their normal vaccines.

Commissioner Musgrave: I would like to make a motion for all three contracts at the same time, as long as the attorney doesn't object. And, I don't see an objection. So, motion to approve the contract with Laura Lively, Amanda Arnold and Chase Throop.

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

(Motion approved 3-0)

Health Dept: Immunization Grant Agreement
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Joe Gries: And, the final item is a, this is a contract with the Indiana Department of Health, again, for the next two years for us to receive our normal Immunization Grant. We receive this every year, about this time. This will run for 12 months, receiving \$100,175 for the first 12 months, and then the second 12 months, all the way through June of 2022. So, this is money we will use to help vaccinate children, teens and adults here in Vanderburgh County.

Commissioner Musgrave: And, this is non-COVID vaccinations, right?

Joe Gries: Correct.

Commissioner Musgrave: Okay, motion to approve.

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

Commissioner Hatfield: Second.

President Shoulders: I have 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)

Joe Gries: I think that's it.

President Shoulders: Is that everything you've got, Joe?

Joe Gries: Yes.

President Shoulders: Okay, well thanks so much.

Joe Gries: Thank you, Commissioners.

President Shoulders: Thank you for the update.

Commissioner Hatfield: Thanks, Joe.

**Sheriff's Office: Interlocal Agreement with Posey County:
Out of County Inmate Housing**

President Shoulders: Our next item is with the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office, and interlocal agreement between Posey and Vanderburgh County to potentially house jail inmates to Posey, or in Posey, if need be. I ask for a motion—

Commissioner Hatfield: So moved.

Commissioner Musgrave: 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. That motion passes.

(Motion approved 3-0)

CIO: Amended Cisco Flex Lease Payment Schedule

President Shoulders: The next item is with Computer Services. This is a State and Local government software lease-purchase agreement amended lease payment schedule. Hello, sir.

Vernon Lutz: Good afternoon, Commissioners. This is just a schedule that was already approved, and it was a verbiage change. The verbiage in it was just basically giving us a 30-day period of time to pay the first initial payment. The original contract gave us at the commencement of the contract. So, this is just giving us the 30 days. All I need is an approval and a signature on that to submit it.

Commissioner Musgrave: So moved.

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: And, I am a yes as well.

(Motion approved 3-0)

President Shoulders: This is just the 30-day amended—

Vernon Lutz: Right.

President Shoulders: --from before?

Vernon Lutz: Correct.

President Shoulders: Yeah, and I am a yes as well.

Vernon Lutz: Thank you.

President Shoulders: Thanks.

Amendment to WATCH Communications Rural Broadband Agreement

President Shoulders: Next we have two items, three items with the County Commissioners. The first one, excuse me, is an amendment to the WATCH broadband agreement. We have Mr. Jim Morley, Jr. here to provide some color.

Jim Morley, Jr.: Jim Morley, Jr. with Morley Project Engineers for the broadband project. I've submitted to Madelyn, I have two signed copies of an addendum to the WATCH agreement. The addendum was created to help bring it in line with ARPA funding. And, so I need signatures on that, if it's acceptable to you all. And, then that would allow them, that would start their clock for them to start their work.

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)

Jim Morley, Jr.: Thank you.

Permission to Advertise RFP2- Rural Broadband Project

Jim Morley, Jr.: We are also seeking permission to move forward with advertising what we call RFP number two. It's an RFP for rural broadband, and it uses standards in accordance with the ARPA funding that's been out recently. And, if approved, it would advertise this Friday, and then the RFP's would be due August 18th. And, if there's a suitable one, then it could be awarded as early as September 14th. And, so, Madelyn has two copies of that also, and I believe you all have seen that in an email form also.

Commissioner Musgrave: I'll make a 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)

Jim Morley, Jr.: And, I would also like to say, for what its worth, to encourage everyone to spread the word about different broadband projects. While we are attempting to help out certain areas of the county, there are a lot of different broadband projects out there, and a lot of different broadband providers, and I would encourage people to talk with their neighbors to see what works for them and what doesn't. And, if they don't, to contact us if there are parts of the county that are having problems, if they could contact us, that would be great.

Commissioner Musgrave: Thank you for all your work on this.

President Shoulders: Okay, yeah, Jim, thank you so much.

Jim Morley, Jr.: Thank you.

President Shoulders: Absolutely.

Commissioner Hatfield: Thanks, Jim.

President Shoulders: Thank you.

Termination of Sublease for Lot 5 in VIP: Hoocats

President Shoulders: Our next item, I believe, is the termination of sublease for Lot 5 in Vanderburgh Industrial Park. I believe Mr. Evan Beck from Woodward is here with us, in person.

Evan Beck: Thank you, Commissioner Shoulders. Evan Beck, do I do an address still and everything when I show up here?

President Shoulders: We know who you are.

Evan Beck: Okay, well, anyway, I'm representing Hoocat Holdings, and today we're here to request the termination of a sublease with the county. This is shell building number four, 150,000 square feet, recently leased to Windstream Communications. So, it's a sign of success of the project, and it should be noted that the last three shell buildings have not cost Vanderburgh County any carrying costs, because all of the interest has been reimbursed. So, it's been a tremendously successful project through your all's leadership.

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

(Motion approved 3-0)

President Shoulders: And, Evan, thanks for taking time to be here with us today.

Evan Beck: Absolutely. Thank you very much.

President Shoulders: Absolutely.

Department Head Reports

President Shoulders: Okay, next we have, I believe that was all the action items, our department head reports. Are there any department heads who would like to report to this Commission here today? Any department heads?

Commissioner Musgrave: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

President Shoulders: Do what? Oh, it looks like there's not. At this time, I ask our County Legal to review and report back to the bids. They're not quite ready yet. That's okay. We will come back.

Board Appointments

President Shoulders: Most of our board appointments are January 1 terms. We do have a few that are July 1, and, so, today we have a couple board appointments. The first is the Evansville-Vanderburgh County Levee Authority, and I ask for a motion for that one.

Commissioner Musgrave: I move to re-appoint Katie Parker.

Commissioner Hatfield: Second.

President Shoulders: Okay, a motion and a second. And, 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 other one is Evansville-Vanderburgh, or Evansville-Vanderburgh Airport Authority, and I ask for a motion for that one.

Commissioner Musgrave: Move to appoint Gina Hermann.

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

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Hatfield?

Commissioner Hatfield: I'm going to vote no. I very much was satisfied with Gretchen Muchnick's performance the last four years. It's not a vote against Mrs. Hermann. I fully expect her to be appointed and I wish her well and wish her good luck, but out of respect for my support for Gretchen, I vote no.

Madelyn Grayson: President Shoulders?

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

(Motion approved 2-1. Commissioner Hatfield opposed)

President Shoulders: I think that is all the board appointments we had today. We had a couple last time.

New Business/Old Business

President Shoulders: The next item of business is the Evansville Regional Economic Partnership. This is the READI grant application. I don't believe—

Commissioner Musgrave: No, I just want to go ahead and inform the Commissioners. As you know, the Legislature made \$500 million available for a new round of what's similar to Regional Cities, but they're calling it now the READI grant program. And, our economic development teams are working on making a grant application for our region. The need for big ideas and transformational ideas is great. And, so, I wanted to just make sure that the Commissioners knew to bring their thoughts forward for the items that will be in such a grant. And, I can just point out at least one of the things funded with the last Regional Cities, and that was a new YMCA. So, this is round two of that opportunity. I'll be on a conference call tomorrow for the initial idea gathering session, and there will be a few more meetings, but the timeline is really pretty quick, only a few weeks long. So, if anyone has any ideas, please get a hold of me and let me know. Oh, I also have one other item of new business. Since our last meeting the U.S. Congress and the President signed an order creating a new Federal holiday, Juneteenth, and that happened between our meetings, and, so, it really wasn't possible for us to take action to celebrate in 2021.

President Shoulders: Yeah.

Commissioner Musgrave: But, I would like us to agree to ask staff to come forward with the complete holiday schedule for 2022, including Juneteenth, to our next meeting so that we can go ahead and get that all adopted, so that everyone can be aware of what the 2022 complete holiday calendar will be for the county.

President Shoulders: Okay. Anything else under new or old business?

Commissioner Hatfield: I don't have anything.

President Shoulders: Okay. Oh, I wanted to congratulate Lilly, our very own Lilly King for once again going to be in the next, the Olympics, and pretty much blew away the competition in the trials and in the qualifiers. So, congrats to Lilly King. Yes, I forget, we have another one too, I cannot recall. So, congrats to both with Evansville ties.

Consent Items

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

Commissioner Musgrave: I can make a motion for the consent agenda.

Commissioner Hatfield: Second.

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

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Hatfield?

Commissioner Hatfield: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Shoulders?

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

(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 July 13, 2021 Commissioner Meeting

President Shoulders: Next we have a couple of rezonings, and, I believe, that Jim Morley, Jr. is here to speak to the first one.

Jim Morley, Jr.: Jim Morley, Jr., Project Engineer for the Back Nine PUD. This project came here about a month ago, and we asked for it to be tabled, they're working with the adjainers to come to an agreement about some maintenance of drainage and roads and such. And, so, they've been working forward on that agreement, and they've, I believe they've come to an agreement, but getting it on everybody's schedule to get it all worked out and signed has taken a little longer than we thought. And, so, we would ask that this be tabled until the July 13th meeting. Both attorneys felt like they could have it all signed and executed and here in time for that meeting.

Commissioner Musgrave: Motion to delay until the June, I'm sorry—

Jim Morley, Jr.: July 13th, I'm sorry.

Commissioner Musgrave: --the July 13th meeting.

Jim Morley, Jr.: I said the wrong one.

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

(Motion approved 3-0)

Jim Morley, Jr.: Thank you all.

Final Reading of Rezoning Ordinance VC-5-2021
Petitioner: Kinjohn Properties, LLC
Address: 4430 & 4500 Proficient Court (Daylight Industrial Park)
Request: Change from M-2 to M-3
Action: Approved 3-0

President Shoulders: The only other rezoning we have today is a final reading of the ordinance VC-5-2021. This is a petition, the petitioner, I believe, is Kinjohn Properties, LLC. Oh, here you are. Donna is here to better explain.

Donna Holderfield: Donna Holderfield with the Area Plan Commission. Krista Lockyear on behalf of Kinjohn Properties, LLC is requesting to rezone the properties located at 4430 and 4500 Proficient Court from M-2 to M-3. On December 29, 2003 an Improvement Location Permit was issued for an 8,750 square foot storage warehouse. On January 6, 2020 an Improvement Location Permit was issued for four additional storage warehouses. The petitioner proposes to store explosives in part of the warehouses. The M-2 zoning district does not allow the storage of explosives. The storage of explosives is a permitted use of the M-3 zoning district. This proposed industrial zoning is consistent with the 2035 Future Land Use Map, which recommends this site for industrial uses. This is a request

to rezone the property located at 4430 and 4500 Proficient Court from M-2 to M-3 to allow the storage of explosives.

President Shoulders: Okay. Any petitioners? Oh, there you are. okay.

Krista Lockyear: I snuck up on ya.

President Shoulders: You did. You did. Okay.

Krista Lockyear: President Shoulders, Commissioners, my name is Krista Lockyear. I'm here on behalf of Kinjohn Properties. I also have with me Keith Kinney, who is a part owner of Kinjohn, and they are the property owners. This rezoning is a request for a new business to our county. The business name is Empire Wireline. They're a national company with facilities in Texas, Louisiana and Kansas. Their business involves servicing of wells, predominantly oil wells, water wells and I'm even told salt mines, but we don't have that around here, I'm not worried about that. In management of those wells, they need to utilize explosives in the field at times. They are governed by the ATF, and, so, this is an extremely safe facility. They will only store about 50 pounds of explosives on site, and they will be within an enclosed, metal, very secure container. When the explosives need to be taken out to a particular location, they're removed from that container, put into a smaller container that the mechanic can carry with him, and then taken out and detonated as necessary. I'm not an expert on explosives, but the expert from the proposed tenant has kind of given me a bit of an education and was at the Area Plan Commission giving some more details. Basically, these explosives are less than what a local fireworks store would have on site, but stored in a much more secure fashion. If the explosives were set off, the blast would be roughly 50 feet. If they were even set off outside of the container, it would be 100 feet. So, we're well away from any of our neighbors, building-wise, it's a pretty secure operation. So, we're asking to move from M-2 to M-3, simply to fit within the parameters of the building code, or subdivision code. I'm sorry, zoning code. If you have any other questions, I would be happy to answer them, or Keith can probably assist.

President Shoulders: Okay, any other questions for the petitioner?

Commissioner Hatfield: I think this passed unanimous at the APC?

Krista Lockyear: Donna, was it unanimous? I couldn't remember if we had an abstention, but Donna confirms yes.

Commissioner Hatfield: Okay.

President Shoulders: Okay, alright, I don't think we have any more—

Commissioner Hatfield: I'll make a motion for passage.

President Shoulders: Well, we don't have any, hang on, any remonstrators—

Commissioner Hatfield: Oh.

President Shoulders: --here today? Any remonstrators? Okay, now—

Commissioner Hatfield: I'll make a motion for passage.

Commissioner Musgrave: I'll 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: And, I am a yes as well. The motion passes.

(Motion approved 3-0)

Krista Lockyear: Thank you.

President Shoulders: Thanks, Krista.

Reading of Bids: VC21 VC21-05-01: Concrete Street Repairs
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President Shoulders: I think we have, well, yeah, public comment. Are you ready? Okay, we're going to do the bid opening first, before public comment.

David Jones: There were three bids for the concrete street repairs. The first bid, JBI Construction, Inc. The total for all roads was \$332,380.75, and that bid was in order. The second bid was Blankenberger Brothers, Inc. The total bid was \$372,700 even. That bid was in order. And, the third bid was Rivertown Construction, LLC, in the total sum of \$343,952.50, and that bid was also in order.

Commissioner Hatfield: What roads are those for?

David Jones: First is, the first section Bluegrass Road to Hillsdale Road to the dead end; second is Calumet Road, Bluegrass Road to the dead end; Hermitage Drive-Bluegrass Road to dead end; Lanes End Road to Hermitage Drive to dead end; Churchill Road-Birch Park Drive to Edinborough Road; Edinborough Road-Heinlein Road to Harlaxton Road; Harlaxton Road-King George Road to Edinborough Road; King George Road to Churchill Road to Harlaxton Road; Bob Court to Greendale Drive to Southport Drive; Windemere Subdivision, 2605 Waterston Drive, and Liberty Estates.

Commissioner Hatfield: Thank you.

Commissioner Musgrave: Motion to take the bids under advisement.

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: And, I am a yes as well to take the bids under advisement.

(Motion approved 3-0)

Public Comment

President Shoulders: I think we had two people sign up for public comment. One was Jim Morley, Jr., but I think you've already....okay. So, Jim's already been covered. I believe we have Mr. Darrell McKnight here to speak to relief funds. Darrell, your name, organization and address please.

Darrell McKnight: Darrell McKnight, I'm actually representing my neighborhood. I live at 6694 Briar Court, it runs parallel with Pinehurst, and we share a sewer system, and it's made out of clay. When my family moved, I'll give you a little bit of background, when my family moved into Briar Court, no one told us that we were on a separate sewer system and it belonged to Old State Utility. Well, when we finally moved in and we got our water bill, we found out that we were paying them extra money. So, after five years, the city has

taken over the sewer system, and they were supposed to redo the whole sewer system. It was going to cost something like over a million dollars. Well, they got some sort of bid and they said the bid was too high. They did something out there, I have no idea really what they did. But, like I said, we've been paying extra money for the past five years, and this contract was supposed to go on for 20 years. We're averaging something like \$40-\$50 a month extra in sewage costs. It's my understanding, under the American Rescue Plan, the city got \$69 million and the county got \$32 million. I've talked to Alex Burton last night because the city was supposed to have taken over the water system, but he said come here and talk to you guys. What we're asking for is either give us our money back, because you guys got, the county got \$32 million, or let us off the hook for paying that extra money for the sewer system.

Commissioner Hatfield: I'll speak to this.

Darrell McKnight: Okay.

Commissioner Hatfield: I was appointed to the Utility Board by Mayor Weinzapfel back in 2001. And, then I spent another three years in Mayor Winnecke's first term on the Utility Board. And, I was on the Utility Board when we took over the sewer system in that area, because it was crumbling, and I do remember the residents being charged extra. I'm kind of shocked that its still nothing's happened, because I've been off the Utility Board about five years. And, who you need to petition directly is the Mayor's Office and the Utility Board. And, they pretty much own that sewer system. They took it over completely, they own it. The City of Evansville owns that sewer system. And, they should be spending part of their \$69 million on your sewer lines, or the utility should be bonding and improving your utility, or stop collecting money from you. One or the other.

Darrell McKnight: Well, like I said, I talked to Alex Burton last night, and I explained to him that you guys had taken over.

Commissioner Hatfield: I'm telling you it's the Mayor's Office and the Utility Board. The City Council has limited impact on this issue. I just know for a fact. You need to be in the Mayor's ear and get some relief on this issue. This is a very old issue. Those sewer lines are 40-50 years old. They were private, it was a private sewer system.

Darrell McKnight: Uh-huh.

Commissioner Hatfield: It was put in probably incorrectly. It's in horrible shape. It's been needing to have been replaced years ago. And, the whole purpose of collecting extra money from you was to bond it and improve it. And, so, the city and the utility needs to fulfill that promise and replace those lines.

Commissioner Musgrave: Commissioner Hatfield, could you explain to him how to get in front of the Utility Board?

Commissioner Hatfield: Well, the Utility Board, I don't know, they have to meet once a month. I don't know if they're still meeting on Tuesdays at 1:00 over there in the conference room there on the third floor as you get off the elevator. I don't know what room number that is.

Darrell McKnight: Probably 305.

Commissioner Hatfield: Yeah. You need to get a hold of Lane Young.

Darrell McKnight: Lane?

Commissioner Hatfield: Lane, L-a-n-e, Young, Y-o-u-n-g. The Mayor's Office might be listening to our meeting. They do, they monitor all meetings. It's not uncommon, and so they may be writing this down as we speak, and, but get a hold of Lane Young, he's the Director of the Evansville Water and Sewer Utility, or call the Mayor's Office and request to be on the agenda at the Utility Board. Contact the Mayor's Office, ask to speak to the

Mayor, he's a very open person. I'm quite certain he would probably take your call and try to help you.

Darrell McKnight: Well, that's where—

Commissioner Hatfield: But, the promise of the replacement of your sewer lines was made years ago. And, the beginning of collecting extra money from you started years ago. And, so, I agree with you that it's time for your sewer lines to be replaced. I was there when that happened. I knew exactly what you were talking about when you said where you lived. Those sewer lines need replaced, and, you know, I will certainly advocate to the Mayor, the next time I talk to him, that they need to replace those lines. The President of the Utility Board is Steve Heidorn. You can appeal to him. And, that promise was made to you guys, I don't know, six, seven, eight years ago.

Darrell McKnight: What I was told was that they, is that they didn't replace the sewer, but they lined it. I don't know—

Commissioner Hatfield: They put a lining in it, and that's an effective way of doing it, but not always. Not always.

Darrell McKnight: Well, that's the thing though, see, again, I hate to, you know, beat a dead horse, but they said that it was going to cost between one and two million dollars though—

Commissioner Hatfield: It doesn't matter. They're collecting money from you—

Darrell McKnight: Right.

Commissioner Hatfield: -- to replace those sewers. All they have to do is fit a bond that will fit the payments that they're receiving from you. It's done every day.

Commissioner Musgrave: Mr. McKnight? I would like to point out that the Mayor's Office is still open.

Darrell McKnight: That's what—

Commissioner Musgrave: So you could just walk right across the street, go up to the third floor and plead your case right then and there.

Darrell McKnight: That's where I'm going when I leave here. Thank you.

Commissioner Hatfield: Uh-huh.

President Shoulders: Thanks for your time, sir. Okay, I believe that's all the public comment we had today.

Adjournment

President Shoulders: Unless anyone else has anything to come before this Commission, I ask for a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Musgrave: So moved.

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.

(Motion approved 3-0)

(The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.)

CONSENT ITEMS:

Commissioners:

SIAM Road Closure Request: 9/18/2021.

Weights & Measures: Monthly Report: 5/16/2021-6/15/2021.

Employment Changes:

Health Dept (6)

Burdette (15)

Auditor (3)

Treasurer (2)

Sheriff (1)

Surveyor (1)

Prosecutor (3)

Circuit Court (1)

DADS (1)

County Auditor: Claims Voucher Reports: 6/7-6/11/2021 & 6/14-6/18/2021.

County Engineer:

Department Report & Claims.

Contract VC21-05-03: Havenwood Meadows Pipe Repair: Blankenberger Brothers, Inc.

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Cheryl Musgrave

David Jones

Craig Emig

Madelyn Grayson

Kristin Comer

JaRon Darrett

Bob Dillow

Vernon Lutz

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Evan Beck

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