

**ALLEN COUNTY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 7, 2010  
10:30 AM**

The Allen County Council met on Monday, January 7, 2010 at 10:30 am in the County Council/Commissioners Courtroom. The purpose of the meeting was for election of officers, reorganization, appointments to boards and commissions and liaison assignments.

Attending: Roy A. Buskirk, President; Paula S. Hughes, Vice President; Paul G. Moss; Darren Vogt, Maye Johnson, Larry Brown and Bob Armstrong.

Also Attending: Lisa Blosser, Auditor; Tera Klutz, Chief Deputy Auditor and Becky Butler, Administrative Assistant.

The meeting was called to order by President Roy Buskirk with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

**Roy Buskirk:** I will turn it over to the Auditor to conduct the elections.

**Lisa Blosser:** I will entertain nominations for President of Allen County Council for 2010.

**Paul Moss:** I move that Paula Hughes be President of County Council for 2010.

**Larry Brown:** Second.

**Lisa Blosser:** Do I hear any other nominations?

**Darren Vogt:** Motion to close the nominations.

**Bob Armstrong:** Second.

**Lisa Blosser:** **All in favor of Paula Hughes for President of Allen County Council say aye. Motion passed.** Congratulations, Paula. Do you want me to handle it for Vice President?

**Paula Hughes:** Yes, go ahead.

**Lisa Blosser:** I will now entertain nominations for Vice President of Allen County Council for 2010.

**Paul Moss:** I would move that Darren Vogt be named Vice President of County Council.

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**Larry Brown:** Second.

**Lisa Blosser:** Do I hear any other nominations?

**Paula Hughes:** Move to close the nominations.

**Bob Armstrong:** Second.

**Lisa Blosser:** All in favor of Darren Vogt for Vice President of Allen County Council say aye. Motion passed. Congratulations, Darren.

**Roy Buskirk:** I would like to say that I have really appreciated the honor to serve as President this past year. I know that Paula can do a good job and I would like to thank you for serving as Vice President. You helped me out many times throughout the year. Good luck.

**Paula Hughes:** Thanks. We have some appointments to Boards and Commissions to review this morning. Becky, have you called all of the current appointees and are they still interested in serving?

**Becky Butler:** Yes.

**Paula Hughes:** I know that there has been some conversation about some of these in the past and so I will ask Council to consider whether or not you have anybody other than the existing appointments? For the Alcohol Beverage Commission, it is Mike Mattingly. The Courthouse Preservation Trust is currently me and there is going to be some conversation about that. I talked to Larry Brown, who has been so instrumental in the renovation project and he is interested in serving in that role. The Allen County Child Care Facility Board, I can't recall who that is.

**Darren Vogt:** Jesse Rios, isn't it?

**Roy Buskirk:** It is on the next page.

**Paula Hughes:** Okay, Jesse Rios. PTABOA is Judy Macon and Dave Meyers. The Woodburn Economic Development Commission is Clarence Reichhart. I am sure Clarence wants to continue to do this. He has been an integral part of that community for a long time. Do Council members have any other nominations for these appointments?

**Roy Buskirk:** I might add that I did talk with Becky about this and asked her to please give us a notice two to three months in advance of these appointments so that we can talk to people to see if they are interested in serving on these Boards.

**Darren Vogt:** If you notice, we will have three next year.

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**Tera Klutz:** In addition to the annual ones.

**Roy Buskirk:** I do have a question concerning the Grabill Economic Development Commission. Why does that one end on December 21<sup>st</sup>?

**Paula Hughes:** They have not had a meeting since I have been on the Board.

**Larry Brown:** Do we get an annual report from these different Boards?

**Roy Buskirk:** Periodically we ask them to come before the Council.

**Larry Brown:** So, we generate the request, is that right?

**Paula Hughes:** It depends. The Library has given us a report.

**Larry Brown:** The Library, yes.

**Paula Hughes:** That is part of my intention for this year, strengthening the relationship between County Council and organizations that we are affiliated with and the other taxing units. I want to make that a focus in 2010 and have these individuals come in on a more regular basis.

**Larry Brown:** So, do you want a motion to accept all?

**Paula Hughes:** If there are no other nominations, then why don't we take them one at a time? For the Alcohol Beverage Commission, I would accept a nomination.

**Darren Vogt:** So moved for Mike Mattingly.

**Roy Buskirk:** Second.

**Paula Hughes:** **We have a motion and a second. Is there any further discussion? All in favor please signify by saying aye. Motion carried.** For the Courthouse Preservation Trust?

**Roy Buskirk:** I would nominate Larry Brown.

**Paul Moss:** Second.

**Paula Hughes:** **We have a motion and a second. Is there any further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor please signify by saying aye.**

**Larry Brown:** Abstain.

**Paula Hughes:** For the Allen County Child Care Facility Board?

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**Darren Vogt:** Move for Jesse Rios.

**Bob Armstrong:** Second.

**Paula Hughes:** All in favor please signify by saying aye. Opposed like sign. Motion approved. For the PTABOA Board?

**Darren Vogt:** Move for approval of Dave Meyers and Judy Macon.

**Maye Johnson:** Second.

**Paula Hughes:** We have a motion and a second. All in favor please signify by saying aye. Opposed like sign. Motion carried and for the Woodburn Economic Development Commission.

**Darren Vogt:** Move for approval of Clarence Reichhart.

**Bob Armstrong:** Second.

**Paula Hughes:** We have a motion and a second. All in favor please signify by saying aye. Opposed like sign. Motion carried. On liaison assignments, I have had a couple of conversations with some Council members immediately preceding this meeting and if you could contact me with any preferences or changes to your appointments and assignments. I am aware of a couple but I will be working on that over this next week. Please get your preferences to me by early next week. I will then distribute that out by the end of next week.

**Larry Brown:** I will add that if anybody wants to lighten their load, so to speak, I had told Paula that mine seemed pretty light. I am open to adjustments or whatever.

**Darren Vogt:** It might be good to see the history because I can't remember how long we have had these particular appointments. It might be time to do some shuffling.

**Paula Hughes:** There was a fair amount of shifting coming into this last year because Larry and Bob were new to the Council. Maybe if you could each just get me the list of what you are interested in and if I don't hear from you, then you will be assigned. Is there any other business to come before the Council?

**Darren Vogt:** Approval to waive the second reading on any matter approved today for which it may be deemed necessary for the County Council meeting of January 7, 2010.

**Bob Armstrong:** Second.

**Paula Hughes:** All in favor please signify by saying aye. Opposed like sign. Motion carries. The next meeting is January 21<sup>st</sup>.

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**Darren Vogt:** Move to adjourn.

**Bob Armstrong:** Second.

**Paula Hughes:** All in favor please signify by saying aye. Opposed like sign. The motion carries.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 am.