

**RECCOMENDATION OF THE GOVERNANCE SUBCOMMITTEE
EVANSVILLE-VANDERBURGH COUNTY REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE**

1. The proposed name is Evansville-Vanderburgh Metropolitan Government - EVMG.
2. We would have one executive and one legislative/fiscal body.
3. The Executive would be called the Mayor. The legislative/fiscal body would be the Common Council.
4. The Common Council would have eleven (11) members. Eight (8) Common Council members would be elected from districts and three Common Council Members would be elected at-large.
5. The represented areas would be called districts, not wards.
6. The City Council, the County Commissioners, the County Council, and the City Clerk would be abolished. The expenses associated with these entities would be eliminated, or transferred to the entities that would assume their functions. For example, the City Clerk was responsible for patrolling the parking meters and issuing tickets. This function would transfer to Board of Public Works. The City Clerk's other duties divided between the Circuit Court Clerk and the Auditor.
7. The offices of Assessor, Auditor, Circuit Clerk, Coroner, Recorder, Surveyor, Treasurer, and Sheriff will remain with their current duties and those additional duties necessary to operate the reorganized government.
8. The reorganized government will be governed as a city, rather than a county. The choice of city is because it is more advantageous in terms of the breadth of statutes that govern cities as opposed to counties through existing State and local ordinances. Nevertheless, where the existing city code is silent on a subject, but a county ordinance exists, the existing county ordinance will remain enforceable following the reorganization, provided however, that five (5) years after the enactment of the reorganized government, all county ordinances will sunset unless such is either reenacted, amended, or repealed prior to said sunset date. Where there exists direct conflict or contradiction between existing city ordinances and county ordinances, the existing city ordinance will control after the reorganization except as set forth elsewhere in the plan.
9. Elections for Mayor and council will remain partisan, and held in even-numbered years that are non-presidential election years. The first general election of Mayor and council may require adjusted terms to begin and meet this cycle. All other local government offices will remain on current election cycles. If state law provides elections must be conducted otherwise, said elections will take place at times that cost the electorate less, or shorten initial terms.
10. The terms of office for Mayor and Common Council are four (4) years and are not staggered.
11. There will be no term limits for Mayor or Council members. Constitutionally mandated term limits for other elected officials would be left in place.

12. The Mayor's chief financial officer would be called the Director of Budget and Finance. Paying bills would fall to the consolidated government's auditor.
13. The Mayor's salary would be the then existing salary of the office plus the then existing salary of one (1) county commissioner. Council members would receive the same salary as that of the current members of the county/city council. They would receive the higher of the two (2) salaries.
14. The name for the Mayor's appointed second in command would be Deputy Mayor.
15. In the event the Mayor cannot complete the term of office, the Deputy Mayor would serve in that capacity until a Mayor is named via a caucus of the Mayor's political party, which would be held within 30 days.
16. With regard to appointed Boards and Commissions - see attached.
17. All department heads shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.
18. No Mayoral appointments shall require ratification of the Common Council and conversely no appointments of the Common Council shall require ratification of the Mayor.
19. The Common Council shall have all legislative authority on ordinances. The Mayor may veto an ordinance. The Common Council may override the Mayor's veto with a two-thirds (2/3) majority (eight (8) votes).
20. All governmental or quasi-governmental authorities, bureaus, and taxing districts that currently have their budgets reviewed by either the city or county council shall have their budgets reviewed by the reorganized government's common council.
21. The Surveyor's office will be responsible for IC 36-9-27 (storm water).
22. Contracts and bids that are currently approved and/or awarded by the county commissioners shall now be approved and/or awarded by the Board of Public Works.
23. There will be no change in the number of circuit or superior judges or the way they are elected.
24. There will be no changes in township government. This committee does not have the authority to alter township government in any way.
25. The town of Darmstadt is not involved in this plan.

Drainage board - Should have notes from Michael Schopmeyer.

Budget items:

1. The budgeting process would follow the city's system in that a balanced budget would be presented to council by the Mayor through the Director of Budget and Finance.
2. The Budget and Finance Director would serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.
3. All elected officials would submit their budgets to the Director of Budget and Finance. The Director of Budget and Finance would submit the budget to council.
4. Elected officials would have an opportunity during council budget hearings to make their case for any part of their proposed budget that was cut by the Director of Budget and Finance.
5. Council may add more money to a line item than presented by the Budget and Finance director, only with a two-thirds (2/3) majority (8 votes).
6. The Mayor would not have line item veto power.
7. Money approved during the budget process for an elected official's budget could not be repealed without the consent of the elected official.

Current Appointing Authority for the Boards listed below:		Recommended Appointing Authority:
City Board and Commissions	County Board and Commissions	
Advisory Board on Disability Services		Metro Board and Commissions
Animal Control and Education Committee		Presented 8-17-2010
(7 total: Mayor)		4 Mayor 3 Council
Area Plan Commission of Evansville and Vanderburgh County		6 Mayor 5 Council, 1 EVSC (automatic), County Surveyor
(13 total: 1 Council, 6 Mayor, 2 Commissioners, 2 Council)		*At least one shall be appointed land owner from outside currently included area.
Board of Health		4 Mayor 3 Council
(7 total: 2 Commissioners)		
Brd of Zoning Appeals		4 Mayor 3 Council
(7 total: 2 Commissioners)		
Building Authority Brd of Trustees		3 Mayor 2 Council
(5 total: 1 Mayor, 1 Council, 1 Council, 2 Commissioners)		
Central Dispatch Brd		2 Mayor 2 Council, and current automatic appointments.
(8 total, 1 Mayor, 1 Council, 1 Commissioner & 1 Council)		2 Mayor
Code Enforcement Hearing Authority Brd		Statutory appointments -
(2 total, Mayor)		Commissioners appointments go to Mayor
Community Correct. Complex	Community Corrections Complex	
Advisory Board	(1 Commissioner)	3 Mayor 3 Council
Construction & Roofing License Review Brd		4 Mayor 3 Council
(6 total: 2 Mayor, 1 Council, 3 Commissioners)		
Convention and Visitors Bureau Comm		
(7 total, 3 Mayor, 2 Commissioners & 2 Council		

Current Appointing Authority for the Boards listed below:		Recommended Appointing Authority:
City Board and Commissions	County Board and Commissions	Metro Board and Commissions Presented 8-17-2010
Domestic & Sexual Violence Commissioners Not less than 11 and not more than 17 members. 11 are permanent positions and the six remaining are non-permanent. The permanent positions shall be fill by: The Mayor, President of the Common Council, Chief of Police, Sheriff, Vanderburgh County Prosecutor, Chief Judge-Vanderburgh Superior Court, Judge-Vanderburgh Circuit Court, Director of YWCA Shelter for Domestic Violence, Executive Director of the Albion Fellow Bacon Center, Chairperson of the Assault Task Force, and the Director of the Domestic Abuse Intervention Program. The remaining 6 non-permanent positions shall be chosen from the community at large. The Mayor shall have 3 of these appointments and the Common Council shall have 3 of these appointments.		
Vanderburgh County Drainage Board (3 County Commissioners comprise the board)		
Economic Development Comm (5 total: 3 Mayor & 1 Council, 1 Commissioner)		3 Mayor 2 Council
Economic Development Loan Committee (7 total: 7 Mayor & 1 Council)		4 Mayor 3 Council
Electrical Examiners Brd (9 total: 5 Mayor, 1 Council, 3 Commissioners)		5 Mayor 4 Council
Emergency Management Adv Board (total: 6 Mayor, 3 Commissioners)		5 Mayor 4 Council
Environmental Protection Agency Brd (5 total: Mayor)		3 Mayor 2 Council
Evv Bond Bank Brd of Directors		
Evv Brownfields Corp. Brd of Directors		
Evv Comm on the Social Status of African American Males		
Evv Historic Preservation Comm		
Evv Housing Authority Brd of Commissioners		7 Mayor

Current Appointing Authority for the Boards listed below:		Recommended Appointing Authority:
City Board and Commissions	County Board and Commissions	Metro Board and Commissions Presented 8-17-2010
Evv Metro. Planning Org. Policy Brd		
Evv Port Authority		
Evansville-Vanderburgh Airport Authority (5 total: 3 Mayor, 2 Commissioners)		3 Mayor 2 Council
Fire Department Merit Comm		2 Mayor, 1 Council, 2 Firefighters Local 357
Fire Department Pension Brd		Mayor, Fire Chief, 4 Firefighters, 1 Retired Firefighter
Haynie's Corner Adv Brd		4 Mayor 3 Council
Housing Authority Trust Fund		6 Mayor 5 Council
Human Relations Commission (11 total: 2 Commissioners)		6 Mayor 5 Council
HVAC, Refrig. & Steamfitters Brd	HVAC Brd of Examiners (3 Commissioners)	5 Mayor 4 Council
Legal Aid Society (12 total: 3 Mayor, 3 Commissioners)		3 Mayor, 3 Council, 6 Evansville Bar Association
Levee Authority Brd (3 total: 1 Commissioners)		2 Mayor 1 Council
Local Alcohol and Beverage Comm		2 Mayor 1 Council
Mesker Park Zoo Adv Brd (5 total: 4 Mayor, 1 City Council; 1 of the Board of Park Commissioners)		3 Mayor 2 Council
MBE/WBE Utilization Brd	Burdette Park Advisory Board	3 Mayor 2 Council
Parks Board (5 total: 3 Mayor, 2 Commissioners)		3 Mayor 2 Council
Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage Adv Brd		7 Mayor 6 Council

Current Appointing Authority for the Boards listed below:	Recommended Appointing Authority:
<p>City Board and Commissions</p> <p>City Board and Commissions</p>	<p>Metro Board and Commissions Presented 8-17-2010</p>
<p>Police Merit Commission</p>	
<p>Police Merit Commission, Law Change Committee</p>	
<p>Police Pension Brd</p>	<p>Mayor, Police Chief, Director of Budget and Finance, 6 Police Officers</p>
<p>Public Safety Brd</p> <p>All signs in the city right of way All street closures (except utilities) Licenses for Massage Therapist and Clinics Licenses for Taxi drivers Licenses for Horse drawn carriage companies Handicap signs in front of residences Parking spaces and times Festival Permits Parade Permits Fundraising walks/runs Truck routes All traffic controls, patterns and signs</p>	<p>3 Mayor</p>
<p>Public Works Brd</p> <p>3 Total, Mayor Transportation and Services City Engineer Metropolitan Evansville Transit System</p>	<p>3 Mayor</p>
<p>Redevelopment Commission (5 total: 3 Mayor, 2 Council Tree Advisory Board</p>	<p>3 Mayor 2 Council County and City Redevelopment Commission should be merged.</p>
<p>7 total: 4 Mayor, 2 Council, Solid Waste Dist Urban Enterprise Association</p>	<p>4 Mayor, 2 Council, Solid Waste District</p>
<p>Weights and Measures</p>	

Current Appointing Authority for the Boards listed below:		Recommended Appointing Authority:
City Board and Commissions	County Board and Commissions	Metro Board and Commissions Presented 8-17-2010
	Redevelopment Commission (5 Commissioners)	Merge w/City?
	Coalition to End Homelessness (1 Commissioner)	1 Mayor
	Disaster Resistance Community Corp (1 Commissioner)	1 Mayor
	EARC (1 Commissioner)	1 Mayor
	Four Rivers RC & D (1 Commissioner)	1 Mayor
	Information Technology Brd (1 Commissioner)	1 Mayor
	Library Brd of Directors (2 Commissioners)	2 Mayor
	License & Disciplinary Brd (1 Commissioner)	1 Mayor
	Old Courthouse Foundation (9 Commissioners)	5 Mayor 4 Council
	Polling Place Adv. Board (6 Commissioners)	3 Mayor 3 Council
	Property Tax Assessment Brd of Appeals (5 total: 3 Commissioners, 2 Council)	3 Mayor 2 Council
	Public Defender Brd (1 Commissioner)	1 Mayor
Water & Sewer Utility Commission		5 Mayor