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7 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEN

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9 RE: LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF
10 JANUARY 7, 2004
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15 DATE: January 7, 2004

16 TIME: 10:06 a.m.

17 LOCATION: Room 200
Commissioners Courtroom
City-County Building
18 1 East Main Street
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

19 REPORTER: Rhonda M. Mullholand
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1 PRESENT:
2 Marla J. Irving Allen County Commissioner
3 Linda K. Bloom Allen County Commissioner
4 Edwin J. Rousseau Allen County Commissioner
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6 Susan Elser Allen County Board of
Commissioners' Office
7 Mary Hitchens Allen County Public
Information Department
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9 John McGauley Allen County Public
Information Department
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11 Michael Fitch Allen County Highway
Department
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13 Debra Hudson Allen County Insurance
14 Manager
15 Anthony Burrus Allen County Safety and
Environmental Affairs
16 Department
17 David Fuller Allen County Building
Department
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Rhonda M. Mullholand Rolf Reporting, Inc.

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Kevin Leininger News-Sentinel
Dan Stockman Journal-Gazette

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Allen County Child Care Facilities

Marla Irving
Ft. Wayne-Allen County Convention and
Visitors' Bureau
Edwin Rousseau
Allen County Emergency Management
Advisory Board
Edwin Rousseau

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5. Proposed Appointments of Department Heads
and others who report to the Commissioners
for 2004: 13

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Purchasing Director
Bruce Little

Highway Director
Michael Fitch
Building Commissioner
David Fuller

Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds
Gene Lowden
County Attorney
G. William Fishing

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Assistant County Attorneys
Craig R. Finlayson
John O. Feighner
Heidi B. Adair
Carrie Hawk Gutman
Thomas A. Hardin
Drainage Board Attorney
Robert E. Roberts

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Director of Human Resources
Brian Dumford
Safety and Environmental Affairs Director
Anthony Burrus

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Public Information Officer
John D. McGauley
Manager of Service Center
Larry C. Pray

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Service Officer for Veterans Affairs
George Jarboe
Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating

Council

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Insurance Manager
Debra Hudson

Allen County Legislative Liaison

4 Sandra A. Flum
5 Director of Allen County Emergency Management
Edward LaRocque

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8 Alcohol Beverage Commission
Mark Joseph 1 year term

9 Child Care Facilities

10 John Alexander 1 year term
11 Mimi Cook 1 year term
12 Ken Hendricks 1 year term
Arts United
13 Mary Campbell 1 year term

14 Allen County Plan Commission

15 Kenny Neumeister 4 year term
Allen County Redevelopment Commission
16 Ed Neufer 1 year term
Michael McCollum 1 year term
17 Rich Beck 1 year term
Steven Bercot 1 year term
18 David A. Myers 1 year term

19 Allen County Board of Health

20 Janet Paunwar 4 year term
Data Board
21 Kim Bowman 1 year term
Jerry Noble 1 year term
22 Tim Miller 1 year term

23 iMap Management Board

24 Loren Robertson 1 year term
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1 6. (Continued)
2 Allen County Community Corrections
Advisory Board
3 Linda Bloom 4 year term
Margaret Ankenbruck 4 year term
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5 Memorial Coliseum Board of Trustees

(terms effective 1/6/04)
6 Maclyn T. Parker 4 year term
7 Jackson R. Lehman 4 year term
Fort Wayne-Allen County Convention
and Tourism Authority
8 Paul E. Shaffer 2 year term
Ben Eisbart 2 year term
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10 Regional Water & Sewer Board

11 Win Rod 3 year term
Ric Zehr 3 year term

12 Northeastern Indiana Regional

Coordinating Council
13 Michael Fitch 1 year term
J. Phillip Burt 1 year term
Mayor Terry McDonald 1 year term

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Wabash River Heritage Corridor
Commission

Ron James 2 year term
Paul McAfee (alt.) 2 year term

7. Approve and award Bid Reference #43-03,
Construction and installation of a new
timber bridge on Feichner Road over
Witzgall Drain, Lafayette Township,
Sections 33 and 34, Project #00-319
to Primco, Inc. - Total Award -
\$124,389.23 16

8. Approve Supplemental to Personnel
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9. Approve Change Order #1 between
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10. Approve Warranty Deed for additional
right-of-way acquisition on Grabill
Road from Parcel 34 - Apostolic
Christian Church of Leo, Inc. to
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11. Other Business --

12. Approval to waive the 2nd Reading on
any matter approved today and for which
it may be deemed necessary for the
Legislative Session of January 7, 2004
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13. Comments from the Public --

IRVING: Good morning, and Happy New Year to
everyone. Today is January 7th, 2004. I would like
to start the meeting with the Pledge, and a moment of
silence. Commissioner Rousseau?
(At this time the Pledge of Allegiance was
recited, followed by a moment of silence.)
ROUSSEAU: Thank you.

8 IRVING: Thank you. I figured that since this was
9 your last meeting as being Vice President, that maybe
10 you were going to follow through in your promise to
11 sing to us. Remember?
12 BLOOM: I don't. Do you remember that, Ed?
13 IRVING: So, does the Vice President next--the next
14 term, do they get to sing for us?
15 BLOOM: Don't go there.
16 ROUSSEAU: I would--I would love to--I would love to
17 sing. The only thing I can remember right now are
18 some country music--is country music stuff about a
19 guy in a bar who is very depressed, and I--it doesn't
20 seem to fit in to the--
21 IRVING: No.
22 ROUSSEAU: --situation right now. But, I--
23 IRVING: "America the Beautiful"--
24 ROUSSEAU: --I'll tell you what, the minute I come up
25 with one I'll break out in a song.

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1 BLOOM: You and I have--had a duo at one time about,
2 "Oh, man, it's hard to be humble," or something.
3 ROUSSEAU: Hard to be--hard to be humble.
4 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).
5 IRVING: Well, may I--my I suggest that it be
6 "America the Beautiful," or something, and
7 Commissioner Bloom, you can start your singing
8 lessons--
9 ROUSSEAU: Well, the "Hard to be Humble" is what
10 Linda and I sing together as--
11 BLOOM: That was true.
12 ROUSSEAU: --and it's inspired.
13 BLOOM: Oh, it was.
14 ROUSSEAU: I mean, we actually--we--we believe that.
15 BLOOM: Yeah, we do.
16 ROUSSEAU: Go ahead.
17 IRVING: Okay, now, I'd like to get back control of
18 this meeting for two minutes. Approval of the
19 minutes of the December 31st, 2003 Legislative
20 Session. Somebody is supposed to make a motion.
21 BLOOM: So moved.
22 ROUSSEAU: So moved--second.
23 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."
24 BLOOM: Aye.
25 ROUSSEAU: Aye.

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1 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Resolution 2004-01
2 regarding Commissioners' 2004 Legislative Session and
3 stating the Board shall be in continuous session when
4 officers are open to the public.
5 BLOOM: So moved.
6 ROUSSEAU: Second.
7 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."
8 ROUSSEAU: Aye.
9 BLOOM: Aye.
10 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Reorganization of the
11 Commissioners for 2004--
12 ELSER: The slate--
13 IRVING: --President--
14 ELSER: --sorry.
15 IRVING: --President, Vice President, and Secretary.

16 ELSER: --the slate before the Board of Commissioners
17 is, President, Edwin J. Rousseau; Vice President,
18 Linda K. Bloom; and Secretary, Marla J. Irving.
19 BLOOM: So moved.
20 ROUSSEAU: Second.
21 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."
22 ROUSSEAU: Aye.
23 BLOOM: Aye.
24 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Well, Commissioner
25 Rousseau, congratulations as President.

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1 ROUSSEAU: And I am--am--
2 BLOOM: Congrats.
3 ROUSSEAU: --am I--is this--you know, is this it?
4 IRVING: This is it. Would you like to take my
5 jeweled pen as your gavel, or what--
6 ROUSSEAU: No, no, we'll--we'll be able to go ahead
7 here.
8 IRVING: Okay.
9 ROUSSEAU: The next on the agenda--
10 IRVING: Congratulations.
11 BLOOM: Thank you.
12 ROUSSEAU: --is the Appointment of the Commissioner
13 Appointments to the following Boards and Commissions.
14 And, I believe you're prepared to read some of this,
15 I guess.
16 ELSER: The listing for the Commissioners'
17 Appointments are: Marla Irving, designated as
18 representative for the Board of Commissioners of the
19 Data Board; Linda Bloom, to the Urban Transportation
20 Advisory Board; Marla Irving, to Allen County Plan
21 Commission; Edwin Rousseau, to the Fort Wayne-Allen
22 County Convention and Visitors' Bureau; Marla Irving,
23 to the Allen County Child Care Facilities Board; and
24 Edwin Rousseau as representative to the Allen County
25 Emergency Management Advisory Board.

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1 ROUSSEAU: Is there a motion for that, please?
2 IRVING: I'll make a motion.
3 BLOOM: Second.
4 ROUSSEAU: All right, a motion's been made, and
5 seconded, all in favor signify by saying "aye."
6 BLOOM: Aye.
7 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried.
8 ROUSSEAU: All right, that's been approved. Now,
9 proposed appointments of Department Heads and others
10 who report to the Commissioners for 2004.
11 ELSER: That list is as follows: Purchasing
12 Director, Bruce Little; Highway Director, Michael
13 Fitch; Building Commissioner, David Fuller;
14 Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Gene Lowden;
15 County Attorney, G. William Fishering; the Assistant
16 County Attorneys are Craig Finlayson, John Feighner,
17 Heidi Adair, Carrie Hawk Gutman, and Thomas Hardin;
18 the Drainage Board Attorney, Rob Roberts; Director of
19 Human Resources, Brian Dumford; Safety and
20 Environmental Affairs Director, Anthony Burrus;
21 Public Information Officer, John McGauley; Manager of
22 the Service Center, Larry Pray; the Service Officer
23 for the Veterans Affairs, George Jarboe; Northeast
24 Indiana Regional Coordinating Council, Daniel Avery;

25 Insurance Manager, Debra Hudson; Allen County
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1 Legislative Liaison, Sandra Flum; and the Director of
2 Allen County Emergency Management, Edward LaRocque.
3 IRVING: I'd like to make a motion that we approve
4 the department heads that were read.
5 BLOOM: Second.
6 ROUSSEAU: The motion has been made and seconded, all
7 those in favor signify by saying "aye."
8 BLOOM: Aye.
9 IRVING: Aye.

10 ROUSSEAU: Aye.
11 IRVING: Motion carried.
12 ROUSSEAU: All right. Thank you. There are--the
13 Appointments to the Boards and Commissions. And, I
14 believe you have names for that.
15 ELSER: And these are, unless I designate otherwise,
16 they are all one year terms. The Alcohol Beverage
17 Commission, Mark Joseph; Child Care Facilities, John
18 Alexander, Mimi Cook, and Ken Hendricks; Arts United,
19 Mary Campbell; Allen County Plan Commission, Kenny
20 Neumeister, and that's a four year term; Allen County
21 Redevelopment Commission, Ed Neuffer, Michael
22 McCollum, Rich Beck, Steven Bercot, David Myers;
23 Allen County Board of Health, is Janet Paunwar, that
24 is a four year term; the Data Board, Kim Bowman,
25 Jerry Noble, and Tim Miller; the iMap Management

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1 Board, Loren Robertson; Allen County Community
2 Corrections Advisory Board, and these are four year
3 terms, Linda Bloom, and Margaret Ankenbruck; the
4 Memorial Coliseum Board of Trustees, these are four
5 year terms, and that's Maclyn Parker and Jackson
6 Lehman; Fort Wayne-Allen County Convention and
7 Tourism Authority, Paul Shaffer and Ben Eisbart,
8 these are two year terms; Regional Water and Sewer
9 Board for Allen County, Win Rood, and Ric Zehr, these
10 are three year terms; Northeastern Indiana Regional
11 Coordinator Council, Michael Fitch, J. Phillip Burt,
12 and Mayor Terry McDonald; and the Wabash River
13 Heritage Corridor Commission, Ron James, with Paul
14 McAfee as an alternate, and those are two year terms.

15 BLOOM: I'll make a motion that we accept the Board
16 Appointments, the Board and Commission Appointments.
17 IRVING: I'll second the motion.

18 ROUSSEAU: All in favor signify by saying "aye."

19 BLOOM: Aye.

20 IRVING: Aye.

21 ROUSSEAU: Aye.

22 IRVING: I would also like to thank, if I could, for
23 a moment here, all the--the people that have agreed
24 to be on these boards, whether it be for one year,
25 three years, or four years. The time that the

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1 community puts into--
2 BLOOM: Exactly.

3 IRVING: --these boards is wonderful. We could not
4 possibly all serve on these boards, and we've got a
5 good group, we've got some new ones in here, and I
6 congratulate them and wish them well.

7 ROUSSEAU: We had approval for award, Bid Reference
8 #43-03, construction and instruction--installation,
9 I'm sorry, of a new bridge on Feichner Road over
10 Witzgall Drain, Lafayette Township, done by Primco.
11 Total award \$124,389.23.

12 FITCH: Good morning, Mike Fitch, Allen County
13 Highway Department. We received bids from three
14 contractors, Primco, R.L. McCoy, and Pioneer
15 Associates. Primco was the low bidder, at
16 \$124,389.23. This compares to the engineer's
17 estimate that was \$168,390.00. The Highway
18 Department recommends Primco be awarded this bid.

19 BLOOM: I'll make a motion that we accept the bid
20 from Primco for the Feichner Timber Bridge.

21 IRVING: I'll second the motion.

22 ROUSSEAU: All in favor signify by saying "aye."

23 IRVING: Aye.

24 BLOOM: Aye.

25 ROUSSEAU: Opposed? No. Ayes have it. Declare it

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1 passed. Approve Supplemental to Personnel and
2 Benefits Policy for Highway Maintenance Employees for
3 2004.

4 FITCH: This agreement, supplemental agreement,
5 pertains only to the Highway Maintenance Employees.
6 This was created several years ago, and has been
7 modified over the years. However, this year we met
8 with the Wage and Labor Agreement and they have no
9 requested changes or modifications, so basically
10 we're approving the same agreement that was last
11 year.

12 BLOOM: I'll make a motion that we approve the
13 supplemental policy for the Highway Department
14 Maintenance Workers.

15 IRVING: I'll second the motion.

16 ROUSSEAU: All those in favor signify by saying
17 "aye."

18 BLOOM: Aye.

19 IRVING: Aye.

20 ROUSSEAU: Aye. Declare it passed. We have a Change
21 Order #1 between Three Rivers Barricade and Equipment
22 Company and Allen County for Bid Reference #17-03,
23 furnish and install traffic pavement markings for
24 2003. Total \$10,559.21.

25 BLOOM: I notice this is Change Order #1. This is

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1 just to clean out the account for 2003--

2 FITCH: Yes--

3 BLOOM: --right?

4 FITCH: --this is basically to close out the '03
5 pavement marking contracts.

6 BLOOM: I'll make a motion we accept this.

7 IRVING: Second.

8 ROUSSEAU: A motion has been made and seconded. All
9 those in favor signify by saying "aye."

10 BLOOM: Aye.

11 IRVING: Aye.

12 ROUSSEAU: Aye. Declare it passed. We have a
13 Warranty Deed for additional right-of-way acquisition
14 on Grabill Road from Parcel 34, the Aposolistic
15 Christian Church of Leo, Inc. to Allen County.

16 BLOOM: So moved.
17 IRVING: Seconded.
18 ROUSSEAU: All those in favor signify by saying
19 "aye."
20 BLOOM: Aye.
21 IRVING: Aye.
22 ROUSSEAU: Aye. I'm not sure I said that word right.
23 BLOOM: Apostolic.
24 IRVING: It's Apostolic.
25 ROUSSEAU: Yeah.

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1 IRVING: It's--
2 ROUSSEAU: Well, I recognized that I didn't--
3 IRVING: --it's your first--it's your first hour
4 doing this, we'll--
5 ROUSSEAU: Yeah.
6 IRVING: --stick with you on it.
7 ROUSSEAU: Thank you, because I was ready to quit
8 already. Are there any items of business--
9 FITCH: That's all I have. I want to thank you for
10 my reappointment and your confidence in my abilities,
11 and I look forward to a very busy 2004. We have a
12 lot of projects that are going to be accomplished
13 this summer, and looking forward to a new year here.
14 IRVING: Well, thank you, Mike.
15 FITCH: Thank you.
16 ROUSSEAU: Who will entertain a motion about the
17 readings on matters approved?
18 IRVING: I make a motion we approved--we waive the
19 second reading on all matters that we've discussed
20 today.
21 BLOOM: Second.
22 ROUSSEAU: All in favor signify by saying "aye."
23 BLOOM: Aye.
24 IRVING: Aye.
25 ROUSSEAU: Aye. Is there anyone that cares to make

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1 any comments from the public? (No response.) They
2 don't--it doesn't look very good for comments from
3 the public. That being the case, meeting adjourned.
4 (Adjourned 10:17 a.m.)

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3 3 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

4 4 I, Rhonda M. Mullholand, a Notary Public in
5 5 and for the State of Indiana, County of Allen, do
6 6 hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true
7 7 and accurate transcript of the Board of
8 8 Commissioners' of the County of Allen, Legislative
9 9 Session, held before me on January 7, 2004, in the
10 10 Allen County Commissioners' Courtroom, Room 200,
11 11 City-County Building, 1 East Main Street, Fort Wayne,
12 12 Allen County, Indiana; that I am not related to,
13 13 employed by or interested in any of the parties to
14 14 this cause of action.

15 15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed my
16 16 hand and seal this 13th day of January, 2004.

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Rhonda M. Mullholand, Notary Public
Residing in Allen County, Indiana

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My Commission Expires:
June 21, 2009

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