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10 January 12, 2005

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Nelson Peters Allen County Commissioner

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Mary Hitchens Allen County Public
Information Office

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7 John McGauley Allen County Public
Information Office

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G.W. Fishing Allen County Counsel

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10 Michael Fitch Executive Director, Allen
County Highway Department

11 Pat Crick

Allen County Recorder

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Stan Scheumann Global Systems, Inc.

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J. Hoffman Aboite Independent

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Randy Brown General Manager,
War Memorial Coliseum

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17 Gene Languell Plant Facility Manager,
War Memorial Coliseum

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C.J. Steigmeyer Manager, Finance and
Administration,
War Memorial Coliseum

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George Colby Drug Task Force

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James A. Herman Sheriff, Allen County

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Creager Smith Fort Wayne Historic
Preservation Planner

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2 Also present:

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Russ Garriott Fort Wayne Historic
Preservation Planner

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5 Brian McNaughton Allen County Community
Corrections, Finance and

6 Personnel
7 Pam Holocher City of Fort Wayne,
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10 Tera Klutz Chief Deputy Auditor
11 Kimberlee M. Adams Rolf Reporting, Inc.
12 Kevin Leininger News Sentinel
13 Ben Lanka Journal Gazette

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1 BLOOM: Good morning, and welcome to the
2 Commissioners' Legislative Session, January 12th. We
3 will take time to have the pledge and a moment of
4 prayer, please.

5 (At this time, the Pledge of Allegiance
6 was recited in unison, and a moment of
7 silence was recognized by all.)

8 BLOOM: Thank you. The first thing on our agenda
9 this morning, Approval of the Minutes of 1/05/05.

10 IRVING: So moved.

11 PETERS: I'll second it.

12 BLOOM: All in favor, signify it by saying, "Aye."

13 PETERS: Aye.

14 IRVING: Aye.

15 BLOOM: Aye. Approval for Allen County Sheriff's
16 Department to enter in to a Drug Task Force Grant
17 Agreement.

18 IRVING: Good morning, Sheriff.

19 HERMAN: Good morning.

20 BLOOM: Good morning, Sheriff.

21 IRVING: Good morning, George.

22 BLOOM: Good morning.

23 HERMAN: Good morning. I'm Sheriff Jim Herman. This
24 is George Colby, head of our Drug Task Force.

25 BLOOM: Yes.

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1 HERMAN: And we're here to answer any questions you
2 might have regarding this as simply a--

3 BLOOM: Do I have the paperwork on this?

4 HERMAN: --extension of the grants that we've been
5 operating under for several years.

6 IRVING: I had a chance to read the documentation on

7 the grant yesterday. And it seems to be in line with
8 what we have done in the past. Anytime that we can
9 get some grant money that doesn't cost us any money
10 to get--

11 BLOOM: Absolutely.

12 IRVING: --the Sheriff knows what I mean by
13 that--it's good for our community. The grant is a
14 total of, if I remember right, 140,000, \$152,000.00
15 for the year, is that correct?

16 HERMAN: Correct.

17 IRVING: Okay, and it helps to defray the cost of
18 some personnel?

19 HERMAN: Yes.

20 BLOOM: Great.

21 IRVING: Yes. I make a motion that we approve the
22 grant and--for the Drug Task Force Agreement.

23 PETERS: I'll second it.

24 BLOOM: All in favor, signify it by saying, "Aye."

25 PETERS: Aye.

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1 IRVING: Aye.

2 BLOOM: Aye. Thank you.

3 HERMAN: Thank you very much.

4 BLOOM: Do you have anything else, Sheriff?

5 IRVING: Good luck.

6 HERMAN: No. I'd like to welcome Commissioner Peters
7 to the--to the fray.

8 PETERS: Thank. Appreciate it.

9 HERMAN: Take care. Thank you.

10 BLOOM: Thanks. Approval on the 36-month contract
11 between Verizon and Allen County on behalf of the
12 Memorial Coliseum.

13 IRVING: Randy, would you like to join us--

14 BLOOM: Good morning.

15 IRVING: --at a mic?

16 BROWN: May I?

17 IRVING: Yes, you sure--

18 BLOOM: Good morning.

19 BROWN: Good morning, folks.

20 IRVING: Good morning.

21 BLOOM: Hi.

22 STEIGMEYER: I am C.J. Steigmeyer, the Manager of
23 Finance and Administration out at the Coliseum. With

24 me is Gene Languell, the facility--Plant Facility
25 Manager and Randy Brown, the General Manager. We're
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1 here today to request approval of a contract, a
2 36-month contract, for Verizon services, for phone
3 services which are--will be an upgrade to our
4 existing system that we have now. The--as they're
5 mentioned, 36 months and this will greatly enhance
6 our operations, the efficiency of what the existing
7 phone system will do.

8 PETERS: C.J., it's my understanding that is the
9 second part of an existing agreement, is that
10 correct?

11 STEIGMEYER: The contract that we had approved--the
12 agreement we had approved on December 8th when we
13 were here was just for the allocation of the lines--

14 PETERS: All right.

15 STEIGMEYER: --the specific line numbers.

16 BLOOM: Yeah.

17 STEIGMEYER: And that was what we were here in
18 December for. This is the second piece of the
19 contract. We were working out some--trying to work
20 out some contract language that was holding--that
21 held up that initial piece, and that's the reason we
22 did not do this all at once. That language was
23 not--we--we did not get satisfactory compliance from
24 them, but there is a method--

25 BLOOM: Okay.

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1 STEIGMEYER: --to get what we need--

2 BLOOM: Okay.

3 PETERS: Okay. Well, I--

4 STEIGMEYER: --within the language that we have
5 without breaking any laws--

6 PETERS: Great.

7 STEIGMEYER: --or anything like that.

8 PETERS: Well, I--

9 STEIGMEYER: So, it's--

10 PETERS: --I appreciate your--

11 STEIGMEYER: --it's all legitimate. And we've got
12 the--the funds now available and that was the reason
13 we had to wait as well. We didn't have the funds
14 available--

15 BLOOM: Okay.

16 STEIGMEYER: --in 2004.

17 IRVING: Well, I think it's very important. I know
18 that this is an agreement that you've been hammering
19 out for, what, like three months--

20 STEIGMEYER: Yes.

21 IRVING: --if I remember correctly. And I think it's
22 important since Verizon runs the lines to the
23 facility that you could come to an agreement within
24 the facility, because when you have all the
25 exhibitors that are paying rent for--for these lines

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1 and then they go down, you need to be able to

2 pinpoint exactly--

3 BLOOM: Exactly.

4 IRVING: --where the problem is. The other part is
5 that Verizon has made a huge investment in our
6 community with 1200 employees and about 100 million
7 dollars. So I--any way that we can do as a
8 governmental agency to support industry that makes
9 investments in our community, I think that's also
10 important as long as the price is there too.

11 PETERS: I--I appreciate your diligence and your
12 follow-through to--to insure that we're doing the
13 right thing here.

14 IRVING: I'd like to make a motion that we approve
15 the agreement for Verizon.

16 PETERS: I'll second that.

17 BLOOM: All in favor, signify it by saying, "Aye."

18 PETERS: Aye.

19 IRVING: Aye.

20 BLOOM: Aye. Thank you.

21 STEIGMEYER: Thank you very much.

22 IRVING: I think that maybe Mr. Brown has some good
23 news for us and he wanted to take a moment, if he
24 could, to kind of update us a little bit on a report
25 that just came out.

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1 BROWN: We had some very pleasant news in the recent
2 edition of Pollstar Magazine. Pollstar is the
3 concert industry--

4 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

5 BROWN: --leading publication. You frequently hear

6 Gary Bongiovanni quoted on ticket sales, on concert
7 traffic. He's a major player worldwide when it comes
8 to the concert industry. They've just recently
9 completed a listing of the Top 100 arenas in the
10 world. And number one was a facility in Manchester,
11 England. Number two was a facility in Montreal,
12 Quebec. As you would expect in the Top 10, you had
13 Philadelphia, you had Madison Square Garden. But at
14 number 81, you had the Allen County--or have the
15 Allen County War Memorial Coliseum--

16 BLOOM: Wow.

17 BROWN: --in Fort Wayne, Indiana. So--

18 BLOOM: Wow.

19 BROWN: And it's exciting for us. Again, I--I think
20 it further demonstrates the success of the arena
21 expansion. I'm happy to say to the commissioners
22 that we've been very successful in under-promising
23 and over-delivering. And this is our second--second
24 acknowledgement this year of our--of our
25 achievements. And as I said with the media

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1 yesterday, it--it really speaks well to our
2 marketplace--

3 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

4 BROWN: --that the--the--the greater Allen County
5 community--and I'll--and I say "greater," we're
6 talking western Ohio, southern Michigan, central
7 Indiana--comes out, comes to Fort Wayne, supports our
8 local businesses, our hotels, our restaurants,
9 providing jobs for our friends and neighbors. And
10 again, we're just--we're pleased. We had no idea
11 that this was coming, and--it's a--it's a nice
12 delight when you open a--a magazine and you--you
13 see--

14 BLOOM: Pleasant. Oh, yeah.

15 BROWN: --something that you don't expect to have.

16 BLOOM: Pleasant surprise.

17 BROWN: So--

18 PETERS: Congratulations.

19 BLOOM: Yes.

20 BROWN: Thank you.

21 IRVING: Can I ask a--can I twist your arm to
22 maybe--since I haven't had a chance to look at the

23 article. I know a lot of--by working on the downtown
24 revitalization and the comprehensive plan, some of
25 the things that I've taken an interest in--

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1 BROWN: Uh-huh (affirmative).

2 IRVING: Can you tell me how do--do we rank--let's
3 say, we're often compared to Grand Rapids. We're
4 also--we're often compared to Greenville, South
5 Carolina. Can you give us an idea, regionally, maybe
6 in a five-state area or whatever, kind of where are
7 we at and how do we--

8 BROWN: Sure.

9 IRVING: --compare population-wise to what's been
10 exhibited at the Coliseum.

11 BROWN: Our immediate competitors that--that we're
12 going neck and neck with every day are the Grand
13 Rapids, the Dayton, Toledo of the world.

14 IRVING: Columbus?

15 BROWN: Columbus.

16 IRVING: Okay.

17 BROWN: Toledo didn't make the chart. South Bend
18 wasn't on the chart. Grand Rapids, as you would
19 expect--their population is, what, two maybe three
20 times greater than our--our metro population--

21 BLOOM: At least two.

22 BROWN: --and they were ahead of us. But we were
23 ahead of some surprising ones, the Schottenstein
24 Center which is in Columbus.

25 BLOOM: Really?

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1 BROWN: The--I don't re--the name of the arena
2 changed, but the arena in Cincinnati.

3 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

4 BROWN: America West in Phoenix. Those were all--Joe
5 Lewis in Detroit. In terms of concert activity, they
6 were below us. So I--I think we're doing very well.

7 IRVING: And I think Columbus--I was there recently--
8 isn't their population like 1.2 million, something
9 like that. I mean, that's a fairly--

10 BROWN: I believe they're bigger than Indianapolis.

11 IRVING: Okay.

12 BROWN: So, I think that--that's close.

13 IRVING: Okay. And it is also a college town.

14 BROWN: Yes, it is. And what's exciting for us too
15 is we have already confirmed six concerts for this
16 year, so--

17 BLOOM: Great.

18 BROWN: --yeah, we're--give or take a fourth to a
19 third of the way to our--our total, to what our--what
20 our goal is for the year. So when you look at the
21 strength of the Komets, you know, playing
22 exceptionally well.

23 BLOOM: They are.

24 BROWN: You know, we--we're delighted--pleased to
25 have IPFW, the Mastedons playing. You know,

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1 they--they're struggling and we need to get them
2 into--into a conference. But big picture, when you
3 look, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the Coliseum, we're
4 doing very well. And it's a tribute to the market,
5 but also say, it--it says a lot about our staff, the
6 way our--our people are able to service the business.
7 And we're fortunate to have the people that we have.

8 IRVING: Mr. Brown, I promise I won't tell a soul,
9 but is there any of the concerts you'd like to dangle
10 and tell us about.

11 BROWN: Some--yeah.

12 IRVING: Probably not, right?

13 BROWN: Some that you already know. Of course, Josh
14 Groban's on sale, Gaithers. But in one week in
15 March, we're going to have three concerts and three
16 hockey games. So--

17 IRVING: Fantastic.

18 BROWN: --yeah. We're not sure why it all has to hit
19 in one week. But--

20 BLOOM: One week?

21 BROWN: All within one--that's within one week.

22 BLOOM: I thought it was the month of March. One
23 week?

24 BROWN: One week in March, but it's all the same. So
25 our operations crew, up, down, up, down, up, down.

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1 But--

2 IRVING: Super.

3 BROWN: --it--it's a good sign, a very positive sign
4 for the new year.

5 IRVING: Congratulations, Randy.
6 BROWN: My pleasure. Commissioner--
7 IRVING: Very proud.
8 BLOOM: Thank you.
9 BROWN: --Peters, I'd just like to say on behalf of
10 the Coliseum, welcome to the Board.
11 PETERS: Thank you. Appreciate it.
12 BROWN: We would like to extend an opportunity to
13 give you the--the A-tour of our property at--at some
14 time--
15 PETERS: Looking forward--
16 BROWN: --if it will fit into your calendar.
17 PETERS: --looking forward to it.
18 BROWN: Thank you, folks.
19 BLOOM: Thank you.
20 IRVING: Thank you very much and congratulations.
21 BLOOM: Thank you, Verizon.
22 STEIGMEYER: Thank you.
23 BLOOM: Request from the Allen County Recorder to
24 begin Phase 4-1 with Global Systems, Inc. for
25 microfilming, scanning and electronic data transfer.

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1 The cost is \$35,280.00.
2 IRVING: Good morning, Pat.
3 CRICK: Good morning.
4 BLOOM: Good morning.
5 CRICK: Welcome, Nelson.
6 PETERS: Thank you. Appreciate that.
7 CRICK: You can visit the Recorder's office anytime
8 you wish too.
9 PETERS: Looking forward to that as well.
10 CRICK: This is an extension of Phase 4. I had
11 decided to have the years 1970 through 1973 scanned.
12 And I also want to say--now we do have the
13 managers--or the owners are here, if you--
14 BLOOM: Good morning.
15 CRICK: --have any questions for them. The plats
16 that I had requested to be scanned, they're all
17 finished.
18 IRVING: Great. Congratulations.
19 CRICK: So eventually, within maybe a month, we'll
20 get our plats that are upstairs downstairs in the
21 archives and it will all be on computer, so we're

22 excited about that.
23 IRVING: Of course.
24 CRICK: And this is just, like I say, an extension of
25 the original--

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1 BLOOM: Contract.
2 CRICK: --contract.
3 IRVING: Contract.
4 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).
5 IRVING: My hats off to you, Pat. This has been a
6 huge process. And--
7 CRICK: Yes, it has.
8 BLOOM: Yes, it certainly has.
9 IRVING: --it's--it's--and we're--so then when are we
10 going to start in the 60s. I'm sorry.
11 CRICK: Let's get '70 through '73 done.
12 IRVING: Okay. Well, that will be done next week.
13 CRICK: Yeah.
14 IRVING: I make a motion we approve.
15 PETERS: I'll second that.
16 BLOOM: All in favor, signify it by saying, "Aye."
17 IRVING: Aye.
18 PETERS: Aye.
19 BLOOM: Aye.
20 CRICK: Thank you.
21 IRVING: Thank you, Pat. And thank you for your
22 diligence.
23 BLOOM: Next on the agenda this morning is the
24 extension between Allen County and Office Design and
25 Interiors for continuation of space study.

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1 PETERS: Let me--let me, if I might, throw a
2 suggestion out. I've got a--a concern right now that
3 the City has not come back to us yet. In fact, we've
4 got some meetings scheduled with them regarding
5 the--the space and building situation. And I'm a
6 little bit concerned at this point that if we persist
7 in the continuation of the space study that we're
8 probably remiss to some degree. I would ask that we
9 reconsider what is currently being done, and perhaps
10 what is owed, in this respect. We paid \$15,900.00, I
11 believe, at this point--
12 BLOOM: Right.

13 PETERS: --for the space study.

14 BLOOM: Right.

15 PETERS: I think what's being asked is another
16 \$7800.00. I do recognize that some of that work has
17 already been done--

18 BLOOM: Exactly.

19 PETERS: --but I would hope, at this point, we could
20 sort of cease and desist until such time as we've got
21 a little bit better idea as to what the City's
22 intentions are. I--I would recommend, and I guess,
23 even make a motion to--to approve, say, half of that
24 amount right now in the way of \$3900.00 to insure
25 that the individuals performing this space study has

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1 indeed been paid for the work they've done at this
2 point, and then relook the additional amount--

3 BLOOM: At a later time.

4 PETERS: --at a later time.

5 BLOOM: Okay.

6 PETERS: So I--I would move that we approve \$3900.00
7 at this point.

8 IRVING: Before I second it, I would like to ask a
9 couple of questions.

10 BLOOM: Certainly.

11 IRVING: Because of the growth that we have seen in
12 the Prosecutor's office and Superior Court, if--and
13 other departments--ACS has been another department
14 because of the transition and the--the computers and
15 updating that we've done--would it--would it not be
16 feasible to go ahead and finish the space study
17 so--because the numbers, I would think, over the next
18 six months or year, whatever--even though I think
19 we'll have a decision from the City--do we not need
20 to have an overall look at what our numbers and space
21 needs are no matter if the City decides to purchase
22 the Renaissance Center and to move out of here
23 and--or if they decide to stay? Because the numbers
24 would not fluctuate. I mean, I would think that we
25 would still need to get an idea of what they space is

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1 that we need to occupy, and we may end up having to,
2 you know, pull out of some of the other buildings and
3 put them up for sale and put them in here. But are

4 the numbers going to fluctuate that much that we need
5 to not complete the study that we've been doing for
6 the last six months?

7 PETERS: Let me--can--can I respond from--

8 IRVING: Yeah.

9 PETERS: --my perspective real quick?

10 IRVING: Great.

11 PETERS: What--what my fear is, is the space study as
12 it exists right now is being done based on what the
13 lay of the land was, say, six months ago. And my
14 fear is, as that as terrain begins to change, or as
15 there is some consideration of that change, the land
16 is going to look a little bit differently. And I'm
17 afraid that a space study that was initiated, say,
18 six months, eight months ago, based on how things
19 looked at that time, is going to look entirely
20 different based on what the City might or might not
21 do.

22 IRVING: Well, we've already been approached by two
23 other firms that would like to rent space in this
24 building if the City would so choose to move out.

25 And do we not still need to have the numbers and the
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1 space that we would need whether the City would stay
2 or we entertain the thought of--of renting out
3 different floors?

4 PETERS: The--the--the concern I have is that we--we
5 have the potential to move people based on the way
6 things look now or based on the way things looked six
7 months ago. That's what I think the space study has
8 been looking at. If indeed, we have people moving
9 out of floors above us right now--

10 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

11 PETERS: --that puts an entirely different spin on
12 that space study.

13 IRVING: But I--but--and I appreciate that. But our
14 employment, fortunate or unfortunate, depends on--on
15 who you talk to, it seems like we're not shrinking.
16 If anything, that we're growing because of our
17 judicial system and some of the programs that are
18 basically court-ordered from our judicial system.
19 And I feel like we have gone this far in our space
20 study. The presentation that was done to us right

21 before Christmas shows that, obviously, we are going
22 to have to see about--if we cannot utilize more space
23 within this building--

24 PETERS: Uh-huh (affirmative).

25 IRVING: --that we're going to end up having to
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1 purchase or lease a building outside. And to--
2 knowing that the City is going to have a firm
3 response to our letter that they should be able to
4 come up with some type of an idea for us by, I think,
5 if my memory serves me right, it was like April 1st
6 or somewhere in that area. But I think that by
7 dividing up the space study that I think in the long
8 run you could end up maybe even costing the County
9 more. I would rather see them complete the project
10 at hand and then let be may be after the City makes
11 their decision.

12 PETERS: Well, I just--you know, I mean, we can--we
13 can go rounds on this. I'm just afraid that they're
14 going to be looking at an entirely different scenario
15 based on one case versus the other case.

16 IRVING: Okay.

17 PETERS: And I just--I want to ensure that we're not
18 throwing good money after bad. I--I'm not saying
19 that we shut down the space study completely, but I'm
20 saying for the time being, perhaps it would be
21 prudent to--to put it on hold until we've got a
22 little bit firmer grasp of what's going on.

23 IRVING: Well, after reviewing the space study that
24 was done in December, I would like to see them go
25 forward with it. So--I mean--Commissioner Bloom,

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1 this has basically been your project. Do you think
2 it would be a detriment to go ahead and finish it, or
3 do we stop it, or--or how do you feel since this is
4 your project?

5 BLOOM: I've talked with the person that is doing the
6 space study and all the reporting to us on several
7 occasions. Recently, I've told her to stay on hold,
8 and I think I discussed that with both of you that
9 until we had some kind of determination. And now
10 that we know, hopefully, by April 1st, we will have
11 some decision. I think the concern of the companies

12 and mine is that should the City stay, they have
13 additional needs also. And as far as I'm
14 concerned--and I discussed this with you this
15 morning, Nelson--you would like to just pay her for
16 what we've got up to now.

17 PETERS: Right.

18 BLOOM: She actually did the space study telling us
19 how much space we had in these buildings. And the
20 first request we made from her was just for the three
21 buildings, the Highway Building, the Courthouse, and
22 the City-County Building. Adding to it the now--the
23 Annex Building over on Berry and the Keystone
24 Building, we even had more departments--I think you
25 know this--

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1 PETERS: Uh-huh (affirmative).

2 BLOOM: --that were wanting space than we even knew.
3 She has combined all this space, taken it back
4 several times. We've seen a PowerPoint on it. I'm
5 not opposed to paying her for what she's done up to
6 this point. I would like to continue this study,
7 though, at a later time. I understand what
8 Commissioner Irving is saying about we need to
9 continue our space study regardless because the needs
10 are still going to be the same needs that she needs
11 to communicate with the departments so that she knows
12 how much space. This company is amazing--and that's
13 why we hired them--in taking the least amount of
14 space and making the most out of it.

15 PETERS: Uh-huh (affirmative).

16 BLOOM: I think there's a couple quick fixes, as I
17 would call it. We have a couple of people--a couple
18 of departments really in trouble and--for space. New
19 employees are being brought in. There's no space for
20 them. Everybody wants the primetime space. I--I
21 would go along with paying half up front now, but
22 certainly continuing her interaction with the
23 departments because regardless of where the space is
24 going to be, additional space is going to be needed.

25 IRVING: Commissioner Bloom, I--I see both sides of

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1 this, but I really feel strong that I don't want a
2 half completed report. This space study has gone

3 on--our first contract was, what, with her in
4 September, was it? Hopefully, it was to be completed
5 and we would be able to--to start moving and
6 remodeling by the first of the year. Here we are
7 again. And I just feel like if we need to add to the
8 space study at a later date, we could do that. But I
9 do not feel as if our population of employees is
10 going to fluctuate that much in the next two to three
11 months that we shouldn't see this project through.
12 And if we have to reevaluate at a later date, then we
13 have to. But after seeing the PowerPoint and seeing
14 exactly the usable space, the unusable space--
15 BLOOM: The needs.
16 IRVING: --the needs that we have--
17 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).
18 IRVING: --I would like to see this project completed
19 so we have--so we're prepared for the decision one
20 way or the other that the City might make it.
21 PETERS: Let me--let me ask you if this makes any
22 sense. Does it make any sense perhaps to table this
23 particular item for one week, just so we can get the
24 opportunity to talk with this individual to find out
25 what impact the decisions of the City may have on her
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1 study. Again, my--
2 IRVING: She--but I don't think--have you seen--
3 BLOOM: I think there's--
4 IRVING: --the PowerPoint, Nelson?
5 PETERS: No.
6 BLOOM: --I think there's--
7 IRVING: Okay.
8 BLOOM: --I think there's a misunderstanding.
9 IRVING: Yeah, I think there is.
10 BLOOM: She was hired--give me the name of that
11 company, please. Hand me that a minute. Design--
12 IRVING: I can't even think of the--
13 BLOOM: --no, we're both sitting here talking about
14 it--Office Design and Interiors was hired to do a
15 space study to locate--she's taken all the square
16 footage of all the buildings to locate all of the
17 usable space. A lot of our space is common area, of
18 course. I mean, this is all common--
19 IRVING: And unusable.

20 BLOOM: --know--knowledge. Unusable space--at which
21 time she was to talk to all departments that needed
22 either additional space and/or would be willing to
23 actually give up some of the space. We had a couple
24 of departments that per square foot--person per
25 square footage, they could give up a little space.

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1 She was doing a total square footage of not now, but
2 all five. I mean, not then, with the three
3 buildings, but now with the five buildings.
4 Commissioner Irving is right in the respect that we
5 do need total square footage. She does need to talk
6 with all of the departments regardless of when we pay
7 this, or regardless of what the City's needs are.

8 PETERS: Does her study have to do with where
9 individuals may be located? Where--

10 BLOOM: And also--

11 PETERS: --they may be moved to?

12 BLOOM: --also. But her initial contract was to--

13 IRVING: A needs.

14 BLOOM: --a needs--yes--

15 IRVING: A needs analysis.

16 BLOOM: --a needs study.

17 PETERS: Has the needs portion been completed?

18 IRVING: No.

19 BLOOM: Not with all the departments. And that's
20 what this was, this contract for \$7800.00, for her to
21 review the remainder of the departments. Right now,
22 she could shift back and forth because nothing works
23 with the available space we have, like Commissioner
24 Irving suggested, depending on the square footage
25 that the County ends up with.

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1 PETERS: But again, maybe I don't understand exactly
2 what's going into this, but if, you know, if I'm
3 going into a football game and I am anticipating that
4 I'm going to play the other team's first team, and
5 all of a sudden everybody on the first team is
6 injured, I'm going to have to reevaluate how I'm
7 going to play that football game.

8 IRVING: Okay, maybe I can simplify it this way and
9 it would help. I'm going to use an example, the
10 Prosecutor's office.

11 PETERS: Uh-huh (affirmative).

12 IRVING: Okay. If you notice that--Karen Richards
13 was on TV, I think late last week, that they were
14 getting a grant, or whatever, with eight new people.
15 And well, these are eight new bodies they've
16 already--the space study showed when they were at the
17 Prosecutor's office that they basically are in a
18 space need that they need to take over the entire
19 Keystone Building because they have people that are
20 in the hallways. Blah, blah, blah, blah, blah, go
21 on. Which then, we have to reallocate the space for
22 the Election Board and the--

23 BLOOM: Voters' Registration.

24 IRVING: --Voters' Registration. So this--so the
25 \$7800.00 that we're adding to this is not to where
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1 are we going to--to put people, but how much space do
2 we have--

3 BLOOM: It's a needs study.

4 IRVING: --how much space do our departments need,
5 and what is usable space and what is not usable
6 space. The usable space and the not usable space,
7 basically, is not going--going to change. If we have
8 the City move out, of course. But it's still, the
9 County's going to need "X" amount of space. Now
10 I--there is a motion on the floor. I--I would like
11 to see this completed, so I am not going to second
12 the motion.

13 BLOOM: Because we have two completely opposite views
14 here, I had suggested this morning to Commissioner
15 Peters that I would, in fact, split the amount here
16 half and half. I will talk with Office Design and
17 Interiors again. She'll have no problem with this
18 amount. But I do not want to let this go for very
19 long because to me, it is a needs study, so I will
20 second your motion unless you would like to rescind
21 it.

22 PETERS: Well, I'm not--you know, again, I'm not
23 interested in rescinding it. I--I think we need to
24 know what the playing field looks like before we
25 invest a whole lot more money into--into what's going

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1 on.

2 BLOOM: Well, we still need the needs.

3 IRVING: Yeah, I'd--

4 PETERS: Okay. Let me--let me--let me--

5 IRVING: --we're not comparing apples and apples, I
6 think, on this.

7 PETERS: Well, let me say this to you, if you guys
8 will--if you guys will--

9 BLOOM: If you guys.

10 PETERS: --if you ladies will give me the benefit
11 of--of exploring this for one week--

12 BLOOM: I gave it to you. I seconded your motion.

13 PETERS: --and bring it back--well, I will rescind my
14 motion if you--you allow me the opportunity to spend
15 a week finding out a little bit more for my own
16 edification what's going on with this.

17 BLOOM: Okay.

18 IRVING: Well, I would appreciate it if we would give
19 it two weeks because I am going to be in Washington,
20 D.C.--

21 PETERS: Okay.

22 IRVING: --next week. And--

23 BLOOM: Okay, I'm taking back my second. And you're
24 rescinding your motion?

25 PETERS: Yeah, and asking to table this for two
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1 weeks.

2 IRVING: I'll second the motion to table it for two
3 weeks.

4 BLOOM: All in favor, signify it by saying, "Aye."

5 PETERS: Aye.

6 IRVING: Aye.

7 BLOOM: Aye. Okay, moving right along. Presentation
8 on the Countywide Historic Preservation Strategy.
9 Good morning.

10 MCGAULEY: Good morning, Commissioners.

11 IRVING: How are you this morning? Good morning,
12 Pam.

13 MCGAULEY: For the record, I'm John McGauley, the
14 Public Information Officer for Allen County and with
15 me is Pam Holocher from the city of Fort Wayne's
16 Division of Community Development. Did I get that
17 right?

18 HOLOCHER: Uh-huh (affirmative).

19 MCGAULEY: For the last few months, there has been an
20 effort underway between the city of Fort Wayne and
21 Allen County and a number of our surrounding towns to
22 take a look at an overreaching umbrella approach to
23 preserving historic structures and some of the--the
24 truly unique cultural resources that we've got in our
25 county. And I asked Pam and several of her staff to
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1 come to you today and just bring you up to date, very
2 quickly, on that process because at some point, the
3 results of that study will come back to you later
4 this year or maybe in early 2006 for your
5 consideration. So, I asked Pam to come and bring you
6 up to speed on the details of what's underway.

7 BLOOM: Great.

8 HOLOCHER: Great. Thanks a lot, John. And I want to
9 thank the Commissioners also for just giving us the
10 opportunity to talk about this historic preservation
11 strategy that we're embarking upon. And as John
12 mentioned, I did bring along the two staff leaders,
13 Creager Smith and Russ Garriott. They're--they're in
14 the audience.

15 BLOOM: Hi. Welcome.

16 IRVING: Welcome gentlemen.

17 BLOOM: Absolutely.

18 HOLOCHER: And if you--this is going to be a very
19 brief presentation at the request of John, but if you
20 have any further questions, I will, you know, refer
21 those to them. I--the other thing I did also to save
22 a little bit of time, I'm providing you with a
23 handout that really describes the strategy, the
24 timeline. We hope that it will be completed this
25 year. The very last page, you will see that there is
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1 a list of advisory committee members of which--that
2 the County is definitely represented and other cities
3 and towns in Allen County besides Fort Wayne. The
4 outline also describes many of the topics that the
5 members will be going over during this period. You
6 may be wondering just why we even decided to embark
7 upon this historic preservation strategy. Again,
8 we've had a historic preservation kind of section in
9 the the Planning Department for some whi--a while.

10 And one of the reasons is us as a City department
11 decided that we really needed to reevaluate how we
12 did historic preservation within the city. A lot of
13 it really was very--kind of day to day efforts with
14 our historic preservation districts, and we wanted to
15 become more strategic. So in this kind of
16 reevaluation, we thought, well, in the spirit of
17 City-County cooperation, as we've been
18 partnering-- especially like on the Comp
19 plan--really, we should look at just evaluating
20 historic preservation as a community, which--
21 BLOOM: right.

22 HOLOCHER: --obviously goes beyond Fort Wayne's
23 boundaries and into the county. So--so that's really
24 why we decided to make it more of a--a countywide, I
25 guess you might say, evaluation of--of historic

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1 preservation. But the other reason we really wanted
2 to make it countywide is really for kind of an
3 educational process because there's so many things
4 out there at the local, the state, and the national
5 level that we really wanted to make everyone in the
6 community aware of. And--and for example, New Haven
7 now has plans to revitalize their downtown. And some
8 of the resources--

9 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

10 HOLOCHER: --that really could be available to them--

11 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

12 HOLOCHER: --are various historic preservation
13 resources that they're not really even aware of, and
14 we would like to be able to help them and provide
15 them with as much information, so you know, they can
16 augment their effort. So--so that's kind of another
17 reason why we decided to--to go outside city
18 boundaries. And also in conjunction with the Comp
19 plan that Marla--Commissioner Irving,
20 rather--is--is--and also Nelson now is--is really
21 coming into that process, but historic preservation
22 will be a piece of the comprehensive plan.

23 IRVING: That's right.

24 HOLOCHER: And we haven't really looked at--at
25 historic preservation from a very comprehensive

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1 community wide standpoint. So we're hoping that with
2 this timeline, it will feed directly into our
3 city-county comprehensive plan and we can actually be
4 a part of that to--to really augment the plan. And
5 that's really why we're doing it. If you have any
6 questions or if you want a better understanding of
7 any of the elements, we'll be discussing everything
8 from various programs to actually potentially
9 establishing a community wide historic preservation
10 commission which would include the County and the
11 City and the other cities and towns that wanted to
12 participate.

13 BLOOM: But you're going to identify--

14 HOLOCHER: Oh just--we'll--we'll have some proposals.
15 We'll have this advisory committee that I--I passed
16 out to you.

17 BLOOM: But you will identify--

18 HOLOCHER: Right.

19 BLOOM: --like bridges, buildings, cemeteries,
20 whatever?

21 HOLOCHER: They'll talk about--

22 BLOOM: Or areas.

23 HOLOCHER: No. They'll--they'll talk about those
24 things. You'll see that--the topics that are down
25 here. They're talking about everything from local
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1 and state and federal guidelines, to our historic
2 assets, to ways that we can better provide historic
3 preservation.

4 IRVING: Pam, is this a--a group that will be willing
5 to go to Indianapolis to help lobby for some of the
6 historical--

7 HOLOCHER: I hope--

8 IRVING: --preservation.

9 HOLOCHER: --I hope so--

10 IRVING: Because--

11 HOLOCHER: --but I can't answer that.

12 IRVING: We just recently got--and I'm not even sure
13 that we did a media release on it--the two houses out
14 at the Irene Byron were--just got the--the national,
15 which means that we can now pull from national
16 dollars to help with those. So--but I know when I
17 went down there, there were--I was one of like 20 and

18 it was just me, myself, and I, and there were large
19 groups that went down. Is that what this group will
20 do then?

21 HOLOCHER: I think it--it definitely could function
22 as that. And I think it would be even stronger if
23 it's not just the County--or the City, but we have
24 this, frankly, countywide contingency to go down
25 there that your proposal would be that much stronger.

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1 IRVING: Is this group going to be prepared to go
2 after grant dollars to help us with the different
3 designations.

4 HOLOCHER: Again, I can't really answer that--

5 BLOOM: Right.

6 HOLOCHER: --because it's up to all of the individual
7 committee members--

8 IRVING: Okay.

9 HOLOCHER: --and I don't really know if they've
10 gotten that far in their discussions--

11 IRVING: Great.

12 HOLOCHER: --as far as their action steps.

13 BLOOM: So again, I'm asking, is it to determine what
14 facilities, what--and what infrastructure--

15 HOLOCHER: Well, the--the City--

16 BLOOM: --is historical?

17 HOLOCHER: --well, the Cit--

18 BLOOM: That would be eligible? I mean--

19 HOLOCHER: --the--

20 BLOOM: --could one of you come forward and--

21 HOLOCHER: Sure.

22 BLOOM: --I mean, I'm not sure I understand this.

23 IRVING: John, why don't you join us next to--

24 MCGAULEY: All right.

25 IRVING: --our attorney. That way you can--

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1 BLOOM: --because the County deals with ARCH all the
2 time.

3 HOLOCHER: Sure.

4 BLOOM: The Columbia Street Bridge, we wanted to
5 preserve and--and restructure the way it was and went
6 into a lot of historical plans to make sure that it
7 was brought back. Everyone suggested was I building
8 a new bridge, and I said, "Yes, but we're doing a new

9 old bridge," because we even did the light fixtures.
10 We did--and--like Aboite Center Road, we're going
11 around a schoolhouse. We're actually buying--
12 HOLOCHER: Sure.
13 BLOOM: --additional right-of-way. So we deal with
14 ARCH and older buildings. Lynn Wilson's working on a
15 grant for a--
16 IRVING: Cemetery.
17 BLOOM: --cemetery right now.
18 IRVING: Two cemeteries.
19 HOLOCHER: Uh-huh (affirmative).
20 BLOOM: And we're doing signage. And I guess I'm not
21 clear because I haven't seen the paperwork here prior
22 to.
23 HOLOCHER: Uh-huh (affirmative).
24 BLOOM: But will you be identifying so that--or--or
25 this is just a committee to talk. I don't

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1 understand.
2 SMITH: Well, I'm--I'm Creager Smith, Historic
3 Preservation Planner.
4 BLOOM: Hi.
5 SMITH: The inventory of Fort Wayne and Allen
6 County's historic resources has already been done. I
7 mean, it--it has been done once, and it's--
8 BLOOM: Identified.
9 SMITH: At a point in time.
10 BLOOM: Okay.
11 SMITH: The County was surveyed--I think, the field
12 work was completed in 1992 or three [1993], and so
13 the data is that old. And it was never published, so
14 it's not readily available to, like, the
15 Commissioners' office and--and the City Planning
16 office to--to access that information. But--
17 BLOOM: And who did this?
18 SMITH: --the data does exist. It was done by ARCH.
19 And--
20 BLOOM: Okay, because that's who we deal with. Yeah.
21 SMITH: --they--they--they used state grant money
22 to--
23 BLOOM: Okay.
24 SMITH: --to survey the County.
25 BLOOM: Angie Quinn.

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1 SMITH: The original forms went to the State Historic
2 Preservation office in Indianapolis, and ARCH has
3 copies of that information. At about the same time,
4 the city of Fort Wayne did a survey or inventory of
5 historic resources. That was completed and published
6 in 1996. And so that raw data exists. It does
7 change over time with demolitions or new
8 information--

9 BLOOM: Right.

10 SMITH: --about historic properties, different
11 focuses on--on what may be important in the
12 community. So I think that the historic preservation
13 strategy will work toward identifying what might be
14 the most important things to be preserving. And--and
15 there could be a recommendation to update and maybe
16 integrate the--that inventory information so that
17 it's more accessible. So it's kind of a yes and no.

18 IRVING: You're going to have a database available
19 for us--

20 SMITH: That inventory is already done, but it--it
21 may need to be updated.

22 HOLOCHER: And I think, as Creager said, the idea is
23 to be more strategic. I mean, basically, we have our
24 historic districts and we--we look at things on a day
25 to day basis. But we don't say in the next 10 and 20

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1 years, what are the community's priorities, what sort
2 of buildings do we want to preserve?

3 BLOOM: Right.

4 HOLOCHER: And then do we have any kind of pot of
5 money set aside to even help preserve some of these
6 things or when there are these emergency situations
7 where all of a sudden we hear some historic structure
8 is getting ready to be demolished, you know, is there
9 anything we can do about it? Well, if we don't have
10 a strategic plan in place or we don't have a pot of
11 money to say, "Oh," you know, "can you delay this for
12 a while? We're interested in buying this building
13 and moving it."

14 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

15 BLOOM: Right.

16 HOLOCHER: And--and that was kind of our concern.

17 And I think, one of the things that recently
18 happened--was it the Berghoff building?
19 SMITH: The Berghoff house on east--
20 HOLOCHER: Right. Well--
21 SMITH: --East Washington.
22 HOLOCHER: --you know, that was a structure that, you
23 know, we consider that probably was one that we might
24 want to save. But we had no resources, we didn't--
25 BLOOM: Right.

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1 HOLOCHER: --have a plan--
2 BLOOM: Right.
3 HOLOCHER: --and all of a sudden, here, it, you know,
4 it was up and gone in a matter of weeks. And there
5 was nothing really we could do about it.
6 IRVING: Well, the reason I asked about the lobbying
7 efforts, is Creager and I happened to be down in
8 Indianapolis at the--
9 HOLOCHER: Same time.
10 IRVING: --same time for two different projects and
11 didn't even know it.
12 HOLOCHER: Oh really.
13 IRVING: Yes. And I think that we really need to--
14 when I looked at what some of the other communities
15 did, I kind of wanted to hide under the--the floor
16 and say, you know, "Gee, where--where is our big
17 support." So I--I--I think this is a great--
18 HOLOCHER: Right. And to share resources.
19 IRVING: That's right.
20 HOLOCHER: This would have been great because--
21 IRVING: And Creager and Lynn work well together. I
22 mean, I take my hats off for all of the efforts that
23 you've done. So I--I--I applaud your efforts. I
24 hope that you come back often to--to keep up updated.
25 HOLOCHER: Okay, great.

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1 IRVING: You guys got any other--
2 BLOOM: Thank you.
3 PETERS: Thanks.
4 BLOOM: I just wanted some kind of a clarification.
5 HOLOCHER: Is it more clarified now?
6 BLOOM: Yeah, because it is confusing.
7 HOLOCHER: Sure.

8 BLOOM: And I know that we work so closely on
9 infrastructure. It's costing us more money to
10 preserve that schoolhouse out there because we had to
11 buy more right-of-way. And Angie Quinn and ARCH have
12 loved working with us because we try to do what she
13 needs to have done. And this will kind of just bring
14 everything--

15 SMITH: I think it would be a goal of this project
16 that you would see a better integration to work
17 together on that because--make the community aware of
18 the bigger picture so that--

19 BLOOM: Not just project by project.

20 SMITH: --it's not just project by project--

21 HOLOCHER: Uh-huh (affirmative).

22 BLOOM: Yeah.

23 SMITH: --that we're having to deal with--

24 BLOOM: I understand.

25 SMITH: --but a broader focus to be able to direct

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1 resources to where it really can be most effective.

2 BLOOM: Our biggest--our biggest achievement, in my
3 opinion, is right across the street--

4 SMITH: Uh-huh (affirmative).

5 BLOOM: --with the Allen County Courthouse.

6 HOLOCHER: Oh.

7 SMITH: Right.

8 IRVING: Do we have an opening for Commissioner Bloom
9 on that Board?

10 BLOOM: Pardon?

11 IRVING: That Historical--

12 SMITH: The Preservation Strategy Committee?

13 HOLOCHER: Or on the Courthouse--

14 BLOOM: For the--well, I'm--I'm the representative on
15 the Preservation Trust Board. Is that what you're
16 talking about? But that's just for the Courthouse.

17 IRVING: Yeah. I was thinking that we had some--an
18 opening yet on the one for the Historical--

19 BLOOM: Oh, the History--

20 IRVING: Yeah.

21 BLOOM: Was it--

22 IRVING: I don't remember.

23 BLOOM: --the Fort Wayne Historical--

24 SMITH: We'll look into it.

25 BLOOM: --Society--

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1 IRVING: That's right.

2 BLOOM: --or something?

3 IRVING: I think that's what it is.

4 BLOOM: Maybe it was.

5 IRVING: We'll have to look into that.

6 BLOOM: Thank you--

7 IRVING: And thank you for your efforts, John.

8 BLOOM: --very very much--

9 HOLOCHER: Thank you.

10 BLOOM: --for the--

11 HOLOCHER: Thanks.

12 SMITH: Thanks.

13 BLOOM: --update. Approve a contract between Fort

14 Wayne Animal Care and Control and Allen County

15 Community Corrections for Community Service crews to

16 provide services. Good morning.

17 MCNAUGHTON: Good morning.

18 IRVING: Good morning, how are you?

19 MCNAUGHTON: I'm great. How about you?

20 IRVING: Great.

21 MCNAUGHTON: Brian McNaughton, Allen County Community

22 Corrections Manager, Finance and Personnel. On

23 behalf of the Community Corrections, I would like to

24 extend our welcome to Commissioner Peters.

25 PETERS: Thank you.

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1 MCNAUGHTON: We are just simply seeking to re-up an

2 annual contract between the Fort Wayne Animal Care

3 and Control and Community Corrections to provide

4 Community Service crews to go to their facility three

5 times a week and perform--

6 BLOOM: Great.

7 MCNAUGHTON: --Services.

8 IRVING: Right. I make a motion we approve.

9 PETERS: I'll second it.

10 BLOOM: All in favor, signify it by saying, "Aye."

11 IRVING: Aye.

12 BLOOM: Aye.

13 PETERS: Aye.

14 BLOOM: Anything else this morning?

15 MCNAUGHTON: That is all.

16 BLOOM: Thank you very much.

17 MCNAUGHTON: Thank you so much.

18 BLOOM: Approve amendments to the Code Title

19 5/Article 2/Chapter 7: Increase and permit fees.

20 FITCH: Good morning. Mike Fitch, Allen County

21 Highway Department.

22 PETERS: Good morning.

23 FITCH: The permit fees cover all construction work

24 within the County right-of-way through utilities and

25 contractors. These permits were last updated in

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1 1993. In recent evaluation of our actual cost to

2 administer the permits versus the fees we are

3 collecting that we are in the red. We are--

4 BLOOM: Right.

5 FITCH: --we've gone through and--and revised

6 the--the fees to more correspond to our actual

7 administrative costs. We've also compared these fees

8 with Fort Wayne and--

9 BLOOM: Right.

10 FITCH: --and INDOT.

11 BLOOM: Right.

12 FITCH: The--the fees that we are requesting

13 increases are the excavation permit. The current

14 cost is \$195.00, proposed cost is \$225.00. The

15 boring or tunneling under a roadway, the current cost

16 is \$65.00, the proposed cost is \$75.00. Excavation

17 permit--this is grass or dirt within the

18 right-of-way, \$65.00 is the present cost, the

19 proposed cost is \$75.00. Trench along roadway every

20 500 feet, the present cost is \$65.00, proposed cost

21 is \$75.00.

22 BLOOM: The Council has requested all departments to

23 review--

24 FITCH: Yes.

25 BLOOM: --their fee structure at which time the

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1 Highway Department, like they suggested, had not done

2 this for--

3 FITCH: Since 1993.

4 BLOOM: Three.

5 FITCH: We had--

6 BLOOM: So, 12 years.

7 FITCH: --we have looked at this for the last three
8 years, and because of the--the economy--

9 BLOOM: Right.

10 FITCH: --and some of the--the concerns about
11 impacting developers, we decided to delay these
12 costs.

13 BLOOM: Right.

14 FITCH: Now it's to the point where we've got to make
15 this change. It's--increasing the fees is--is--is
16 not good, you know, for the--

17 BLOOM: No.

18 FITCH: --community developers.

19 BLOOM: No.

20 FITCH: Most of this cost, about 50% of it, involves
21 developers. The other 50% involves utilities.

22 BLOOM: Okay.

23 FITCH: Any questions?

24 PETERS: Any thoughts about when this might have to
25 be revisited in the future?

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1 FITCH: I would say, we're probably looking at six,
2 seven years. Again, the costs, primarily, are
3 administrative costs and the, you know, the--this
4 reflects increases in salaries and benefits to the
5 employees over the years which we have not--you know,
6 not increased on--

7 PETERS: Right.

8 FITCH: --an annual basis, but again, we got an
9 increase last year. That was--if we get increases
10 each year, our--our costs have gone up. Some of the
11 things that we're doing to reduce our costs, we are
12 going to--we were looking seriously at the internet
13 submittal of permits.

14 BLOOM: Right.

15 FITCH: This will decrease some of the costs to the
16 permit--permittee. Internally though, once we get
17 the paperwork, we basically have to go through the
18 same administrative process internally. We are
19 trying to computerize the process as much as possible
20 to create less paper than--than we do now. The
21 inspection process is--you know, people have to go
22 out and inspect the construction sites, so that--that
23 cost is always going to be there.

24 PETERS: Right.

25 FITCH: You can't get away from that cost. But I
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1 would anticipate, you know, five, six years. It's

2 not something we'd have to revisit every year.

3 PETERS: Okay, thank you.

4 IRVING: I make a motion that we approve.

5 PETERS: I'll second it.

6 BLOOM: All in favor, signify it by saying, "Aye."

7 PETERS: Aye.

8 IRVING: Aye.

9 BLOOM: Aye. Approve the 2005 Supplemental Agreement

10 for Personnel and Benefits Policy for the Allen

11 County Highway Maintenance employees. A couple of

12 changes have been made in this I know. Would you

13 just like to tell--

14 FITCH: Yeah, this is a--

15 BLOOM: --us what they are?

16 FITCH: --a--this Agreement is an addition to the

17 Allen County Employee Handbook. It covers additional

18 detailed information in regards to the Maintenance

19 employees. The Agreement has been in place for 15

20 years, roughly, I think.

21 FISHERING: Thirty [30].

22 FITCH: About 30 years.

23 BLOOM: Thirty [30] years.

24 FITCH: Thirty [30] years. Each year

25 there's--there's small changes. This year, just in
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1 clarifications. There was a clarification on an

2 overtime rate. And also because of the--changing the

3 organizational chart--

4 BLOOM: Right.

5 FITCH: --at the Highway Department, we changed some

6 administrative language to--so that the Operations

7 Managers involved.

8 BLOOM: And the Employees Committee has met with you

9 and--

10 FITCH: Yes.

11 BLOOM: --this is fine?

12 FITCH: I recei--they've approved this.

13 BLOOM: Okay.

14 PETERS: I would so move on the 2005 Supple--

15 Supplemental Agreement Personnel Benefits Policy for
16 Highway Maintenance employees.

17 IRVING: Seconded.

18 BLOOM: All in favor, signify it by saying, "Aye."

19 PETERS: Aye.

20 IRVING: Aye.

21 BLOOM: Aye. Approve a Supplement Agreement #4
22 between GAI and Allen County for Coldwater Road,
23 \$22,750.00 increase. And this is pertaining to these
24 schools, right?

25 FITCH: Yes, we had--

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1 BLOOM: Northwest school?

2 FITCH: --a public meeting about two months ago. And
3 as a result of that meeting, there was some
4 additional changes required to the plans, additional
5 field work, also some additional right-of-way
6 engineering. The consultant is also working with the
7 Northwest Allen County Schools on their new school
8 site, and there were some changes, drainage
9 coordination with the school and the Surveyor's
10 office.

11 BLOOM: Okay.

12 IRVING: So moved.

13 PETERS: I'll second it.

14 BLOOM: All in favor, signify it by saying, "Aye."

15 PETERS: Aye.

16 IRVING: Aye.

17 BLOOM: Aye. Approve Change Order #2 between Wayne
18 Asphalt and Construction and Allen County for
19 Sumter--Sumter Road. And the change order on this
20 one is \$7,038.13.

21 FITCH: This was primarily for additional backfill
22 material for the bridge structure that was
23 constructed on Sumter Drive. Additional material was
24 not--in addition to the amount in the contract.

25 IRVING: So moved.

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1 PETERS: I'll second it.

2 BLOOM: All in favor, signify it by saying, "Aye."

3 PETERS: Aye.

4 IRVING: Aye.

5 BLOOM: Aye. Change Order #2 between Wayne Asphalt

6 and Construction and Allen County for Grabill Road.
7 FITCH: This increase is due to additional asphalt
8 binder that was placed for wedge and leveling to
9 construct the pavement. The Allen County--our
10 engineers met with the Leo-Cedar-Grabill town board,
11 and based on the condition of the pavement, we felt
12 adding additional material to the pavement would
13 extend its life. Of this \$58,170.00, \$27,319.00 is
14 Allen County and \$30,858.00 is Leo-Cedarville's
15 share.

16 BLOOM: Good.

17 IRVING: So moved.

18 PETERS: I'll second it.

19 BLOOM: All in favor, signify it by saying, "Aye."

20 PETERS: Aye.

21 IRVING: Aye.

22 BLOOM: Aye.

23 FITCH: That's all I have today.

24 BLOOM: Thank you very much.

25 FITCH: Thank you.

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1 IRVING: Have a nice week, Mike.

2 BLOOM: The--under Other Business, I have one thing.

3 We've had a report from the Building Department and
4 we're working on the future action of the
5 International Property Management Code at which time
6 the Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on
7 Wednesday, February 2nd for the public to have their
8 input. And then the Commissioners will vote on the
9 final passage of this International Property
10 Management Code on Wednesday, March 2nd. So if
11 anyone would like to come forward with this and have
12 input, it will be on Wednesday, February the 2nd at
13 10:00. Any other business this morning?

14 HITCHINS: I have no other business.

15 IRVING: I make a motion that we approve to waive the
16 2nd reading of any matter that is approved today in
17 which it may deem necessary.

18 PETERS: I'll second that.

19 BLOOM: All in favor, signify it by saying, "Aye."

20 PETERS: Aye.

21 IRVING: Aye.

22 BLOOM: Aye. Are there any comments from the public

23 this morning? Thank you very much.

24 IRVING: Thank you.

25 BLOOM: See you next week.

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1 (Adjourned at 10:59 a.m.)

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4 4 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

5 5 I, Kimberlee M. Adams, a Notary Public in and
6 6 for the State of Indiana, County of Allen, do hereby
7 7 certify that the above and foregoing is a true and
8 8 accurate transcript of the Board of Commissioners of
9 9 the County of Allen, Legislative Session, held before
10 10 me on January 12, 2005 in the Allen County
11 11 Commissioner's Courtroom, Room 200, City-County
12 12 Building, 1 East Main Street, Fort Wayne, Allen

13 13 County, Indiana; that I am not related to, employed
14 14 by or interested in any of the parties to this cause
15 15 of action.

16 16 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed my
17 17 hand and seal this 18th day of January, 2005.

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Kimberlee M. Adams, Notary Public

20 20 Residing in Allen County, Indiana

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My Commission Expires:

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