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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEN

RE: LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF  
FEBRUARY 9, 2005

DATE:     February 9, 2005

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           Commissioners Courtroom  
           City-County Building  
           1 East Main Street  
           Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

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2 Linda K. Bloom        Allen County Commissioner  
3 Marla J. Irving      Allen County Commissioner  
4 Nelson Peters        Allen County Commissioner  
5 Susan Elser          Allen County Board of  
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- 7 Mary Hitchens Allen County Public Information Office
- 8 John McGauley Allen County Public Information Office
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- 10 G.W. Fishing Allen County Counsel
- 11 Jerry Hoffman Aboite Independent
- 12 Mike Talbot Allen County Extension Agent
- 13 Alex Wernher Director, Allen County GIS
- 14 Joe Brita Allen County Juvenile Center
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- 16 Kevin Mann Allen County Juvenile Center
- 17 Richard Espinosa Sam's Club
- 18 Sharon Mayes Sam's Club
- 19 Michael Fitch Director, Allen County Highway Department
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- 21 Tony Burrus Director, Allen County Safety and Environmental
- 22 Kimberlee M. Adams Rolf Reporting, Inc.
- 23 Jeff Neumeyer WPTA-TV
- 24 Kevin Leninger News Sentinel
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1 BLOOM: Good morning, and welcome to the  
2 Commissioners' Legislative Session, February the 9th.  
3 First this morning, we'll say the pledge and a silent  
4 prayer.

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

8 BLOOM: Thank you. Approval of the Minutes of  
9 2/2/05.

10 PETERS: I'd so move on the approval on the minutes  
11 of 2/2/05.

12 IRVING: I'll second that motion.

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

14 PETERS: Aye.

15 IRVING: Aye.

16 BLOOM: Aye. Approval by the--of the contract  
17 between Allen County and Office Design Interiors on  
18 space analysis.

19 PETERS: I'll so move on the approval of the contract  
20 between Allen County and Office Designs on space  
21 analysis.

22 IRVING: I haven't seen the contract. How much is it  
23 for, please?

24 BLOOM: This one is for \$7800.00. And this is the--

25 PETERS: It's the one that was tabled.

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1 BLOOM: --this is the one that was tabled.

2 IRVING: Okay, and we're paying her the full amount.

3 BLOOM: Yes.

4 PETERS: Right.  
5 IRVING: Okay.  
6 BLOOM: And then there's another one that we need to  
7 get into, but we'll do that at a later time. That's  
8 for additional work if necessary.  
9 IRVING: I'll second the motion for the completed  
10 contract for \$7800.00.  
11 BLOOM: All in favor, signify it by saying, "Aye."  
12 PETERS: Aye.  
13 IRVING: Aye.  
14 BLOOM: Aye. Contracts between the Board of  
15 Commissioners and surrounding counties for the  
16 availability of at least one bed for the detention of  
17 juvenile offenders at the Allen County Juvenile  
18 Center with Adams, DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben,  
19 Wells, and Whitley. Good morning.  
20 IRVING: Good morning.  
21 BRITA: Good morning, Commissioners. I'm Joe Brita  
22 with the Allen County Juvenile Center. I'd like to  
23 introduce Kevin Mann to you. Kevin is the Assistant  
24 Superintendent at the--the Juvenile Center. He's  
25 been with--

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1 MANN: Good morning.  
2 PETERS: Good morning.  
3 IRVING: Hi, Kevin.  
4 BLOOM: Good morning.  
5 BRITA: --us for at least 15 years and does a  
6 wonderful, wonderful job and is largely responsible  
7 for how smooth the place runs.  
8 IRVING: He must have bought you the Valentine tie.  
9 BRITA: You think?  
10 IRVING: Yeah.  
11 BLOOM: You think, you think.  
12 IRVING: This is the standard contract that we have  
13 used every year. It's \$5,000.00 a year and it  
14 provides one bed for the outlying--  
15 BRITA: That--  
16 IRVING: -- communities.  
17 BRITA: --that's correct, Commissioner.  
18 IRVING: And we have a new--we have a new section in  
19 this. Is it that when the fifth pod opens that that  
20 will be considered--

21 BRITA: Commissioner, that will be under separate  
22 letter that will go with that. I--I think I gave you  
23 a copy of it.

24 IRVING: Okay. That is not to be initialed by us  
25 too? The separate letter?

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1 BRITA: We can. I don't--

2 BLOOM: But what's the second letter?

3 BRITA: That this--the second letter, Commissioner,  
4 simply states that when we open the adult pod, if we  
5 get a call from a--from another county to hold a kid  
6 that has been adjudicated a juvenile--

7 BLOOM: Right.

8 BRITA: --that has been charged as a juvenile has  
9 nothing to do with this contract. Nor--

10 BLOOM: This is \$70.00 a day for just the regular  
11 portion of the--

12 BRITA: Correct.

13 BLOOM: --facility.

14 BRITA: Correct. What--what--there--we have a  
15 tremendous revenue strain--

16 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

17 BRITA: --available to us down there. I--I don't  
18 know if--if you guys have ever seen what a WAVE kid  
19 goes through, especially one, God forbid, that has  
20 been--

21 IRVING: Right.

22 BRITA: --accused of murder. Kevin and I have both  
23 seen it more times than we want to. When--when that  
24 happens, they send psychologists in from everywhere  
25 to do psychological testing. Is the kid--can--can he

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1 defend himself? Can, you know, is--is he capable of  
2 understanding what he's done? We have those people  
3 now in place in the diagnostic unit. So what will  
4 happen, Commissioners, is--is this, if--if in fact,  
5 that we get a call and say, you know, "We've--we've  
6 got a kid charged as an adult, can you hold him?"  
7 We'll say, "Sure."

8 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

9 BRITA: "Now what do you need," you know--

10 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

11 BRITA: "It's going to cost you 150 [\$150.00] a day."

12 BLOOM: Okay, 150 [\$150.00] a day?  
13 IRVING: Right.  
14 BRITA: Minimum.  
15 BLOOM: Do--do we have that in writing?  
16 BRITA: I--that's--no, that--I don't have that yet.  
17 BLOOM: Okay.  
18 BRITA: Okay?  
19 IRVING: Do we have a copy of the letter? And I did  
20 see the letter and we did discuss it that we can  
21 enter into the record with this?  
22 BRITA: Sure.  
23 IRVING: Okay. Do you have one or should I have  
24 Susan go get mine?  
25 BRITA: I got one.

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1 PETERS: Mr. Brita, have the other counties been  
2 notified? Do--do they know what our intent is here?  
3 BRITA: We need to sit down--  
4 IRVING: Okay, we need to--  
5 BRITA: --Commissioner, with--with the other  
6 counties.  
7 IRVING: -- to sign this and put this in the record  
8 too.  
9 BRITA: We need to sit down--that--that fifth pod  
10 is--is unique in that there's no--no other one like  
11 that in the state of Indiana. I'm not real sure  
12 there's another one like it in the United States,  
13 okay? Where I was going was, we need to sit down  
14 with these other commissioners in these other  
15 counties--  
16 PETERS: Right.  
17 BRITA: --the Chief Probation Officers is actually  
18 who we deal with--  
19 BLOOM: Right.  
20 BRITA: --and say, "Look"--  
21 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
22 BRITA: --"Do you want psychological testing done on  
23 a kid, it's going to cost you this much. Do you want  
24 a forensic psychologist that we employ to testify on  
25 behalf of the kid"--

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1 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
2 BRITA: --"it's going to cost you this much."

3 IRVING: Right.

4 BRITA: What--I don't have those numbers yet of  
5 how--you know, if they want this type of a test, how  
6 much it's going to cost them. But they know it's  
7 coming. Every one of them has already called us.

8 PETERS: So the purpose of part of this is to move  
9 that daily rate to \$150.00.

10 BLOOM: No, 70 [\$70.00] is still in the regular  
11 portion.

12 PETERS: Okay, 70 [\$70.00] is still there.

13 BLOOM: Yeah.

14 PETERS: A hundred fifty [\$150.00] is what you have  
15 in mind, or do I hear you say--

16 BRITA: For the--

17 PETERS: --you would develop a schedule based on  
18 services provided?

19 BRITA: --for the adult pod.

20 PETERS: Right.

21 BRITA: For the adul--

22 PETERS: Right, right, right.

23 BRITA: Okay. That will be the minimum that it will  
24 cost if we--

25 BLOOM: So we can't do that today.

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1 BRITA: No.

2 IRVING: No.

3 PETERS: Okay.

4 BRITA: That will be the minimum that it will cost.

5 "Now what other services do you want us to provide?

6 Do you want us to"--

7 IRVING: Right.

8 BRITA: --"do the testing? Do you want this done?

9 Here's what everything is going to cost you."

10 PETERS: Okay.

11 BRITA: "If you want our psychologist to come to  
12 Whitley County"--

13 BLOOM: Yeah.

14 BRITA: --"and testify, here's what it's going to  
15 cost you."

16 PETERS: Okay. But we will have conveyed that--

17 IRVING: Okay.

18 PETERS: --notion to them before we--

19 BRITA: Sure.

20 IRVING: We need to enter this into the record.  
21 PETERS: --are asked to vote on it?  
22 BRITA: Sure.  
23 PETERS: Okay.  
24 BRITA: Oh, yeah. That--I--I don't know,  
25 Commissioner, even when that pod will be open. I-  
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1 Commissioner Irving maybe has a better handle on it  
2 than I do, but I--I--we want to--we really want to  
3 walk--or crawl before we start--  
4 PETERS: I understand.  
5 BRITA: --walking on that. I--  
6 PETERS: No, I--and I think what you advocate makes a  
7 lot of sense.  
8 BRITA: The--the eyes of Indiana are on us on--on  
9 that because there are--there are people that are  
10 waiting to build detention centers to see how we  
11 handle it before they--they proceed.  
12 PETERS: Right. Okay. Well, it makes--makes sense.  
13 BRITA: Could I--I'll show you this. I told  
14 Commissioner Irving that I was--  
15 BLOOM: Is this letter just a bill to them?  
16 BRITA: That goes with that.  
17 BLOOM: That's what I thought. Yeah.  
18 IRVING: But--okay, reason that--  
19 BLOOM: Yes.  
20 IRVING: --remember we discussed this and--in staff  
21 meeting because when the fifth pod--and this letter  
22 is going to accompany this--but all I do is want this  
23 put into the record to show that it will accompany  
24 the contract so that these counties all realize--  
25 PETERS: That that has nothing to do with that.

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1 IRVING: --that the contract--that--  
2 PETERS: It will go in--yeah.  
3 IRVING: --this contract for the four pods has  
4 nothing to do with the fifth pod--  
5 BRITA: That's correct.  
6 IRVING: --which is a specialized pod.  
7 BLOOM: This goes with this and so in my opinion,  
8 when we have new costs for that other pod--read  
9 this--  
10 BRITA: Then I will come before you--

11 BLOOM: --it's a bill.  
12 PETERS: Then you'll come--  
13 IRVING: No, it's not.  
14 BLOOM: And then you'll come before us? Here's the  
15 charge--  
16 BRITA: For that.  
17 BLOOM: --for that.  
18 BRITA: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
19 BLOOM: So why would we sign this? This is coming  
20 from you--  
21 BRITA: She just wants it as a part--  
22 BLOOM: --to be included.  
23 BRITA: --she just wants it as a part of the record  
24 if I'm understanding this--  
25 IRVING: Yeah.

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1 BRITA: --correctly.  
2 IRVING: I don't want it signed. I want it to be--  
3 BRITA: I sign that, not the commissioners--  
4 IRVING: Right.  
5 BRITA: --just to let them know that this has nothing  
6 to do with what--what we're doing in the contract.  
7 IRVING: That should be entered into the record. The  
8 fifth pod is not open, but it will be open within the  
9 next couple of months. This only addresses the  
10 normal pods, the other four pods. That letter  
11 addresses the fifth pod that the pay structure and  
12 the bill structure will not be the same.  
13 PETERS: This is what it currently is though right  
14 now, correct?  
15 BRITA: That's--  
16 BLOOM: \$5,000.00.  
17 PETERS: \$5,000.00?  
18 IRVING: Yes.  
19 BLOOM: Yeah.  
20 IRVING: But--  
21 BRITA: Commissioner--  
22 IRVING: --that letter states that when the fifth pod  
23 is open that it is not included in the contract.  
24 BRITA: I--I--I don't--I don't--  
25 PETERS: Okay.

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1 IRVING: Okay?

2 PETERS: Right.  
3 BRITA: --for--for--  
4 PETERS: I see what it's saying.  
5 BRITA: --if--if you--if you read the--  
6 BLOOM: Yeah, and this should be included in this.  
7 BRITA: --if you read the--  
8 IRVING: And I just asked--  
9 BRITA: --piece that I just gave you--  
10 IRVING: --that this be put in the record.  
11 BRITA: --that's the reason I don't want to screw  
12 with those contracts--  
13 IRVING: Right.  
14 BRITA: --at this point.  
15 IRVING: Yeah.  
16 PETERS: I see what you're saying.  
17 IRVING: That's fine.  
18 BLOOM: So you--  
19 IRVING: It just needs to be entered into the  
20 record--  
21 BRITA: I understand.  
22 IRVING: --as accompanying the original contract.  
23 BLOOM: Okay. A new range of numbers will be given  
24 to us at a later time for the fifth pod.  
25 IRVING: Right.

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1 BLOOM: Gotcha.  
2 BRITA: I need--I need to get the psychologists'  
3 testing, how much it's going to cost--  
4 IRVING: Right.  
5 BRITA: --for this type--  
6 BLOOM: Okay.  
7 BRITA: --okay. And if he has to travel, how much  
8 it's going to cost.  
9 BLOOM: Exactly.  
10 BRITA: And that's county general money.  
11 IRVING: Susan, just keep a copy of this letter to  
12 accompany the copy of these.  
13 ELSER: Yes, ma'am.  
14 IRVING: Thank you.  
15 BLOOM: Thank you very much.  
16 BRITA: Thank you.  
17 BLOOM: Nice to meet you.  
18 BRITA: Susan, you're going to take those to the

19 auditor's?

20 ELSER: We haven't voted on this yet. Pardon me?

21 BRITA: Will you take those to the auditor?

22 ELSER: Yes, I will.

23 BRITA: And then I'll need them back so I can send  
24 them.

25 BLOOM: Did you make a motion?

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1 PETERS: I'll make a motion that we approve contracts  
2 between the Board of Commissioners and surrounding  
3 counties for the availability of at least one bed for  
4 the detention of juvenile offenders at our Juvenile  
5 Center.

6 IRVING: I'll second that motion.

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

8 PETERS: Aye.

9 IRVING: Aye.

10 BLOOM: Aye.

11 BRITA: Thank you.

12 BLOOM: Thank you.

13 IRVING: Thank you.

14 BLOOM: Approval of agreement between Allen County  
15 and Purdue to facilitate the reimbursement for five  
16 extension educators working for Purdue in Allen  
17 County to deliver educational programs. Good  
18 morning.

19 IRVING: Good morning.

20 TALBOT: Good morning, Commissioners. This is the  
21 standard contract, annual--

22 BLOOM: Would you identify yourself, please?

23 TALBOT: Oh, yes. Mike Talbot, County Extension  
24 Director.

25 BLOOM: Thank you.

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1 TALBOT: This is the standard contract, annual  
2 contract, between the County and Purdue University.  
3 The dollar amount that is listed on there at--

4 BLOOM: One twenty-four [124] something?

5 TALBOT: One twenty-two three fifteen [\$122,315.00]  
6 is what was approved in the budget through the  
7 hearing process of the County Council. It is a two  
8 percent increase over last year. I'll remind you  
9 that that is actually for five educators--that that

10 is used for. And those dollars contractually are  
11 sent to Purdue to be combined with State and Federal  
12 dollars for salaries or benefits and for training for  
13 staff here in the County.

14 IRVING: Do any of these teachers have any basketball  
15 skills that can help the basketball program?

16 TALBOT: Unfortunately, no.

17 IRVING: I'm--

18 TALBOT: We're ready for the football season to  
19 start.

20 IRVING: Oh, okay. I make a motion we approve the  
21 five extension educators.

22 PETERS: I'll second it.

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

24 PETERS: Aye.

25 IRVING: Aye.

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1 BLOOM: Aye. Thank you.

2 TALBOT: You're welcome.

3 IRVING: Have a good day.

4 TALBOT: You're welcome.

5 BLOOM: Agreement between Allen County and the Allen  
6 County Courthouse Preservation Trust. Okay. Am I

7 doing this? Okay. We have a contract here that

8 Allen County will maintain the restoration and the

9 artwork in the Courthouse building. And this

10 contract shows the funding that--that the

11 Preservation Trust will keep an endowment. Both

12 attorneys--both the Preservation Trust attorney and

13 the County attorney have reviewed this. And I would

14 like to make a motion to enter into the contract

15 between Allen County and The Courthouse Preservation.

16 IRVING: Second the motion.

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

18 PETERS: Aye.

19 IRVING: Aye.

20 BLOOM: Aye. License agreements between Allen County

21 on behalf of iMap on the following entities.

22 IRVING: Good morning, Alex.

23 WERNHER: Good morning, Commissioners. How are you?

24 BLOOM: Good morning, Alex.

25 WERNHER: My name is Alex Wernher. I'm the Director

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1 of iMap. And I have 12 license agreements for you to  
2 sign. These are data purchases for parcels, and  
3 orthophotography, and contours by different  
4 engineering firms within the County. I'll just list  
5 them off real quickly. We have one with Primary  
6 Consultants DLZ, Dickmeyer & Associates, Seegar Map  
7 Company, Bertsch & Associates, Haley &  
8 Aldri--Aldrich, Inc., Earth Source, Inc., City of  
9 Fort Wayne Utilities, Douglas McComb, Bonar Group,  
10 and Fox Contractors Corp.

11 IRVING: I make a motion we approve.

12 PETERS: I'll second it.

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

14 PETERS: Aye.

15 IRVING: Aye.

16 BLOOM: Aye. Thank you.

17 WERNHER: Thank you.

18 BLOOM: The next one is yours too. Extension of  
19 October 8th, 2004 contract with Polis to provi--to  
20 provide ArcGIS and web GIS training to the Allen  
21 County staff.

22 WERNHER: Yes, this contract is--was originally  
23 signed by the Commissioners last year. It's just an  
24 extension of that ensuring the same rates until June  
25 primarily because of our web development training

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1 that we have scheduled.

2 PETERS: June of this year?

3 WERNHER: Yes. Yes, sir.

4 PETERS: I so move on that extension.

5 IRVING: Seconded.

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

7 PETERS: Aye.

8 IRVING: Aye.

9 BLOOM: Aye.

10 WERNHER: Great. Thank you, Commissioners.

11 BLOOM: Thank you very much.

12 IRVING: Have a nice week, Alex.

13 WERNHER: You too.

14 BLOOM: Approve a Warranty Deed required for  
15 additional right of way on Sumter Drive,

16 Project #03-301, Parcel 3.

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. Do you want to introduce yourself?  
23 FITCH: Mike Fitch, Allen County Highway Department.  
24 Good morning.  
25 BLOOM: Thank you, good morning.

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1 PETERS: Good morning.  
2 BLOOM: Approve Interlocal Agreement for  
3 miscellaneous services and materials between Grabill  
4 and Allen County by the Highway Department.  
5 FITCH: This is an annual agreement. The Highway  
6 Department has--supplies some materials that Grabill  
7 needs occasionally like patching material for  
8 potholes--  
9 IRVING: Right.  
10 FITCH: --and things like that. And they pick this  
11 material up. We charge them for any labor and  
12 materials at cost, so it's 100% reimbursable to the  
13 Highway Department. It's just a service that--you  
14 know, it's easier for them to purchase from us than  
15 to buy it in--  
16 BLOOM: Exactly.  
17 FITCH: --you know, quantities.  
18 IRVING: I make a motion we accept the agreement.  
19 PETERS: I'll second it.  
20 BLOOM: All in favor, signify it by saying, "Aye."  
21 PETERS: Aye.  
22 IRVING: Aye.  
23 BLOOM: Aye. Approve a Supplemental Agreement #1  
24 between American Consulting and Allen County for  
25 additional engineering services for the DNR permit

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1 for Stellhorn Bridge.  
2 FITCH: This is--again, DNR permit. We're finishing  
3 up the design on these projects and a permit was  
4 required.  
5 IRVING: For a total of \$2,000.00?  
6 FITCH: Yes.  
7 IRVING: Okay, I make a motion we approve.  
8 PETERS: I'll second it.

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

10 PETERS: Aye.

11 IRVING: Aye.

12 BLOOM: Aye. Approve Engineering Agreement between

13 Butler Fairman and Seufert and Allen County for phase

14 one to complete the engineering study for Bostick

15 Road Bridge over St. Mary's River, Project #04-123,

16 \$11,300.00.

17 FITCH: This project is in the bond issue.

18 Originally, we were going to do some--our

19 consultants, based on our bridge report, the repairs

20 could be done for around \$300,000.00. In recent

21 months, we've revisited and had the bridge

22 reinspected, and our consultant found that there's

23 additional deterioration in the floor stringers and

24 also the joints of the structure. They recommend

25 that we do additional studies to see what additional

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1 repairs can be done to lengthen the life of this

2 structure.

3 BLOOM: Right.

4 FITCH: This structure is one that is a critical

5 access to the southern part of the County. It

6 requires people to drive five, six miles out of their

7 way to go around the bridge. It has been closed for

8 several months and we've got several people wanting

9 to know when this thing is going to be opened.

10 BLOOM: Oh, yeah.

11 FITCH: We're estimating that the repairs are

12 probably going to be in the five to 600,000

13 [\$500,000.00 to \$600,000.00] range. But until we get

14 the study completed, we won't know the exact repairs.

15 We're trying to come up with--there's not many of

16 these old iron trusses left, so it's kind of a unique

17 structure to--to work on. And we want to make sure

18 we do it, we do it right.

19 IRVING: I make a motion we approve.

20 PETERS: I'll second, but I do have a question.

21 FITCH: Yeah.

22 PETERS: When will that study be completed?

23 FITCH: It will take about three months to complete

24 the study and we hope to have the engineering report.

25 And then we'll have estimates as part of that report

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1 on what the engineering costs are going to be. And  
2 we'll make some decisions then. If it's--the report  
3 comes back and it's, you know, going to be more  
4 expensive than a half million dollars, then we'll  
5 have to sit down and make some tough decisions here.

6 PETERS: That makes sense.

7 FITCH: Yeah.

8 BLOOM: Because already it's like 200,000  
9 [\$200,000.00] over what we had anticipated.

10 FITCH: Right.

11 BLOOM: Okay.

12 IRVING: I made a motion.

13 PETERS: And I did second it.

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

15 PETERS: Aye.

16 IRVING: Aye.

17 BLOOM: Aye. Approve the Supplemental Agreement #1  
18 between Butler Fairman an Seufert and Allen County  
19 for Moeller Road Bridge over Trier Ditch, Project  
20 #00-030 for right of way service and DNR permit.

21 FITCH: Yeah, this is another project on the bond  
22 issue that's nearing completion of design and we need  
23 a--some right of way acquisition and also a right of  
24 way for a DNR permit.

25 IRVING: So moved.

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1 PETERS: Seconded.

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

3 PETERS: Aye.

4 IRVING: Aye.

5 BLOOM: Aye. Approve Engineering Services Agreement  
6 between American Consulting and Allen County for the  
7 replacement of the Landin Road Bridge over the  
8 Bullerman Ditch, Bridge #114. This is also in the  
9 bond, right?

10 FITCH: Yes, this is in the bond. It's one of the  
11 new structures. We have not done any design work on  
12 this yet. We're doing this in conjunction with the  
13 City of New Haven. That area is developed along  
14 Landin Road, and traffic requires the widening of the  
15 bridge to a three-lane section. So we're trying to  
16 get this designed.

17 PETERS: When you say cost sharing with New  
18 Haven--or--or--  
19 FITCH: Well, we're coordinating with them.  
20 PETERS: --conjunction, is there cost sharing?  
21 FITCH: It's our cost. But we're--we're--it's on the  
22 bridge bond because it's a priority to have that  
23 bridge structure completed as part of our working  
24 with New Haven and the development that's going on  
25 out there. But it's 100% our cost.

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1 PETERS: Okay. I make a motion on the Landin Road  
2 Bridge.  
3 IRVING: I'll second the motion.  
4 BLOOM: All in favor, signify it by saying, "Aye."  
5 PETERS: Aye.  
6 IRVING: Aye.  
7 BLOOM: Aye. Anything else?  
8 FITCH: That's all I have today. No, that's all I  
9 have.  
10 BLOOM: Thank you.  
11 FITCH: Thank you.  
12 BLOOM: Other business, we're going to have a  
13 presentation this morning on our Heart to Heart Fund  
14 that we set up. And Commissioner Irving will take  
15 over for this.  
16 IRVING: Good morning.  
17 ESPINOSA: Good morning.  
18 MAYES: Good morning.  
19 BLOOM: Good morning.  
20 IRVING: Would you come up here and--  
21 ESPINOSA: Sure.  
22 IRVING: --join us for a moment? You can go ahead  
23 and sit down and I'll let you introduce yourself.  
24 BLOOM: How do you do? I'm Linda Bloom.  
25 IRVING: Good morning.

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1 IRVING: Good morning again, Richard. Go ahead and  
2 take a seat.  
3 BLOOM: Yeah, you can sit down there. Thank you.  
4 IRVING: Thank you very much. And thank you for  
5 coming on such a beautiful, sun-shiney, snowy, icy  
6 day.  
7 ESPINOSA: It was very bad out there. Still is.

8 IRVING: That's right. Commissioner Peters and  
9 Commissioner Bloom, we have been a--the three of us  
10 have been a partnership for a Heart to Heart program.  
11 On January 28th, we had a kickoff. And that was a  
12 beautiful day and in front of, not only a lot of your  
13 shoppers there, a lot of media was there, but more  
14 importantly, we had wives and mothers of servicemen  
15 that are serving in Iraq and the Middle East.

16 And the reason we came together for this  
17 partnership, also with the Indiana Guard, was that we  
18 had decided to go to the community and ask them if  
19 they would join hands with the County Commissioners  
20 and Sam's in purchasing AT&T credit cards--not credit  
21 cards. That would be nice, wouldn't it?

22 ESPINOSA: Right.

23 IRVING: Phone cards. These phone cards can be used  
24 in the Middle East. And our servicemen over there  
25 wanted to call home. Valentine's Day is around the

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1 corner, so is Mother's Day, so is Father's Day. But  
2 one of the needs that we have found in our servicemen  
3 is that they needed the calling cards. So after the  
4 partnership that we have had, we kicked off a  
5 wonderful, wonderful program. The Guard helped us in  
6 all aspects. Not only did they look into their own  
7 units, they also went to the other five units and  
8 they said, you know, "How many servicemen do you have  
9 in northeast Indiana?" And they said, "Approximately  
10 300." So our goal, which I think is very important  
11 whenever you start a new program to have a goal, our  
12 goal was to be able to purchase one 120-minute AT&T  
13 phone card for each serviceman from northeast Indiana  
14 that is serving in Iraq.

15 I'm going to come down here right now.

16 CAMERAMAN: Let me get out of your way here.

17 IRVING: Okay, you can get out of my way.

18 CAMERAMAN: Okay.

19 IRVING: And I think that our representatives for  
20 Sam's--why don't you introduce yourselves for the TV  
21 audience?

22 ESPINOSA: How do you do? My name is Richard  
23 Espinosa. I'm a team lead at marketing for Sam's  
24 Club.

25 MAYES: My name is Sharon Mayes. I'm one of the  
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1 managers at Sam's Club.

2 ESPINOSA: And--

3 IRVING: Sit down, sit down.

4 ESPINOSA: Thank you.

5 IRVING: Enjoy yourselves. Maybe you can tell us a

6 little bit about the cards that we have chosen.

7 ESPINOSA: Basically, this card is \$29.15 and you can

8 get this at Sam's Club. And we have other phone

9 cards at Sam's. You know, they'd range from anywhere

10 from \$10.00 all the way up to \$40.00. But this is

11 the--I think this would be essential for the military

12 individuals so that they can call home and they can

13 use a lot of minutes out of this particular phone

14 card. We raised a whole bunch--well, we were trying

15 to raise a lot of money for the particular

16 individuals, but you have to realize we had Super

17 Bowl weekend. So there's a lot more attention to

18 Super Bowl weekend at that time, but we had the

19 announcement once an hour from 9:00 until 8:00 that

20 night. We had one of our spokespersons would call

21 and say, you know, "We're raising funds for the

22 military individuals." We had a box and the whole

23 nine yards. And we raised \$825.70 and we brought the

24 big check on behalf--

25 IRVING: It's the big check right here, isn't it?

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1 ESPINOSA: There you go.

2 IRVING: I'll accept this on behalf of the County

3 Commissioners.

4 BLOOM: Thank you.

5 IRVING: This was a 10-day endeavor.

6 ESPINOSA: Exactly.

7 IRVING: And--and I can attest that when I was out

8 there--I stopped by several times during the 10

9 days--that we had individuals in our community lined

10 up at the box to put their change in. And you know,

11 I even saw a 50 bill--dollar bill be put in which I

12 was very excited. And in fact, it kind of did cause

13 a--a tear out of one of my eyes. I--I couldn't

14 believe it. The community response--

15 ESPINOSA: Correct.

16 IRVING: --was huge. And I could not have done this,  
17 the County Commissioners could not have done this  
18 without the help of Sam's and the Air Guard. The gal  
19 from the Air Guard that has helped us through this  
20 whole thing is ill today. But I have to thank the  
21 Air Guard too and Lori for all of her efforts.  
22 The entire amount of money goes towards the  
23 servicemen.  
24 ESPINOSA: That's great.  
25 IRVING: Sam's Club isn't keeping a profit off of it.

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1 The Air Guard is using their facilities in order to  
2 send the military mail. We also have a letter that  
3 we are including in each of the phone cards, to our  
4 military heroes--  
5 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
6 IRVING: --expressing our appreciation to Sam's and  
7 the community.  
8 ESPINOSA: Thank you.  
9 IRVING: Thank you very much.  
10 MAYES: And you're welcome.  
11 ESPINOSA: And here's the check.  
12 IRVING: Oh, I'll gladly take the check.  
13 PETERS: I thought that was the check.  
14 BLOOM: Yeah.  
15 IRVING: That's great.  
16 ESPINOSA: You know one of our--once we--we were  
17 unloading the, you might say, the money, there was  
18 about two or three bundles of pennies of individual  
19 kids that donated--  
20 BLOOM: Love it.  
21 ESPINOSA: --rolls and rolls of pennies. And so--  
22 BLOOM: Isn't that great?  
23 ESPINOSA: --you know, everybody participated and  
24 it's great, you know, because--  
25 BLOOM: It is.

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1 ESPINOSA: --that's our kids out there, you know--  
2 PETERS: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
3 ESPINOSA: --and we need to support them.  
4 BLOOM: It's wonderful.  
5 PETERS: Absolutely.  
6 ESPINOSA: Thank you very much, Marla.

7 IRVING: Thank you.  
8 BLOOM: Thank you--  
9 IRVING: I appreciate you.  
10 BLOOM: --very very much.  
11 PETERS: Thanks so much.  
12 ESPINOSA: Thank you, Commissioners. Thank you.  
13 IRVING: Go right ahead and we'll be out to buy all  
14 the charge cards. Commissioner--  
15 ESPINOSA: Thank you then.  
16 BLOOM: Charge cards. Phone cards.  
17 IRVING: Phone cards.  
18 ESPINOSA: No problem.  
19 IRVING: Commissioner Bloom and Commissioner Peters,  
20 also we collected money here in the City-County  
21 Building. We had individuals that came from all of  
22 our constituents, from--from every corner, and even  
23 in other areas that came and dropped off money here.  
24 And also, I think that we have to thank a very  
25 special family.

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1 Most of us are aware that Mr. Frank Kovas which  
2 was a pillar of our community. He was the previous  
3 owner of WGL.  
4 PETERS: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
5 IRVING: The day after we announced this at Sam's and  
6 had our huge kickoff, Mr. Kovas passed away that  
7 morning very unexpectedly. I get a phone call that  
8 afternoon from the funeral home that asked if they  
9 could hear all about this program, because the Kovas  
10 family and especially the late Frank Kovas was so  
11 excited over the kickoff program with him being an  
12 ex-military serviceman, that they wanted to know if  
13 they could donate all the memorials from his funeral  
14 to this project. So I am very, very pleased to  
15 announce that between the Kovas family, Sam's Club,  
16 and the County Commissioners, and the money that was  
17 collected in our office, we have a grand total of  
18 \$2,759.70.  
19 BLOOM: Great.  
20 IRVING: It's pretty exciting.  
21 BLOOM: Yeah, it is.  
22 IRVING: Now I'd like to add a couple of more things  
23 to this huge total. As I started out my presentation

24 to my two partners and to the community, I said our  
25 goal was set that we could send one 120-minute phone  
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1 card to each one of our 300 servicemen. I am very  
2 proud to announce two things today, number one, not  
3 only did we meet our goal, we doubled our goal.

4 PETERS: Great.

5 IRVING: So we have enough money from our community  
6 and from the memorial that we are able to buy two  
7 120-minute phone cards for each one of our 300--

8 BLOOM: Great.

9 IRVING: --servicemen in northeast Indiana--

10 BLOOM: Super.

11 IRVING: --to go to the Middle East. So I think that  
12 that's--that's pretty exciting. I don't think

13 there's a lot of groups that can say on an initial  
14 endeavor that they doubled their goal in a 10-day  
15 period of time. So I think that's pretty exciting.

16 But I also have some other very exciting news for us.

17 Not only have we joined hands with Sam's, but UPS  
18 Stores have come to me and they have asked if the  
19 County would approve them as also being a location to  
20 collect money. So as of today, our four UPS Stores,  
21 the one in Georgetown, Dupont Road, Illinois Road,  
22 and Coventry are now starting their kickoff for a  
23 two-week to collect money for the additional phone  
24 calls--phone cards. I also have had a call from one  
25 of the largest business groups here in Allen County

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1 that within the next six weeks would like to pass the  
2 hat around their 240 members to put donations towards  
3 our calling cards. So a program that started for  
4 Valentine's Day from our heart to their heart has now  
5 bloomed into a program that is going to be an ongoing  
6 program. We'll have more details to be able to give  
7 to the community. And the County Commissioners--as I  
8 mentioned, Mother's Day is around the corner,  
9 Father's Day--but with the help of the Guard and the  
10 response that we're getting, we not only would like  
11 to be able to provide phone cards to our servicemen  
12 in the Middle East, but we'd also like to be able to,  
13 as our servicemen in this area are being deployed to  
14 the Middle East, that maybe we could give them a

15 phone card. So, you know, their first night or their  
16 first week over in the--the Middle East that maybe  
17 they might have the ability to call home and say,  
18 "Gee, I miss you." So, thank you very much. And I  
19 want to thank the community. I want to thank--thank  
20 Sam's Club. And I want to thank the Air Guard and  
21 the community. Without their support, we couldn't  
22 have done this program. Thank you.

23 PETERS: Commissioner Irving, you're going to have  
24 them lined up so far behind the phone booths, that  
25 our next go around is going to be to buy them

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1 telephones.

2 IRVING: You know--you know, you brought up a very  
3 interesting point, Commissioner Peters. I have been  
4 getting calls, not only from all over the state,  
5 about this program, but we've also had some calls  
6 from Washington, D.C. And you--I'm sure you said  
7 that tongue in cheek.

8 PETERS: Uh-huh (affirmative).

9 IRVING: But I have learned something that was very  
10 shocking to me. And it was on Imus in the Morning  
11 around Christmastime. My understanding is--and I  
12 haven't had a chance to make sure 100% this is  
13 true--but our servicemen that have been injured in  
14 the Middle East, most of them end up back in Walter  
15 Reed Hospital.

16 PETERS: Uh-huh (affirmative).

17 IRVING: I think it's extremely sad that our  
18 community doesn't know this. I think someone would  
19 have done--a long time ago--that they cannot call  
20 home without paying for it.

21 PETERS: Right.

22 IRVING: So when I--when you say that, "I might  
23 provide"--wouldn't it be nice to get enough money to  
24 maybe even be able to purchase a prepaid cell phone  
25 to provide our northeast Indiana servicemen--

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1 PETERS: Uh-huh (affirmative).

2 IRVING: --that have been injured at Walter Reed--

3 BLOOM: Absolutely.

4 IRVING: --and make it prepaid that they could call  
5 home too.

6 PETERS: Right. It would be great.  
7 IRVING: So when you said that tongue in cheek, I--I  
8 think that may be a program that's looming. So--  
9 PETERS: Great.  
10 IRVING: --thank you very much. I'll make sure this  
11 gets deposited in the appropriate account.  
12 BLOOM: Any other business this morning?  
13 ELSER: We have no other business.  
14 BLOOM: Thank you. I need an approval to waive.  
15 IRVING: I make a motion we approve the second  
16 reading on any matters approved today in which it may  
17 deem necessary.  
18 PETERS: I will 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? Hearing none, meeting is adjourned.  
24 (Adjourned at 10:38 a.m.)  
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2 COUNTY OF ALLEN )  
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4 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

5 I, Kimberlee M. Adams, a Notary Public in and  
6 for the State of Indiana, County of Allen, do hereby  
7 certify that the above and foregoing is a true and  
8 accurate transcript of the Board of Commissioners of  
9 the County of Allen, Legislative Session, held before  
10 me on February 9, 2005 in the Allen County  
11 Commissioner's Courtroom, Room 200, City-County  
12 Building, 1 East Main Street, Fort Wayne, Allen  
13 County, Indiana; that I am not related to, employed  
14 by or interested in any of the parties to this cause  
15 of action.

16 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed my  
17 hand and seal this 14th day of February, 2005.  
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Kimberlee M. Adams, Notary Public  
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