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1 BLOOM: Good morning, and welcome to the
2 Commissioners' Legislative Session. First, we're
3 going to honor our country and a silent prayer.

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

7 BLOOM: Thank you. Approval of the Minutes of from
8 February the 9th.

9 PETERS: I'd so move on the approval of the minutes
10 from February the 9th.

11 IRVING: Seconded.

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

13 PETERS: Aye.

14 IRVING: Aye.

15 BLOOM: Aye. Approve the contract between Allen
16 County and Nextel for Nextel to serve as service
17 provider for the building department in-car
18 communications system.

19 FULLER: Good morning.

20 IRVING: Good morning.

21 FULLER: Dave Fuller with the Building Department.

22 As you know, we've got an in-car system we've had for
23 about two and a half years for the computer laptop.

24 And we've been using T-Mobile. This--the current
25 contract we have charges by the minute and each phone

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1 has 3,000 minutes. We've had a lot of struggles with
2 that in that there are areas of the county that don't
3 have coverage. There are also some areas that are
4 busier than others and we end up having to switch
5 phones out in the middle of a month to avoid going
6 over that--that minute limit because they would not
7 pool the minutes when we started the process.

8 We've been looking at alternatives for the last
9 several months, and we found out through Nextel that
10 they had a system that was compatible with our
11 system. They'll be charging by the megabyte for this
12 rather--data transfer rather than by the minute.

13 They've been very gracious in footing the bill for us
14 to test the system for a number of weeks here, and
15 it's--it's working very well. Coverage is much
16 better. The overall contract that we're asking for
17 approval is actually about \$6.00 less a month than

18 what we're paying now for service. But they
19 have--they have been willing to pool the--the
20 megabytes, so it allows us to get rid of four of the
21 phones that we currently have so we don't need the
22 number of spares. Service is much quicker with this
23 because it's an inter--internet-based system. It
24 also allows us to log on in the morning and stay on
25 all day long instead of having to log in and out

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1 every time we do a transaction to avoid using up our
2 minutes. So we're asking for approval to switch to
3 Nextel on this system. It's a two-year contract.
4 The only charges besides the \$1247.00 a month is a
5 one-time \$142.00 charge for the contract initiation
6 and delivery of the telephones.

7 PETERS: So what I hear you saying Dave is the--the
8 savings are really in the efficiency as well as the
9 bundling, the--

10 FULLER: Yes.

11 PETERS: --what is it--microbytes.

12 FULLER: Megabytes, yes.

13 PETERS: Megabytes.

14 FULLER: That's correct, yes. Yeah, it's about the
15 same thing we're paying now, so there's not much
16 difference.

17 BLOOM: And we don't need backup pieces of equipment
18 and--

19 FULLER: Right.

20 BLOOM: --it sounds like a win/win.

21 FULLER: It should be. It should be.

22 IRVING: As you were speaking--and I know Dave you
23 had explained it to me and I just, you know,
24 sometimes it takes a while for the light to come on--
25 if they leave their computer on the entire time, for

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1 eight hours a day, five days a week, 20 days in a
2 month, that's 9600 minutes. And if--if each one has
3 3,000 minutes, is it--or is it just the usage minutes
4 or what?

5 FULLER: It's the usage minutes.

6 IRVING: Yeah, I know. Okay.

7 FULLER: And that's what they've had to do in the
8 past. Is--is they enter a traction--transaction or

9 if they do an inspection, then they have to turn--

10 BLOOM: Turn it off.

11 FULLER: --their cell phone system off so that it's
12 not using minutes. Then when they get to the next
13 sight--

14 BLOOM: Yeah.

15 FULLER: --that they're going to do an inspection--

16 IRVING: You turn it on.

17 FULLER: --they turn it back on.

18 BLOOM: Yeah.

19 FULLER: There's a two to three login time--

20 IRVING: Right.

21 FULLER: --every time they do that. With this new
22 system, during the testing, they'd turn it on in the
23 morning. Every time we refresh is when it uses the
24 megabytes.

25 IRVING: Okay.

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1 FULLER: For the testing procedure, we refreshed
2 every time the car came to a stop sign or a stoplight
3 or stopped in traffic so that we used--we refreshed a
4 lot more than we normally would.

5 IRVING: Okay.

6 FULLER: And we never used more than two megabytes a
7 day.

8 IRVING: Okay.

9 FULLER: We've got a 50 megabyte per phone, and if
10 you figure--

11 IRVING: Okay.

12 FULLER: --at 20 days, we're not going to come close
13 to using that. So it's the--

14 IRVING: Okay.

15 BLOOM: Right.

16 FULLER: --it's equivalent of an unlimited system.

17 IRVING: Well, I just--when you said that, it's like,
18 gee, isn't that more than 3,000 minutes a--

19 FULLER: Yes.

20 BLOOM: Oh, yeah.

21 FULLER: And we did have problems. Occasionally the
22 guys would come in in the evening, they'd forget to
23 turn their cell phone off and it would stay on all
24 night. It--it wouldn't go off until the battery went
25 dead, so we would have extra charges with that. So--

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1 BLOOM: Of course.

2 IRVING: Okay, I make--

3 FULLER: This won't happen.

4 IRVING: --I make a motion we approve the Nextel
5 contract.

6 PETERS: I'll second it.

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

8 PETERS: Aye.

9 IRVING: Aye.

10 BLOOM: Aye. Appointment to the Allen County--

11 FULLER: Thank you.

12 BLOOM: Thank you very much, David. Appointment to
13 the Allen County Community Corrections.

14 ELSER: The name before you today is Marla Irving.

15 And this appointment will run through December 31st
16 of 2007.

17 PETERS: I make a motion that we appoint Marla
18 Irving to the Allen County Community Corrections
19 Board.

20 IRVING: I'll second.

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

22 PETERS: Aye.

23 IRVING: Aye.

24 BLOOM: Aye. Approve the Interlocal Agreement
25 between Allen County and the Town of Huntertown for

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1 miscellaneous services and materials furnished by the
2 Highway Department. Good morning.

3 FITCH: Good morning. Mike Fitch, Allen County
4 Highway Department. This is a annual agreement with
5 Huntertown to furnish labor and materials for
6 miscellaneous services that they may need over the
7 year 2005.

8 IRVING: I make a motion we approve.

9 PETERS: I will second it.

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

11 PETERS: Aye.

12 IRVING: Aye.

13 BLOOM: Aye. Approve posting change at Othello Cove
14 at Mark Anthony Crossing, a stop sign. King Lear
15 Boulevard at Shakespeare Boulevard, post stop sign.

16 IRVING: So moved.

17 PETERS: I'll second it.
18 BLOOM: All in favor, signify it by saying, "Aye."
19 PETERS: Aye.
20 IRVING: Aye.
21 BLOOM: Aye. Warranty Deed for the Rorick Road
22 Bridge over Lomont Drain--rrrr--Project #01-253.
23 IRVING: What's in that coffee? Let me smell.
24 BLOOM: Yeah.
25 IRVING: I make a motion we approve.

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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. A Warranty Deed for Project B03-03 for
6 The Shoppes at Scott Road, Rogers Market, Outlot B.
7 IRVING: So moved.
8 PETERS: I'll second that.
9 BLOOM: All in favor, signify it by saying, "Aye."
10 PETERS: Aye.
11 IRVING: Aye.
12 BLOOM: Aye. Change Order #1, City-County Joint
13 Vehicle Bids with Kelley Chevrolet, Item #31.
14 FITCH: Jeff Sorg, Maintenance Manager, has been
15 working with Bruce Little on these Change Orders.
16 Bruce can explain what these are.
17 LITTLE: Sure.
18 IRVING: Can--can--do we have enough of these copies
19 so we can all follow along with them?
20 ELSER: I just have one copy of each.
21 IRVING: Maybe Commissioner Bloom can have them and
22 we can kind of look over them?
23 ELSER: This is the first one and then the second
24 one.
25 LITTLE: Okay.

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1 BLOOM: Okay, we're on the van for the Radio Shop.
2 LITTLE: Okay. Last year the City and the County
3 went out with a joint bid--
4 BLOOM: Right.
5 LITTLE: --for vehicles for purchase for the year
6 2005. We individually awarded contracts to a number
7 of different vendors for those vehicles. What you

8 have before you today is a request for a Change Order
9 on the contract on the County's side because the
10 vehicles as configured in the Bid Specifications
11 don't exactly fit what the Highway Department needs.
12 So we are adding a couple of items and we're deleting
13 a couple of items. And that's why we're here before
14 you today.

15 BLOOM: So we're deleting \$722.38. And the total
16 contract amount for this is \$14,679.62.

17 IRVING: Oh, this is for the Highway Department and
18 not for the Sheriff?

19 LITTLE: That's correct.

20 BLOOM: That's all we're having. We're only getting
21 one van. Well, this is this. Yeah, that's--

22 IRVING: What is going to happen to the Radio Shop
23 van?

24 BLOOM: That's only the Radio Shop van.

25 FITCH: It's going to be put in the auction. It's

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1 got almost 200,000 miles and it's pretty well gone.

2 So it's going to be put in the auction.

3 IRVING: Is that a take home vehicle or is that--

4 FITCH: No, that's--

5 IRVING: It stays at the shop?

6 FITCH: It stays at the north barn, yeah.

7 IRVING: I mean, I guess I somehow spaced through
8 that one because I didn't even realize we had a Radio
9 Shop van.

10 BLOOM: I need a motion.

11 PETERS: I make a motion on the Change Order #1, the
12 Radio Shop--

13 IRVING: On the Radio Shop van.

14 PETERS: --Radio Shop van.

15 IRVING: I second it.

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

17 PETERS: Aye.

18 IRVING: Aye.

19 BLOOM: Aye. Change Order #2 with Kelley Chevrolet
20 for two half-ton pickup trucks. Okay.

21 IRVING: Why is there a \$4,818.00 increase?

22 LITTLE: The reason for that is because the truck was
23 spec'd out with a regular cab and the Highway

24 Department has determined they need an extended cab

25 on those two pickup trucks. Since the extended cab
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1 was not an option on the original contract, we need
2 to come to the Commissioners for the request for a
3 Change Order.

4 FITCH: Yeah, when the City bid the trucks out, they
5 didn't--they didn't receive bids for extended cabs.

6 I don't know why, but--

7 BLOOM: None, huh?

8 FITCH: --they had none on their list.

9 IRVING: So it--that's per truck or that's--

10 LITTLE: Per truck.

11 PETERS: And we--and we're going to be doing
12 this--one of them? How many of them--

13 BLOOM: We're doing--

14 LITTLE: There are two.

15 PETERS: --are we going to end up with?

16 BLOOM: Two trucks.

17 IRVING: So it's almost--

18 BLOOM: And these are two of the--these are the only
19 two extended cabs that we buy for the fleet, right?

20 FITCH: Yeah, for Maintenance. This--these--these
21 two vehicles for the north and south barn
22 supervisors.

23 BLOOM: One for each?

24 FITCH: Yes. And with the equipment that they have
25 to haul--

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1 BLOOM: Right.

2 FITCH: --without the extended cab--

3 BLOOM: Right. One at each barn.

4 FITCH: --there's not enough room to--

5 BLOOM: And then these get passed down?

6 FITCH: Right.

7 BLOOM: Okay.

8 IRVING: Okay, so--

9 FITCH: And they also occasionally haul additional
10 people in these trucks--

11 BLOOM: Right.

12 FITCH: --because they're--

13 IRVING: Oh, so they're hauling equipment?

14 FITCH: Right.

15 IRVING: So you don't take the bench seat out on the

16 extended cab for this equipment?

17 FITCH: I don't believe so, no.

18 BLOOM: I don't--well--

19 IRVING: Well, he sa--well, Mike said to haul
20 equipment and then he said to haul people. I don't
21 think we'd make them sit on the floors. Unless you
22 do--

23 FITCH: I don't--

24 IRVING: --I don't know.

25 FITCH: --I don't have speci--I don't believe these
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1 are the bench seat, the full cab. These are the
2 extended cab that have the fold-up seats behind the
3 seats.

4 BLOOM: Oh, they--that's right, they do.

5 FITCH: They're not the bench--

6 LITTLE: It's not the crew cab.

7 FITCH: --crew cab--no, no.

8 LITTLE: It's the extended cab.

9 FITCH: It's just the extended cab. It gives them
10 more room behind the seat for, you know--

11 IRVING: When we bid out with the City, do we not
12 have some specs that we need to add to that? Because
13 this isn't the first time that we're running into a
14 little difficulty--

15 LITTLE: Sure.

16 IRVING: --by taking theirs. In fact, I--I would
17 definitely rethink that joint bid unless we're going
18 to be able to have some of our particular--

19 BLOOM: Exactly.

20 IRVING: --vehicles.

21 LITTLE: First of all, this is the first year that
22 we've had the joint City-County bid. And let me
23 stress, it is a joint bid. And we did have the
24 opportunity to review the specifications prior to it
25 going out to bid. We knew going into this process
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1 that this is going to be a learning process that as
2 we move from year to year, we're going to discover
3 which options--

4 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

5 LITTLE: --we left out that need to be added.

6 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

7 LITTLE: So next year, we're going to be making note
8 of these changes we're doing--

9 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

10 LITTLE: --so we will be incorporating that. But no,
11 we--we--

12 IRVING: Does the City not use any extended cabs?

13 LITTLE: I expect the City will be doing Change
14 Orders through the year as well. As it is, the
15 approach that we took in writing out these
16 specifications resulted in approximately 200
17 different configurations--

18 BLOOM: Right, I saw the papers.

19 LITTLE: --of vehicles and options. It--we--we want
20 to make this a workable document. We don't want to
21 go too far beyond that or else the amount of time
22 that the vendors are going to have to take to come up
23 with prices for 400 or 500 different configurations
24 of vehicles, it just becomes unwieldy. So--

25 IRVING: Well, that just seems like a--

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1 LITTLE: --again, we--we knew that the first year was
2 going to be a little rough. But as we go through
3 this year to year, we'll better be able to refine the
4 specifications that we put out.

5 IRVING: --that just seems like a lot of money per
6 vehicle.

7 LITTLE: Well, you'd still be paying that money
8 regardless of the bid method you go through. If we
9 had bid that out as an option--

10 BLOOM: These are the same as what they have? Yes?

11 LITTLE: That's what--

12 PETERS: Yes.

13 LITTLE: Okay.

14 PETERS: Yes.

15 BLOOM: Yes.

16 LITTLE: The problem wouldn't be with the process,
17 the problem would be in what you're asking for. If
18 you want to save that money--

19 BLOOM: Right.

20 LITTLE: --it's not--you don't do it by bidding it
21 differently. It--it's what you decide to by that--

22 BLOOM: But this is a replacement for the two we
23 have?

24 FITCH: Right. Right. The current--

25 BLOOM: Okay.

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1 FITCH: --current trucks are extended cab. And those

2 trucks will be--

3 BLOOM: Passed down.

4 FITCH: --passed down to the foremen which also--

5 BLOOM: Right.

6 FITCH: --have plans and--

7 IRVING: Is the--

8 FITCH: --equipment that they have to haul inside

9 which is secure because the back of the trucks, they

10 have the fuel tanks, they have all kinds of things--

11 tools and things in the back that you wouldn't want

12 to put behind the seat.

13 IRVING: Our supervisors all have fuel on their

14 trucks?

15 FITCH: All the foremen--

16 IRVING: But these are supervisors.

17 FITCH: Yeah.

18 IRVING: Our supervisors, Ben and Randy, haul fuel?

19 FITCH: No.

20 IRVING: They have fuel tanks in the back?

21 FITCH: No, no.

22 IRVING: But it--isn't that who these are for?

23 FITCH: Right.

24 IRVING: So these would not have--

25 FITCH: No, they would not have them.

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1 IRVING: --fuel tanks on them.

2 FITCH: But when they get passed down, then they

3 would. So that's why they, you know, keep the

4 same-type vehicle so they can be passed on and used

5 for other purposes.

6 PETERS: So the change to this is about \$2300.00

7 apiece, right?

8 BLOOM: No--

9 IRVING: No.

10 LITTLE: No.

11 BLOOM: --it's that times two.

12 IRVING: It's \$4800.00 apiece.

13 PETERS: Times--

14 IRVING: Two.

15 PETERS: --two.
16 LITTLE: That's a per vehicle increase.
17 BLOOM: Right. It's 9600 [\$9600.00].
18 IRVING: What's the mileage difference? Is there a
19 mileage difference on these by being extended cabs?
20 I mean, are the engines the same? Everything's the
21 same except--
22 LITTLE: No, no.
23 IRVING: --it gets this much--
24 LITTLE: --we--we're also moving up from a V-6 to a
25 V-8 when you go to the extended cab.

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1 BLOOM: These are legit questions. I mean, ask
2 anything you want. I don't know the answers.
3 IRVING: Well, can you get them in V-6s? Why are we
4 buying V-8s? Those are really--
5 LITTLE: You can get--
6 IRVING: --gas--
7 LITTLE: --the regular cab with the V-6. If you go
8 to the extended cab, it comes with a V-8.
9 IRVING: So that's what makes this more expensive,
10 not just--
11 LITTLE: Bo--it's--
12 IRVING: --this little--
13 LITTLE: --it's--it's not--
14 IRVING: --extension.
15 LITTLE: --just either or, it's both of those
16 features that drive the price up. Both the V-8--
17 IRVING: I did not--
18 LITTLE: --and the extended cab.
19 IRVING: --I did not realize--
20 BLOOM: I mean, I even--
21 IRVING: --there was that much difference.
22 BLOOM: --took the--some kind of music player out of
23 it. I took the carpet out of it. I took--
24 LITTLE: Oh, it--it's--it's not loaded with options,
25 that's for sure. It's got--it does not have

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1 carpeting. It's got the rubber mats.
2 IRVING: Well, pickup trucks--
3 LITTLE: It's--
4 IRVING: --normally--I mean--
5 BLOOM: No--

6 IRVING: We're--

7 BLOOM: --pickup trucks usually come as a package. I
8 took some of that stuff out.

9 FITCH: Right.

10 IRVING: No, but work trucks usually don't have
11 carpet on the floor. They usually have the plastic
12 because of the--the muddy boots and stuff. You can
13 just spray them out.

14 FITCH: Yeah.

15 IRVING: I don't know. I--I--I did not realize that
16 they were almost \$5,000.00 more. What's the gas
17 mileage difference between a six and an eight? Does
18 anybody know?

19 FITCH: I don't have the--I would imagine it's--

20 BLOOM: Would you prefer deferring this until you
21 know more about it or what?

22 IRVING: Well, I don't know. Nelson? I--I mean, if
23 you two feel comfortable with it then--

24 BLOOM: Well--

25 PETERS: Is there--is there another way to accomplish
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1 what it is you need to accomplish on a more
2 cost-effective basis, I guess, is the question.

3 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

4 FITCH: These are the specs that the--the Maintenance
5 staff came up with. It's what they've, you know,
6 been using--same type of vehicle they've been using.
7 So--

8 IRVING: The Maintenance staff? I thought this was
9 for the--

10 FITCH: Jeff and Ben and--

11 BLOOM: The barns.

12 FITCH: --Randy.

13 BLOOM: Is the Maintenance staff.

14 FITCH: That's what they've been--and the foremen.
15 That's the--

16 IRVING: Oh, I thought they were the foremen's.

17 BLOOM: This is--

18 FITCH: --same vehicle they've been using.

19 BLOOM: --what they have right now?

20 FITCH: Right. The exact same--

21 BLOOM: So how--how did we buy these before?

22 FITCH: Same--

23 BLOOM: We just bought them.

24 LITTLE: Well, no, before--before this--

25 BLOOM: We weren't on this--

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1 LITTLE: --we would have either bought them from a
2 state QPA contract or we would have gone out locally
3 for quotes or bids.

4 BLOOM: And this year--

5 LITTLE: It's--

6 BLOOM: --because we're on this combined buying--

7 LITTLE: --it's just a different contract we're
8 buying from.

9 BLOOM: Yeah.

10 PETERS: Uh-huh (affirmative).

11 BLOOM: Yeah.

12 LITTLE: But I would say comparing to how we've
13 bought in the past, we are saving money this year.

14 The prices that we've been able to get--and I was
15 skeptical at first--

16 BLOOM: Yeah, phenomenal.

17 LITTLE: --that--that the savings would be there.

18 BLOOM: Good prices.

19 LITTLE: But I'm a believer in it now. We got some

20 terrific concessions from the manufacturers. These

21 are contracts that are in place not just for the City

22 of Fort Wayne and for Allen County, but for

23 basically, any governmental entity in the state of

24 Indiana that wants to take advantage of it. And

25 there are other counties and cities in the northeast

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1 corner of the state who are using these contracts to
2 their advantage.

3 IRVING: Is this--I know that since we're not buying
4 off the State, we're buying off the combine

5 contract--

6 LITTLE: Uh-huh (affirmative).

7 IRVING: --did--did they have the extended cabs on
8 the State bid?

9 LITTLE: I don't believe so. I can certainly--

10 BLOOM: So we must have come before you--

11 LITTLE: --I can--I can--

12 BLOOM: --I mean--

13 LITTLE: --I can double check that.

14 BLOOM: -- you must have come before us.
15 LITTLE: But--
16 IRVING: I just asked--
17 LITTLE: --this is the primary contract--
18 BLOOM: Yeah.
19 IRVING: --if they were on the State bid.
20 BLOOM: Yeah.
21 LITTLE: --that we use to purchase vehicles. If--if
22 what we're looking for, if we just can't find it on
23 here, then--I--I don't believe that there's minivans
24 on this contract, so we fell back to the State QPA
25 contract recently for purchase of a minivan.

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1 IRVING: I guess the only thing that I--I--I did not
2 understand that these were 48--that there was a
3 \$4800.00 per vehicle increase--almost \$4900.00
4 increase. I mean, that's like almost half of
5 purchasing--about a third of purchasing an entire new
6 pickup truck for our fleet.
7 FITCH: Well, I guess the comparison would be what
8 did the previous trucks cost. I mean, you're
9 comparing--
10 PETERS: Right.
11 FITCH: --apples and apples with--you know, if you
12 paid--
13 IRVING: Well, are pickups though--
14 FITCH: --you know--
15 IRVING: --I mean, normal pickups, six cylinder
16 normal pickup trucks--
17 BLOOM: But that isn't what they have.
18 FITCH: I mean, that's the--
19 IRVING: Well--
20 BLOOM: We're replacing what they have.
21 IRVING: --well, yeah, but then--then--I guess that
22 when the Sheriff comes back to us and he's going to
23 say, "I want the Crown Vics," that get two miles per
24 gallon, "I want those back again because that's what
25 I had before," then we should let him have them.

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1 BLOOM: Are these the same trucks as they're driving
2 right now.
3 FITCH: Right, same--same style, same--
4 BLOOM: No, they're not asking for something

5 different.

6 IRVING: Well, what I'm saying is just because you

7 had it in the--in the past--I don't care. I

8 think--I think \$4800.00 more per vehicle is on the

9 high side. So that's--I just think that that's--

10 BLOOM: How much--like do you have any idea how much

11 these trucks would cost if they--if we weren't

12 getting the--

13 LITTLE: Oh, sure.

14 BLOOM: --government price?

15 LITTLE: I don't have a copy--

16 BLOOM: Okay.

17 LITTLE: --of the Change Order request--

18 BLOOM: Okay.

19 LITTLE: --in front of me, but--

20 BLOOM: All right.

21 LITTLE: --I think what you're interested in is what

22 really you've got in front of you. You're going to

23 save 4,000-some dollars by going with the base

24 package as bid. I, from memory, I'm thinking it was

25 around 16,000 [\$16,000] may--I'm not sure. I--I

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1 didn't come with--

2 BLOOM: Oh, I--I--no, the original was 16,149

3 [\$16,149.00].

4 LITTLE: There you go, that's what it would cost--

5 BLOOM: No.

6 LITTLE: --without--

7 BLOOM: Without--

8 LITTLE: --the extended cab.

9 BLOOM: Okay, that wasn't my question. We get much

10 better deals through government bids and this joint

11 bid. This is not a bad price for the vehicle we're

12 getting, right?

13 LITTLE: That's correct.

14 IRVING: Oh, no, I think any of our government bid

15 prices are good, but--

16 FITCH: Well, let me, like you say, recommend we--we

17 table this. I think that the question here is the

18 specification of what truck we actually need.

19 BLOOM: Okay.

20 FITCH: And I'll have Jeff put a report together on

21 the--

22 BLOOM: I--I thought all of this had been done.
23 FITCH: --justification of why we need extended--
24 IRVING: Well, I want to know too.
25 FITCH: No, I have not--
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1 IRVING: I mean, it--
2 FITCH: --I have not seen that.
3 BLOOM: Okay.
4 IRVING: My understanding was that it was only going
5 to be like a 2,000--
6 FITCH: Right.
7 IRVING: --or \$2500.00 difference. I--I must not
8 have been paying attention--
9 FITCH: Okay.
10 IRVING: --or didn't understand it.
11 FITCH: Okay.
12 IRVING: The other thing is the fuel mileage between
13 an eight and a six has got to be much greater too.
14 FITCH: Right. Without the information in front of
15 me--
16 BLOOM: We'll get all of this.
17 FITCH: --I can't tell you.
18 BLOOM: I thought we had all of this.
19 FITCH: Okay.
20 IRVING: I'm sorry.
21 FITCH: That's not a problem.
22 BLOOM: Okay.
23 FITCH: This can--
24 BLOOM: So we're going--
25 FITCH: --this can be--
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1 BLOOM: --to defer this.
2 FITCH: --deferred. Okay.
3 BLOOM: Could I please defer this until next week?
4 PETERS: Uh-huh (affirmative).
5 IRVING: I make a motion we defer for a week.
6 PETERS: I'll second it.
7 BLOOM: All in favor, signify it by saying, "Aye."
8 PETERS: Aye.
9 IRVING: Aye.
10 BLOOM: Aye. Thank you very very much.
11 LITTLE: Okay, sure.
12 BLOOM: Do we have anything else?

13 FITCH: Under other business, the agreement with
14 Butler-Fairman--or Beams, Longest and Neff, excuse
15 me, for the Gump Road project--
16 BLOOM: Thanks, Bruce.
17 LITTLE: You're welcome.
18 FITCH: --we approved the project February the 2nd.
19 And about the same day we approved this, I got an
20 actual written agreement with Beams, Longest and
21 Neff. They had sent a propo--a written proposal to
22 us defining all of the work they were going to
23 complete and that's what the Commissioners approved.
24 And then I got an actual formal agreement with them.
25 And Fred Larmore had asked if the Commissioners would

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1 also sign that agreement. I went through and checked
2 the proposal versus the agreement, and basically it's
3 the same information only their agreement goes into a
4 little more specifics on if there are changes in the
5 work and--

6 BLOOM: Okay, what's the project?

7 FITCH: --legal technicalities. Gump Road.

8 BLOOM: Okay. What--

9 FITCH: This is the project that--

10 BLOOM: School?

11 FITCH: --we're working with Huntertown on.

12 BLOOM: Right.

13 IRVING: So why are we--we're signing a different
14 agreement?

15 FITCH: This is a formal agreement.

16 BLOOM: No, this is an actual.

17 FITCH: We had a proposal before.

18 IRVING: Okay.

19 FITCH: The fee's the same. It's just--

20 IRVING: Okay.

21 FITCH: --just a formal agreement. They had asked if
22 we could--

23 IRVING: And we signed the--

24 BLOOM: We signed the proposal.

25 FITCH: --formal agreement.

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1 IRVING: --the previous one?

2 FITCH: Right.

3 IRVING: Okay. I make a motion that--

4 FITCH: I didn't receive the agreements until the day
5 we actually had signed the--

6 BLOOM: Okay.

7 IRVING: I make a motion that we--

8 FITCH: --proposal. It's just a--

9 IRVING: --sign the Beams, Longest and Neff agreement
10 for the Gump Road project.

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.

16 FITCH: Okay.

17 BLOOM: Thank you.

18 FITCH: That's all. Thank you.

19 BLOOM: Anything else? Do we have any other business
20 this morning?

21 ELSER: We have no other business.

22 BLOOM: How about the approval?

23 IRVING: I make a motion that we waive the second
24 reading on any matters approved today in which it
25 deems necessary.

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1 PETERS: I'll second that.

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

3 PETERS: Aye.

4 IRVING: Aye.

5 BLOOM: Aye. Any comments from the public this
6 morning? If not, meeting adjourned.

7 (Adjourned at 10:31 a.m.)

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