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7 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEN

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9 RE: LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF
10 September 14, 2005

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DATE: September 14, 2005

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TIME: 10:08 a.m.

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

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REPORTER: Kimberlee M. Adams

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1 PRESENT:
2 Linda K. Bloom Allen County Commissioner
3 Nelson Peters Allen County Commissioner
4 Susan Elser Allen County Board of
 Commissioners Office
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6 John McGauley Allen County Public

6 Information Office
7 Bill Hartman Director, Allen County
Highway Department

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9 Kim Bowman Department of Planning
Services, Director

10 Scott Harrold Department of Planning
Services

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12 Maureen Voors Department of Planning
Services

13 Bruce Little Allen County Purchasing,
Director

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15 Dave Fuller Allen County Building
Commissioner

16 Carrie Gutman Associate Allen County
Attorney

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18 Jerry Noble Allen County Superior
Court

19 Dan Linnemeier Lake Township,
Trustee/Assessor

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21 Rod Renkenberger Maumee River Basin
Commission

22 Ron Smith GAI
23 Pam Finlayson Allen County Election Board,
Director

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25 Troy Tracy Arcola Volunteer Fire
Department, Chief

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1 ALSO PRESENT:

2 Tracy May Floyd E. Burroughs &
Associates

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4 Joy Stankiewicz DLZ

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6 Kimberlee M. Adams Rolf Reporting, Inc.

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8 Cindy Larson News Sentinel

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

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
8 September 7th.

9 PETERS: I make a motion to approve the Minutes of
10 September 7th, 2005

11 BLOOM: Second. All in favor--

12 PETERS: Signify it by saying, "Aye"?

13 BLOOM: Thank you very much.

14 PETERS: Aye.

15 BLOOM: I forgot Aye. Consideration of a Loan
16 Agreement with the Allen County Redevelopment
17 Commission for funds expended on the Sumpter Drive
18 project for Fort Wayne Pools. Good morning, Scott.

19 HARROLD: Good morning. I'm Scott Harrold with the
20 County Planning Department. Well, basically, this
21 goes back some ways. Several years ago, a company
22 called SCP Pools took over Fort Wayne Pools, and at
23 that point, they wanted to put a distribution center
24 here as well. Then distribution center ended up
25 being adjacent to the current facility in like an

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1 industrial park, but there was no road connecting

2 them. They're on separate roads. One, that--part
3 of the incentive proj--to, you know, attract this
4 project, we told them we would connect those roads to
5 make access easier for them and help them out. That
6 was done by the Highway Department. At that time, we
7 always intended to pay for this out of Redevelopment
8 Commission TIFF Funds because that is a tax increment
9 financing district. To make a long story short, the
10 Commissioners took over paying for that recently.
11 And while we have some TIFF funds available, we're
12 using those right now, we're setting them aside to
13 help with the C&M FinePak projects that were going
14 on.

15 BLOOM: Yeah.

16 HARROLD: So we thought, "Well, we better make this a
17 formal agreement instead of an informal one."

18 BLOOM: Because you're using our borrowed borrowed
19 money.

20 HARROLD: Right, something like that. Basically, the
21 terms are similar to previous loans that we've done
22 between the Board of Commissioners and the
23 Redevelopment Commission. It will earn an interest
24 rate, one percentage point over what the Treasurer
25 earns, so you'll be making some money back on that.

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1 The term is at a maximum of five years, but honestly,
2 I--it probably will be paid back within three years.
3 We wanted to give us a little extra time. Like I
4 said, this--this TIF district has been around for a
5 while and it generates a fair amount of money, so you
6 know, it shouldn't be any problem getting you paid
7 back in a fair amount of time.

8 BLOOM: So that's our CEDIT Funds and the loan
9 agreement two hundred--not to exceed \$250,000.00,
10 hopefully within three years to be paid back.

11 HARROLD: Right, right.

12 BLOOM: Okay.

13 PETERS: Bottom line is, we pay through CETA Funds
14 TIFF, then repay CETA?

15 HARROLD: That's correct.

16 PETERS: Yeah.

17 BLOOM: And the money they were supposed to be paying
18 us for a completed project, they're now using

19 PETERS: Right.
20 BLOOM: --for another project.
21 PETERS: Right, right. Okay, I'd make a motion to
22 approve a load agreement with the Allen County
23 Redevelopment Commission for funds expended on Sumter
24 Drive project for Fort Wayne Pools.
25 BLOOM: Second. All in favor, signify it by saying, "Aye."
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1 PETERS: Aye.
2 BLOOM: Aye. Thank you.
3 ELSER: The next one is Scott's too.
4 BLOOM: That's yours too.
5 HARROLD: Yeah.
6 BLOOM: Repeal of Article 31 (General Motors TIF
7 Fund) in Title 12.
8 HARROLD: This is just a little bookkeeping. When we
9 refinanced the General Motors TIF Fund recently, we
10 went ahead and established some new funds just to
11 keep funds separated until we expended the--the new
12 funds that we had raised. The old fund, now that
13 that's been completed, is no longer needed. There's
14 some excess funds in there and those will be
15 transferred over to the new fund when it's closed
16 out. Basically, we're just closing out a fund that's
17 no longer needed, I guess.

18 BLOOM: And creating a new one?
19 HARROLD: The new one is already in existence.
20 BLOOM: Okay.
21 PETERS: How will those monies be expended in the new
22 fund and for what will they be expended?
23 HARROLD: Well, basically, there's about \$40,000.00,
24 \$50,000.00 in there, and that's just going to go
25 towards paying--making our bond payments in the

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1 future. It's just some extra funds that we have that
2 will be available for making our bond payments.
3 PETERS: Okay. I make a motion to repeal Article 31
4 from the General Motors TIF Fund in Title 12.
5 BLOOM: Second. All in favor, signify it by saying,
6 "Aye."
7 PETERS: Aye.
8 BLOOM: Aye.
9 HARROLD: All right.

10 BLOOM: Thank you.

11 HARROLD: Thank you.

12 BLOOM: Is that it?

13 HARROLD: That's it for me.

14 BLOOM: Adoption of the Maumee River Basin
15 Commission's Comprehensive Floodplain Management
16 Plan. Good morning.

17 BOWMAN: Good morning.

18 PETERS: Good morning.

19 BOWMAN: Good morning. I'm Kim Bowman, Director of
20 Allen County Department of Planning Services, and
21 with me is Maureen Voors, Principle Land Use Planner.
22 We're here today to ask you to adopt a plan that's
23 really been around since 1995 and then amended in
24 2001. As you may recall, I brought our lovely
25 plaque. Allen County participates in a federal

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1 program called the community rating system. And what
2 this system is is a federal program to encourage
3 local communities and governments to go beyond the
4 minimum in floodplain management. In 2002, because
5 of certain criteria that we met, we did qualify for a
6 level 9. And what this means to the citizens of
7 Allen County is that they get a 5% discount on their
8 flood insurance rates. The community rating system
9 through their recordkeeping with FEMA realized that
10 Allen County did not have a comprehensive floodplain
11 management plan. And so, we talked with Rod
12 Renkenberger, who is also here, with the Maumee River
13 Basin Commission and the plan that they established
14 in '95 and then amended again in 2001 qualifies to
15 meet the--FEMA's requirement for a comprehensive
16 floodplain management plan. Actually, the City
17 adopted the same plan and is involved in the same
18 community rating system. I do want to point out that
19 we're not proposing to change any ordinances or
20 procedures or anything different the way we enforce
21 our County ordinances for floodplain management. But
22 the--the Maumee River Basin Plan is a long-range
23 comprehensive look at floodplain. It has different
24 elements as far as voluntary relocation of properties
25 in floodplain, public education. But it is a

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1 long-range structural plan that will meet Allen
2 County's requirements to continue in the community
3 rating system.

4 I do want to say that Maureen Voors is our
5 coordinator for this. She spends a lot of time and
6 has gone through a lot of FEMA training and paperwork
7 and is in a lot of contact with FEMA. But Rod
8 Renkenberger from the Maumee River Basin
9 Commissioner, and also Al Frisinger, Allen County
10 Surveyor, have helped us a lot with this community
11 rating system.

12 I believe you have copies of the plan. We
13 submitted those for your information. Can I answer
14 any questions?

15 PETERS: First let me say, that was great reading,
16 that plan documentation. But secondly--

17 BLOOM: No, it wasn't.

18 PETERS: --I don't--I don't know if you can answer
19 this or not, but recently we--we've had a go-around
20 with the Department of Natural Resources between
21 the--between the Developer and the Surveyor's
22 Department. The Department of Natural Resources
23 basically asking that the County assume some
24 responsibility for detention pond management in a
25 floodplain. But they've asked us to cite a specific

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1 ordinance. We've had to go back to them and we've
2 had to say, "We don't have an ordinance, necessarily,
3 that we can cite." Maybe you can tell me and maybe
4 you can't, is this the ordinance that we can now cite
5 in going back to the Department of Natural Resources?

6 BOWMAN: (Shakes head no.)

7 PETERS: This still isn't it, huh?

8 BOWMAN: No, this is another--another of their
9 requirements for adoption that we have to cite, but
10 this is not related to the stormwater management
11 element that DNR is looking for.

12 PETERS: Okay. Now--

13 BLOOM: That's a whole new plan.

14 BOWMAN: Uh-huh (affirmative).

15 PETERS: --well, let me ask you then--it was a
16 perfect segway to my next question, there is some
17 reference to stormwater management in this floodplain

18 management plan. Does this force additional
19 obligations on the County as far as stormwater
20 management?

21 BOWMAN: I--I don't believe--

22 PETERS: --that we're not currently undertaking?

23 BOWMAN: --I don't believe so. The plan has a series
24 of recommendations and one of the recommendations is
25 to have coordinated floodplain ordinances, stormwater
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1 ordinances, but again, that is a recommendation with
2 overall goal of better floodplain management and not
3 necessarily isolating--

4 PETERS: Uh-huh (affirmative).

5 BLOOM: Stormwater.

6 BOWMAN: --stormwater manage--

7 BLOOM: Yeah.

8 BOWMAN: --or--management or another specific area.

9 PETERS: But since the federal government has
10 legislated that we do so anyways, this doesn't really
11 take away from that process?

12 BOWMAN: Right, it--

13 BLOOM: Or add.

14 PETERS: Or add.

15 BOWMAN: They're two independent requirements of
16 federal and state government.

17 PETERS: I gotcha. Okay. Thank you.

18 BLOOM: Good job.

19 BOWMAN: It's a--it's a good plan.

20 BLOOM: Rod, good job.

21 BOWMAN: We do have 13 repetitive losses in Allen
22 County where there's been repeated claims on the
23 insurance, and that's why the FEMA wants us to take
24 another look--

25 BLOOM: Absolutely.

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1 BOWMAN: --and see how we can possibly assist those
2 people and to prevent from going to 14, 15, and other
3 repetitive loss.

4 PETERS: Now I think--I think this is a great step in
5 the right direction, and--

6 BLOOM: Indeed.

7 PETERS: --I think what it's done for us in terms of
8 being able to mitigate some of the insurance costs is

9 good. Now, I do also understand in having met with
10 you guys regarding this that there's also room for
11 improvement--
12 BLOOM: A lot, yeah.
13 PETERS: --and that we can make things better yet to
14 get to--we're at a level 9 right now--
15 BOWMAN: Yes.
16 PETERS: --to get to a level 8--
17 BOWMAN: Uh-huh (affirmative).
18 PETERS: --or something like to yet--
19 BOWMAN: Uh-huh (affirmative).
20 PETERS: --create greater savings on insurance.
21 BOWMAN: Uh-huh (affirmative).
22 PETERS: So keep up the good work and hopefully we'll
23 see you back when we get to level 8.
24 BOWMAN: Great.
25 BLOOM: Is any of this in that area over there on
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1 Ardmore?
2 VOORS: None of our repetitive losses are in that
3 area.
4 BLOOM: Because I know when the City continues the
5 road down that way that--because there is a big
6 glorious bridge at Covington and Ardmore--but that
7 area gets hit so badly--
8 VOORS: It does.
9 BLOOM: --that I know the road improvements are going
10 to help the people too and the drainage.
11 VOORS: Uh-huh (affirmative).
12 BLOOM: Good. Thank you very much.
13 PETERS: I would make a motion to adopt the Maumee
14 River Basin's Commission Comprehensive Flood
15 Plan--Floodplain Management Plan.
16 BLOOM: I did the same thing. Second. All in favor,
17 signify it by saying, "Aye."
18 PETERS: Aye.
19 BLOOM: Aye.
20 BOWMAN: Thank you.
21 BLOOM: Thank you. Purchase Agreement between
22 Kohart-Reitter, LLC and Allen County for the property
23 at 100 West Columbia.
24 ELSER: You skipped number five.
25 BLOOM: Oh, I did. Well, I'm doing this one. Cost

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1 \$460,000.00 This is the building on the corner of
2 Columbia and Calhoun that we are purchasing for
3 Superior Court.
4 PETERS: We worked long and hard on this.
5 BLOOM: Yeah, we sure did.
6 PETERS: And I would move approval of the purchase
7 agreement between Kohart-Reitter, LLC and Allen
8 County for the property at 100 West Columbia Street.
9 BLOOM: And I'll second this. All in favor, signify
10 it by saying, "Aye."
11 PETERS: Aye.
12 BLOOM: Aye. Now, transfer of property--oh, Jerry,
13 did you have something you wanted to say about this?
14 NOBLE: No, only thank you--just thank you. We
15 appreciate having to work with you to make this come
16 about.
17 PETERS: Well, it's nice to put it behind us.
18 BLOOM: Thank you. It is, yeah. This is going to
19 work for sure.
20 NOBLE: Yes. Thank you very much.
21 BLOOM: Thank you. Good morning.
22 FULLER: Good morning. Dave Fuller with the Allen
23 County Building Department.
24 PETERS: Good morning.
25 FULLER: Today representing the Allen County

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1 Community Development Corporation.
2 GUTMAN: Carrie Gutman, Associate County Attorney.
3 BLOOM: Transfer of property at 3812 Illinois Road
4 from the Allen County Commissioners to the Allen
5 County Community Development Corp.
6 GUTMAN: If you'll remember, a few years ago we
7 started a process of taking the properties that had
8 been certified to the Commissioners but never
9 translated into deeds and running those back to the
10 tax sale and transferring those to the Allen County
11 Community Development Corporation so that we could
12 reduce the number of tax sale properties that the
13 Commissioners owned. Well, in this process, Fred
14 Merz has been hired by the County to--by the Allen
15 County Community Development Corp. to move some of
16 these properties. There's a property that we've

17 discovered that was actually titled to the
18 Commissioners that the Allen County Community
19 Development Corp. would like to work with a buyer to
20 try and move that off of your rolls. And it's--it is
21 a piece of property behind the new Burlington Coat
22 Factory.

23 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

24 GUTMAN: And it's about 1.5 acres, a little over
25 that. It's mostly detention pond. And so we would

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1 like to transfer that to the--have--have that
2 quitclaim deeded to the Allen County Community
3 Development Corp, and then they can then work with
4 some buyers to try and transfer this off of your
5 rolls.

6 PETERS: Okay.

7 BLOOM: To retain this, though, as a retention pond,
8 right?

9 GUTMAN: Right.

10 BLOOM: For their property.

11 GUTMAN: Right.

12 BLOOM: Okay.

13 PETERS: I make a motion for the transfer of property
14 of 3812 Illinois Road from the Allen County
15 Commissioners to the Allen County Community
16 Development Corporation.

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

19 PETERS: Aye.

20 BLOOM: Aye.

21 GUTMAN: Okay. We'll provide you with the
22 appropriate quitclaim deeds for signature later.

23 BLOOM: Thank you.

24 PETERS: Thanks.

25 BLOOM: Approval of a sub-grant Agreement between the

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1 Commissioners of Allen County and the Arcola
2 Volunteer Fire Department. Hi, Daniel.

3 LINNEMEIER: How are you doin' kiddo?

4 BLOOM: I'm good. How are you doing?

5 LINNEMEIER: Hard at it.

6 BLOOM: Haven't seen you since the tractor pull.

7 LINNEMEIER: Yeah. I remember that well.

8 BLOOM: I remember that well also.

9 LINNEMEIER: Good. Good morning, I'm Dan Linnemeier,
10 the Lake Township Trustee and I have brought with me
11 this morning Mr. Troy Tracy who is the Chief of the
12 Arcola Volunteer Fire Department.

13 BLOOM: Hi, Troy.

14 LINNEMEIER: And I'd like to have Troy say a few
15 things about the Arcola Volunteer Fire Department
16 before I make my formal request.

17 BLOOM: Okay.

18 TRACY: The Arcola Volunteer Fire Department had put
19 in for a federal FEMA grant which was \$106,000.00 for
20 all new airpack systems for our trucks which is our
21 breathing air to go in for a structural firefighting.
22 We was awarded that, and we appreciate you guys
23 having the grant administrator help us with this
24 project.

25 BLOOM: Absolutely.

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1 TRACY: The new--our community is growing with
2 housing additions out there development. And we're
3 at a record high of 34 volunteer firemen now--

4 PETERS: Wow.

5 TRACY: --in 50 years.

6 BLOOM: Wonderful.

7 TRACY: So where are community is growing--

8 BLOOM: Wonderful.

9 TRACY: --the equipment is well needed, so thank you.

10 PETERS: Can I ask you--

11 BLOOM: Wow.

12 PETERS: --real quick just along that note, are the
13 ranks of volunteer firefighters growing or shrinking,
14 generally speaking, in this area?

15 TRACY: We're--in our area, we seem to be growing.

16 We're getting more and more houses. We're getting
17 more and more people that are interested in joining.

18 Our department has been around 52 years now, and I've
19 been on this department for five years, and
20 we're--within the last five years, we've grown

21 probably 15 guys on the department.

22 BLOOM: Really?

23 TRACY: We seem to be getting more--the younger
24 generation is stepping up to play the roles.

25 PETERS: Uh-huh (affirmative). Now let me ask you to
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1 step out into another township, what do you--unfair
2 question, I know--but what do you see in the other
3 volunteer fire departments?

4 TRACY: The other departments that we mutual aid with
5 seem to be growing too.

6 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

7 TRACY: Aboite is growing with more and more houses.

8 Washington, they seem to be growing a little bit and
9 seem to be losing a little bit, but our--the

10 equipment that we're getting is going to be--make us
11 more compatible to them for mutual aid assistance.

12 One thing is we're at low pressure system on our
13 airpacks, the new stuff is going to be high pressure,
14 so we're not having to adjust the trucks per guy.

15 BLOOM: Right.

16 TRACY: But the departments--it seemed to me that the
17 departments in our area are growing.

18 PETERS: Okay, glad to hear it, and keep up the good
19 work. You guys do awesome work.

20 LINNEMEIER: I think just to add something to that,
21 Nelson, is the fact that as the Trustees, speaking

22 for myself and I'm sure the other Trustees too, we
23 feel we have the obligation to provide these firemen,

24 the volunteers out there, with the best equipment we
25 can get. And that's something that enhances the

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1 department itself, the volunteerism. I mean, if you
2 have to go out and fight a fire with a 1942 army
3 surplus truck hoping you get to the fire and then
4 hoping that the truck works to get through it, it
5 makes it difficult because these guys, as we always
6 say, still make housecalls and that's 24/7. We've
7 been fortunate out in Lake Township that we've been
8 able to get some dollars through our tractor pull and
9 also through some grants and that where we can
10 provide the volunteers with the type of equipment
11 they need. And that's the important thing.

12 PETERS: Right.

13 LINNEMEIER: So anything that can go down the line to
14 give these guys the assistance, the equipment, that
15 they need, for one thing, it gives me piece of mind

16 knowing, you know, that I got them in the best
17 equipment I can out there.

18 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

19 PETERS: Uh-huh (affirmative).

20 LINNEMEIER: We've been blessed in Lake Township for
21 the things we have out there that things work that
22 way. Which brings me back around through the reason
23 we're here, first of all, as a thank you to Allen
24 County and the Commissioners for establishing the
25 grant writer. I mean, Lin Wilson has been a big
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1 asset to us out there. And without her writing this
2 grant, we probably wouldn't have gotten it.

3 BLOOM: She's excellent.

4 LINNEMEIER: She does a great job for us and we just
5 really appreciate it. And I know that she's willing
6 to do it for whoever needs something, you know, she
7 says, "Hey," you know, "I got the time--if I--if I
8 can find it here, I'll work it out there." So first
9 of all, from all of us in Lake Township, thank you so
10 much for supporting us with a grant writer.

11 PETERS: Well, I understand she's moving out there
12 and wanted to make sure she had appropriate fire
13 protection.

14 LINNEMEIER: Well, I didn't really want to add that
15 to it, but that does help, you know.

16 BLOOM: You don't have a tax rate. You don't--your
17 fire department doesn't have its own separate--

18 LINNEMEIER: Yes, we do.

19 BLOOM: You do?

20 LINNEMEIER: We have a small one.

21 BLOOM: A small one.

22 LINNEMEIER: But I'll tell you, our tax rate in Lake
23 Township pays probably only the insurance. The
24 insurance is so expensive anymore.

25 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

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1 LINNEMEIER: As far as anything in the upkeep and all
2 that kind of stuff, to run a volunteer fire
3 department, you're talking--you're not talking
4 \$10,000.00 anymore.

5 BLOOM: No.

6 LINNEMEIER: You're talking insurance alone--

7 BLOOM: No.

8 LINNEMEIER: --\$20,000.00 plus.

9 PETERS: Yeah, I bet.

10 LINNEMEIER: And then the things that go along, you
11 know. I'm always impressed when I go to these
12 meetings because you talk about somebody who is
13 fiscal responsible with the dollars, these volunteer
14 firemen sit there and say, "Well, we need a nozzle.
15 Okay, well how much is a nozzle? That's \$175.00. Do
16 we really need it? I don't know, the other there
17 works pretty good, but maybe we ought to think about
18 it. Well, let's put that aside and do a fund until
19 we get the \$175.00 for the nozzle fund." You know
20 what I mean. They turn a dollar over twice, three
21 times before they actually spend it. So I'm always
22 impressed with the way that they handle the dollars
23 that I'm able to supply them--

24 BLOOM: Oh, yeah.

25 LINNEMEIER: --the dollars that the community gives
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1 them through when we have the tractor pulls and
2 things like that. So--

3 BLOOM: So you're doing a lot of this through
4 fundraising and--

5 LINNEMEIER: Yeah, exactly.

6 BLOOM: --so this grant is really special because--

7 LINNEMEIER: Exactly. This grant--

8 BLOOM: --this allows you to have more.

9 LINNEMEIER: --will give these guys the stuff they
10 really need there, just like Troy said, so they can
11 be compatible with the other departments out there.
12 And--and as we grow, we need these volunteers out
13 there. There's just no doubt about it.

14 BLOOM: How many years have you been out there out of
15 the 52?

16 LINNEMEIER: I've been there 28, so--

17 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

18 LINNEMEIER: --I've been there a while.

19 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

20 LINNEMEIER: So things have worked real well, and
21 I've worked with a lot of these guys and their dads
22 before them, and that kind--

23 BLOOM: Of course you have.

24 LINNEMEIER: --of stuff, you know, so it works out
25 real well.

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1 BLOOM: We're proud of both of you.

2 LINNEMEIER: Well, it brings me to my request here.

3 We would like to request that the grant monies, as
4 they funnel through, be funneled through an account
5 through Allen County. It's a formality that the

6 federal government requests us to have. We're also
7 going to request this from County Council tomorrow--

8 BLOOM: Okay.

9 LINNEMEIER: --that we are allowed to funnel the
10 grant monies that ultimately will get to the Arcola
11 Fire Department through Allen County.

12 BLOOM: Right. Right, makes sense.

13 LINNEMEIER: Yeah--

14 PETERS: I make a motion--

15 LINNEMEIER: --I think for accountability.

16 PETERS: --I make a motion to approve the sub-grant
17 agreement between the Commissioners and the Arcola
18 Volunteer Fire Department.

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

21 PETERS: Aye.

22 BLOOM: Aye.

23 LINNEMEIER: Thank you both for your time and for
24 your kind words.

25 PETERS: Thank you.

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1 TRACY: Thank you.

2 BLOOM: Approval of a Resolution from MicroVote
3 General Corporation referencing Infinity Voting
4 Machines. Good morning, Pam.

5 FINLAYSON: Good morning. I'm Pam Finlayson,
6 Director of Elections for Allen County. MicroVote
7 approached me about a week ago concerning a
8 proposition for the Commissioners of Allen County.
9 They have a client in Canada who has a big special
10 election coming up that requires about 300 additional
11 machines. It's not--it's kind of a one time
12 situation, so they don't want to add to their
13 permanent fleet. They wanted to rent from MicroVote.
14 So they looked at our HAVA proposal and we were

15 requesting 323 machines which was just about the
16 right size of a block of machines. So their
17 proposition was, could they use these machines in
18 that election in Canada in November. For that, they
19 would add 16 additional units to our delivery with
20 the 323. And that's a value at the cost we're
21 getting for the HAVA, under the HAVA grant, that's a
22 value of about \$50,400.00. So that's basically what
23 they're paying you for--to be able to use these
24 machines.

25 BLOOM: The usage. Just for the one election?

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1 FINLAYSON: Just for the one election. They'll be
2 under MicroVote's--that--they'll be with MicroVote
3 staff the entire time. And they'll carry the
4 machines to--to Canada, and they'll be there during
5 the election, and then transport them back. They'll
6 then, you know, go through the machines and reset
7 them for our use. The benefit that I saw was that
8 they'll be fieldtested before they get to us which I
9 saw as a--as a benefit to us.

10 PETERS: The--

11 BLOOM: Plus 16 free machines.

12 FINLAYSON: Plus 16 extra machines, you know, so--

13 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

14 PETERS: --the epitome of international cooperation.

15 FINLAYSON: Right. That's right.

16 BLOOM: Who says we can't?

17 FINLAYSON: That's right.

18 PETERS: That's great.

19 FINLAYSON: That's right.

20 PETERS: I make a motion to approve the resolution
21 from MicroVote General Corp. regarding the Infinity
22 Voting Machines.

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

25 PETERS: Aye.

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1 BLOOM: Aye.

2 FINLAYSON: Okay, thank you.

3 PETERS: Thank you.

4 BLOOM: Wonderful job you do. Do we tell you that
5 enough?

6 FINLAYSON: Well, I appreciate it. Thank you.

7 BLOOM: Nelson brought to my attention that we didn't
8 vote on the addition to the Allen County Code Title
9 10 (sic Title 12), Article 132 for the assistance to
10 the Firefighters Grant Fund. Did we, Kim?

11 COURT REPORTER: (Shakes head no.)

12 BLOOM: Okay.

13 PETERS: And since that was tied into the approval of
14 the sub-grant, I'd make a motion for the addition to
15 the Allen County Code Title 12, Article 132.

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

18 PETERS: Aye.

19 BLOOM: Aye. Award of contract for auctioneering
20 services for auction of surplus County equipment.

21 Good morning, Bruce.

22 LITTLE: Good morning, Commissioners.

23 PETERS: Good morning.

24 LITTLE: I'm Bruce Little, Director of Purchasing for
25 Allen County. We've scheduled an auction for October
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1 15th of surplus County equipment, furniture, and
2 personal property recovered by the Sheriff's
3 Department. I'm asking that the Commissioners award
4 the contracting for the auctioneering services to
5 Harvey Auctions. This is an auctioneer who has
6 handled probably the last four or five--

7 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

8 LITTLE: --auctions that we've had and he's done an
9 outstanding job for us.

10 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative). He has.

11 PETERS: I make a motion to award the contract for
12 auctioneering services for the auction of surplus
13 County equipment.

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

16 PETERS: Aye.

17 BLOOM: Aye.

18 LITTLE: Thank you.

19 BLOOM: Thank you--

20 PETERS: Thank you.

21 BLOOM: --very much. Good morning, Bill.

22 HARTMAN: Good morning. I'm Bill Hartman with the

23 Allen County Highway Department--

24 PETERS: Good morning.

25 HARTMAN: --sitting in for Mike Fitch.

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1 BLOOM: Approve traffic posting changes. We're doing
2 30 miles per hour from Parrot to McBride on Pluma, on
3 Prize from South River Road to Pluma, on Portola from
4 Prize to South River Road, from South River Road from
5 Parrot to Madge Avenue, and on Waverly Drive from
6 Parrot to South River Road. We're posting 30 mile an
7 hour speed limit signs requested by the Association.

8 PETERS: I learned an interesting fact earlier this
9 week. Tell me it ain't so. If we don't have those
10 signs posted in the County, then the speed limit can
11 effectively be 55?

12 HARTMAN: Yes, sir. Yes, sir.

13 BLOOM: Yeah, it's true. I don't know why you never
14 believe us.

15 PETERS: It's incredulous, I mean.

16 BLOOM: As they're speeding through your subdivision.

17 PETERS: Yeah, I guess I didn't--I didn't recognize
18 that. So where I don't see a sign, I can go 55.

19 BLOOM: Well, I can't believe you had to question
20 this.

21 HARTMAN: Good luck with your neighbors.

22 BLOOM: Good luck with your neighbors.

23 PETERS: Well, is there something we ought to be
24 looking at to change that? I mean, I know in the
25 City, for instance, if you don't see a sign, it's

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1 assumed that 30 miles an hour is the appropriate mile
2 per hour. Should we be looking at an ordinance or
3 something that--I mean, has that--has that been an
4 issue before? It apparently is now because when I
5 asked the question about the timeliness of placing
6 these things in Riverhaven now, I was told that it
7 was, in fact, because without their placement, people
8 could go 55.

9 HARTMAN: Essentially. Essentially.

10 PETERS: In the short time I've been here, I've not
11 seen that to be an issue, but is it?

12 HARTMAN: Occasionally, these things come up.
13 Occasionally, they do. Not--not that often, but

14 they've had a problem, you know, with people speeding
15 through their addition, so they requested the
16 si--when--you know, when these requests are made, we
17 get the postings up.

18 PETERS: Wow. Well, I'm just wondering if it makes
19 sense to look at an ordinance to say--

20 BLOOM: Well--

21 PETERS: --it's 30 miles unless you've got a posted--

22 BLOOM: --residents tell us when they want speed
23 limit signs and stop signs, however, the Highway
24 Department does check and do traffic counts and--

25 PETERS: Understand.

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1 BLOOM: --all of that--

2 HARTMAN: Sure. Sure.

3 BLOOM: --kind of thing for--

4 HARTMAN: Speed checks and then warrants.

5 PETERS: But are we going to end up posting more
6 speed limit signs because of this? Would we be
7 posting less speed limit signs if the speed limit
8 were automatically 30?

9 HARTMAN: Well, that's a good question. That's a
10 good question. Because primarily, it's--and on the
11 rural roads where, you know, gravel and chip and seal
12 and that kind of thing, we don't post, you know, that
13 many of the roads and it's assumed to be 55. And
14 most generally in a subdivision people, you know,
15 know to, you know, not to drive any faster than--

16 PETERS: Not in my subdivision.

17 HARTMAN: --what the conditions warrant. Oh, okay.
18 Well, we can--

19 BLOOM: Well, do you want these--

20 HARTMAN: --that can be posted.

21 BLOOM: --speed limit signs in your subdivision?

22 PETERS: I think they're already there.

23 BLOOM: Oh, they already did that for you.

24 PETERS: For that reason.

25 HARTMAN: Yeah, right.

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1 BLOOM: I know we did stop signs.

2 PETERS: That's right. Okay, well that's--it just--

3 BLOOM: Yeah.

4 PETERS: --was interesting to note. I'd never heard

5 that before. And--

6 HARTMAN: Sure.

7 BLOOM: Give me a break.

8 PETERS: --and I guess if it--well, if it causes us
9 to post more speed limit signs, given the question I
10 asked last week--

11 HARTMAN: Most possibly.

12 PETERS: --at \$40.00 a sign--

13 HARTMAN: Yeah.

14 PETERS: --or whatever it is, maybe that's not the
15 best use--

16 HARTMAN: Well, it's the same thing in subdivisions
17 with stop signs. I mean--

18 PETERS: Right.

19 HARTMAN: --intersections--very, very many
20 intersections in subdivisions aren't posted with a
21 stop sign until, you know, the traffic picks up or a
22 request from the neighborhood association.

23 PETERS: Right.

24 HARTMAN: They just more--let the traffic more or
25 less control itself until--until there's a problem,

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1 until there's a request.

2 PETERS: Okay. Thanks. And thanks for letting me
3 give you a hard time.

4 HARTMAN: No.

5 PETERS: I move to approve the traffic posting
6 changes at the locations in Riverhaven that have been
7 mentioned.

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

10 PETERS: Aye.

11 BLOOM: Aye. Approve Encroachment Report for
12 placement of Rothman Pointe entrance sign within the
13 median located at Cornelia Boulevard, as requested by
14 Rothman Pointe, LLC. This is signage for a new
15 subdivision.

16 PETERS: Right.

17 BLOOM: And many of them use our easement space,
18 correct?

19 HARTMAN: Yeah, it's boulevard section--

20 BLOOM: But we have to--

21 HARTMAN: --and this is in a section in the center of

22 the boulevard but it's back far enough that it won't
23 be a sight distance problem.
24 PETERS: I make a motion to approve the Encroachment
25 Report for placement of Rothman Pointe entrance sign
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1 within the median located at Cornelia Boulevard, as
2 requested by Rothman Pointe, LLC.

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

5 PETERS: Aye.

6 BLOOM: Aye. Approve Supplemental Agreement #3
7 between DLZ Indiana, LLC and Allen County for
8 preliminary engineering services for Aboite Center
9 Road. \$91,000.00 increase of which the County's
10 share is \$18,200.00.

11 PETERS: This is just part of the overall project,
12 right?

13 HARTMAN: Yes.

14 BLOOM: Correct.

15 HARTMAN: Yeah.

16 PETERS: I make a motion to approve Supplemental
17 Agreement #3 between DLZ Indiana and Allen County for
18 preliminary engineering services.

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

21 PETERS: Aye.

22 BLOOM: Aye. Approve Change Order #4 for Grabill
23 Road from State Road 1 to Fairview Ave., Project
24 County Road #CR1998, Bid Ref #17-04 between Wayne
25 Asphalt & Construction Co., Inc. and Allen County.
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1 Total Change #4 is \$73,014.41 increase. The County's
2 share is \$11,174.00. Leo-Cedarville's share,
3 \$61,840.41.

4 PETERS: And that's an increase?

5 HARTMAN: Yes, they're both increases. The
6 Leo-Cedarville portion are just additions negotiated
7 between our project manager and, you know, the
8 Leo-Cedarville town board that, you know, between the
9 two of them they requested. Our share is just two of
10 the structures in the project were shown to be in the
11 Leo-Cedarville town limits when actually they were in
12 the Allen County Highway Department.

13 BLOOM: Yeah.
14 HARTMAN: So it wasn't really--it's just a transfer--
15 PETERS: Right.
16 HARTMAN: --from their costs to our costs for--for
17 our--our share in this.
18 BLOOM: But the County's share is \$11,174.00?
19 HARTMAN: Right, right, yeah.
20 BLOOM: Gotcha.
21 HARTMAN: Yeah.
22 PETERS: I make a motion to approve change order for
23 Grabill Road from State Road 1 to Fairview Avenue.
24 BLOOM: Second. All in favor, signify it by saying,
25 "Aye."
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1 PETERS: Aye.
2 BLOOM: Aye. Approve Change Order #5 for Grabill
3 Road from State Road 1 to Fairview, Project County
4 Road #CR1998, Bid Ref. #17-04 between Wayne Asphalt &
5 Construction Co., Inc. and Allen County, \$28,299.81.
6 HARTMAN: Okay, this one was between the town of
7 Grabill. These are all costs to the city of Grabill.
8 And the previous contract modification was with
9 Leo-Cedarville. And you know this total cost is to
10 the town board.
11 BLOOM: This is Grabill's--
12 HARTMAN: Yeah, this is Grabill's portion.
13 BLOOM: --charge?
14 HARTMAN: Right, that's why there's two.
15 BLOOM: Okay. But we--
16 HARTMAN: Right.
17 BLOOM: Okay.
18 HARTMAN: Because we get the Board approval so we
19 separate--
20 BLOOM: Right.
21 HARTMAN: --the modifications.
22 PETERS: Okay. I make a motion to approve change
23 order for Grabill Road from State Road 1 to Fairview,
24 and that's Change Order #5.
25 BLOOM: Second. All in favor, signify it by saying, "Aye."

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1 PETERS: Aye.
2 BLOOM: Aye. Anything else, Bill?
3 HARTMAN: Thank you. We're in business. Thank you

4 very much.

5 BLOOM: Any other business, Susan?

6 ELSER: We have no other business today.

7 PETERS: I make a motion to approve to waive the
8 second reading of any matter approved today for which
9 it may be deemed necessary for the Legislative
10 Session of September 14, 2005.

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

13 PETERS: Aye.

14 BLOOM: Aye. Any comments from the public this
15 morning? Hearing none, meeting adjourned. Thank
16 you.

17 (Adjourned at 10:43 a.m.)

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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
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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 20th day of September, 2005.

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