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10 November 9, 2005

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19 Commissioners Courtroom
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 1 East Main Street
 Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

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22 REPORTER: Kimberlee M. Adams

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1 PRESENT:
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3 Marla J. Irving Allen County Commissioner
4 Nelson Peters Allen County Commissioner
5 Susan Elser Allen County Board of
 Commissioners Office

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- 6 Mary Hitchens Allen County Public
7 Information Office
- 8 John McGauley Allen County Public
9 Information Office
- 10 Mike Fitch Director, Allen County
11 Highway Department
- 12 Jeff Sorg Allen County
13 Highway Department
- 14 G. William Fishering Allen County Counsel
- 15 Randy Brown General Manager,
16 War Memorial Coliseum
- 17 Shaun Murray Allen County Legislative
18 Liason
- 19 James DeRose Director, Allen County
20 Communications
- 21 Lori Mayers Assistant Director,
22 Allen County Emergency
23 Management
- 24 Greg Walbridge Aboite New Trails
- 25 Lynn Reecer Aboite New Trails
- 0003 Lisa Blosser Allen County Auditor
- 1 Gary Chapple Allen County
2 Department of Health
- 3 Mindy Waldron Administrator, Allen County

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6 ALSO PRESENT:

- 7 Robert Lee Allen County Treasurer
- 8 Barbara Krisher Aboite Township Trustee
- 9 Kim Bowman Department of Planning
10 Services
- 11 Mickie Hoskins Deeds
- 12 Gary Gleason Selking International
- 13 Kimberlee M. Adams Rolf Reporting, Inc.

9 Cindy Larson News Sentinel
10 Ben Lanka Journal Gazette

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1 BLOOM: Good morning and welcome to the
2 Commissioners' Legislative Session of November 9th.
3 First I'd like us please to honor our country and say
4 the Pledge.

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 November 2nd.

10 PETERS: I make a motion to approve the Minutes of
11 November 2nd.

12 IRVING: I'll second the motion.

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

14 PETERS: Aye.

15 IRVING: Aye.

16 BLOOM: Aye. Memorial Coliseum, Change Order #1 for
17 the Parking Lot Renovation with Brooks in the amount
18 of \$13,277.00.

19 BROWN: Good morning.

20 BLOOM: Good morning, Randy.

21 IRVING: Good morning. How are you?

22 PETERS: Good morning.

23 BROWN: I'm great. Sorry to arrive a tad late
24 here this morning. And Change Order #01 and I
25 think one will be the only change order on this

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1 project. But two items here, one is geogrids used
2 for asphalt patching. We came into some bad soil as
3 they dug out some of the lot.

4 IRVING: Fancy that.

5 BROWN: And--but that is for a total of \$8,967.00.

6 IRVING: Okay.

7 BROWN: Item number two is Expo Center truck docks.
8 We sealed that area in the back, so all of our
9 asphalt, with the exception of the new asphalt that

10 went in as part of the Arena project, everything has
11 been either recoated with two and a half inches of
12 asphalt or sealed.

13 BLOOM: Okay.

14 BROWN: We're in great shape now. So that's a total
15 of \$4,310.00. For the total of Change Order #01,
16 \$13,277.00.

17 PETERS: Randy, one of the things I picked out of
18 this and we talked about a little bit the other day,
19 but I'm still not sure I'm real clear, what is a
20 geogrid in an asphalt patch.

21 BROWN: It's--it's fabric. And what it does is when
22 you have shifting in your subsoils--and my
23 explanation is probably not going to be an engineer
24 technical explanation--but the fabric gives more
25 stability--

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1 BLOOM: Holds.

2 PETERS: I understand.

3 BLOOM: Holds it.

4 BROWN: --to--and holds it together. Not so--

5 PETERS: Yeah. No, I follow what you're saying.

6 BROWN: --so that--so that you don't have cracking of
7 the asphalt.

8 PETERS: I'm with you.

9 BROWN: In some projects, they'll actually put
10 geogrid over a whole area before they put the
11 new asphalt down. Unbelievably expensive to do
12 that.

13 PETERS: Right, right.

14 BROWN: And we--

15 BLOOM: Oh, yeah.

16 BROWN: --we actually ended up doing an area about
17 20,000 square feet of new asphalt out there where we
18 had to do some digging out. But if you think of the
19 age of that asphalt, you know, 25, 30 years old, it's
20 held up very well.

21 PETERS: I gotcha. Appreciate it.

22 IRVING: I make a motion we approve the Change Order
23 for \$13,277.00.

24 PETERS: I'll second it.

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

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1 PETERS: Aye.

2 IRVING: Aye.

3 BLOOM: Aye.

4 BROWN: Just a real brief update here, the ice floor
5 is essentially 99% complete, on time, on budget, and

6 looking great, working--working great. The seat
7 replacement is very close to 100% complete. That's

8 the seat bottoms, if you recall, we had--

9 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

10 BROWN: --an issue, a Supplemental Agreement with
11 that. The new seats are in. Everything is fine.

12 Concession stand renovation is complete, and the
13 parking lot, as we said, is pretty well there.

14 So we open Saturday night. I think the place looks
15 great. We had a sold out crowd Saturday with Komet

16 hockey. Sunday with--was Keith Urban, a country
17 concert.

18 BLOOM: Yeah.

19 BROWN: Had a great crowd.

20 BLOOM: It wasn't country.

21 BROWN: Technic--technically, it was country.

22 BLOOM: Yeah, but it really--I kept waiting for the
23 country part. It was really rock.

24 BROWN: It's more--they call it--the classification
25 is country rock.

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1 BLOOM: Well, I was waiting--

2 BROWN: Thank you, Commissioner. Very good.

3 BLOOM: --for the country. But you're--

4 IRVING: But Commissioner Bloom, why did you--

5 BLOOM: But the rock was there.

6 IRVING: --why did you have your cowboy boots and ten
7 gallon hat on then?

8 BLOOM: I didn't.

9 IRVING: Oh.

10 BROWN: And then we finished Monday night with
11 national TV. We were on USA network with WWE Monday

12 RAW and great crowd. And the people that saw it just
13 told me that the show, the facility, looked great on

14 national TV, so--any questions?

15 IRVING: No, but I have the advantage that my two
16 partners don't have sometimes is--being on the

17 Committee with--on the CV--the Board on the CVB. If

18 you can, just real shortly off the top of your head,
19 kind of tell--tell my two partners where we're at as
20 far as the number of events and the number of days
21 sold in the calendar year and how we're looking for
22 the year 2005.

23 BROWN: 2005 is going to be a record year. This
24 will be the first year, barring any unforeseen
25 circumstances, that we will exceed 1900 use-stays. A
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1 use-stay is the use of one's space. You can only
2 rent it once by and large unless you do a morning
3 event and an evening, something like that, but by and
4 large that's a--that's a rarity. But I think our
5 best year up to this point was 1854. So use-stays
6 are up. Attendance, we're waiting to see. With the
7 economy, with gas prices, some of the flat shows.
8 Nationwide, flat shows which are consumer shows, home
9 shows, shows of that nature are off between 20 and
10 30% and we are starting to see some of that
11 ourselves. But our--now with the arena back open and
12 with--with 90 days with the arena closed, clearly
13 that had an impact on us. We knew it would. We
14 budgeted accordingly, but it's good to be back in
15 business. 2005, one way or the other, it's going to
16 be a great year.

17 Now on Monday, I received a phone call from the
18 Women of Faith. Women of Faith is major religious
19 conference we've had two years in a row. They're
20 bringing in their young women's conference in
21 September of '06. They had a scheduling conflict
22 with Conseco Fieldhouse for their--their main event
23 that we've had the last two years. It was not
24 scheduled to be back in Fort Wayne for 2006, but
25 doggone it, things happen sometimes and they're

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1 coming back.

2 BLOOM: Doggone.

3 IRVING: Oh, darn.

4 BLOOM: And we're going to get them back.

5 BROWN: They're coming--they're going to be here
6 August of '06, so we'll have two Women of Faith
7 events next year. So, yes, people may comment that
8 the Coliseum compared to other facilities is

9 expensive, we hear just the opposite from show
10 managers, producers. We are very effective at--

11 BLOOM: Very competitive.

12 BROWN: --cost effective. And--

13 BLOOM: Right.

14 BROWN: --and succeeding. Concert activity, we've
15 got one country concert a month through June already
16 booked. Numerous other events in various states of
17 heading toward confirmation. It's busy, and
18 especially at a time when other buildings are
19 struggling, we're bucking that trend. And part of
20 that is I'm active nationally, taking part in--

21 BLOOM: I know you are.

22 BROWN: --events like the Billboard conference la--a
23 week or so ago in New York, Pollstars concert
24 industry meeting in Las Vegas, those things. But you
25 have to be out there, they have to know who you are,

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1 that as they're routing a tour--if that tour is only
2 doing 50 dates, and that's pretty much the norm--if
3 they're only doing 50 play dates, we're the 98th,
4 99th market per our MSA, as I'm sure you're aware.

5 So theoretically, we wouldn't qualify for a date,
6 we're getting dates that we otherwise wouldn't be
7 expected to receive. We sell tickets in the
8 marketplace. The cost of doing business is great
9 here. And our community comes out and buys tickets
10 and supports the events. It's a win/win all the way
11 around.

12 IRVING: Well, I--and since I have you in front--this
13 isn't--I guess, my day--I didn't even think about
14 doing this. I'm going to toot your horn just a
15 little bit more because sometimes when you're here, I
16 forget to say things. When we were in Greenville,
17 South Carolina and Randy and I went on the downtown
18 revitalization trip, I was very proud because when
19 they brought in their arena manager--and I can't even
20 remember his name right now, help me out.

21 BROWN: Ed Rubenstein.

22 IRVING: That's right. He basically was extremely
23 sheepish because Randy Brown was there, and he said,
24 "I really don't know what I can tell you because
25 you're arena manager here, his numbers are much

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1 better than ours, the scope is"--I mean, he just went
2 on and on about what a great facility that Fort Wayne
3 had and Randy Brown and his initiative and his
4 forward-thinking, that basically out of the entire
5 trip, I would say in that aspect that Randy Brown was
6 probably the top dog, what do you say?

7 BROWN: Mr. Rubenstein was very kind.

8 IRVING: Yes, he was. Of course, I noticed that you
9 slipped him a--

10 BLOOM: Well, you are top dog.

11 IRVING: --I noticed that you slipped him a \$50.00
12 bill, but that was okay, Randy. I'm just kidding.

13 BROWN: It was a past debt.

14 IRVING: No, I--it was and it--you know, it was very,
15 very, I think, humbling.

16 BLOOM: Well, make you proud.

17 IRVING: Well, it--and it was humbling for Randy
18 because, you know, here we are, 25 people from Fort
19 Wayne and we've heard all these speakers about all
20 the initiatives going on in Greenville that we need
21 to pattern after and give us ideas. And the one
22 that, I think, a lot of people were hoping could give
23 us even more of a shot in the arm, I mean, he looked
24 at Randy at the very beginning and says, "I don't
25 know what you guys want me to teach you because right

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1 here is the man."

2 BROWN: Well, and just to be fair, it's not me, it's
3 our staff, it's our facility--

4 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

5 BROWN: --and one person doesn't do it. It's our
6 team.

7 BLOOM: We just love you.

8 BROWN: And--and frankly, you--

9 BLOOM: Humble pie.

10 BROWN: --you folks, the Commissioners have given us
11 the tools to be successful, so--

12 BLOOM: Thank you.

13 BROWN: --thank you for that.

14 IRVING: Well, I--you know, I, once in while, I think
15 you need to have your--your horn tooted just a little
16 bit there, Randy.

17 BROWN: Thank you.
18 IRVING: Thank you.
19 BROWN: Can I answer anything else? Have a great
20 morning.
21 PETERS: Thanks. You too.
22 IRVING: Thank you.
23 BLOOM: Thanks. Rezoning Petition 1563/05.
24 IRVING: Good morning, Kim.
25 BOWMAN: Good morning.

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1 BLOOM: Good morning, Kim. This is for a 120-lot
2 single-family and attached villas on Gump Road East.
3 IRVING: Commissioner Bloom and Commissioner Peters,
4 I need to reclude myself from this zoning.
5 BLOOM: All right. Oh, this is by the new school on
6 the intersection of Gump and Coldwater, okay.
7 BOWMAN: Yes.
8 BLOOM: All right.
9 BOWMAN: Rezoning Petition 1563/05 is a request to
10 rezone property to an RSP-3. It's a multiple-family
11 classification. The density requested is 2.5 units
12 per acre. There's a mix of housing types in this
13 development proposed, traditional single-family on
14 platted lots as well as some attached single-family
15 on the north side of the development along Gump
16 Road. The Planning Commission held its hearing on
17 October 13th. There was one person that spoke at the
18 hearing with concerns about the--the entrance. We're
19 seeing more projects with boulevarded entrances--
20 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).
21 BOWMAN: --because it's becoming difficult in some
22 cases to connect into adjacent properties. And in
23 this case, the property to the east is a school
24 property, and so it's--it's not feasible to have a
25 stub street into a school property like that.

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1 BLOOM: Right.
2 BOWMAN: So there's limitation to that. The
3 gentleman was concerned about the entrance. The
4 Highway Department did review the project and
5 recommended a longer boulevarded entrance in case
6 there was a traffic situation at the entrance, so
7 there still could be an alternate way of accessing

8 the development. The Planning Commission sends a
9 do-pass recommendation for Rezoning Petition 1563.
10 PETERS: One hundred and twenty [120] lots is about
11 our upper-end of the single access and egress, right?
12 BOWMAN: Well, the--there's no established ordinances
13 or--where--we just use guidelines for that.
14 Typically--
15 BLOOM: I thought it was actually more.
16 BOWMAN: --typically, about--
17 BLOOM: A hundred and forty [140], 150.
18 BOWMAN: --a hundred and fifty [150].
19 PETERS: Okay.
20 BLOOM: Right.
21 BOWMAN: But with the variation--
22 BLOOM: That's what I remember.
23 PETERS: So we're well under.
24 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).
25 BOWMAN: --of entrances, sometimes you can allow for

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1 more lots on one entrance.
2 PETERS: Right. So, we're well under--
3 BLOOM: Yes.
4 PETERS: --in this case.
5 BOWMAN: Oh, sure.
6 BLOOM: Yes.
7 PETERS: What was the density on this again?
8 BOWMAN: Two point five [2.5] units per acre.
9 PETERS: Okay. I make a motion that we approve
10 Rezoning Petition 1563/05.
11 BLOOM: Second. All in favor, signify it by saying,
12 "Aye."
13 PETERS: Aye.
14 BLOOM: Aye. Amendment to the Code, Title 3 (Zoning
15 Ordinance), Article 10 (Yard Requirements-All
16 Districts), Chapter 1, Section 2.
17 BOWMAN: Well, since all of you have been on Planning
18 Commission, I'm sure you remember discussions of side
19 yard setbacks with both villa housing and also with
20 traditional single-family housing. We've had these
21 discussions for many, many years. This
22 recommendation is to allow for a five-foot minimum
23 side yard with a 12-foot aggregate--
24 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

25 BOWMAN: --for traditional single-family on the lot
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1 as well as a five-foot minimum for villas with a
2 10-foot aggregate which will allow five feet on both
3 sides.

4 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

5 BOWMAN: In your packet, I've attached some drawings
6 of examples of--of some of the flexible ways that you
7 can develop a lot with this proposal. You can build
8 a home at the minimum of five feet on one side. You
9 would have seven feet on the other. You could build
10 a home with six feet on both sides. And then the
11 last page of your packet shows how a development
12 could--could be built with the possibility of two
13 fives together, two sevens together, a five and a
14 seven, a six and a five. What it does, is it allows
15 more flexibility--

16 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

17 BOWMAN: --in--in building onto lots instead of the
18 the hard and fast seven-foot. It's the desire of the
19 Planning Commission that this Amendment would reduce,
20 if not eliminate, the number of waiver requests for a
21 traditional single-family. At the hearing, Rick Zehr
22 spoke in--in favor of the re--or in favor of the
23 Amendment. We also have a letter signed by five
24 homebuilders that are also in support of this. With
25 that, the Planning Commission does send a do-pass

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1 recommendation to amend the zoning ordinance to allow
2 the different--the five-foot minimum side yard for
3 RS-1, RS-2, 12-foot aggregate, as well as the five
4 and 10 for the villa lots. Can I answer any
5 questions?

6 PETERS: You know, I can't believe that you weren't
7 sitting there with a huge smile on your face the
8 whole time you were making that presentation.

9 BLOOM: That--this is--

10 PETERS: I--I do know that--that Commissioner Irving
11 and Commissioner Bloom preceded me on the Planning
12 Commission, and if they put up with half of what I
13 did just in the short time that I've been here
14 regarding this particular issue, my hats are truly
15 off. I know that it's been an issue that's been

16 there for a long time that--that all three
17 commissioners as well as the Planning Commission
18 have--have labored under. I am delighted at--at
19 this--at this time to see that we've been able to
20 reach some sort of resolution. It--it's probably not
21 the perfect resolution. I have had a few people come
22 back and say, you know, "We're still not in favor of
23 it, can you come back and can you look at something
24 else?" But I know with everything that these guys
25 have dealt with in the preceding years and what we've
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1 dealt with this year, I think that this is--is an
2 opportunity to really allow for more diversity
3 within our planning within the community. I think it
4 gives developers and it gives builders a better
5 opportunity to--to vary the way they do business as
6 opposed to, you know, everything looking exactly the
7 same. So--

8 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

9 PETERS: --I--I'm tickled to death to see that we've
10 finally been able to work our way through this thing
11 and get to the point that we have.

12 IRVING: You know, the other part I want to add to
13 that is, as for two years of having this discussed--I
14 think it was at least two years--on Planning
15 Commission, I think this is another area where we
16 didn't have to reinvent the wheel on this, you know,
17 and I think with some dedicated work from Department
18 of Planning Services and--and, you know, I think
19 individual people on Planning Commission including
20 myself, we started looking around, "What do other
21 communities do," "How do other communities handle
22 these problems?" And I think by just getting out in
23 the community and figuring out what do other
24 communities do, we came with a very satisfactory--
25 fact--very satisfactory solution to a problem that
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1 was basically splitting the community between the
2 residents, and the developers, and Planning
3 Commission. I mean, it had gotten to a--kind of
4 almost a vicious--

5 BOWMAN: Uh-huh (affirmative).

6 IRVING: --presentation. So it was who could top who

7 and who was going to, you know, require this and--I
8 take my hat off to--to the Department of Planning
9 Services and also to the attorney Bob Eherenman
10 because, you know, they kept a level head. It was
11 like, "Okay, we're not going to overreact to this,
12 but how can we make sure that we're doing things as
13 progressive other communities do?" So--

14 BOWMAN: Thank you.

15 IRVING: --I--I--

16 BLOOM: So the feistiness will be gone? Life will--

17 IRVING: Yeah, well--

18 BLOOM: --life will be so easy for you.

19 BOWMAN: Sunshine and roses.

20 BLOOM: I know it. I know it. I need a motion
21 please.

22 IRVING: I make a motion that we--to make an
23 Amendment to the Allen County Code, Title 3, Chapter
24 1, Section 2.

25 PETERS: I'll second that.

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

2 PETERS: Aye.

3 IRVING: Aye.

4 BLOOM: Aye. Thank you, Kim.

5 IRVING: Is there nothing that we need to sign on
6 this?

7 BLOOM: Oh, no, that's not it.

8 ELSER: It's--I passed it. I've already passed it
9 down.

10 IRVING: Oh, okay. Okay, thank you very much.

11 ELSER: She's got another one.

12 BLOOM: Thank you. What do you have here?

13 ELSER: She has one other one.

14 BLOOM: How about Repeal of Title--

15 ELSER: No number--

16 BLOOM: Amendment of the Allen County Code, Title 4,
17 (Subdivision)--no?

18 ELSER: Yes, that's correct.

19 BLOOM: --(Subdivision Control Ordinance), Article 1
20 (Application of Ordinance; Construction and
21 Definitions). Oh, my.

22 BOWMAN: This is a--kind of a two-step, allowing a
23 five-foot side yard for a villa lot, we found that

24 our ordinance does not have a definition of a villa
25 as the ordinance was written in 1960, and I don't
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1 think villas weren't--

2 BLOOM: Weren't real popular.

3 BOWMAN: --weren't real popular back then.

4 BLOOM: Condos, but not villas.

5 BOWMAN: Maybe condos, but not villas. So included

6 in your packet is a definition for a villa that, just

7 in summary, does provide the common maintenance as

8 villa associations do and they do collect fees which

9 is--sets them apart from a traditional single-family

10 which also collects fees. But the common maintenance

11 of the--of the yard areas and/or the buildings and

12 structures themselves are not present with

13 traditional single-family developments, so--

14 BLOOM: Right.

15 BOWMAN: --with that, we felt that a definition of a

16 villa was also needed with the side yard ordinance

17 amendment.

18 IRVING: And that's what I--I was one ahead of you.

19 I apologize, Commissioner Bloom. That's what I asked

20 if there was a signage sheet with.

21 BLOOM: Oh.

22 ELSER: It's here because it's--

23 IRVING: Oh, this got passed. Okay, okay. Thank

24 you. It's down there. This got passed down without

25 it, okay.

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1 ELSER: No, it's two separate ordinances,

2 Commissioner.

3 IRVING: No, but this is the one--this is the

4 definition one.

5 BLOOM: Never mind, we've got it straight.

6 IRVING: We've got it under control.

7 BOWMAN: Good.

8 IRVING: We've got too many pieces of paper today.

9 BOWMAN: And the Planning Commission does also send a

10 do-pass recommendation with this.

11 PETERS: And with that, I'd make a motion to approve

12 the Amendment to the Allen County Code Title 4,

13 Article 1.

14 IRVING: I'll second that motion.

15 BLOOM: All in favor, signify it by saying, "Aye."
16 PETERS: Aye.
17 IRVING: Aye.
18 BLOOM: Aye.
19 IRVING: Thank you.
20 BOWMAN: Thank you.
21 BLOOM: Thank you, Kim. Number (6), Repeal of Title
22 10, Article 5, Section 10-5-3-3-3 and 10-5-3-3-4
23 (Pool Water Collection). Good morning.
24 WALDRON: Good morning.
25 PETERS: Good morning.

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1 IRVING: Good morning.
2 WALDRON: Mindy Waldron, Administrator, and Gary
3 Chapple, he's the Director of Pollution Control.
4 Very briefly he will explain the technicalities of
5 the changes that we're proposing today. But just so
6 that I can give you a little background, as you're
7 aware, we went through a major reorganization about
8 two months ago, and as part of that, we added three
9 new or revised services. In doing that, we had to
10 discontinue one service that was not mandated by the
11 Code and that would be the actual just pick-up of the
12 pool samples. We'll still provide the inspectional
13 services as well as random sampling, but we will not
14 be able to provide the pick-up. So that's the
15 amendment we're asking for today. And Gary can
16 explain those two sections or answer any questions.
17 CHAPPLE: Okay, this is a two-step process. Because
18 we're eliminating that and that's contained in--in
19 two sections of our Code--
20 BLOOM: Right, then we're amending the other one.
21 CHAPPLE: --there--there's one to appeal and then the
22 other one just changes the references to the pick-up.
23 BLOOM: Do you want to do them together or
24 separately? If we repeal number (6), then the (6a)
25 part of this would be to amend the Code, Title 10

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1 (Department of Health), Article 5 (Public Swimming
2 and Wading Pool Ordinance [non-private]).
3 WALDRON: Correct.
4 BLOOM: I'm going to do them together. To repeal and
5 amend.

6 IRVING: I make a motion that we re--repeal Title 10,
7 Article 5, Section 10-5-3-3 to 10-5-3-4, to amend
8 into the Allen County Code, Title 10, Article 5
9 (Swimming Pool and Wading Pool Ordinance
10 [non-private]).

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 WALDRON: Thank you.

17 BLOOM: Thank you. Thank you very much.

18 IRVING: Good luck.

19 WALDRON: Thank you.

20 BLOOM: Amendment to the existing contract between
21 Allen County and ACS, Inc.

22 ELSER: They have asked to defer that, Commissioner
23 Bloom, for at least a week.

24 BLOOM: All right.

25 IRVING: I make a motion we defer.

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1 PETERS: Second it.

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

3 PETERS: Aye.

4 IRVING: Aye.

5 BLOOM: Aye. Tower lease for the paging system
6 between Allen County and WBTU-FM. Good morning.

7 DEROSE: Good morning, Commissioners.

8 IRVING: Good morning.

9 PETERS: Good morning.

10 MAYERS: Lori Mayers, Assistant Director, Emergency
11 Management.

12 DEROSE: I'm Jim DeRose, Director of Communications
13 for the Allen County Sheriff's Department. This is a
14 second and final part of the paging system. This is
15 a lease agreement from--between Artistic Media
16 Partners and the Commissioners. John Feighner, the
17 Assistant County Attorney, done the negotiations with
18 this Artistic Media, and I have to say John did a
19 very go--a very good job. He saved us almost
20 \$10,000.00 in the process in reduction of the lease
21 that was initially asked. So this is a one-time pay,
22 and I believe you have the--you should have the

23 invoice with you. It's \$54,500.00. That's one time
24 for seven years.

25 PETERS: What was that fee again, Jim? You said--
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1 IRVING: Fifty-four [\$54,000.00].

2 PETERS: --fifty-four [\$54,000.00]? Yeah.

3 DEROSE: It's fifty-four thousand--

4 IRVING: For seven years.

5 DEROSE: --five hundred dollars [\$54,500.00].

6 PETERS: Yeah.

7 DEROSE: You should have--

8 PETERS: As I recall--you're right, John Feighner did
9 a great job.

10 DEROSE: Yes, he did.

11 PETERS: They--they wanted a contract with a--with a
12 cost of living provision in it.

13 DEROSE: Yes, they did.

14 PETERS: And he looked at how that was indexed and
15 was able to come back with about a \$10,000.00--

16 DEROSE: Yes, sir.

17 PETERS: --you eluded to, reduction.

18 BLOOM: Savings, yeah.

19 DEROSE: Super job. Super job.

20 PETERS: Yeah, I would make a motion to approve the
21 Tower Lease for the paging system between Allen
22 County and WBTU-FM.

23 IRVING: And I'll be glad to second that motion.

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

25 PETERS: Aye.

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1 IRVING: Aye.

2 BLOOM: Aye.

3 DEROSE: Thank you so much.

4 BLOOM: Thank you. Request by the Treasurer to
5 extend office hours. I--this, we left on here even
6 though we can give permission to departments without
7 bringing it to legislation, I think that we should
8 make it known to the owner's of property with tax
9 bills that Thursday, the 10th will be extended until
10 7:30--yes?

11 WOMAN: And we're going to open at 7:00 a.m.

12 BLOOM: 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. tomorrow, which is
13 November 10th, last day to pay taxes without penalty.

14 LEE: Correct.
15 BLOOM: Good morning.
16 LEE: Good morning.
17 PETERS: Good timing.
18 LEE: My request up?
19 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative). From now on--and--and
20 we did this just as an informational request
21 because--to leave the building open--
22 LEE: Right.
23 BLOOM: --we wouldn't need to come to legislation.
24 But we're glad you did it because we wanted to tell
25 them of the extending hours.

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1 LEE: Right, plus our Security people need to be
2 alerted to that, and that way they can keep the--the
3 entrance of the parking garage side open for
4 taxpayers to come in that way.
5 BLOOM: Okay. So the hours are going to be 7:00 a.m.
6 to 7:30 p.m.?
7 LEE: Right. And in the future, we probably will not
8 stay open as late as 7:30. I had posted it in a
9 press release that we will be open until 7:30.
10 BLOOM: Okay.
11 LEE: But I--I think 6:00, 6:30 is a more appropriate
12 in the--in the future.
13 IRVING: Good. Bob, since we don't have to vote on
14 this, maybe this will be an opportune time. Just to
15 give you a small little update that you will probably
16 get another one, or two, or three before this is all
17 said and done, as you know that we wanted to get
18 through one tax season with using the credit cards,
19 and this will be the second--
20 LEE: Correct.
21 IRVING: --the second payment process. Things are
22 going very well. This time we added
23 www.allencounty.us in red on the back of the tax bill
24 so everybody could see it. And it started out slow
25 like it has. You know, nobody likes to release the

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1 money to the Treasurer's Office any faster than they
2 have to, and we were starting to average about 12 a
3 day. As of yesterday morning, the Treasurer's Office
4 informed me that we are now exceeding, for the last

5 week, over 25 a day. So things are going quite well.

6 We've run into a couple of small little--really the--
7 the numbers, the plat numbers--is that what you call
8 it?

9 LEE: Yeah.

10 IRVING: Or the tax ID numbers? How is that--what's
11 that terminology?

12 LEE: Well, we just changed from a new parcel number.

13 IRVING: Yeah, that's right.

14 LEE: We went from a, what, a 10-digit to an 18-digit
15 number--

16 IRVING: Right.

17 LEE: --and we're working through some of those--

18 IRVING: And that's--

19 LEE: --issues.

20 IRVING: --that's probably been the biggest issue
21 that we've run into--

22 LEE: Right.

23 IRVING: --as far as problems, and--because it is all
24 going so well, knock on wood, by tax season in May,
25 not only are we going to have a full-blown

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1 announcement/kickoff/encouragement to pay your taxes
2 online, but we may even have another carrot to dangle
3 for our constituents--

4 LEE: Sure.

5 IRVING: --out there, but let's not tell them--

6 LEE: All right.

7 IRVING: --what yet.

8 LEE: All right. We're not a--we're--we're working
9 with our programmers and some local financial
10 institutions to try to--to add more services--

11 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

12 LEE: --to this. I think people are using--the
13 online lookup of their taxes--

14 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

15 LEE: --have been a success. And we've--compliment
16 Auditor Blosser, who is here, and her staff on
17 helping us with this. I think it's--people like to
18 go online and check their balances and that type
19 things. So we're--we're working through--we're--
20 we're trying to take old technology that we have in
21 our mainframe computers and trying to marry that

22 to--to the web, which is a challenge, but we're up
23 for it. And I think we're--we're providing some good
24 services to the taxpayers.

25 IRVING: I--I--my hat off to, not only Auditor
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1 Blosser, but also you, Bob. I mean, it's--this
2 hasn't been an easy road, but you know what, darn it,
3 we're doing pretty good, aren't we?

4 LEE: Yeah, we are. And--and again, we--we
5 compliment--because we are--we do have--this is old
6 mainframe technology that we've been working on that
7 goes back several years. And trying to take old
8 COBOL programs and bring them to the web is--is a big
9 challenge. But if people will be patient with us, I
10 think we'll get to where we need to be quickly.

11 IRVING: We'll be able to probably give you a total
12 on the amount of money that we are being able to put
13 into our inter--

14 LEE: Technology.

15 IRVING: --Technology Fund by the end of the year.

16 LEE: Okay. We will.

17 BLOOM: Thank you very much.

18 IRVING: Thank you.

19 LEE: Thank you. Bye.

20 IRVING: Bye-bye.

21 BLOOM: Approve additional engineering services
22 agreement between Bonar and Allen County for Amber
23 Road from Redding to Liberty Mills for construction
24 of trailway, \$53,400.00. Good morning, Mike.

25 FITCH: Good morning. Mike Fitch, Allen County
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1 Highway.

2 PETERS: Good morning.

3 IRVING: Good morning.

4 BLOOM: This is an area that we are adding the trails
5 to the construction of the new area of road that
6 we're doing. This will be an additional amount of
7 money. We're trying very hard to have right of way
8 and do the new trails on all new or improved
9 construction going on in the County.

10 FITCH: Yes. This project was started about three
11 years ago prior to the trail master plan being
12 developed, so the plans were developed with shoulders

13 and side ditches. And we were in the process of
14 acquiring the right of way, and it--we discovered
15 that, you know, looking at the plan again that
16 there's a trail planned along the west side of Amber
17 Road. So--

18 BLOOM: Okay.

19 FITCH: --we got--first we looked at--we got with our
20 engineers to determine, can we add the trail without
21 purchasing additional right of way and we found that
22 we could.

23 BLOOM: Right.

24 FITCH: So we don't have to purchase additional right
25 of way, but we do have to re-engineer the side

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1 ditches to put curves and some drainage--

2 BLOOM: Okay.

3 FITCH: --design so the trail can fit--

4 BLOOM: Right.

5 FITCH: --along the roadway. So this--

6 BLOOM: And require less maintenance in the future.

7 FITCH: Right. This--this fee here is just to--for

8 the re-engineering to add the trail to the plans.

9 BLOOM: Right.

10 FITCH: We estimate the actual impact of the trail to

11 the project will add about 10% cost. So the project

12 is about a \$700,000.00 project, so roughly

13 \$770,000.00 would be the new estimate for the

14 project.

15 PETERS: Mr. Fitch, do you have any idea how much the

16 trail portion is as a percentage of the overall

17 project that you're doing right now?

18 FITCH: About 10% is what--

19 PETERS: Oh, it's about 10%?

20 FITCH: --we're looking at. Yeah.

21 PETERS: Any--any idea how many--how many of these

22 types of projects that we've done in conjunction with

23 the 20/30 plan?

24 FITCH: Aboite Center Road is probably the first

25 project we've actually incorporated a trail. That's

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1 a federal highway project. But that 10-foot wide

2 trail was incorporated in the design of that project.

3 We've just completed the Grabill Road project which

4 had an eight-foot wide trail put along the--the north
5 side of that project. That was really prior to the
6 trail master plan.

7 PETERS: Right.

8 FITCH: That was a request from--we received from Leo
9 and Grabill to connect the--the two communities with
10 a--

11 BLOOM: Right.

12 FITCH: --with a trail. This is really the first
13 project that I have--we are adding a--well, take that
14 back--Auburn Road, we are adding sidewalks to that--
15 that project. It was started before the trail master
16 plan, but we are adding sidewalks to Auburn Road.

17 PETERS: Uh-huh (affirmative).

18 BLOOM: On one side.

19 FITCH: On one side as part--

20 BLOOM: Right.

21 FITCH: --of that project all the way up to Pion
22 Road, so--

23 BLOOM: Right.

24 FITCH: --and again, that will be done without
25 acquiring any additional right of way. It was a--a
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1 curbed section, so we're adding the sidewalk behind
2 the curb.

3 BLOOM: Isn't that the best?

4 PETERS: Any idea--now I'm going to put you on the
5 spot--what the total cost of those plans have been?
6 You mentioned about four or five of them. Ballpark?

7 FITCH: The--the construction cost?

8 PETERS: Uh-huh (affirmative).

9 FITCH: Auburn Road, it's got two phases, is roughly
10 at \$3,000,000.00.

11 PETERS: Okay. Now, when you mentioned that the
12 trails would be--would be 10% of that, surely then
13 we're not looking at a \$300,000.00 cost for the
14 trails on that particular project.

15 FITCH: No. It kind--it kind of depends on--

16 BLOOM: Well, right of way is a big issue.

17 FITCH: --the existing--

18 BLOOM: If we don't have to--

19 FITCH: --the--this is a little higher because we
20 started off a shoulder section, we've got to go to a

21 curbed section. Auburn Road is already a curbed
22 section, so--

23 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

24 FITCH: --just adding the--the trail--

25 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

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1 FITCH: --is going to be less expensive than--

2 PETERS: Right.

3 BLOOM: Right.

4 FITCH: --when there's not as much revisions.

5 PETERS: Okay.

6 FITCH: And that was done really before the project
7 was completely--

8 PETERS: Right.

9 FITCH: --designed. So that was--

10 BLOOM: Right.

11 FITCH: --incorporated as part of the design. Here
12 we're--had a project basically 90% complete design,
13 we've got to go back and make these changes. But
14 we've estimated on the projects, the sidewalks and
15 trails, roughly somewhere between seven and 10%.

16 PETERS: Okay. So you had \$3,000,000.00 up on that
17 project. What about the other three projects you've
18 talked about? Any ballpark?

19 FITCH: Aboite Center Road, the total cost of that
20 project is somewhere in the neighborhood of
21 \$5,000,000.00.

22 BLOOM: Right.

23 PETERS: Okay.

24 FITCH: There's--that project is a lot more
25 extensive. There's major storm sewer improvements.

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1 PETERS: Right.

2 FITCH: Probably \$2,000,000.00 worth of storm sewer,
3 so the trail on that project is probably less than
4 five percent of the cost--

5 PETERS: Okay.

6 FITCH: --compared to the total because it's--you've
7 got to take it project by project.

8 PETERS: Right, I understand.

9 FITCH: The federal projects are much more
10 complicated and expensive.

11 PETERS: And what about--and what about the other two

12 projects? I think there was two others that you
13 mentioned.

14 FITCH: Yeah, there are two here.

15 PETERS: I told you--

16 FISHERING: Leo-Grabill--

17 PETERS: --I was going to put you on the spot.

18 FITCH: Yeah.

19 FISHERING: Leo-Grabill Road.

20 FITCH: I'm trying to remember what the other two
21 projects were.

22 FISHERING: Leo-Grabill was one of them.

23 FITCH: Oh, Grabill? Grabill Road, the--the trail
24 project was--the actual cost was like \$140,000.00.

25 PETERS: Okay.

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1 FITCH: Total cost of the project was \$2,000,000.00.

2 PETERS: Okay.

3 BLOOM: That was shared though.

4 FITCH: Yeah. Yeah, Leo-Cedarville and Grabill paid
5 for everything within their jurisdictional limits.

6 BLOOM: And it will be less expensive for us. This
7 is in addition to almost completed--

8 FITCH: Right.

9 BLOOM: --engineering.

10 FITCH: Most of these--

11 BLOOM: In the future, we can do it--

12 FITCH: --when we get done are--if they're
13 incorporated as part of the project, are going to
14 be--

15 BLOOM: --all at the same time.

16 FITCH: --again, five to seven percent of the
17 construction cost, not a tremendous increase.

18 PETERS: Well, I guess, I put you through this
19 exercise because we're looking at, you know, based on
20 some of the numbers that you're talking about, close
21 to \$1,000,000.00 of commitment from the County
22 already at this point. I think that there's been
23 some misperception out there that the Commissioners
24 aren't necessarily as supportive as--as they should
25 be of trail projects throughout the community. And I

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1 think if this--if this million dollars is any

2 indication, and this is just from the, "We're just

3 now getting going" standpoint--

4 FITCH: Right.

5 BLOOM: Right.

6 PETERS: --I would say that that certainly does

7 indicate that we are indeed--

8 FITCH: Right, and I think that--

9 PETERS: --committed to--

10 FITCH: --you know--

11 PETERS: --enhancing the--

12 FITCH: --that perception is wrong because I have--

13 I've done nothing but receive 100% support from the

14 Commissioners for adding additional width to our

15 bridges, adding trails to our sidewalks. You know,

16 working with developers on trying to get--incorporate

17 trails--

18 BLOOM: Right.

19 FITCH: --into their--

20 BLOOM: Right.

21 FITCH: --basically, pedestrian access. I mean,

22 we're--

23 PETERS: Right.

24 FITCH: --you know, that's what it's all about.

25 BLOOM: Absolutely.

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1 FITCH: You know, and I think we--we realized that

2 when gas prices went up that, you know, sometimes we

3 have to change our--our way of living and--and

4 transportation. If you can't afford, you know, to

5 drive, then you can ride a bike or walk. This is

6 something that's being done nationally. It's not

7 just Allen County.

8 PETERS: Right.

9 FITCH: More and more money is being put into

10 trail--

11 PETERS: Well, I think we've grown to realize--

12 FITCH: --systems.

13 PETERS: --as people have throughout the country,

14 that if we're going to--if we're going to enhance the

15 standard of living and enhance economic development

16 and some of the other things that are tied into it--

17 FITCH: Right.

18 PETERS: --then we've got to make this--this

19 commitment.

20 FITCH: Right. I think we've found that--
21 PETERS: And I think we have and--
22 FITCH: --for whatever reason over the years, we've
23 isolated different developments through our road
24 systems where you can't easily get from one
25 development across the street to visit, you know,

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1 someone on the other side.
2 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).
3 PETERS: Right.
4 FITCH: This is--there has to some, you know, system
5 developed to--to allow people to--to move by land
6 other than vehicle. I mean--
7 PETERS: Right.
8 FITCH: --that's just what it comes down to.
9 PETERS: Okay. Well, I appreciate that. I make a
10 motion to approve the additional engineering services
11 agreement between Bonar and Allen County for Amber
12 Road from Redding Drive to Liberty Mills for
13 construction of a trailway for a cost of \$53,400.00.
14 IRVING: I'll second the motion.
15 BLOOM: All in favor, signify it by saying, "Aye."
16 PETERS: Aye.
17 IRVING: Aye.
18 BLOOM: Aye. And with this, we have a Memoranding--
19 Memorandum of Understanding between Allen County and
20 the Aboite Trails for the trail system. Thank you.
21 IRVING: Thank you. Thank you.
22 BLOOM: Good morning.
23 IRVING: Good morning.
24 REECER: Good morning.
25 WALBRIDGE: Good morning.

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1 PETERS: Good morning.
2 REECER: Good morning.
3 IRVING: I've never heard you so quiet.
4 BLOOM: She's in--
5 IRVING: Are you nervous when you're on TV?
6 REECER: Well, I didn't know I was coming up here
7 today, so--
8 IRVING: Why don't you introduce yourselves?
9 REECER: I'm Lynn Reecer, President of Aboite New
10 Trails.

11 WALBRIDGE: I'm Greg Walbridge, I'm a board member
12 for the Aboite Trails.

13 BLOOM: We have this morning a Memorandum of
14 Understanding. We have all the appropriate persons
15 involved concerning the trails and the County. We
16 are comfortable with this memor--Memorandum of
17 Understanding. We're proud of our relationship that
18 we have with Aboite New Trails. I think the
19 misunderstanding has been the whole time has been
20 government doesn't move quite as quickly as this
21 Board does. And whereas you have worked so hard to
22 get all of these commitments towards your new trails,
23 it seems like the County was dragging their feet on
24 these projects. And this Memorandum, it's--it's
25 government, it takes time with all the appropriate
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1 paperwork. You're going forward with projects and
2 paths that are not part of our road projects, and we
3 will include them in our master plan projects such as
4 we're doing here. It seems like a lot of additional
5 money when I looked at this, but because it wasn't
6 done in the original road plan, for us it was kind of
7 a jolt that we were doing this for the trailway. But
8 in the future, it will be included in the original
9 engineering, and I think we're all comfortable with
10 this. It's been a long haul. We're proud to be part
11 of this. I know I am.

12 IRVING: Well, is that the motion for the MOU, if
13 so--

14 BLOOM: I'm--

15 IRVING: I'll second it.

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

18 PETERS: Aye.

19 IRVING: Aye.

20 BLOOM: Aye.

21 IRVING: Thank you.

22 PETERS: Let me just say one thing real quick, and
23 that is I'm real appreciative, and I think I can
24 speak on behalf of Commissioner Irving and
25 Commissioner Bloom too, very appreciative of the

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1 efforts that you guys have put forth--

2 BLOOM: Absolutely.

3 PETERS: --in this initiative. All too often, as we
4 look at what it's going to take to develop downtown,
5 to develop other sectors of the community, we find
6 that there needs to be a partnership with the private
7 sector. And I think that's how Indianapolis got sort
8 of a jump on what was going on down there.

9 BLOOM: Absolutely.

10 PETERS: I--I've heard often times that there is a
11 lot of private sector input, private sector money
12 that goes towards the successes that have occurred in
13 Indianapolis. And one of the things I know we've
14 preached and we've complained about and we really
15 seek in this community is a greater partnership with
16 the private sector looking for ways to infuse more
17 private dollars into the infrastructure, into the
18 community as a whole. And you guys have found a way
19 to do that, so I for one am very, very appreciative
20 for your efforts--

21 BLOOM: Absolutely.

22 PETERS: --and we look forward to continuing to work
23 with you on this--on this endeavor.

24 IRVING: I recently got a chance to spend several
25 hours, enjoyable hours, with Lynn--and Greg, I

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1 apologize, it was one of those girl things that we
2 went out and did.

3 WALBRIDGE: That's okay.

4 IRVING: You mentioned that you may be--or you're
5 looking into hiring someone--and I would just like to
6 be the first one to say, with all the energy that you
7 have and determination that as soon as you get that
8 person hired, I've got a couple of projects I'd like
9 to put you on. You've done a great job.

10 PETERS: Yeah, they're hired, aren't they?

11 REECER: Thank you.

12 IRVING: That's right.

13 REECER: Thank you.

14 BLOOM: This has been in the making how long, Lynn?

15 REECER: Since 2001. December 2001.

16 BLOOM: And her husband and family need her back.

17 IRVING: And I think we need her more.

18 BLOOM: And hiring someone--yeah, we committed to a

19 new employee-type thing actually for the two ladies
20 that have been so involved in this, Lynn Reecer and
21 Sharon Repka. And I'm sorry, she couldn't be here
22 today. But these two ladies have made this happen,
23 I'll tell you.

24 REECER: Well, that's really sweet of you to say, but
25 it--it's--just as Randy just said, it--it--there's no
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1 way you can do something like this by yourself.

2 IRVING: I know that.

3 REECER: This is such a complicated project. It
4 takes partnerships with so many people. And we would
5 never have made this progress that we have made
6 without our committed Board, about 15, 16 people,
7 and--and many very dedicated volunteers. I mean,
8 it's--it's an effort that takes about--we've probably
9 got about 60 to 75 people now involved. So that's--

10 IRVING: Great.

11 BLOOM: Really?

12 REECER: --very, very sweet of you, but so many
13 people are putting in so many hours. And we've
14 raised, you know, \$750,000.00 now that--so we're
15 ready to--ready to put in more trails. We've put in
16 three miles so far. And now with your partnering
17 with us and the County, we'll be able to go forward
18 and, you know, pave Eggemann Road, and--and some
19 other--Liberty Mills, things like that. So we
20 plan--we have an aggressive agenda for next summer,
21 but we're hoping to, you know, construct about five
22 miles of trails next summer. So that will take--

23 BLOOM: Great.

24 REECER: --us up to eight. And we're working real
25 hard to link up with the River Greenway, so that--

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1 BLOOM: Absolutely.

2 REECER: --everybody can benefit from our trails,
3 people from, you know, the City can come out to
4 Aboite Township and vice versa, and go all the way to
5 New Haven. So--

6 BLOOM: Wouldn't that be a dream?

7 REECER: Yeah. And we're not far away. We're only
8 three miles apart from that, you know, hooking up
9 with this Aboite Road--Aboite Center Road project.

10 So I can't thank you enough. And this Amber Road
11 commitment that you've made. I just learned about
12 that this week, and we are so excited about that. I
13 mean, that is wonderful because that's what it's
14 going to take is just everybody doing a little bit.
15 So, the County can do a little bit each year and the
16 City and--

17 BLOOM: Exactly.

18 REECER: --and our corporations--

19 BLOOM: We can't do it alone.

20 REECER: --and our foundations. It takes--

21 BLOOM: It--it is a team.

22 REECER: --everybody, down to the individual
23 homeowner. So that's the kind of support we're
24 getting so far. But we really appreciate this.

25 IRVING: Thank you.

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1 REECER: Thank you very much.

2 WALBRIDGE: Pretty much. I just--

3 BLOOM: Barb Krisher, our Aboite Trustee, is back
4 here. Barbara, will you stand up? Is there anything
5 you'd like to say? I know that you've been extremely
6 involved in this through the trustee position and the
7 park and the connection, and why don't you come
8 forward, please?

9 KRISHER: Want me to just sit right here?

10 BLOOM: Why don't you sit up behind the mic here as
11 Bill--or stand or whatever.

12 KRISHER: Bill, thank you.

13 BLOOM: Thank you very much. Well, we just move him
14 anywhere.

15 KRISHER: Thank you for the opportunity, Linda. I
16 appreciate it. We just finished this summer a path
17 or a--

18 BLOOM: Trail.

19 KRISHER: --a shared-use path or trail, however you
20 want to describe it, along Aboite Center from
21 Eggemann down to Homestead Road. And then that was
22 on Township and school property. And then we did the
23 same thing along Homestead Road across the frontage
24 for Summit Middle School and the south 40 acres which
25 we call Summit Park. And that connects with the

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1 trail that is in Indian Trails Park, and you can get
2 to Indian Trails Park through the Summit diamond area
3 or you can go down Aboite Center. So there are a
4 number of different--

5 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

6 KRISHER: --interconnecting ways to use what we have
7 done so far. And it is kind of amazing to see the
8 people out there when I'm on the way to the office on
9 bikes and walking and jogging on all those paths.

10 It's just--it really is just amazing. And it is--
11 everyone needs to understand it is a shared-use path
12 that we have and what we're looking at doing and not
13 just a bike path. And--and you see--but you see
14 people with bikes with funny little things behind
15 them with their babies in them. I mean, it's just
16 really amazing--people on bikes with long leashes and
17 their dogs that run alongside the bicycle. It is
18 really great to see. And it's just--it's an amazing
19 thing, and I certainly tip my hat to Lynn and to
20 Greg, as a Board member. These are people with
21 vision, and I, in the beginning thought, "Oh, yeah,"
22 you know, "where is this going to end up?" And it's
23 really going to end up beautifully, I think, for, not
24 just Aboite Township, but for the entire area because
25 it--

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1 BLOOM: Right.

2 KRISHER: --eventually this will be interconnection
3 throughout the whole part--the whole county, I would
4 expect.

5 BLOOM: Exac--yes.

6 KRISHER: I really appreciate your support, all three
7 of you. I think it's just marvelous and
8 forward-thinking.

9 IRVING: About the same time as you were forming this
10 group, Barb, being on Planning Commission with
11 myself, we started very slowly asking the developers
12 if they would give frontage. And we had a commercial
13 area that was northeast. And to be truthful with
14 you, Barb and I really took some--some serious
15 hammering over, "Allen County will never have a trail
16 system," that, "All your asking is for us to give up
17 more property again and give up more of our profit

18 structure," and everything. And--and you know, I
19 think it just proves another point, when--when a
20 determined group of people get together and are
21 willing to put in private dollars, good things can
22 happen. And--and I take my hat off to you, Barb,
23 because there was some very, very strong discussions,
24 not only at the business meeting--

25 KRISHER: Uh-huh (affirmative).

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1 IRVING: --but at the presentation about--about what
2 we were trying to do here to help pave the way for
3 the Aboite Trails and the Northwest Trail group. And
4 hopefully, this is all going to have a happy ending.
5 And we can all jog, which I know I can use after
6 Linda's cookies every week.

7 BLOOM: Thanks. My favorite one is the row of--and
8 they're not going to like this, but when I was over
9 there--you're talking about the attachment to the
10 bicycle. This was five young mothers with five
11 strollers and because there was traffic coming from
12 the other way, they were in a row like ducks. And it
13 was the cutest thing. Had I a camera--I'm not making
14 fun. They were lined up behind each other, five
15 women with five strollers. It was wonderful. I
16 loved it. Anyway, that's--thank you.

17 REECER: I just want to add one quick thing. I just
18 didn't want to leave out the name of Stephanie
19 Schultz because to be honest--

20 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

21 REECER: --she is the one that made the call to me.
22 She's the first person to really take the initiative.
23 She called me, and then, you know, we got started and
24 then--

25 IRVING: You're right.

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1 REECER: --then Sharon joined, and now we--but I just
2 don't want to leave that name out. She's--

3 BLOOM: No, certainly.

4 REECER: --she's put in--

5 BLOOM: Endless hours.

6 REECER: --I can't even tell you how many hours
7 Stephanie has put in. And her research and
8 everything has just been phenomenal. She's been

9 wonderful.

10 WALBRIDGE: Well, I think it would be unfair not to
11 mention the efforts of Mike Fitch. And the County
12 may have been beaten up over this MOU getting to
13 where it is. But what people don't understand is
14 Mike Fitch has been involved in this project from the
15 inception. Mike Fitch drafted this MOU. Mike has
16 put a lot of time and effort into getting a trail
17 design for Aboite--

18 BLOOM: Right.

19 WALBRIDGE: --and going over the bridge--

20 BLOOM: Right.

21 WALBRIDGE: --when we're talking about Amber and a
22 lot of other things--

23 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

24 WALBRIDGE: --and--and hats off to the County for
25 allowing Mike to spend some time assisting our

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1 efforts. Appreciate that.

2 IRVING: Thank you.

3 PETERS: Keep up the good work.

4 KRISHER: Thank you.

5 IRVING: Yes.

6 WALBRIDGE: Thank you.

7 REECER: Thank you very much.

8 BLOOM: Change Order #1, the final for Vicksburg Pike
9 Storm Sewer, Project #05-266, between Fleming
10 Excavating and Allen County, an increase of
11 \$15,102.39.

12 FITCH: The Vicksburg Pike project, the storm sewer,
13 there was a conflict with the 12-inch water line,
14 and that--this change order covers the--the amount
15 required to realign the storm sewer to avoid a more
16 expensive relocation of the water line.

17 BLOOM: Thank you.

18 IRVING: I make a motion we approve.

19 PETERS: Second it.

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

21 PETERS: Aye.

22 IRVING: Aye.

23 BLOOM: Aye. Approve engineering services agreement
24 between Butler Fairman and Seufert and Allen County
25 for Barnett Road/Milan Center Road Alignment study,

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1 \$18,500.00 for Project #01-255.

2 FITCH: Now this, we met twice with the Amish
3 bishops. They have a safety concern about crossing
4 State Route 37 on Milan Center Road.

5 BLOOM: Absolutely.

6 FITCH: The County also started a project a couple of
7 years ago on Barnett Road, and we're--we're trying
8 to, I guess, combine two projects to find a safe
9 crossing on--

10 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

11 FITCH: --State Route 37.

12 BLOOM: But if they follow the path, it also--because
13 how many days have I sat out there and counted trucks
14 and so forth--

15 FITCH: Yes. This--

16 BLOOM: --because it goes down to Notestine and then
17 to Roth and--

18 FITCH: --yeah, this is part of, like I say,
19 improving a truck access to--

20 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

21 FITCH: --to Roth Road to the east side of Grabill.

22 BLOOM: That's right.

23 FITCH: And it--so we're--

24 BLOOM: And that's one.

25 FITCH: --we're asking Butler Fairman and Seufert to

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1 do a--to do a study to come up with some options and
2 put some costs together, so we can get back with the
3 Amish community and see if we can come up with a
4 solution that they can accept.

5 PETERS: I make a motion to approve engineering
6 service agreement between Butler Fairman and Seufert
7 and Allen County for Barnett and Milan Center Road
8 Alignment Study, Project #01-255.

9 IRVING: I'll second that motion.

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

11 PETERS: Aye.

12 IRVING: Aye.

13 BLOOM: Aye. Approve Supplemental Agreement #1
14 between Farrar Garvey and Allen County for West
15 Hamilton Road Bridge over Beal Taylor Ditch, Project
16 #00-026, and increase of \$71,500.00. This is in the

17 bond, right?

18 FITCH: Yes.

19 BLOOM: What have we done to--

20 FITCH: When I--when I saw this, I--I gasped too.

21 BLOOM: Yeah, what have we done so--to change?

22 FITCH: This project--the--the scope of the project
23 was put together about three or four years ago. Bill
24 Hartman from our staff puts this together. The
25 estimate for the construction of the project was a
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1 little over \$100,000.00. The cost in the actual
2 bridge bond issue that we have is \$220,000.00. In
3 recent--due to recent changes in the last couple of
4 years with development in that area, we determined
5 that their needs to be an additional traffic lane
6 added to the bridge--

7 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

8 FITCH: --which is going to make it wider. And the
9 structure--the approaches were going to be like 200
10 feet, now they're like 1,000 feet.

11 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

12 FITCH: Major change in scope which increased the
13 engineering fees. The estimated construction cost is
14 around \$800,000.00. The way Bill has this figured,
15 the Bostick Road Bridge, which was in the bond issue,
16 has fallen out because it's going to fed--

17 BLOOM: Federally funded.

18 FITCH: --federally funded, so he's going to use the
19 money that was earmarked for Bostick Road--

20 BLOOM: For this project.

21 FITCH: --for this project.

22 BLOOM: Because of new development--

23 FITCH: New development.

24 BLOOM: --additional traffic.

25 FITCH: And adding a--there's also a sidewalk
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1 required on one side.

2 BLOOM: Here we go.

3 FITCH: So there are going to be--

4 BLOOM: Another path.

5 FITCH: And that--so that's--yeah, it's a big change
6 order, but it's--it's due to changes in the actual
7 scope of the project.

8 BLOOM: Okay.

9 PETERS: I make a motion to approve Supplemental
10 Agreement #1 between Farrar Garvey and Associates,
11 LLC and Allen County for West Hamilton road Bridge
12 over Beal Taylor Ditch, Project #00-026.

13 IRVING: I will second that motion.

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

15 PETERS: Aye.

16 IRVING: Aye.

17 BLOOM: Aye. Approve and award Bid Reference #33-05,
18 four 2005 or newer production model tandem axle dump
19 trucks for use at the Highway Department to Selking
20 International. Total award, \$433,965.92. Good
21 morning.

22 SORG: Good morning.

23 IRVING: Good morning.

24 SORG: I believe this is the second time that we've
25 looked at this issue. Mr. Fitch wanted some

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1 additional information. I think I've provided that
2 to him, and so if you want to--

3 FITCH: Yeah, I've reviewed the--the bids and--and
4 Jeff's recommendations, and I feel comfortable with
5 the--with the award to Selking International in the
6 amount of \$433,965.92.

7 IRVING: You--

8 PETERS: Let me--let me--I'm sorry, go ahead.

9 IRVING: I'm going to let--since you are recommending
10 this, I think you forgot to sign it. Jeff, can you
11 have him sign it and then we'll send it through
12 because he doesn't have his recommendation on it.

13 BLOOM: And I noticed--

14 IRVING: The other ones he can--

15 BLOOM: Okay, he can get later.

16 IRVING: Okay. Those have already been--

17 PETERS: Let me ask this first. You're probably
18 going to say, "Gosh, when will this guy leave us
19 alone," but what do you do right now to track the
20 maintenance of those vehicles? How is that
21 maintenance tracked? I mean, do you have a program?
22 Do you have a computer program? Do you have a
23 spreadsheet? What--

24 SORG: Well, every--every piece of equipment is

25 different. The manufacturer provides a

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1 recommendation for maintenance which goes in the
2 file--

3 PETERS: Here--

4 SORG: --with that particular piece of equipment.

5 PETERS: --here's what I'm getting to--here's what

6 I'm getting to, I think what would be nice--and I

7 know with some of the questioning that's gone along

8 over the last two weeks, if we knew average miles. I

9 mean, if you could--you know, if you had a program

10 that would come up with average miles, say, on your

11 tandem vehicles and then average miles on the single

12 axle, and so on and so forth, if you had a program

13 that you could bring up--and maybe you've got

14 it--that tracks, "This is what happened to Unit 03 on

15 such and such a date, such and such a date, and such

16 and such a date"--one of the things I'd be interested

17 in ultimately--and I don't think that we need to hold

18 up approval of this contingent upon it, but one of

19 the things I'd be interested in seeing is--

20 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

21 PETERS: --exactly how the hours of utilization that

22 you talked about--we talked about the other day--how

23 12,000 hours of utilization, for instance, translates

24 into maintenance. What's been done up to that point?

25 Do you follow what I'm saying?

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1 SORG: I believe so.

2 PETERS: And so I think if--if there were a way just

3 to hit a button on a computer and be able to go to

4 Unit 03 and look up the entire maintenance history,

5 and then--and then go to another button and hit, you

6 know, average miles on the total fleet--

7 SORG: We--we can do that. I mean, we already have

8 the ability to look at each individual piece of

9 equipment's--

10 PETERS: Well, I just--

11 SORG: --records up, but they're all different. I

12 mean, they're--

13 PETERS: Well, I understand.

14 SORG: --one piece of equipment, you'll have a lot of

15 trouble with and the next one you won't.

16 PETERS: I understand. But I just--I think--and I
17 could be wrong--but I think that's going to give you
18 a better vehicle, pardon the pun, in which to deal
19 with your total fleet on--on down the line.
20 SORG: Nah.
21 PETERS: And I think if you can get--
22 SORG: There's--
23 PETERS: --sort of that 30,000--
24 SORG: --there's numerous fleet management software
25 programs out there and, you know, we've looked at a
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1 lot of them. We've put one together ourselves. We--
2 Dan Allen from our department used an existing--one
3 of Microsoft Office programs--
4 PETERS: Okay, so you guys are using something?
5 SORG: --and put a sheet together--oh yeah, yeah. We
6 just haven't been able to find a real good system to
7 track with--
8 PETERS: Okay.
9 SORG: --that's packaged for us. The other thing is
10 how it was going to interplay with the GP--GIS
11 program that we have, if we can utilize that.
12 BLOOM: Oh, absolutely.
13 SORG: So we've held off on that waiting to see if
14 there could be any connection--
15 PETERS: Okay.
16 SORG: --between the two. But it appears, at least
17 to me at this point, that that may not be possible.
18 But--
19 PETERS: I gotcha. Okay. Well, I just--
20 SORG: --we're working on it. So--
21 BLOOM: But it was certainly a good option.
22 SORG: Yeah.
23 BLOOM: Absolutely.
24 SORG: Well, it--
25 FITCH: We keep all historical data on the
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1 maintenance. We don't have that ability to push one
2 button and have the--all the--the reports spit out.
3 But we can put all that information in a report to
4 you. It just takes, you know--
5 BLOOM: You have to do a spreadsheet, yeah.
6 FITCH: --our accountants to go through and add up

7 the numbers. So, we do keep those numbers. And
8 that's something, like I say, we can provide you.

9 SORG: Yeah, it's all available.

10 PETERS: Well, I just hate to see you go through all
11 those gyrations to make that work and just think if
12 they were centrally kept, it's going to help you
13 ultimately--

14 SORG: Right.

15 PETERS: --manage that fleet a whole lot better, I
16 think.

17 SORG: Right.

18 PETERS: I mean, I just--with no disrespect, I just
19 know with some of the questions I was posing, the
20 answer might have been more readily available if you
21 would have just been able to hit a button and spit it
22 out.

23 FITCH: Uh-huh (affirmative). Yeah. Yeah, we've--
24 there's no finite answer as far as when is the most
25 opportune time to replace a vehicle. And that's-

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1 some people have a philosophy that you--you run it
2 until the wheels fall off.

3 PETERS: Right.

4 FITCH: And then other people will say, "Well, you
5 maintain it to a certain point to where--to where you
6 expect things to go wrong"--

7 PETERS: Uh-huh (affirmative).

8 FITCH: --based on the history of past vehicles.

9 BLOOM: Right.

10 FITCH: And say, well--we found that, you know, 12
11 [12,000], 14,000 miles is about when we start
12 experiencing major--

13 PETERS: Right.

14 BLOOM: Major maintenance.

15 FITCH: --engine failures, or transmission failures.
16 And so we try to--if you have a transmission or an
17 engine failure, the trade-in value is zero.

18 PETERS: Right.

19 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

20 FITCH: And so we try to out-guess that--

21 SORG: Yeah, it's just the timing.

22 FITCH: --when that point is.

23 BLOOM: Yeah.

24 PETERS: Let me ask you one other question, the
25 County--the incorpor--unincorporated portions of the
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1 County continue to shrink as the City of Fort Wayne
2 continues to annex. I sat through some--some
3 annexation discussions last night as well. At what
4 point do we stop adding vehicles with the realization
5 that more and more of this becomes the City of Fort
6 Wayne's responsibility or the City of New Haven's
7 responsibility?

8 FITCH: Okay, we're--these four trucks are--are
9 replacing four trucks that we're going to--

10 PETERS: Right.

11 FITCH: --trade in. These trucks are an upgrade. I
12 see a change in the, maybe, the type of truck that we
13 purchase, and then again, we don't know exactly what
14 the total impact of the annexations are going to be
15 here. But we do anticipate gradually reducing our
16 fleet over the years as--as our road mileage goes
17 down.

18 BLOOM: Or keeping them longer because of the
19 mileage.

20 FITCH: Right. Right. One of the things that has--
21 you know, the dynamics of the County is that all new
22 development is out in the County, you know. The City
23 annexes an area, that develop--that area is already
24 developed. So the County getting all of the new
25 development--

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1 PETERS: Right.

2 IRVING: It has been counteracting.

3 FITCH: --and when we have people--more and more
4 people building out along County roads, they demand
5 higher levels of service--

6 BLOOM: Right.

7 FITCH: --and so we can't say we're going to reduce
8 our staff, and you know, grade the road, you know,
9 less, or plow the snow less frequent. As a matter of
10 fact, we have more demands--

11 BLOOM: With new development.

12 FITCH: --because people are moving out into the
13 County than we had before. So it's--

14 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative). Uh-huh (affirmative).

15 PETERS: I think that's an excellent point.
16 BLOOM: Yeah, I do to.
17 FITCH: There's not a direct connection between the
18 annexations--
19 BLOOM: Yeah, surely.
20 FITCH: --and our--and our service. I mean, it's--
21 SORG: I think another way that--if I can clarify
22 that a little bit too--is that in the Aboite
23 annexation, of all the roads we lost--or went into
24 the City, we only maintained about 13 miles of--
25 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

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1 PETERS: Uh-huh (affirmative).
2 SORG: --that amount of road. Because in the County,
3 we treat the subdivisions the same as the City of
4 Fort Wayne does their secondary streets. You know,
5 they're the last thing, you've got to keep the main
6 arteries open, and so we're really, you know,
7 probably about one percent is all we lost in Aboite,
8 although--
9 PETERS: Okay.
10 SORG: --we lost a higher percentage in actual
11 mileage.
12 PETERS: Of the actual area, right.
13 SORG: But our workload didn't decrease by that same
14 percentage.
15 PETERS: Right.
16 BLOOM: And dollars.
17 SORG: Right. Yeah.
18 BLOOM: We lost a lot of the dollars.
19 SORG: Well, let me say too that we're--we're
20 purchasing four new trucks, we're getting rid of
21 four. We're not going to trade them, we're going to
22 run them through the auction. We think we can do
23 maybe a little bit better than what we were offered
24 on trade. But we have also retired a truck that was
25 damaged which is not going to be replaced, so that

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1 was a fleet reduction. And in '06, we'll be looking
2 at further fleet reduction as our budget changes.
3 BLOOM: Right.
4 PETERS: Well, Mike mentioned running these things
5 until the wheels fall off. Why don't we run these

6 until the wheels fall off? I mean, you're looking
7 at, what, an expenditure of, what is it,
8 100--\$110,000.00 a truck? And I think the trade in
9 that you're going to get is \$3700.00?

10 SORG: Well, you never know, Nelson, when the wheels
11 are going to fall off, and it--when the wheels fall
12 off, in my opinion, may be different than the next
13 guy's. I think a better way to look at it is how
14 much are you going to let it nickel and dime you?

15 IRVING: It's--

16 PETERS: Okay.

17 SORG: At which point, you know, is the nickel diming
18 getting out of hand?

19 PETERS: Okay, that--that's fair.

20 SORG: And--

21 FITCH: Right.

22 SORG: --I've been trying to put together life cycle
23 costs for all of our vehicles. And in other words,
24 if--if we can expect 12 years out of these trucks
25 that we're buying--

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1 PETERS: Yeah, it would be interesting to know.

2 SORG: On every piece of equipment, we're working on
3 trying to generate a life cycle cost for it.

4 PETERS: Okay.

5 SORG: And if at all possible to stretch a dollar,
6 we're going to have to--

7 BLOOM: Right.

8 SORG: --and we know it.

9 BLOOM: Right.

10 SORG: So--

11 PETERS: Part of your fleet maintenance report.

12 SORG: There you go.

13 FITCH: Well, and some of this is reliability when--

14 if we've got, you know, 10% of our trucks in the shop
15 being fixed all the time, that's 10% reduction in
16 service.

17 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

18 FITCH: And if we have a snow event and we've got 10%
19 of our trucks that can't get out on the road--

20 BLOOM: That's what I was trying to tell you

21 yesterday.

22 PETERS: Right.

23 FITCH: We want to be--we have some reliability there
24 that we have trucks that are going to be able to do
25 the work--

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1 PETERS: Right.

2 FITCH: --and not break down. And that's part of the
3 equation here, when to get rid of them.

4 BLOOM: Right.

5 FITCH: If they're going to be spending--

6 BLOOM: They've got to be reliable.

7 FITCH: --a lot of time in the shop, they're not
8 useful to anyone.

9 BLOOM: Right.

10 FITCH: You may be saving dollars, but we're not
11 providing service.

12 BLOOM: Right.

13 PETERS: Right.

14 FITCH: So--

15 SORG: I've looked at the historical records and the
16 County owned a lot of older trucks and the only real
17 financial difference is you spend a whole bunch more
18 on maintenance than you do on purchasing, but the
19 numbers really come out pretty similar.

20 IRVING: And I think it's no different than what
21 we've done with our computers too. We're keeping
22 very accurate accounting on which computers are
23 being--are down all the time, what are we putting
24 money into. Even though it may be a newer computer
25 than someone else's--

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1 PETERS: Uh-huh (affirmative).

2 IRVING: --if it's down all the time, what good is
3 it? And now with getting the internet out to the
4 newer barn, you were supposed to--the north barn was
5 supposed to keep more records to be able to interface
6 with the main office--

7 SORG: We're--and--and we are.

8 IRVING: --and the manufacturer.

9 SORG: That's progressing.

10 IRVING: And, you know, knock on wood, one of these
11 days the south barn will be there too. But we
12 haven't quite been able to--

13 SORG: We're hoping.

14 IRVING: --to get that going. But--

15 BLOOM: Yeah.

16 IRVING: --that has only been established over the
17 last six months too. So hopefully, the recordkeeping
18 and the maintenance in order for evaluation will be
19 coming a little bit easier for you and swiftly.

20 Okay. I make a motion that we approve the purchase
21 of \$433,965.92, Bid Reference #33-05 for four new
22 dump trucks for Allen County Highway Department.

23 PETERS: I'll second it.

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

25 PETERS: Aye.

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1 IRVING: Aye.

2 BLOOM: Aye.

3 SORG: Thank you very much.

4 PETERS: Thank you.

5 BLOOM: Approve Encroachment Report for County Line
6 Ventures, LLC for placement of entrance sign on
7 Harrison Fields Boulevard.

8 IRVING: I make a motion we approve.

9 PETERS: Second it.

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

11 PETERS: Aye.

12 IRVING: Aye.

13 BLOOM: Aye.

14 FITCH: That's all I have. Thank you.

15 IRVING: Thanks, Mike.

16 BLOOM: Thanks.

17 FITCH: Thank you.

18 PETERS: Thank you.

19 FITCH: Have a good day.

20 BLOOM: Plats for signature, we'll sign those after
21 the meeting, and that's for Chapel Court Villas,
22 Section III and Bridgewater, Section IX. Other
23 Business, approval of a Lease Agreement between Allen
24 County and Landmark Indiana. Good morning.

25 MURRAY: Good morning.

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1 IRVING: Good morning. How are you today?

2 MURRAY: I'm doing lovely, thank you.

3 IRVING: Great.

4 MURRAY: Shaun Murray, Legislative Liason for the

5 Commissioners. And Commissioner Bloom and I had
6 talked earlier this week. This is a lease for
7 January 1st through March 31st of 2006 in
8 Indianapolis. And using all the budgetary methods
9 that were used in the past, I came up with a savings
10 of about \$1,000.00 over that three months from what's
11 been done in the past--

12 IRVING: Fantastic.

13 MURRAY: --and found that to be feasible at the end
14 and most accommodating.

15 IRVING: And it was the location--

16 MURRAY: Yeah, that you and I went to.

17 IRVING: --that--that we had looked at because that's
18 right catty-cornered from the State House which--

19 MURRAY: Yes, ma'am.

20 BLOOM: That's exactly right.

21 IRVING: Okay, I make a motion we approve.

22 PETERS: I'll second it with one question. At one
23 time we had talked about doubling up.

24 MURRAY: Yeah, actually--

25 PETERS: Okay, is that going to happen, not going to
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1 happen?

2 MURRAY: --that has been put on the kibosh by the
3 person we were going to double up with. They're--I
4 don't exactly know what happened, but there was a
5 problem with it.

6 PETERS: But they weren't interested in doing that?

7 MURRAY: Well, originally, yeah. And at the end of
8 the day, there were some constraints between--

9 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

10 MURRAY: --those making the decisions over there on
11 what the case was.

12 BLOOM: So--

13 MURRAY: The difference at the end of day didn't end
14 up being more than \$64.00 because they were
15 accommodating in this process at the--which is good.

16 IRVING: Well, and if my two partners remember when
17 Shaun and I looked at this last April, I think it
18 was--

19 MURRAY: Yeah.

20 IRVING: --they have the ability that we can rent as
21 being County employees, Shaun's bosses.

22 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

23 IRVING: We can rent at a limited time for--

24 MURRAY: \$60.00.

25 IRVING: Is it--

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1 MURRAY: Is it \$58.00 a night or something?

2 IRVING: --I think it's \$58.00 a night which is

3 cheaper than what the government rate is.

4 BLOOM: In a hotel.

5 IRVING: So our weekly visits down there almost will

6 be cut in half as far as our lodging costs--

7 MURRAY: Yeah.

8 PETERS: Right.

9 IRVING: --by being able to do this. Plus, we're

10 saving \$1,000.00.

11 MURRAY: Yeah, it will be a total of almost, I think,

12 nine hundred and fifty-some dollars that I came up

13 with total savings.

14 IRVING: Yeah.

15 BLOOM: Great.

16 PETERS: I think the proximity is even better too,

17 isn't it?

18 MURRAY: Yeah, it's a lot better.

19 PETERS: Yeah. Good. I make a motion that we

20 approve the Lease Agreement between Allen County and

21 Landmark Indiana Ltd.

22 IRVING: I think I had already made the motion.

23 PETERS: I'm sorry, yes, you did. I'll call for the

24 question.

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

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1 PETERS: Aye.

2 IRVING: Aye.

3 BLOOM: Aye. Thank you.

4 MURRAY: Thank you, ma'am.

5 PETERS: Yeah, I even seconded it.

6 BLOOM: Approval--

7 IRVING: I make a motion that we waive the second

8 reading on any matters that were approved today.

9 PETERS: I'll second it.

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

11 PETERS: Aye.

12 IRVING: Aye.

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

16 IRVING: Thank you.

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18 (Adjourned at 11:17 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
8 accurate transcript of the Board of Commissioners of
9 the County of Allen, Legislative Session, held before
10 me on November 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 22nd day of November, 2005.

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Kimberlee M. Adams, Notary Public
Residing in Allen County, Indiana

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21 My Commission Expires:

22 December 2, 2011