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9        RE: LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF  
10           November 16, 2005

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          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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- 8 John McGauley           Allen County Public  
Information Office
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- 10 Mike Fitch                Director, Allen County  
Highway Department
- 11 G. William Fishering   Allen County Counsel
- 12 Sheila Hudson           Director, Allen County  
Community Corrections
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- 14 Lisa Blosser              Allen County Auditor
- 15 Ed Steenman              Director, Allen County  
Information Technology
- 16 Bruce Little             Allen County Purchasing  
Director
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- 18 Tony Burrus              Director, Allen County  
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Affairs
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- 20 Kimberlee M. Adams      Rolf Reporting, Inc.
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- 22 Cindy Larson              News Sentinel
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- 24 Ben Lanka                 Journal Gazette
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1 BLOOM: Good morning and welcome to the  
2 Commissioners' Legislative Session, November 16th.  
3 First I would like to do a pledge to our country and  
4 a silent moment please.

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 9th.

10 PETERS: I make a motion to approve the Minutes of  
11 November 9th.

12 IRVING: Second.

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

14 PETERS: Aye.

15 IRVING: Aye.

16 BLOOM: License for Parking Lot Use between Allen  
17 County and Ream Steckbeck on behalf of Allen County  
18 Community Corrections. Good morning, Sheila.

19 HUDSON: Good morning.

20 IRVING: Good morning.

21 PETERS: Good morning.

22 HUDSON: I'm Sheila Hudson. I'm the Director of  
23 Allen County Community Corrections. Recently, I was  
24 approached by the CEO and President of Ream  
25 Steckbeck, John Steckbeck, regarding the

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1 opportunity--regarding the problem he was having  
2 with--with the people that--participants that we were

3 serving at Community Corrections.

4 BLOOM: I know.

5 HUDSON: And this has been an ongoing problem--

6 BLOOM: Exactly.

7 HUDSON: --since we've been at Community Corrections

8 and that--that site. And he's offered 17 spots, the

9 same spots that the participants seem to occupy. And

10 he--he--what he would like to do is provide those

11 which are closer to--really it's closer to the

12 building there across the street and it's--to our

13 staff. And then--

14 BLOOM: Oh.

15 HUDSON: --as Commissioner Bloom always wanted me to

16 do is provide spots at Community Corrections for the

17 participants themselves at the other end of the

18 building, down closer to--to Re--the Rescue Mission.

19 And so we'd have to--we have to rearrange the pylons

20 or whatever they're called.

21 BLOOM: Exactly.

22 HUDSON: And this is what this is about.

23 IRVING: And this is free, right?

24 HUDSON: Yes.

25 BLOOM: Oh--

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1 IRVING: Which I think is--

2 BLOOM: --this is great.

3 IRVING: --is great. Community Corrections needed

4 the spaces, and I'm sure we haven't been the best

5 neighbors to Ream Steckbeck with all the people

6 wanting to park over there. It's been a tough

7 situation for you.

8 HUDSON: Yes, it has been. We're really not gaining

9 the spaces as much as the--the camaraderie between

10 the two. And we're also providing Community Service

11 monitoring of--

12 BLOOM: Right.

13 HUDSON: --continuing monitoring the place for the

14 sake of the--the our cars that will be there, but

15 also--

16 IRVING: Right.

17 HUDSON: --to direct them back to the back of the

18 place. When Community Corrections, the building

19 itself was built--built, there's 72 spots and we had

20 50 staff at that time, and now we have 100. So we're  
21 now triple packing in our cars. It's really--and  
22 then you put the participants on top of it. And  
23 they'll roll in, and it's--it's really become quite a  
24 problem. So this will help--  
25 PETERS: Excuse me, how--how will that monitoring  
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1 work and how many hours a day will that monitoring  
2 occur?

3 HUDSON: It will be during--there is a pro--that's,  
4 see--that's kind of one of my issues still is that we  
5 have a 24 hours a day operation, and the monitoring  
6 is only--only between 8:00 and 4:00.

7 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

8 HUDSON: And--but that's between 4:00 and 7:00 is  
9 our--really our worst time, so we're talking about  
10 that one now. But--but--

11 PETERS: And that is done with a participant in the  
12 program?

13 HUDSON: The participant, once the majority of the  
14 staff leaves can park anywhere in the--in the--

15 BLOOM: In the lot.

16 HUDSON: --in our lot.

17 PETERS: No, I'm talking about the monitoring.  
18 That's done by--

19 HUDSON: That's--

20 PETERS: --a participant in the program?

21 HUDSON: Yes, yes. What they'll do is direct the  
22 traffic. And they've been doing it. It's been very  
23 successful.

24 IRVING: Yes, it has.

25 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative). You have.

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1 HUDSON: It been usually older gentlemen who are  
2 usually on AADP and they're medically ineligible to  
3 take Antabuse and they're with Community Corrections  
4 for that reason. And they take it very serious.

5 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

6 HUDSON: And we've been very lucky to--

7 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

8 HUDSON: --to have some of these people doing this  
9 for us.

10 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

11 HUDSON: They wear the--  
12 IRVING: The vests.  
13 HUDSON: --insignia of Community Corrections, so--  
14 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
15 HUDSON: --so when they're over at Ream Steckbeck,  
16 then they will--they will direct the participants to  
17 go down to the other end of the lot and then they'll  
18 also be watching out for the--the County cars too.  
19 IRVING: Right.  
20 BLOOM: Are they going to have the gates open, the  
21 barriers, on Superior?  
22 HUDSON: They'll be open at the back toward the  
23 Rescue Mission--  
24 BLOOM: On the back? Yeah.  
25 HUDSON: --for them to park, and then we'll close it  
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1 off moving up towards the building for the staff and  
2 then--and we're going to have to figure out a way for  
3 them to come in the one entrance closest to the  
4 building. And we'll remove those. So that might be  
5 a little problem too, but really anything is better  
6 than having the--  
7 BLOOM: The way it is, yeah.  
8 HUDSON: --Ream Steckbeck--they--they have not been  
9 very nice to them and they have been tolerant and  
10 patient with us for--  
11 IRVING: That's right.  
12 HUDSON: --a number of years.  
13 BLOOM: A long time.  
14 HUDSON: A long time. A long time.  
15 IRVING: I make a motion we approve.  
16 PETERS: I'll second it.  
17 BLOOM: All in favor, signify it by saying, "Aye."  
18 HUDSON: Thank you.  
19 PETERS: Aye.  
20 IRVING: Aye.  
21 BLOOM: Aye. Thank you--  
22 HUDSON: Thank you very much.  
23 BLOOM: --very much. Change Order with ALLSTAR  
24 Communications for the Courthouse Evacuation System.  
25 Good morning, Tony.

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1 BURRUS: Good morning. Tony Burrus, the Allen County

2 Safety Director. What we have here is a change order  
3 for the Courthouse Voice Evacuation system. This is  
4 an additional \$558.43 increase in the original  
5 contract. This is due to the fact that we were

6 running into some structural problems--

7 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

8 BURRUS: --and we're not going to permit them to

9 drill in certain areas.

10 IRVING: Right.

11 BURRUS: So we had to make some modifications--

12 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

13 BURRUS: --to the original. This is paid for through

14 the 03 Homeland Security Grant.

15 IRVING: Security Grant.

16 BLOOM: In the amount of \$558.43?

17 IRVING: That's--

18 BURRUS: That's correct.

19 IRVING: --yeah.

20 BLOOM: Okay.

21 IRVING: So moved.

22 PETERS: I'll second it.

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

24 PETERS: Aye.

25 IRVING: Aye.

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1 BLOOM: Aye.

2 BURRUS: Thank you.

3 BLOOM: Thank you, Tony.

4 IRVING: Thank you.

5 BLOOM: Bid Award recommendation for gasoline for

6 2006. Good morning, Bruce.

7 LITTLE: Good morning, Commissioners.

8 IRVING: Good morning, Bruce.

9 PETERS: Good morning.

10 BLOOM: The first one is for gasoline.

11 LITTLE: Right. We received one bid yesterday for a

12 firm price for gasoline for the calendar year of

13 2006. That bid was from Petroleum Traders,

14 Incorporated. They're the contractor who currently

15 has our--our contract for gasoline. They're price

16 that they're offering, firm price for next year, is

17 \$1.8843 for--for the 87 octane. Just to give you a

18 point of reference, the current price is \$1.5511 a

19 gallon. So what this effectively means is, should we  
20 lock in for gasoline for 2006, our price per gallon  
21 will be increasing just over 33 cents a gallon.  
22 Looking at some of the forecasts for price increases  
23 next year, I'm recommending that we lock in to  
24 protect ourselves--  
25 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

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1 LITTLE: --from some astronomical spikes which may  
2 just be in the making. Certainly, if that doesn't  
3 come about, it will be we pay a little bit extra for  
4 locking in, I would consider that something of an  
5 insurance premium that we're paying to--

6 BLOOM: Right.

7 LITTLE: --avoid happening what--what's happened this  
8 year to many municipalities that just hadn't counted  
9 on these sort of price increases.

10 BLOOM: Right.

11 PETERS: Bruce, the number I remembered--and maybe I  
12 remembered wrong--was like \$2.06 cents.

13 LITTLE: Right. The--

14 PETERS: What's the difference--

15 LITTLE: --what I'm--

16 PETERS: --between it a buck 88 [\$1.88]?

17 LITTLE: --whe--the difference is the 18 cents a  
18 gallon State Road Tax. When we--when I do  
19 comparisons about what the County is paying versus  
20 open market--

21 PETERS: Right.

22 LITTLE: --I like to use actual figures which include  
23 that State Road Tax.

24 BLOOM: Yeah.

25 LITTLE: However, we're awarding a contract here--

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1 PETERS: I understand.

2 LITTLE: --and that tax is not part of that contract.

3 PETERS: Okay, but when all is said and done, that  
4 tax will be included, so--

5 LITTLE: Absolutely.

6 PETERS: --that \$1.88 will be more like \$2.06?

7 LITTLE: That's correct.

8 PETERS: Okay.

9 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

10 LITTLE: That will be our final price--

11 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

12 PETERS: Yeah.

13 LITTLE: --after the tax.

14 BLOOM: You got it.

15 PETERS: Yeah, I--you know, I--I think it makes  
16 sense. I mean, I'm just not one particularly to roll  
17 the dice in a--in a situation like this. And I think  
18 by doing this--if you look at the number that I've  
19 heard the experts talking about trending is somewhere  
20 in the 30 to 40% range.

21 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

22 PETERS: And I truly believe that if we're looking at  
23 30 to 40% on top of either what the City and Fort  
24 Wayne Community Schools were paying last year or what  
25 our bid price was, you're looking at a figure that

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1 goes between \$2.40 and \$2.59, if that four to--30 to  
2 40%--actually 40% figure holds. So, you know, I've  
3 got to believe by locking it in--that--that's the  
4 thing to do because there is, I believe, at the--at  
5 the very least a 36 cent savings. And--and at the  
6 most, you're looking at, what, 19--19 cents on top of  
7 that. So, I think that's where we ought to be for  
8 2006.

9 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

10 IRVING: Bruce, I had an interesting evening last  
11 night after I got home because after opening the bids  
12 and--and we did discuss it amongst ourselves  
13 yesterday when you gave us the printout, I kind of  
14 thought that, you know, the crystal ball and the--the  
15 computer screen may go together here, and if I looked  
16 into it hard enough, I could see the right answer.  
17 Read several recent articles, also looked at the  
18 futures, and--and everything, and to be real honest  
19 with you, I think the--Commissioner Peters said, you  
20 know, it's--it's just rolling of the dice. I think  
21 that there will be an increase, but I also feel as if  
22 the--that there may be a dip yet in the prices. The  
23 forecast for this year, although I know this is a bad  
24 day to say it because we're supposed to have our  
25 first little flurries of snow, but you know, they-

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1 they say that we're supposed to have a fairly  
2 moderate winter which means that the people won't be  
3 using as much fuel too. I also talked to a gasoline  
4 and diesel supplier last night, about 9:00 last  
5 night, and I asked him--I happened to know him and I  
6 called him. And I said, "You know, tell me if you  
7 think off the record if these are good numbers or--or  
8 what," because he will not bid long term like this.  
9 And he said, "You know, Marla," he said, "nobody  
10 really knows, but I think by the time you have to  
11 vote on this again next year, I think it's probably  
12 going to even itself out and you're going to be happy  
13 with what you did." So, as Ed Rousseau used to say,  
14 "I read everything, I looked at everything, and this  
15 is how we need to go." And I'll make a motion that  
16 we accept the gasoline prices of the bid of \$1.88.  
17 And let's keep our fingers crossed.

18 LITTLE: Okay.

19 PETERS: I'll second that.

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

21 PETERS: Aye.

22 IRVING: Aye.

23 BLOOM: Aye.

24 LITTLE: Thank you.

25 PETERS: Thank you.

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1 BLOOM: Thank you.

2 PETERS: Appreciate all your work on that.

3 BLOOM: Bid Award recommendation for diesel for 2006.

4 FITCH: Mike Fitch, Allen County Highway Department.

5 Working with Bruce Little, Purchasing Director, in  
6 looking at the diesel prices, the Highway Department  
7 recommends that we reject the low bid. We did only  
8 receive one bid from Petroleum Traders. We further  
9 recommend the Highway Department and the Purchasing  
10 Department continue to monitor diesel prices and  
11 consider rebidding diesel fuel after the first of the  
12 year, 2006. The bid that we received was \$2.04.  
13 This compares to our existing firm price of last year  
14 of \$1.61. What we've seen over the last couple of  
15 months is diesel prices have dropped sharply.

16 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

17 FITCH: I think that the other thing we're looking at

18 here is that historically, diesel prices have always  
19 been below gasoline prices. Well, in the last two  
20 years, we've seen diesel prices exceed gasoline  
21 prices.

22 BLOOM: Right.

23 FITCH: And I think there's in recent--I think, due  
24 to the recent increases here, the refiners are  
25 shift--shifting over and--because of the gasoline  
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1 shortages have changes, you know, refining more  
2 gasoline, so it has dri--driven diesel prices.  
3 We're--we're maybe looking at that trend reversing  
4 itself. We think diesel prices are going to continue  
5 to drop. We don't want to close that window now.  
6 We'd like to give it another month or two and then if  
7 it does seem to stabilize, then we'll rebid--rebid it  
8 and see if we can get a firm price. Firm prices to  
9 us, you know, means we can budget. I mean, it's  
10 diffi--

11 BLOOM: I know.

12 FITCH: --difficult--

13 BLOOM: I know.

14 FITCH: --for us to budget when we don't--

15 BLOOM: Have any idea, right.

16 FITCH: --prices are up and down. And you know, this  
17 last year, I mean, 10 cents to the Highway Department  
18 represents \$20,000.00. So--

19 IRVING: That's right.

20 FITCH: --that's--that's quite a--quite a--

21 BLOOM: That's a lot.

22 FITCH: --quite a cost.

23 BLOOM: Yes.

24 FITCH: So, we'd like to recommend rejecting this bid  
25 and purchasing on the open market. The open market  
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1 price right now is--is \$2.11. So--

2 IRVING: Mike, I had a little bit more trouble with  
3 this than--than the gasoline when I looked into my  
4 computer screen. Do you have a feel--and I don't  
5 know, maybe it's the EPA that would cause some  
6 problems--it costs a lot less to manufacture red fuel  
7 than it does actual diesel fuel. And I know that  
8 they did, the federal government, in September,

9 wasn't it--or--yeah, September to the middle of  
10 October, went ahead and opened those reserves because  
11 of the hurricane and--and the short. Do you think  
12 that there would be a chance--and I did not see  
13 anything at all in the research that I did--is  
14 there--would there be any chance at all that that  
15 could be a possibility limiting, maybe, the amount of  
16 red fuel that a government agency and/or a business  
17 could use on a short term basis? Because I mean--

18 FITCH: I don't--

19 IRVING: --there's a price difference there.

20 FITCH: Yeah. I don't know. Like I said,  
21 we're--we're looking at all avenues here.

22 Unfortunately for the Highway Department, we can't  
23 say we're going to reduce our mileage by--

24 BLOOM: Right.

25 FITCH: --"X" numbers to reduce our costs.

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1 BLOOM: Right.

2 FITCH: Our service requires transportation.

3 IRVING: Right.

4 FITCH: We've got to be able to get goods and  
5 services and plow so many miles of roads, and you  
6 can't do that that easily just saying, "We're going  
7 to drive less."

8 IRVING: Pray for no snow then.

9 FITCH: We've looked at different types of fuels, you  
10 know. Most of the options we have are more  
11 expensive. And I realize there's grants and things  
12 that are available to offset some of those costs, but  
13 we're--we're looking at--we're watching those other  
14 entities. They're switching fuels. I mean, there's  
15 issues about engines, you know, the cost of  
16 main--maintaining, and there's impacts that I think  
17 that--that we haven't seen yet by switching fuels.  
18 So we're--we're monitoring all of that very closely.  
19 When we see something that we feel is a--is a good  
20 time to change, we'll change. But right now I'd say  
21 we're kind of at the mercy of the--of the market.

22 IRVING: If we--if we reject this bid--Bruce, help me  
23 with the timeframe on that--doesn't it--and we see  
24 that we feel as if--the feel is the market is going  
25 to bottom out, it takes at least three weeks for--

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1 LITTLE: Approximately a three-week window, that's  
2 right, between the time when we first put the bid out  
3 to when we can open an award.

4 PETERS: Commissioner Irving just hit upon the  
5 question I was going to ask, so thank you, I don't  
6 have to ask it now. But I--I do--I do want to make a  
7 comment, and I think your analysis is right on in  
8 terms of what we should do. If you look at the  
9 pendulum for diesel fuel, it's swinging a lot  
10 further, a lot more than what it is for the 87  
11 octane. And so I think with that moving target, it's  
12 a whole lot harder to--to hit. So I think what we  
13 need to do is exactly what's been suggested and stay  
14 the course right now, perhaps put it--rebid it. But  
15 I think we need to be watching with--with great  
16 vigilance in terms of what may happen with market.  
17 Because if we do indeed have a three-week timeframe  
18 in which we need to try and catch a number, then  
19 we've got to be prepared to move as quickly as we  
20 can. But I--I think you've done the absolute right  
21 thing and--and I would agree with--with you  
22 recommendation in holding off right now and rejecting  
23 the bid. So I guess to that end, I'd make a motion  
24 to reject the current bid.

25 BLOOM: For diesel.

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1 PETERS: For diesel.

2 IRVING: Can I ask one more question? In government,  
3 because I know this is your expertise, is there any  
4 way that you could ever bid out something--and I know  
5 we use 190,000 gallons of diesel last year--is there  
6 any way that we can bid out that we will secure  
7 200,000 gallons of diesel at a price, let's say, with  
8 the tax last year we paid \$1.76 so the bid amount was  
9 \$1.61. I'm just going to throw a number out. Is it  
10 possible to say, you know, \$1.80--that we will--we'll  
11 pay \$1.80 per gallon and we will guarantee 200,000--  
12 the purchase of 200,000 gallons of diesel over a  
13 12-month period of time?

14 BLOOM: Why would they do that after they've already  
15 given us a bid?

16 IRVING: Well, they--if you--I'm just asking if we

17 have the capabilities of doing that, because what--  
18 what I learned last night was that there are--there  
19 are distributors out there that basically, it's all  
20 paper. They're just--you know, they're just  
21 shuffling their paper around on prices. And I just  
22 wondered if we went out with an exact amount, we're  
23 going to guarantee we want that price for that many  
24 gallons, if we would get any further interest?  
25 LITTLE: I'll be honest with you, I--I can't give you  
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1 an absolute definitive answer on that. We've never  
2 for--before for a type of purchase that requires open  
3 public sealed bids had what--what almost sounds like  
4 a reverse auction in a sense--

5 IRVING: Right.

6 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative). That's what I'm--

7 LITTLE: --where we're setting the price out. So--

8 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

9 LITTLE: --do you have an opinion on this? (to Mr.  
10 Fishing)

11 FISHERING: Well, they just--can you do a reverse  
12 auction, yeah. I--I--we've just never--

13 LITTLE: Yeah.

14 FISHERING: --attempted it.

15 IRVING: Well, I'm going to second--let's do this,  
16 Bruce, my suggestion is this, I'm going to second  
17 Nelson's motion and then I would like to see and  
18 explore the possibility of doing a reverse auction,  
19 and let's play with that idea a little bit.

20 PETERS: Let me--as long as we're into the question  
21 mode here, I think it was an excellent question and  
22 what it did was invoke yet another thought. What I  
23 think successful stock brokers and people who have  
24 been successful in the futures in the stock market  
25 do, you diversify in--in what they do. Is there a  
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1 reason that we need to put all of our eggs in one  
2 basket? Whether it be diesel, whether it be 87  
3 octane, say, for instance, you take 320,000 gallons  
4 of 87 octane, is there a reason--and I'm not talking  
5 about right now, but perhaps in the future--that we  
6 couldn't go out and bid 160,000 gallons and then jump  
7 on the City and the--

8 BLOOM: That's what my question was.  
9 PETERS: --school bid with the other 160,000 gallons?  
10 That way we've diversified and if we take a hit on  
11 either side, we've got hopefully the other side to  
12 help pick us up?  
13 LITTLE: No, you're absolutely right. We could do  
14 that. There's--  
15 BLOOM: That was my question.  
16 LITTLE: --there's no compelling reason why we have  
17 to bid one year at a time. Administratively to go  
18 out four or five times a year, it's a little bit more  
19 work but it's certainly do-able. But you've opened  
20 up a topic here that I might as well introduce to you  
21 that we currently have a contract with a natural gas  
22 consultant and that's Maverick Energy.  
23 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
24 LITTLE: They are the consultants for--  
25 IRVING: Right.

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1 LITTLE: --a local consortium of the local school  
2 districts--  
3 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
4 LITTLE: --the City, and the County.  
5 BLOOM: Right.  
6 LITTLE: And they are exploring the possibility of  
7 expanding their services to our group to purchase  
8 diesel and gasoline by the same method that they  
9 purchase natural gas, and that is by a--by hedged  
10 purchasing, buying small percentages of your future  
11 needs, and as market prices drop, relying on their  
12 advice, we'd buy larger percentages of what we need.  
13 As market prices go up, we'd cut back on--  
14 BLOOM: Buy less.  
15 LITTLE: --future purchases.  
16 BLOOM: Right.  
17 LITTLE: So, it's a strategy we can use. If you like  
18 that approach, we might want to discuss it about us  
19 voicing our--our favor of that approach to the--to  
20 the group and let them know where we stand on it.  
21 PETERS: Do we have anybody who can help direct us?  
22 I mean, I don't know if it's a good idea--  
23 LITTLE: That's what Mav--  
24 PETERS: --or not.

25 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

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1 LITTLE: --that's who Maverick Energy is. They're

2 the people--

3 IRVING: Right.

4 PETERS: So they could come back and say good idea or

5 not?

6 IRVING: We pay them to--yeah.

7 LITTLE: --they're the--yeah, we pay them to do it.

8 IRVING: Yeah.

9 LITTLE: And they're the ones who are approaching us

10 now as they are with some of their other purchasing

11 consortiums in other parts of the state, and they are

12 promoting this idea. And yes, they are out there to

13 do that.

14 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

15 PETERS: Okay.

16 LITTLE: For a fee, of course.

17 PETERS: Right.

18 BLOOM: And what if--we've already accepted the bid

19 for the gasoline, but what if we don't like the

20 diesel bid, can we--and what's the last date--we can

21 get in with the consortium?

22 LITTLE: Well--well first of all, the way things are

23 moving with the group, I don't see the group moving

24 ahead with this approach next year. If this happens,

25 I don't see it happening as early as 2006.

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1 BLOOM: Okay.

2 IRVING: And there is a motion on the--on the floor

3 to reject this bid, and I think then Bruce needs to

4 explore some other possibilities.

5 PETERS: Uh-huh (affirmative). Agreed.

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

7 PETERS: Aye.

8 IRVING: Aye.

9 BLOOM: Aye.

10 FITCH: Okay.

11 BLOOM: Thank you.

12 LITTLE: Thank you.

13 IRVING: Good work, Bruce. Mike, great job.

14 BLOOM: Approve fee proposal for professional

15 engineering services between GAI and Allen County for

16 Coldwater Road, Phase III, from Twin Eagles to County  
17 Line. Total, \$113,720.00.

18 FITCH: This project is the third phase of a project  
19 we started several years ago on Coldwater Road. This  
20 will complete the--the project--

21 BLOOM: All the way to County Line.

22 FITCH: --improvements on Coldwater Road all the way  
23 to the north County Line.

24 IRVING: Right.

25 FITCH: These--

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1 BLOOM: This is good.

2 FITCH: --this contract is for professional  
3 engineering services to prepare a plans and  
4 specifications for the project.

5 IRVING: I make a motion we approve.

6 PETERS: I'll second it.

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

8 PETERS: Aye.

9 IRVING: Aye.

10 BLOOM: Aye. Bid Reference #34-05, 50,000 gallons,  
11 more or less, liquid calcium chloride on an as needed  
12 basis for 2006 to Great Lakes Chloride. Total award  
13 to be made at the unit prices submitted.

14 FITCH: The Highway Department uses calcium chloride  
15 on some of our road projects, on our detours, to  
16 control--dust control. This is not--

17 BLOOM: This isn't--

18 FITCH: --the material that we use for our dust  
19 control program.

20 BLOOM: Right.

21 PETERS: You're saying it is not.

22 FITCH: No.

23 BLOOM: It's not going to--no, no, it isn't.

24 FITCH: We bid this every year. It's a standard  
25 product that we use on various projects especially on

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1 detours where we have dust control requirements.

2 IRVING: I make a motion--

3 BLOOM: And what he's trying to--wait a minute,  
4 Marla. What--Nelson is a little confused and I  
5 understand. The Dust Day, we did this year--

6 PETERS: Right.

7 BLOOM: --was a different material than this. And  
8 this is the material we use every year for when we're  
9 chipping/sealing--  
10 FITCH: Right.  
11 BLOOM: --or when we're doing asphalt repair.  
12 FITCH: Right. This--this material is--we--we apply  
13 this--  
14 BLOOM: Not for Dust Day.  
15 FITCH: --with our own forces on--on our roads. The  
16 dust control program--  
17 PETERS: Yeah, what does that--  
18 FITCH: --that's contracted out through a private--  
19 PETERS: I mean--  
20 FITCH: --contractor.  
21 PETERS: --what did we put down on the gravel roads  
22 this past summer?  
23 FITCH: It is the--similar--same material.  
24 BLOOM: Similar.  
25 FITCH: But it's done by--through a contractor. It's  
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1 not done--  
2 PETERS: So it is--it is the same calcium--  
3 FITCH: Same material.  
4 PETERS: --chloride?  
5 FITCH: But that's--that's not--  
6 BLOOM: Oh, I didn't think it was.  
7 FITCH: --what we're--  
8 PETERS: Okay.  
9 FITCH: --receiving bids for.  
10 PETERS: And I--I mean, I don't have a problem.  
11 FITCH: Right, right.  
12 PETERS: I just wanted to make sure I understood--  
13 FITCH: Right.  
14 PETERS: --the same material--  
15 FITCH: Yes.  
16 PETERS: --could be used in two different  
17 applications.  
18 FITCH: Yes, yes, yes.  
19 PETERS: Yeah, okay.  
20 FITCH: Yep. That's right.  
21 IRVING: I thought it was a different composition.  
22 BLOOM: Yeah, I did to think it was a different  
23 compo--

24 FITCH: Now are we all confused?

25 IRVING: It's not a different composition? I thought  
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1 it was that--what you put on the roads versus what  
2 you do for Dust Day. It's--it's calcium magnesium  
3 chloride, but isn't it a different--

4 PETERS: Now you see why I'm confused.

5 BLOOM: Well, yeah, because I am now.

6 IRVING: --what's the word, I can't think of my  
7 physics class--a different composition?

8 FITCH: No.

9 IRVING: It--it comes--

10 FITCH: It's the same--

11 IRVING: --out of the same bottles?

12 FITCH: Yeah.

13 IRVING: I thought it was a different composition.

14 FITCH: The same dust control material.

15 BLOOM: So the Dust Day that we did this year was the  
16 calcium chloride?

17 FITCH: Yes.

18 BLOOM: The Dust Day that we're going to do in future  
19 years is the way we used to do it? This--

20 FITCH: Yeah, that's a bituminous product.

21 BLOOM: Right.

22 IRVING: That's right, a bituminous.

23 BLOOM: Bituminous.

24 FITCH: The only thing is the application. Our dust  
25 control program, we hire--

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1 IRVING: That's right.

2 FITCH: --and get bids from a vendor to put that  
3 material down.

4 BLOOM: This year.

5 FITCH: This year.

6 BLOOM: We won't have to in the future.

7 IRVING: No.

8 FITCH: We won't next year.

9 BLOOM: Yeah.

10 FITCH: We're not going to receive those bids.

11 IRVING: No, that's--

12 BLOOM: That's the difference. Yeah.

13 FITCH: This material if for in-house use--

14 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

15 FITCH: --to be applied by our people on road  
16 projects--  
17 IRVING: Yeah.  
18 FITCH: --on detours--  
19 BLOOM: Yeah.  
20 FITCH: --where we have to keep the dust control  
21 down.  
22 BLOOM: Thank you.  
23 FITCH: Yeah.  
24 IRVING: I make a motion we approve.  
25 PETERS: I'll second it.

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1 BLOOM: All in favor, signify it by saying, "Aye."  
2 PETERS: Aye.  
3 IRVING: Aye.  
4 BLOOM: Aye. Furnish and install guardrail materials  
5 on an as-needed basis for the year 2006 to  
6 Specialties Companies, Inc.  
7 FITCH: Again, this is an annual bid that we use this  
8 material to repair and install new guardrail.  
9 BLOOM: Right.  
10 PETERS: I make a motion to award Bid Reference  
11 #35-05, furnish and install guardrail materials on an  
12 as-needed basis for the year 2006 to Specialty  
13 Companies, Inc.  
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. Award Bid Reference #36-05, furnish  
19 treated timber structures on an as-needed basis for  
20 2006 to American Timber Bridge & Culvert.  
21 IRVING: I make a motion we approve.  
22 FITCH: This--this project is a--for our wood timber  
23 bridges. We get an annual bid which locks in the  
24 cost for the material. Whenever we have a location  
25 we want to place a timber bridge, we bid the

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1 installation cost--  
2 IRVING: Right.  
3 FITCH: --as a separate cost--  
4 IRVING: Right.  
5 FITCH: --so this--this locks in--

6 BLOOM: Absolutely.  
7 FITCH: --our material cost.  
8 IRVING: This is just a lock in, yeah.  
9 PETERS: It has been moved and I'll second it.  
10 BLOOM: All in favor, signify it by saying, "Aye."  
11 PETERS: Aye.  
12 IRVING: Aye.  
13 BLOOM: Aye. Award Bid Reference #38-05,  
14 hydroseeding materials on an as-needed basis for 2006  
15 to AG Plus in New Haven.  
16 FITCH: This material is used for seeding our  
17 roadside ditches especially--  
18 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
19 FITCH: --our conversion programs.  
20 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
21 FITCH: We bought a hydroseeder a couple of years  
22 ago. We did some studies on our costs to hire  
23 contractors to come in and do this, and it was  
24 astronomical. We purchased the machine, I think, for  
25 \$35,000.00--

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1 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
2 FITCH: --and it has worked out wonderfully. We've  
3 used this now on road projects--  
4 BLOOM: Right.  
5 FITCH: --where we've done some of the work out on  
6 Mattea Park--  
7 BLOOM: Yes, we did.  
8 FITCH: --with the seeding--  
9 IRVING: And--  
10 BLOOM: Yes, we did.  
11 IRVING: --the Juvenile Center.  
12 FITCH: Yes, yes.  
13 IRVING: And they did a wonderful, wonderful job.  
14 FITCH: Yes. It's--  
15 BLOOM: This is a real savings by doing it--  
16 FITCH: It's almost as good as the professionals.  
17 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative). It is.  
18 IRVING: This was a good purchase.  
19 FITCH: And--  
20 BLOOM: It looks nice.  
21 FITCH: --one of the big complaints we had with our  
22 conversion projects is that after they were done, the

23 grass wasn't coming up. Weeds were growing and it  
24 was a mess. And so, this has eliminated all of those  
25 complaints.

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1 IRVING: I make a motion we approve.  
2 PETERS: I'll second it.  
3 BLOOM: All in favor, signify it by saying, "Aye."  
4 PETERS: Aye.  
5 IRVING: Aye.  
6 BLOOM: Aye.  
7 FITCH: That's all I have.  
8 BLOOM: Have anything else?  
9 IRVING: Have a wonderful week, Mike.  
10 FITCH: Okay, thank you.  
11 BLOOM: Thank you.  
12 IRVING: Remember, pray no snow.  
13 BLOOM: Other business, we need to make an amendment  
14 to the existing ACS contract, Allen County IRM  
15 Agreement. And good morning.  
16 IRVING: Good morning, Ed.  
17 STEENMAN: Good morning.  
18 PETERS: Good morning.  
19 STEENMAN: Ed Steenman, IT Director for Allen County.  
20 You have before you a--the seventh amendment to the  
21 existing contract with ACS. This is a contract  
22 extension under the same terms and conditions of the  
23 existing contract. It's been reviewed by the County  
24 attorney. We've reviewed the budget, compared to  
25 their payment schedule, and that is in line, and so

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1 seeking your signature.  
2 IRVING: As you all know, we were in the process of  
3 negotiating a completely new contract when the City  
4 decided that they wanted just to have a two--  
5 BLOOM: Extend.  
6 IRVING: --add a two year annual.  
7 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
8 IRVING: And so we have now had a chance to look at  
9 our seventh amendment, and I'd like to make a motion  
10 we approve.  
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 STEENMAN: Thank you.  
 17 BLOOM: Thank you.  
 18 IRVING: Thank you, Ed. And thank you, Bill, because  
 19 that--this has been a--an interesting roller  
 20 ri--roller coaster ride.  
 21 BLOOM: Susan, do we have any other business?  
 22 ELSER: We have no other business.  
 23 PETERS: I make a motion to approve to waive the  
 24 second reading on any matter approved today and for  
 25 which it may be deemed necessary for the Legislative

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1 Session of November 16th, 2005.  
 2 IRVING: I would love to second that.  
 3 BLOOM: All in favor, signify it by saying, "Aye."  
 4 PETERS: Aye.  
 5 IRVING: Aye.  
 6 BLOOM: Aye. Any comments from the public this  
 7 morning? Any comments from the public? Hearing  
 8 none, meeting adjourned. Thank you.  
 9 IRVING: Thank you.

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11 (Adjourned at 10:40 a.m.)

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