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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEN

RE: LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF
December 7, 2005

DATE: December 7, 2005

TIME: 10:10 a.m.

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

REPORTER: Kimberlee M. Adams

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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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- John McGauley Allen County Public
7 Information Office
- 8 Mary Hitchens Allen County Public
 Information Office
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- Michael Fitch Executive Director, Allen
10 County Highway Department
- 11 Kim Bowman Executive Director,
 Department of Planning
12 Services
- 13 Nathan Hooley Department of Planning
 Services
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- G. William Fishering Counsel, Allen County
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- Brian Dumford Director, Allen County
16 Human Resources
- 17 Bernie Beier Allen County Emergency
 Management
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- Bob Lee Allen County Treasurer
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- Alex Wernher Director, Allen County GIS
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- Judge Fran Gull Allen County Superior Court
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award = \$40,000.00.
- 7 c) Allied Municipal Supply - Total
award = \$17,000.00.
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12 b) Bit-Mat Products

c) SemMaterials, L.P.

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15 be at their unit prices submitted: 38

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3 II, III, and IV Pipe - Total

award at unit prices submitted.

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1 BLOOM: Good morning and welcome to the County
2 Commissioners' Legislative Session. First I would
3 like to honor our flag and a silent moment please.

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

7 BLOOM: Thank you. Approval of the Minutes of
8 November 23rd.

9 PETERS: I make a motion to approve the Minutes of
10 November 23rd.

11 IRVING: Second.

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

13 PETERS: Aye.

14 IRVING: Aye.

15 BLOOM: Aye. Vacation Petition 376/05. Good
16 morning, Kim.

17 BOWMAN: Good morning.

18 IRVING: Good morning, Kim

19 BOWMAN: Hello.

20 IRVING: Did you say "Hello" or "Ho ho"?

21 BOWMAN: I said, "Hello."

22 IRVING: Oh, okay.

23 BOWMAN: My name is Kim Bowman. I'm Executive
24 Director of the Department of Planning Services.

25 Today, on your Agenda we have Vacation Petition

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1 376/05. The applicant is proposing to vacate both
2 the plat--a portion of the plat of Hamilton Meadows,
3 Section I, and also the related utilities and other

4 easements of that plat. The area is currently
5 undeveloped. The developer is control--controls all
6 the property involved. There was a joint public
7 hearing on November 10th with the Planning Commission
8 and a majority of the Board of the Commissioners to
9 hear both of these items. On November 17th, the
10 Planning Commission voted to approve the vacation of
11 the plat. In addition, they do send a do-pass
12 recommendation to vacate a portion of Hamilton
13 Meadows, Section I. Can I answer any questions?

14 BLOOM: I was just handed a letter here. There was--
15 oh, that's for that? Okay. It's--that one is for--

16 PETERS: Right.

17 BLOOM: --1557. Gotcha. Retract.

18 IRVING: Attorney Fishing, I apologize. I did not
19 attend that meeting. I was out of town or something
20 else and I did not review the tape on it. Do I need
21 to abstain from voting on it?

22 BLOOM: Here.

23 FISHERING: If you've not reviewed it, I would
24 recommend that.

25 IRVING: I mean I've reviewed it, but I haven't
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1 reviewed the tape of the hearing.

2 FISHERING: That's fine. Then I would recommend that
3 you not vote on it.

4 IRVING: That I don't vote on it?

5 FISHERING: Yes.

6 IRVING: Okay. President Bloom, I'd like to abstain
7 from voting on this. I just--

8 BLOOM: Okay.

9 IRVING: --I just remembered--

10 BLOOM: I did--

11 IRVING: --I didn't.

12 BLOOM: --I did attend the meeting with Commissioner
13 Peters, and they want to vacate this to do larger
14 lots. And this was an area that could be expanded
15 and was not in the original. And I have no problem
16 with it at all. I thought it sounded very
17 reasonable.

18 PETERS: All right. I make a motion to approve
19 Vacation Petition 376/05.

20 BLOOM: And I'll second that motion. All in favor,

21 signify it by saying, "Aye."

22 PETERS: Aye.

23 BLOOM: Aye. Now the next one, 1557/05, to rezone
24 property and approve a primary for three 15,050
25 square feet multi-tenant retail and seven commercial
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1 outlots between--

2 IRVING: Maplecrest and--

3 BLOOM: --well, St. Joe and Maplecrest. This is the
4 one that I had--

5 PETERS: Right.

6 BLOOM: --okay.

7 BOWMAN: Okay, the ap--

8 BLOOM: Go ahead please.

9 BOWMAN: --the applicant is requesting to rezone
10 about 15 acres to a C-2A which is a neighborhood
11 shopping center.

12 BLOOM: Right.

13 BOWMAN: This is a very unusual site. If you're
14 familiar with the Maplecrest interchange, on the
15 north side, the side is surrounded completely by
16 existing roads or the ramps from I-469, but it's
17 completely encircled with roads which is something we
18 don't see very often. It does cause some issues with
19 right of way and projected right of way. We've been
20 working with the applicant for--for several months
21 with this project and the uses of this. Neighborhood
22 commercial, the purpose of that zoning district is to
23 provide immediate services to the--to the general
24 area. The zoning would not allow major big box
25 stores or any of those types of uses as a major

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1 tenant. The Planning Commission did hold its hearing
2 on November 10th. There were several neighbors that
3 spoke against--

4 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

5 BOWMAN: --the proposal with concerns. Some of those
6 concerns were the--just a general, is there a need
7 for commercial in the area, that other areas in the
8 general vicinity were--were sited as undeveloped
9 commercial areas. There were concerns with traffic
10 because there's an existing signal there at Mayhew
11 and St. Joe Road which will provide the major access

12 point to the proposed shopping center. There will
13 also be a right in/right out further north of there
14 off of St. Joe Road. There were concerns with--this
15 is on a--the Mayhew sewer district, that there are
16 some sewer issues due to infiltration problems that
17 they have in the area. In discussions with the city
18 and the engineer about these situations, part of this
19 will be to improve the infiltration--

20 BLOOM: Right.

21 BOWMAN: --of--of other water into the sewer system,
22 so that situation will be improved. The Planning
23 Commission and the Commissioners last year--two years
24 ago approved an office zoning just north of here for
25 a mortgage company.

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1 IRVING: Right.

2 BOWMAN: With that, the Planning Commission deferred
3 action on the development plan. It was brought up by
4 the Highway Department and also the Director of NIRC
5 that there are some conflicts with the right of way
6 because of the--the ramp from 469 [I-469].

7 BLOOM: Yeah.

8 BOWMAN: Any potential expansion of 469 [I-469] could
9 possibly impact the development plan for this site.

10 We've been working with the engineer and we're
11 expecting to get plans yet this week showing how the
12 project can be altered to provide the additional
13 right of way on--on the 469 side so that any
14 potential future expansion of 469 won't be impacted.

15 With that, we appreciate the developer working with--
16 with us on that situation. Is the--the Maplecrest to
17 the Dupont Road section of 469 is the busiest section
18 currently of--

19 BLOOM: Right.

20 BOWMAN: --469.

21 BLOOM: Right.

22 BOWMAN: And if it would expand, that would be the
23 area. So the Planning Commission did defer action on
24 the development plan because of the right of way
25 issue to give the developer time to look at how the

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1 buildings can be shifted. There will possibly be
2 some front yard setback waivers which we have seen

3 on--on other projects recently not involving the
4 State highways but to reduce the front yard setbacks
5 because that right of way is so important to--to
6 allow that in the future. But the Planning
7 Commission does send a do-pass recommendation on the
8 zoning petition, and we're expecting to take action
9 on the development plan probably next Thursday at the
10 business meeting.

11 BLOOM: I have the letter in front of me from two
12 taxpayers that suggest, "It will drive out 10
13 homeowners and displace at least 20 people." Is this
14 because their property has been assumed? Why is it
15 going to drive out homeowners and displace 20 people?

16 BOWMAN: Well, there--there is one house and kind of
17 a dilapidated barn currently on the property. The--
18 the property owners possibly on--on St. Joe Road--

19 BLOOM: This is St. Joe Road. Malis and Birkmire on
20 8449 St. Joe Road.

21 BOWMAN: It could be that this is across the street
22 from the proposed shopping center. There have been
23 some Board of Zoning appeals, business approvals
24 there at the corner. There's a sign company.

25 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative). Right here is the
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1 sign--right here is already--

2 BLOOM: Yeah.

3 IRVING: --a bunch of businesses.

4 BLOOM: I see it.

5 BOWMAN: Right there on the corner--

6 IRVING: There's this big church that they built too
7 a couple of years ago right here.

8 BOWMAN: And--and the church--and the area with the--
9 the shopping center could have some additional
10 traffic and impacts that way. I would like to note
11 though, on the south side of 469, we've been working
12 with the Methodist Home that when sewer conditions
13 improve, they are proposing to develop that with both
14 nursing care and extended care and independent care
15 to the south.

16 IRVING: That's been approved--what, two years ago we
17 approved that?

18 BOWMAN: Yes. Uh-huh (affirmative).

19 IRVING: Kim, refresh my memory. Did we not sometime

20 in the last two to three years have another developer
21 that tried to make this site work but there were some
22 drainage problems or something with--
23 BOWMAN: We--we--
24 IRVING: No?
25 BOWMAN: --we've been working with--

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1 IRVING: Is this the same guy that we--that we've
2 been working with all this time?
3 BOWMAN: We--we have been--
4 IRVING: He's shaking his head in the back right now.
5 Well, okay. But this--I mean, this was brought up
6 before though. While I was on Planning Commission,
7 there was some discussion of this area.
8 BOWMAN: It never--this is the first time an
9 application has been formally submitted and voted on.
10 IRVING: Maybe you gave us a heads-up on it or
11 something.
12 BOWMAN: Comments from the Surveyor's Office say the
13 drainage should not be an issue at this site.
14 IRVING: Okay.
15 BOWMAN: There--there's appropriate outlets.
16 IRVING: Okay.
17 BOWMAN: And the engineer for the project has been
18 working with the Surveyor's Office.
19 IRVING: Nelson, what--under staff comments when this
20 was voted on by them, it says--explain what this
21 means. It says, "Staff has concerns about this being
22 the first commercial development in the area and the
23 need to set precedence in the appearance and design."
24 But that's not really true, Kim, because there's
25 those two businesses that sit on the corner of--

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1 BOWMAN: Mayhew--
2 IRVING: --Mayhew and St. Joe Road.
3 PETERS: Uh-huh (affirmative).
4 BOWMAN: This is the first shopping center
5 interchange related business that has come before
6 Planning Commission. I think we've all driven up and
7 down the highways and--
8 IRVING: Right.
9 BOWMAN: --have seen good and bad examples of
10 dumpsters sitting in back and HVAC units.

11 IRVING: Right.
12 BOWMAN: And I--I would like to really commend the
13 developer, both on building materials--HVAC units
14 will not be located on the roof. They'll be down--
15 the developer has agreed to provide a few trees in
16 the back and is--is really concerned with appearance
17 from 469 [I-469] for this. And it--it's Staff's
18 belief that through this project that the bar has
19 been set as far as quality of design and impact on
20 both 469 [I-469] and the surrounding neighbors.
21 PETERS: There--there has been some resistance from
22 some of the neighbors out in that particular area.
23 That's kind of out in my neck of the woods and I have
24 a little bit of understanding of their concerns from
25 drainage to sewers and that type of thing. But as
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1 you look at where this proposed--
2 BOWMAN: Uh-huh (affirmative).
3 PETERS: --location is going to be, you're not going
4 to be able to build housing in that particular area.
5 IRVING: No.
6 PETERS: You're not going to be able to do much of
7 anything else. And I think that there's a huge
8 advantage to having this development right there in
9 that the Mayhew sewer district right now is probably
10 the most costly--
11 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).
12 PETERS: --of any that we deal with. By adding this
13 development in this particular area, I believe that
14 it will do nothing more than help drive those costs
15 down for the residents out there. So I believe many
16 of the concerns that have been expressed are--are
17 indeed unfounded, and that, you know, this is an area
18 that you simply can't put anything else in.
19 BOWMAN: Uh-huh (affirmative). It's very unusual.
20 PETERS: It is.
21 IRVING: Is that your motion?
22 PETERS: Well, and to that end, I will make that
23 motion to approve Rezoning Petition 1557/05.
24 IRVING: I'll second that motion.
25 BLOOM: All in favor, signify it by saying, "Aye."
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1 PETERS: Aye.

2 IRVING: Aye.

3 BLOOM: Aye. Next on our Agenda this morning,

4 Rezoning Petition 1561/05 for a future industrial

5 park development.

6 BOWMAN: This is for 100 and--about 152 acres on the

7 south side of Lafayette Center Road across the street

8 from General Motors. You've recently heard that the

9 Vera Bradley--that's east of this site, we have the

10 Meadowbrook property in the middle between this site

11 and Vera Bradley. There's been an established

12 precedent for industrial park or the I-4 zoning on

13 the south side of Lafayette Center Road across from

14 General Motors. This is for, like I said, about 152

15 acres. Currently, it is zoned A-1. This is a--a

16 zoning request only, but this--this I-4 zoning

17 district does require for the zoning ordinance a

18 submittal in public hearing of the development plan.

19 BLOOM: Right.

20 IRVING: Right.

21 BLOOM: Of course.

22 BOWMAN: There are certain areas of the County, and

23 this is one of those areas where there is some

24 interest in--in industrial development. And it was

25 thought that by rezoning this to industrial park,

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1 that this would be a good precedent for, not only the

2 County economic development Staff but also the

3 alliance to focus in on another area to possible

4 bring more business to Allen County. The Planning

5 Commission had its hearing in September. They voted

6 and they do send a do-pass recommendation to the

7 Board of Commissioners for your consideration.

8 IRVING: This is another example of how we are

9 thinking outside the box to get shovel-ready sites as

10 we all heard that we are behind the times, that we

11 need to have some green space available with--that's

12 already pre-zoned, that already has the

13 infrastructure in place, utilities. This has been an

14 area that we have been unable to compete with, with

15 not only surrounding states but other parts of the

16 United States. And this is definitely a positive

17 mode in trying to entertain an area that will be very

18 easy--

19 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).
20 IRVING: --and swift for business to want to locate.
21 And with that, unless there's any other questions,
22 I'm going to make that my motion that we approve
23 1561/05.
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 IRVING: Thank you.
5 BLOOM: Thank you very much.
6 BOWMAN: Thank you.
7 BLOOM: Plats for signature, Valencia, Section I and
8 Villas of Valencia, we'll sign after the meeting.
9 BOWMAN: Thank you very much.
10 BLOOM: Thank you.
11 PETERS: Thank you.
12 BLOOM: Approval of LEDGE agreement between Allen
13 County Redevelopment Commission and CSC-Indiana, LLC.
14 Are you doing that one?
15 FISHERING: I guess. Ladies and gentlemen, I'm Bill
16 Fishing, the County Attorney. Before you is a
17 LEDGE agreement. The agreement is for a company that
18 is going to make corrugated boxes in the City of New
19 Haven. This agreement has been made in conjunction
20 with the City of New Haven and allows us to give them
21 a lump sum payment of \$25,000.00 subject to a
22 clawback provision if they don't maintain certain
23 employment and investment incentives. And again, we
24 were requested by the City of New Haven to
25 participate in this as a key to improving one of

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1 their industrial sites.
2 BLOOM: Right.
3 FISHERING: I would recommend that you approve this.
4 This will go to the Redevelopment Commission for
5 their approval also.
6 IRVING: Do you have any questions on this--
7 BLOOM: No.
8 IRVING: --development?
9 BLOOM: No.

10 IRVING: I will be glad to answer to--
11 BLOOM: New development, we're simply assisting our
12 neighbors to the east to--
13 IRVING: New--New Haven--
14 BLOOM: --get this project going.
15 IRVING: --New Haven needed \$100,000.00, basically,
16 total to bring this company into our area. And also,
17 it's a benefit to where they're located to the
18 business that's in there because the other business
19 had left and they were stuck with this huge
20 building.
21 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).
22 IRVING: So I worked with--McDonald and the Alliance
23 in coming up with a partnership of \$25,000.00. They
24 came up with \$75,000.00.
25 BLOOM: Great.

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1 IRVING: So with that, I would like to make a motion
2 that we approve the LEDGE agreement between Allen
3 County Redevelopment Commission and CSC.
4 PETERS: I'll second it.
5 BLOOM: All in favor, signify it by saying, "Aye."
6 PETERS: Aye.
7 IRVING: Aye.
8 BLOOM: Aye. Thank you. Contract for Professional
9 Economic Development Services between the
10 Commissioners and Fort Wayne for Economic
11 Developmental Alliance. Is anyone here or are you
12 that too?
13 FISHERING: (inaudible)
14 BLOOM: Professional Economic Development Services
15 between the Commissioners and Fort Wayne, Allen
16 County Economic Development Alliance.
17 FISHERING: This is a renewal of your agreement with
18 the Alliance where you purchase services from them--
19 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).
20 FISHERING: --on a yearly basis. This is identical
21 to the prior agreement and there are no changes. We,
22 as you know, purchase marketing services from the
23 Alliance along with the City of Fort Wayne and a
24 number of other groups. There is private
25 contribution from the Chamber of Commerce. I think

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1 they have a--
2 IRVING: Right. The airport.
3 FISHERING: --and the airport--
4 BLOOM: Right.
5 FISHERING: --and a variety of other things. And the
6 Alliance generally serves as the marketing agent for
7 all of the community for economic development.
8 PETERS: These are one-year agreements.
9 FISHERING: That's my recollection--
10 IRVING: Yes.
11 FISHERING: --but I didn't look at it before I sat
12 down.
13 BLOOM: Actually, I thought it was--
14 FISHERING: It may be two.
15 BLOOM: --a two-year.
16 IRVING: No. No, if you--if you looked, it says--
17 BLOOM: Per calendar year.
18 IRVING: --"It shall not"--
19 FISHERING: Yeah, it's a year.
20 IRVING: --"extend beyond December 31st"--
21 FISHERING: It's a yearly, yes.
22 BLOOM: And the amount for this is--
23 FISHERING: Two hundred--
24 BLOOM: --a matched amount with the--
25 FISHERING: --\$200,000.00--
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1 BLOOM: Yes.
2 FISHERING: --paid in four quarters.
3 BLOOM: Right.
4 FISHERING: It's matched by the City of Fort Wayne
5 and matched also by the Chamber of Commerce--
6 BLOOM: Right.
7 FISHERING: --for a total of \$600,000.00 from that
8 group. Then, like I say, they have other independent
9 contracts for various services.
10 BLOOM: Thank you.
11 PETERS: I make a motion that we approve the contract
12 for Professional Economic Development Services
13 between the Board of Commissioners and the Allen
14 County Economic Development Alliance.
15 IRVING: I'll second that motion.
16 BLOOM: All in favor, signify it by saying, "Aye."
17 PETERS: Aye.

18 IRVING: Aye.
19 BLOOM: Aye. Thank you. Approval of Corporate
20 Wellness Agreement between Allen County and Spiece
21 Lifestyle Medical Center.
22 IRVING: I can speak to this. As you all know, or at
23 least Nelson and I know, that we are in the process
24 of the 12-week wellness study--
25 PETERS: Uh-huh (affirmative).

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1 IRVING: --with the Board of Health--
2 PETERS: "For the Health of It."
3 IRVING: --"For the Health of It."
4 BLOOM: Are you suggesting that I'm not involved in
5 this?
6 IRVING: I'm suggesting that you have not been
7 weighing in or have the agony that your other two
8 partners have of being up five pounds, being down
9 five pounds, being up three pounds, being up one
10 pound.
11 BLOOM: I choose not to be--
12 IRVING: I know.
13 BLOOM: --in that agony.
14 IRVING: It's abuse. Yeah, well, we do too most of
15 the time. Anyway, Spiece came to us as they did the
16 City of Fort Wayne and asked if we would be
17 interested in a corporate wellness program.
18 Basically, what this corporate wellness program is,
19 it waives the \$90.00 initiation fee. It is a month
20 to month. We also get a 15% off the regular dues
21 that is with payroll deduction that we have. They
22 also have two times a year that they are going to
23 bring a professional speaker in to talk to us on
24 wellness issues. We will also be features two times
25 a year that our employees can go for a week free.

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1 They have executive physicals for \$45.00. They--it's
2 all kinds of things. We are going to have at least
3 one time a year where all of the County is invited to
4 go there from like 7:00 to 9:00 at--on like a Sunday
5 night. This does not preclude any other type of
6 fitness facility. Spiece came to us. We basically
7 took the program that the City had. And I think the
8 City is going to be signing a new agreement too

9 because there's some added pluses in this one too.
10 And it was just one of the businesses that came
11 before us and wanted payroll deduction with an
12 incentive to help us keep our insurance costs down
13 "for the health of it." So with that, I'll make a
14 motion that we approve the contract.
15 PETERS: I'll second it.
16 BLOOM: All in favor, signify it by saying, "Aye."
17 PETERS: Aye.
18 IRVING: Aye.
19 BLOOM: Aye. Ratification of Homeland Security Grant
20 Program Sub-Grant Agreement. Good morning, Bernie.
21 BEIER: Good morning.
22 PETERS: Good morning.
23 IRVING: Good morning, Bernie.
24 BEIER: Bernie Beier, Office of Homeland Security.
25 And I just wanted to thank Commissioner Bloom for
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1 signing that ahead of time last week. This is just
2 an administrative filler. On the FY04 Homeland
3 Security Grant, there was an administrative error on
4 the cover sheet which resulted in Allen County being
5 shorted \$78,810.00 which was all spend, it's all
6 done. And that modification fixes that
7 administrative.
8 BLOOM: Great.
9 PETERS: So we're--we're good now for '03 and '04?
10 BEIER: Yes.
11 PETERS: The books are clean and--
12 BEIER: And that's a--that process is still going on
13 at the State, but we're down to 30 cents balance and
14 34 cents balance, respectively, in the two grants.
15 BLOOM: My goodness.
16 PETERS: Well, there's got to be something out there.
17 BLOOM: My goodness.
18 BEIER: There's got to be. And that just comes
19 from--from oversight of receipts and differences
20 between purchase orders and receipts and--
21 PETERS: Right.
22 BLOOM: Right.
23 PETERS: Super.
24 BEIER: --and (inaudible)--
25 PETERS: Tremendous job.

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1 BEIER: --things like that so far.
2 PETERS: Do we--do we need a motion?
3 BLOOM: I would think, yeah.
4 PETERS: Okay. I'll make a motion to ratify the
5 Homeland Security Sub-Grant Agreement.
6 IRVING: I'll second that motion.
7 BLOOM: All in favor, signify it by saying, "Aye."
8 PETERS: Aye.
9 IRVING: Aye.
10 BLOOM: Aye.
11 BEIER: Great. Thank you.
12 BLOOM: Thank you very much.
13 IRVING: Thank you, Bernie.
14 PETERS: Thank you.
15 BLOOM: Amendment--
16 IRVING: Have a nice day.
17 BLOOM: --amendment to the Allen County Code, Title
18 12, Article 90 for Electronic Map Users Fee Fund.
19 Good morning, Alex.
20 WERNHER: Good morning, Commissioners.
21 PETERS: Good morning.
22 IRVING: Good morning, Alex.
23 WERNHER: This amendment before you--before I
24 actually go any further, my name is Alex Wernher.
25 I'm Allen County's GIS Director. And this amendment

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1 before you is something that the iMAP Board has
2 reviewed and given a do-pass on. Basically, what it
3 is is addressing the monthly fee for enhanced access
4 to the website through our subscription service, and
5 it was recognized that larger organizations would be
6 paying less per user than smaller organizations. And
7 so, the Board figured that we should change that and
8 spread that burden a little bit more ev--evenly for
9 providing this service.
10 BLOOM: Right.
11 WERNHER: So the--basically, in this code, the
12 changes are to number of users, you'll see in the--in
13 the code there that we now have a three to 10
14 individual subscription--users for companies that
15 want to just sign up for three to 10 users, and then
16 and 11 to 50 user load and then a 50 plus user load.

17 BLOOM: It's another way to improve and--and keep up
18 our GIS Department which is, bar none, the best I've
19 seen. I know the State asked me last week if I'd be
20 interested in a GIS Board at the State. And I said,
21 "Well, I think they're a lot more user-friendly
22 people that should be on this than me." And I said,
23 "You mean, you want help from Allen County?" And
24 they said, "Well, no, we're all going to do this."
25 And I said, "You better come and look at our system
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1 because I think there's a lot the State of Indiana
2 could learn from Allen County's GIS system."
3 IRVING: I agree.
4 BLOOM: I know that it's just--
5 IRVING: I agree.
6 BLOOM: --an amazing thing that you've done.
7 WERNHER: Thank you.
8 BLOOM: And I'm really proud of it. Anytime I--you
9 and I and that television, little program that we
10 did, it was very obvious that we're very proud of
11 what we've done here. And it's been worth all of the
12 aches and pains that we've had to go through.
13 WERNHER: Right.
14 BLOOM: But Indiana, the State, could certainly learn
15 from Allen County, so I told them to come visit
16 anytime.
17 WERNHER: Great. Thank you. It's been easy to
18 purport a good program with your support, so I
19 appreciate it very much. Thank you.
20 BLOOM: Thank you very, very much. We need to--
21 IRVING: I make a motion we approve.
22 PETERS: I'll second it.
23 BLOOM: All in favor, signify it by saying, "Aye."
24 PETERS: Aye.
25 IRVING: Aye.

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1 BLOOM: Aye. Thank you, Alex.
2 WERNHER: Thank you, Commissioners.
3 BLOOM: Agreement between Allen County and
4 CareerBuilder, LLC--look at the way that's spelled--
5 for job posting services. Good morning, Brian.
6 DUMFORD: Hello--
7 PETERS: Good morning.

8 DUMFORD: --I am Brian Dumford, Director of Human
9 Resources for Allen County. What you have before you
10 is, I believe, it's a ratification, is that correct?

11 PETERS: Uh-huh (affirmative).

12 DUMFORD: A ratification of an agreement. We're
13 trying to expand our recruiting and--yeah--leverage
14 technology throughout the County. And so what we did
15 is we entered into a contract with CareerBuilder.com.
16 It's an online job-posting service. One of the
17 largest ones in the country. We had a need to post a
18 job nationally--

19 BLOOM: Right.

20 DUMFORD: --and in order to get a better rate, a
21 better deal, we were able to buy a package so that we
22 have job--

23 BLOOM: For future.

24 DUMFORD: --postings for future--

25 BLOOM: Right.

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1 DUMFORD: --use as well. So we ask that the
2 Commissioners ratify this. And the cost of the
3 contract is \$1,520.00 and it's for five ads to be
4 used throughout--

5 BLOOM: Great.

6 DUMFORD: --the next 12 months.

7 PETERS: I understand you've already had some success
8 in selling ads back to some of the departments.

9 DUMFORD: Yeah. The--the plan was then to--to go to
10 departments and--and ask, yes. The Health Department
11 has committed to do one ad. We've already used one
12 from the IT Department, and we're continuing
13 discussions with other departments to--

14 BLOOM: Great.

15 DUMFORD: --to get this reimbursed.

16 PETERS: Right. Good job. Appreciate it.

17 BLOOM: At a reduced cost.

18 DUMFORD: At a reduced cost, yes.

19 BLOOM: Good job.

20 PETERS: I make a motion to ratify the agreement
21 between Allen County and CareerBuilder, LLC for job
22 posting services.

23 IRVING: I will 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 DUMFORD: Thank you very much.

4 BLOOM: Thank you.

5 PETERS: Thank you.

6 BLOOM: Approval of Certificate of Substantial
7 Completion with the Allen County Juvenile Center;
8 Wayne Asphalt & Construction.

9 IRVING: It's just our standard signoff as job
10 completed.

11 BLOOM: Right.

12 IRVING: I'll make a motion we approve.

13 PETERS: I'll second it.

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

15 PETERS: Aye.

16 IRVING: Aye.

17 BLOOM: Aye. Approve appraisal fee proposal between
18 Misner & Associates and Allen County for Auburn Road,
19 Phase I, Project #04-182 and Phase II, Project
20 #04-183 for a total fee of \$26,250.00. Good morning,
21 Mike.

22 PETERS: Good morning.

23 FITCH: Good morning.

24 IRVING: Good morning, Mike.

25 FITCH: Mike Fitch, Allen County Highway. This is
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1 appraisal services for our Auburn Road project.

2 There's totals of 31 parcels--

3 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

4 FITCH: --plus a temporary right of way. This is the
5 contract to provide those services.

6 BLOOM: Thank you.

7 PETERS: I make a motion to approve appraisal fee
8 proposal between Misner & Associates and Allen
9 County.

10 IRVING: I'll second that motion.

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

12 PETERS: Aye.

13 IRVING: Aye.

14 BLOOM: Aye. Approve and accept completion of
15 contract for West Jefferson Boulevard Bridge over

16 Flaugh Ditch, Project #00-033, Bid Reference #01-05.
17 R.L. McCoy, Inc. was the contractor.
18 IRVING: I'll make a motion we approve gladly, and
19 that bridge is wonderful and the traffic flows great,
20 and the people that out southwest should be very
21 excited.
22 BLOOM: It was left open the whole time--
23 IRVING: Yeah.
24 BLOOM: --and completed five weeks early--
25 FITCH: Yes.

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1 BLOOM: --so this is good.
2 FITCH: Yes.
3 PETERS: And I'll second all of those things.
4 BLOOM: All in favor, signify it by saying, "Aye."
5 PETERS: Aye.
6 IRVING: Aye.
7 BLOOM: Aye. Approve Change Order #2 the final for
8 Dunton Road, from Gump to Honey Willow Boulevard,
9 Project #03-250, Bid Reference #07-05, between API
10 Construction and Allen County. The total change
11 order on this \$248.80.
12 IRVING: So moved.
13 PETERS: Seconded.
14 BLOOM: All in favor, signify it by saying, "Aye."
15 PETERS: Aye.
16 IRVING: Aye.
17 BLOOM: Aye. Multiple awards for Bid Reference
18 #37-05, Traffic Control Material & Supplies for year
19 2006 to: Hall Signs, Inc., total award, \$23,000.00;
20 Osburn Associates, total award, \$40,000.00; Allied
21 Municipal Supply, \$17,000.00.
22 Let's do the rest of these. And Bid Reference
23 #39-05 for 10,000 tons of Liquid Bituminous Materials
24 for 2006 to Pierceton Trucking, Bit-Mat and
25 SemMaterials, L.P.

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1 Multiple awards for Bid Reference #40-05,
2 Bituminous Patching Materials for 2006 to be at their
3 unit prices submitted to API Construction, Niblock
4 Excavating, E & B Paving, Meshberger Stone, Brooks
5 Construction, Phend & Brown, Wayne Asphalt &
6 Construction.

7 Approve and Bid--award Bid Reference #42-05,
8 Corrugated Pipe Products for 2006: Midwest Tile and
9 Concrete, Class I and II Pipe; Debco Metal Culverts,
10 Class I, II, III, and IV Pipe; St. Regis
11 Culvert--Culvert, III and IV Pipe.

12 IRVING: I make a motion that we approve Agenda Items
13 all of (16), all of (17), all of (18), and all of
14 (19) as so read by Commissioner Bloom.

15 PETERS: And I'll second it with one question and
16 that is, at what point are these paid, upon receipt
17 of material?

18 FITCH: Yes.

19 BLOOM: Yes, yes.

20 IRVING: As we use it.

21 FITCH: This--these contracts are for--

22 BLOOM: You deliver--

23 FITCH: --pricing for all the materials that the
24 Highway Department uses on an as-needed basis.

25 PETERS: Okay.

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1 BLOOM: Yeah.

2 FITCH: So it's--

3 IRVING: These are set yearly prices.

4 FITCH: Yeah.

5 PETERS: Okay.

6 IRVING: And if we don't need any of this material
7 then--

8 FITCH: Right.

9 IRVING: --none of these contractors--

10 FITCH: Right.

11 PETERS: Are paid.

12 IRVING: --will get a cent.

13 PETERS: Okay.

14 FITCH: Yeah.

15 PETERS: Then I'll call for the question.

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

17 PETERS: Aye.

18 IRVING: Aye.

19 BLOOM: Aye. Approve traffic posting changes per
20 recommendations of the Sheriff's--for the Allen
21 County Sheriff for Paulding Road from Hartzell to
22 Minnich, post a 45 mile an hour; Green Road from
23 Seiler to Paulding, post 45 mile an hour.

24 IRVING: I make a motion we approve.

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. Approve Warranty Deeds and QuitClaim

5 Deed for right of way acquisition on Coldwater Road,

6 Phase II, Project #04-254, parcels 21, 22, and 23.

7 IRVING: So moved.

8 PETERS: I'll second it.

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

10 PETERS: Aye.

11 IRVING: Aye.

12 BLOOM: Aye.

13 IRVING: Commissioner Bloom, Item number (22), I

14 would like to abstain from voting please.

15 BLOOM: Certainly. Approve multiple awards for Bid

16 Reference #41-05, Aggregate Materials for the year

17 2006 to the following: Jerry Bailey Trucking, Inc.,

18 Canyon Sand and Gravel, Inc., Hixson Sand and Gravel,

19 Inc., Hanson Aggregate/Midwest Division at Ardmore

20 and Dawkins, Hanson Aggregate/Midwest Division on

21 Lower Huntington, Irving Gravel Company, Inc., Irving

22 Materials, Inc., J & M Bear Creek Trucking, Inc.,

23 Klink Trucking, Inc., Old Prairie Products, Inc.,

24 Stone-Street Quarries, Inc., and Stoneco, Inc.

25 PETERS: And this is essentially the same as the--

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1 BLOOM: As needed.

2 PETERS: --previously approved multiple award bids.

3 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

4 PETERS: Okay. I'd make a motion that we approve

5 Item (22).

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

7 "Aye."

8 PETERS: Aye.

9 BLOOM: Aye. Any other business this morning?

10 ELSER: I have no other business.

11 FITCH: Thank you very much.

12 BLOOM: Thanks, Mike.

13 FITCH: Have a good day.

14 IRVING: We have some other business. I have--yes--

15 pointing to Bob Lee. I have asked the Treasurer to
16 come. These are one of these things that, you know,
17 I--I'd like to go down there and sit right beside him
18 as he's presenting these numbers.

19 LEE: Thank you.

20 IRVING: I asked him--our Treasurer Bob Lee as you--
21 both of my partners know that we've been in extensive
22 contemplation on how our tax payments were going to
23 work. We have now gone through the May taxpay--

24 LEE: Right.

25 IRVING: --and the November taxpay.

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1 LEE: One full cycle.

2 IRVING: --and knock on wood, with very, very few
3 hitches--a few little numbers or anything. So, we
4 kind of got the numbers totaled up as well as we can.

5 And I asked him if he could come to my two partners
6 so we could talk about how this is working and point
7 out a couple of positives that have happened. So--

8 LEE: Okay.

9 IRVING: --I'm not going to steal your thunder.

10 LEE: Well, thank you. And--Bob Lee, and I have the
11 pleasure of serving as the Treasurer of Allen County.
12 You know, times are changing and we're in an
13 e-government, e-commerce type world, so we're trying
14 here in Allen County to be on the cutting edge of
15 that. We--this is our first year of taking tax
16 payments where we're actually the merchant. In the
17 past, we've gone through third-party companies where
18 they've processed the payments. Now we've moved that
19 in-house where we are the merchant. We started first
20 with tax payments. From the report I passed out to
21 you, during 2005, we had 1300 taxpayers pay their
22 taxes with a credit card. Nearly \$1,000,000.00 that
23 we took in. \$923,000.00 plus in payments. That
24 amounted to 9,000--or \$900,000.00 in taxes. And
25 there's a fee. We charge a two and a half percent

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1 convenience fee because the units of government need
2 to get the full amount of the tax dollars. If we
3 would absorb that like, say, a restaurant might
4 absorb the credit card charges, then the units of
5 government would not be getting their full tax

6 dollars. So we charge a two and a half percent fee.
7 The hard charges from the credit card were
8 \$16,000.00, and \$5,600.00 was receded into our
9 technology fund to continue furthering technology
10 efforts here. So, I think it's a good start and
11 we've got some new things planned for next spring
12 with some added features, more ways to pay
13 electronically. So we'll look forward to that next
14 year.

15 IRVING: Well, there's couple of things I'd like to
16 point out on this list. No, I've got mine in front
17 of me. In May of '05, as you see, the number of
18 payments are 472, and then if you look at November of
19 '05, 642. That--that--that's a good increase because
20 basically, we wanted it to go through two tax--tax--
21 taxpays before we really started a huge push on this
22 just to make sure that we got all of our glitches
23 out, which I think we're going to have--I know we're
24 going to have--

25 LEE: Right.

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1 IRVING: --next April a huge kick--kickoff on this.
2 The other thing I'd like you to notice, in June,
3 July, August, September, and October, those were 199
4 residents paid their tax bill online where most
5 likely they may not have paid their taxes at all.
6 The other thing that I think is remarkable on this is
7 that people are starting to realize it's less
8 expensive for them to put it on their charge card
9 than to not pay and have a 10%--

10 LEE: (inaudible)

11 IRVING: --penalty--

12 LEE: Right.

13 IRVING: --put on it.

14 LEE: Right--

15 IRVING: So--

16 LEE: --the penalties are very, very harsh--

17 IRVING: Yes.

18 LEE: --here in Indiana, and--

19 IRVING: Yes, because you have--if you did not pay
20 it, the May pay or the November pay, you would have a
21 10% on each one of those, where if you put it on your
22 charge card, you know, what is it, you can go

23 anywhere from 3.9% interest to well--

24 LEE: And depending how long you--

25 IRVING: --15 [15%], 20%.

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1 LEE: It's our two and a half percent plus how

2 quickly--

3 IRVING: Right.

4 LEE: --you'd pay off your balance--

5 BLOOM: Right.

6 IRVING: Right.

7 LEE: --then at that point.

8 BLOOM: Right.

9 IRVING: Right.

10 LEE: So--

11 IRVING: So we're--these are most likely--I--I feel

12 strong that the June, July, August, September, and

13 part of those October are probably people that--that

14 would not have paid their taxes at all.

15 LEE: Right.

16 IRVING: And that's 199 people. So look for a huge

17 kickoff in April.

18 LEE: Yep.

19 IRVING: This year, the only thing that we did is we

20 had a little insert that went in in April.

21 LEE: Right.

22 IRVING: And then in the Novem--or the October bill

23 that went out for pay in November, we had put on the

24 back of the envelope, "Pay www.AllenCounty.us." And

25 in April, we are going to put a huge push because

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1 this is--this is a good program.

2 LEE: Right. And we're also working--not to steal

3 the thunder--but we're working with a local financial

4 institution to bridge our website over to do some

5 electronic payments. Plus, you had Alex up here with

6 our GIS. We're within a month or two of starting to

7 accept credit card payments for those services. So,

8 I think we've got the ground work here--

9 IRVING: Yeah.

10 LEE: --for introducing electronic payments into

11 our--

12 IRVING: Right.

13 LEE: --local government structure.

14 IRVING: And that also we'll bring into the Building
15 Department, the Department of Planning Services and
16 this--this is just going to continue to escalate.
17 And Bob, I really take my hat off to you and your
18 understanding and your dedication on this because
19 with the tax laws being the way they are, there is a
20 lot of hesitation especially last April, and it came
21 out--we did such a good job.

22 LEE: Thank you. Thank you.

23 PETERS: Bob, what's the difference between "fee
24 collected" and "fee charged"?

25 LEE: Yeah, I--we could have--

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1 IRVING: Okay.

2 LEE: --done maybe a little better job with those
3 headings. Fees collected is the two and a half
4 percent that we collected from the person at the time
5 they made the charge. So, \$22,486.00 was the amount
6 we charged the taxpayers. The actual hard charges,
7 merchant processing charges, bank charges is under
8 that "Fee charged" category, 16,000 [\$16,000.00]. So
9 our bank statement had \$16,819.11 in charges that we
10 were being charged. And had we been a typical
11 merchant, we would have had to absorb that.

12 PETERS: Uh-huh (affirmative).

13 LEE: A restaurant, a--you know, a regular merchant
14 would absorb that. We charge over and beyond so that
15 the full amount of tax dollars can go to the units
16 that receive money. So the difference between those
17 two numbers is the \$5,600.00 of which we then receded
18 that into our technology fund to cover our costs.

19 You know, we have phone lines and equipment and
20 electricity--

21 IRVING: Software.

22 LEE: --software--

23 IRVING: The development, yes.

24 LEE: --the development. So--so we covered all of
25 our charges and had a little bit to put towards

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1 future development, so that's--

2 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

3 LEE: --I think that's good.

4 BLOOM: Great.

5 PETERS: Thanks.

6 LEE: I think the balance is pretty good too. I
7 don't think we are overcharging the public, we're
8 just passing our charges to them. So that's--you
9 know, if there's a down side to this, the public has
10 to pay for the charges associated with using a charge
11 card because we can't absorb into--into our profit
12 margin, so to speak, like a private business would.

13 PETERS: Okay, thanks.

14 LEE: All right. Did that help?

15 IRVING: You know, there's another way to look at
16 this too though. I mean, I get real excited about
17 this when I talk about it--

18 BLOOM: Obviously.

19 IRVING: --you know. Bob knows I do.

20 BLOOM: Obviously.

21 IRVING: The \$923,029.48 that was collected from
22 1,313 property owners, there is absolutely no way to
23 judge, but that could be a large amount of people
24 that would not have paid their taxes at all.

25 LEE: Well, I think it gives an option because you
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1 come--a lot of people come up to the tax deadline and
2 they're sitting there with--without the cashflow at
3 that point to make it, and we don't want to get
4 people into getting themselves over their heads in
5 debt, but you also--but not paying your taxes also
6 has serious consequences--

7 IRVING: Right.

8 LEE: --and a strong late penalty that goes along
9 with it.

10 IRVING: Right.

11 LEE: So, I--I think this was a tool that some people
12 used to spread their payments out over a longer
13 period when they were faced with the tax due date.

14 IRVING: Right.

15 LEE: And we would not have collected their taxes had
16 we not had that option.

17 IRVING: Well, I appreciate you coming and--and
18 sharing this information with us. And I think it's a
19 program that we will continue to build on. And Bob,
20 it makes me very excited to think we did it.

21 LEE: Yeah. Thank you.

22 IRVING: Thank you.
23 LEE: Thank you, Commissioners.
24 PETERS: Thanks, appreciate it.
25 LEE: All right.

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1 BLOOM: Any other business this morning?
2 ELSER: No, I have no other business.
3 BLOOM: All right.
4 PETERS: I make a motion to approve to waive the
5 second reading on any matter approved today and for
6 which it may be deemed necessary for the Legislative
7 Session of December 7th, 2005.
8 IRVING: I'll second that motion.
9 BLOOM: All in favor, signify it by saying, "Aye."
10 PETERS: Aye.
11 IRVING: Aye.
12 BLOOM: Aye. Any comments from the public this
13 morning? Hearing none, meeting adjourned.
14 IRVING: Thank you.

(Adjourned at 10:54 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 December 7, 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 13th day of December, 2005.

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

22 My Commission Expires:
December 2, 2011