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10 JANUARY 25, 2006

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City-County Building
1 East Main Street
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

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1 PRESENT:

2 Marla J. Irving Allen County Commissioner

3 Linda K. Bloom Allen County Commissioner

4 Nelson Peters Allen County Commissioner

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Susan Elser Allen County Board of
6 Commissioners' Office

7 Mary Hitchens Allen County Public
Information Department

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John McGauley Allen County Public
Information Department

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12 Randall Brown Allen County War Memorial
Coliseum

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Joe Robinson ESG Security

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Dane L. Tubergen Hunt, Suedhoff, Kalamaros

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Alex Wernher Allen County GIS

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Michael Reichard Fort Wayne Commnications

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Garnett Mills Allen County War Memorial
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1 IRVING: Good morning and welcome to the January
2 25th, 2006, Legislative Session. Before we begin
3 we'd like to say the Pledge of Allegiance and a
4 moment of silence. Commissioner Peters, would you
5 like to lead us?

6 PETERS: I will.

7 (At this time, the Pledge of Allegiance
8 is recited, followed by a moment of silence.)

9 IRVING: Thank you very much. Approval of the
10 minutes of our January 18th meeting.

11 BLOOM: So moved.

12 PETERS: I'll second it.

13 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."

14 BLOOM: Aye.

15 PETERS: Aye.

16 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Agreement between
17 Allen County and ESG Security, Incorporated for
18 provisions of security services at the Allen County
19 War Memorial Coliseum.

20 BROWN: Good morning folks.

21 IRVING: Good morning.

22 PETERS: Good morning.

23 BROWN: I'm--

24 IRVING: Would you all like to introduce yourselves.

25 BROWN: I'm Randy Brown, the General Manager of the

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1 Memorial Coliseum. With me--

2 ROBINSON: Joe Robinson, the CEO of ESG Security.

3 IRVING: Great.

4 BLOOM: I feel safer already.

5 IRVING: And, I think they brought their--

6 BLOOM: Good morning, Joe.

7 ROBINSON: Good morning, Ms. Bloom, how are you?

8 BLOOM: I'm good.

9 IRVING: --and, I think they brought their attorney
10 with them too?

11 TUBERGEN: Yes. I am Dane Tubergen, Hunt, Suedhoff,
12 Kalamaros, here in Fort Wayne--

13 IRVING: Yes.

14 TUBERGEN: Attorney for ESG.

15 IRVING: Welcome all of you. Randy, I think you
16 wanted to have the floor first.

17 BROWN: If I may. I'm just going to give you a
18 chance to look at some materials from ESG, some
19 things they put together, some surveys that I have
20 put together having to do with other facilities
21 around--around the country, other arenas, in terms of
22 building rates, that type of thing.

23 But, just starting at the top, with this
24 agreement. This agreement is with ESG Security and
25 has to do with providing services for uniformed

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1 police officers. I'll touch on the highlights of
2 this agreement. What we're doing is, we're
3 consolidating all of our security services at the
4 Coliseum under one umbrella, that umbrella being ESG
5 Security. The reason for this is to shield the
6 Coliseum from some liability.

7 Just to talk about our history with ESG
8 Security, ESG Security is an Indiana based company.
9 We have had a 25 year relationship with ESG for our
10 peer security, talking about T-shirt type services
11 for concerts, family shows, that type of thing. In
12 addition, they have been involved with us since April
13 of 2002 for our 24 hour coverage, overnight, building
14 security, that type of thing.

15 Other accounts that presently worked with--by
16 ESG, around the state of Indiana, Conseco Fieldhouse,
17 Victory Field, Indiana Convention Center, RCA Dome,
18 the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, State Fairgrounds;
19 Roberts Stadium, in Evansville; and the Morris Civic
20 Auditorium, in South Bend. So, a strong state-wide
21 presence with this company. They understand our
22 business. They understand events, performers, and
23 the unique demands that--that come with that.

24 Some details of the agreement, this is a
25 four-year, non-exclusive agreement. It is for our

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1 commissioned police officers. So, that is the
2 service under this contract that ESG will be
3 providing.

4 ESG comes with substantial insurance
5 coverage, and you have a copy of their Certificate of

6 Insurance with the material that I just passed out.
7 But, they have in excess of \$10 million of general
8 liability. They also have terrorism coverage, which
9 is something in this day and age that's very
10 important. They also will be providing workman's
11 comp coverage, a work--a worker's coverage.

12 And, some details with the officers, the
13 officers will wear their normal police uniforms.
14 They have the power of arrest, as they have always
15 had. The rates charged for the officers, \$24.00 an
16 hour per officer, \$25.00 per hour for a supervisor.
17 We're also creating a new level of coverage for our
18 shows. We have trade shows, consumer shows, where,
19 as an example, there may be a security requirement
20 for overnight security. In the past, that has been a
21 police officer. We are now offering our show
22 managers the option of selecting either a police
23 officer as they have in the past, or guard service at
24 a substantial savings. And, in this day and age, in
25 a competitive marketplace, and when I'm talking

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1 marketplace, I'm not talking the Fort Wayne
2 marketplace, I'm talking the greater entertainment
3 marketplace, but, we're constantly compared, we're
4 competing with other markets. That's where that
5 survey that I passed around, you can see that we are
6 very competitive with our security charges. You
7 know, you've got communities and arenas around the
8 country that are charging in the 40--I believe at a
9 40 [\$40.00] to \$70.00 range per hour. So--so, that
10 helps us as we're competing for shows.

11 Cost savings: potential reduction of cost of
12 workman's comp coverage, potential reduction in
13 liability insurance coverage, a definite reduction in
14 cost in administrative time spent coordinating
15 security services. Our Assistant General Manager,
16 Garnett Mills, and our Operations Manager, Bryan
17 Christie, have coordinated this service in the past.
18 This will be spun over to--to Mr. Robinson and his
19 staff, so a definite savings of--of staff time there.
20 And, probably the biggest one is a potential savings,
21 shifting liability and potential litigation. And,
22 that's a hard one to qualify--quantify, but--

23 especially today, in this day and age, that--that
24 could be substantial over a period of time.

25 Performers like having companies like ESG

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1 that have experience, have knowledge of their unique
2 needs, their unique risks. We had a situation with
3 Martina McBride on--on Friday, where we had an issue
4 with--or, she has an issue with stalkers. And,
5 again, the--the experience that Mr. Robinson's
6 company has, of handling that, with--with dealing
7 with personal protection, and you do that for some
8 performers, and Mr. Robinson will talk to that in
9 just a minute. But, it's--it's a good fit for us.

10 I have talked to Sheriff Herman, he is
11 comfortable with what we're doing here. And, lastly,
12 this proposal was presented to the Coliseum Board of
13 Trustees last week, and was unanimously approved by
14 the Coliseum Board of Trustees. The document has
15 been reviewed by Mr. Fishering, and he has approved
16 the document.

17 I'll be happy to turn this over to Mr.
18 Robinson for filling in.

19 ROBINSON: Do you have any questions? Anything I
20 can--you know, that might be able to get directly to
21 what concerns you might have?

22 IRVING: After the board meeting, I had a chance to
23 talk with you for a couple minutes, and a couple of
24 your associates. And, I thought it was interesting
25 when you were tell--talking about, as you said, the

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1 stalkers that--because--and I--I don't want to take
2 the words out of your mouth, explain how--how you
3 know who the stalkers are because of being in the
4 other units before they come here, and the advantage
5 that our police department has with this knowledge.

6 ROBINSON: Well, it just wouldn't be stalkers, it's a
7 lot of times the events, the types of bands, and
8 stuff like that. When we're doing a show, we'll have
9 done it sometimes previously two or three times, in
10 other markets, before they get to Fort Wayne, or
11 they'll be in Fort Wayne first then they'll go to two
12 or three different markets. You start building a
13 rapport with a lot of the tour security, the same

14 gentlemen and ladies who do all the tour security,
15 they go from band, to band, to band. So, you know,
16 instead of--you know, sometimes they'll just pick up
17 the phone and call--call us directly, and let us know
18 what their concerns are. You have an idea of what to
19 expect for that night.

20 I've gone out and done different things. You
21 talk about stalker situations, I handled security
22 for--I've gone out for a few days with Don Henley,
23 who is with The Eagles, he was touring by himself, he
24 had a problem with that. They specifically brought
25 me aboard to deal with those situations. I was out

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1 with him for three or four days and we--we dealt with
2 the situations and got rid of the problems, working
3 with the local law enforcement in different cities.

4 You know, we have a--just a little bit
5 different--you know, we have a little bit more
6 working knowledge of the touring acts, the touring
7 community, what they need, and what they don't need,
8 just a little bit more consistent in product, and a
9 lot less of there being a bump in the road and not
10 knowing that the bump is there, we can kind of get
11 around it. Would that be--is that a good
12 explanation, or do you--

13 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative). Because, I think
14 sometimes we think that, you know, we're such a good
15 community that we don't think that that comes into
16 ours, and I--I was very impressed because it was a--
17 an aspect, obviously, since I don't deal with
18 performers, that I hadn't thought about, but that
19 fore knowledge I think is--is something that could
20 prevent us from a disaster in the future.

21 BROWN: Some of the shows we host, too, we--it's not
22 our local citizens, too, it's the people that are--

23 IRVING: Right.

24 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

25 BROWN: --traveling around with the performers--

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1 BLOOM: Right.

2 BROWN: --people from other major cities around us
3 that are coming to our community for the shows. And,
4 let's just say, at times, the expectation's

5 different, than what we normally experience here, day
6 in and day out.

7 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative). Okay.

8 PETERS: Generally speaking, I'd like to see our tax
9 dollars remain local. Some have argued, "Well, this
10 firm is from Indianapolis, all of the dollars are
11 going to be leaving town." But, I think, Mr. Brown,
12 in previous discussions that we've had, you've
13 allayed some of those concerns with the notion that
14 many of the people, and probably most of the people
15 being considered to fill these positions, are current
16 Allen County residents. Is that true?

17 BROWN: That's an interesting question. And, there
18 was an article in the paper recently, having to do
19 with, why are we bringing Indianapolis police
20 officers to Fort Wayne, to work events.

21 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

22 BROWN: And, let me assure you that that is not the
23 case, that's not the plan here. We've started--right
24 now we have 66 commissioned police officers on our
25 payroll. And, talking to the ESG Security

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1 Coordinator this morning, I believe you're heading
2 toward receiving 50 applications.

3 ROBINSON: Yeah, we're close to 50.

4 BROWN: So, I think you're going to see, by and
5 large, many of the same people doing--working many of
6 the same events as you have seen in the past. So, I
7 think the--the plan is to use our local people.

8 PETERS: Okay. Good.

9 BROWN: Absolutely.

10 PETERS: I heard it--

11 BROWN: And, let me say one more thing, I think
12 there's an opportunity for those local people that
13 if--if ESG has details in other areas, that they have
14 problems filling, I think there's an upside, that
15 there could be more work, not less work. Is that a
16 fair statement, Joe?

17 ROBINSON: Yeah. Yeah, exactly. Mr. Peters, let me
18 state--kind of what you're saying about local dollars
19 leaving this community, first off, I think this is an
20 awesome community, with an awesome facility, and I
21 love it. I love to come up, and I love to work up

22 here. I spend a lot of time up here. But, if you
23 notice, my attorney's from Hunt, Suedhoff &
24 Kalamaros, which is located in Fort Wayne--
25 PETERS: Right.

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1 ROBINSON: --so, money's being spent in the
2 community. Almost--I would say the majority of my
3 employees, that work for me currently, are from this
4 community. So, the amount of revenue that might be
5 leaving the community is very, very, very small, for
6 the amount of coverages you're getting, and the
7 administrative overhead, and everything. You'll
8 actually be saving the community money, I believe, in
9 the long run. You know, if one of our officers has
10 to go to court to testify, we have to pay that
11 officer as part of our administrative cost; you've
12 got dollars coming back into your community, sir.

13 Whenever we come up here to work, we stay
14 here usually after the event, we eat here. Once
15 again, you have money coming into the community.
16 Most of my employees who live here probably don't
17 stop to eat at night, we do. The margins are pretty
18 thin, we make our money off of volume, not, you know,
19 with a real high, you know, margin amount. So, I
20 don't really think that that's going to be much of a
21 problem. And, like I said, the majority of the tax
22 dollars, or tax here at--your local taxes, I'm not
23 sure what they are, I don't want to speak out of
24 line, but not a lot of the money is being pulled out
25 of this community--

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1 PETERS: Great.
2 ROBINSON: --it's staying here, and it's being spent
3 here. And--and, I see, actually, as this community's
4 growing, and maybe using more of a part-time, off-
5 duty officers, for our business, that there'll be
6 more opportunities of leasing, you know, real estate
7 up here, you know, different things like that, that
8 are going to put money back into this community, sir.
9 So, I mean, we--we've been involved with--with the
10 Coliseum in Fort Wayne for a long time, and we enjoy
11 it up here. It's done nothing but grow, and
12 hopefully we can, you know, open-open up more full-

13 time and part-time jobs.

14 PETERS: Thank you. One other question--actually--
15 actually, a couple others. But, are--is one of the
16 prerequisites for employment that they must be a
17 commissioned officer?

18 ROBINSON: A sworn officer, yes, sir.

19 PETERS: Where else would you get sworn officers from
20 if they're not coming from either the Sheriff's
21 Department or the City of Fort Wayne Police
22 Department?

23 ROBINSON: Well, that's basically my pool of
24 employees to--

25 PETERS: Okay.

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1 ROBINSON: --to choose from. Now, I could see maybe
2 some outlying areas. But, the majority of the
3 applications we have are currently with the officers
4 that are working at the Coliseum. And, I believe
5 that all three of the supervisors have put in their
6 applications to--three current supervisors for the--
7 the police officers, and deputies, at the Allen
8 County War Memorial, have put in their applications.

9 PETERS: Good.

10 ROBINSON: So, you should see--it's more of just an
11 administrative turnover--

12 IRVING: Right.

13 ROBINSON: --more than anything else, you know.

14 PETERS: Okay.

15 ROBINSON: And, it's going to make all of their jobs
16 a lot easier. Instead of having to worry about
17 staffing certain events, now they can worry about
18 being a police officer.

19 PETERS: Right. One last question, what is going to
20 happen to the pay rate of those employees who are
21 currently employed through the Coliseum when they
22 move over to your payroll?

23 BROWN: I can answer that. It has--it's increased.

24 ROBINSON: It's increased.

25 BROWN: Yes. They--they're going from 17 something

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1 an hour--

2 ROBINSON: 17.35 [\$17.35], to \$18.00 an hour.

3 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

4 PETERS: Okay.

5 BLOOM: We suggested that in the paper, that the--

6 BROWN: Yes. And--and that is factual.

7 PETERS: Okay.

8 ROBINSON: And, the supervisor will be going to

9 \$19.00 an hour.

10 PETERS: All right. Thank you.

11 ROBINSON: Which is really close--I can't quote the

12 exact numbers, it's very, very close in line with

13 what they pay at the Conseco Fieldhouse and at the

14 RCA Dome Convention Center, give or take. We're

15 talking nickels and dimes. At least--that's not an

16 exact figure, but they're very, very close.

17 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

18 ROBINSON: So, I think it's bearing in line with--

19 with the market, and what the market--

20 PETERS: So--so, just to reiterate then, the

21 difference between the \$17.00 and the \$24.00 that--

22 that they'd be--that we'd be paying you, and the

23 \$19.00 and the \$24.00 that we'd be paying you for

24 supervisors, it's my understanding that there's the

25 potential to decrease liability insurance in the

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1 future, decrease worker's compensation in the future,

2 increase coordination of security at the Coliseum,

3 and--and you believe that those numbers will exceed

4 the administrative fee that we'll be paying here?

5 BROWN: Well, there is no administrative fee, per se,

6 to ESG.

7 PETERS: Well, the administrative fee, effectively,

8 is the difference between the--

9 BROWN: Yes. Yes.

10 PETERS: --17 [\$17.00] and \$19.00, and the 24

11 [\$24.00] and \$25.00.

12 BROWN: Yeah.

13 ROBINSON: Correct.

14 BROWN: And, then you factor in our decrease in

15 administrative time--

16 PETERS: Right.

17 BROWN: --it rolls into, that--that we believe, in

18 the long run, there will be a definite cost savings.

19 PETERS: Great.

20 BLOOM: One thing I need to know, the list of place

21 billing info that you share with us, do you represent
22 these facilities on this list, or are these just
23 calls that you've made to see what they pay for
24 security?

25 ROBINSON: Well, I work at the Conseco Fieldhouse and
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1 Victory Field, and I staff the police officers when
2 we do live shows at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.
3 So, I have a pretty good idea of what the different
4 facilities are paying. I do not staff the officers
5 at the Conseco Fieldhouse, but I asked the security
6 director what they were getting paid and he said it
7 was in line with the \$18.00 an hour.

8 BLOOM: Okay, but the other ones out of state have
9 nothing to do with your company?

10 ROBINSON: No. Those were numbers, I believe, that
11 Mr. Brown derived.

12 BROWN: Yeah. Commissioner, Mr. Robinson has not
13 seen that survey--

14 BLOOM: Oh, okay.

15 BROWN: --so he's not familiar with--with that.

16 BLOOM: Okay. We just were handed a list of hourly--

17 BROWN: I am the--I am the Chairman of our trade
18 association's Arena's Group, and people that are on
19 the committee with me, I put an e-mail out and just
20 asked them to reply to me with their rates, and that
21 --that comes from those e-mails.

22 BLOOM: Because, there is quite a discrepancy on
23 hourly pay here. Even at the Grand Wayne Center,
24 they're paying \$30.00--

25 BROWN: Correct.

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1 BLOOM: --an hour. But, not with your company?

2 ROBINSON: No.

3 BLOOM: Okay. See, I mis--I thought these were
4 companies that--okay.

5 PETERS: One more question--

6 BROWN: Sure.

7 PETERS: --maybe.

8 ROBINSON: You can have all the questions you want,
9 sir.

10 PETERS: The--the Grand Wayne Center, how do they do
11 their security?

12 BROWN: I believe, and I--I haven't talked to Bob
13 Lister specifically about this, so I do not want to
14 misstate, but I believe they use City police
15 officers.

16 BLOOM: Okay.

17 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

18 BROWN: I don't know if they're using a third party
19 provider.

20 PETERS: I'm just wondering, and really thinking out
21 loud as much as anything, whether or not there might
22 be some economies gained by throwing them into this
23 mix as well.

24 BROWN: I'm sure Mr. Robinson would be more than
25 happy to talk to them about providing that service.

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1 BLOOM: Right. That's--

2 PETERS: I would imagine.

3 BLOOM: --Nelson, that's what I--

4 IRVING: That's right.

5 BLOOM: --was getting at.

6 IRVING: And, you know, Mr. Brown, in your meetings
7 that--that you and Mr. Lister are having, as far as
8 the coordination between the Grand Wayne, the
9 Memorial Coliseum, I know you've done--a lot of help
10 with the Embassy, too, maybe you need to bring that
11 up in your coordination meetings and see if they'd be
12 interested in having a joint contract with us.

13 BROWN: I'd be happy to. Mr. Robinson, would you
14 like to introduce the staff who you have with you
15 today?

16 ROBINSON: Yeah, I brought Corey Lowery, he's one of
17 my general managers in Indianapolis--

18 BLOOM: Hi.

19 ROBINSON: --there's Pete Bolles, he's a retired
20 captain from IPD, he's basically my liaison with all
21 the police departments and my--the guys who--well, he
22 has my ear, telling me what to do, and what to--not
23 to do, with law enforcement officers, and how they
24 like to operate; and Dane Tubergen, with Hunt,
25 Suedhoff & Kalamaros is a--our attorney.

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1 IRVING: I hope you pay him by the word, because he
2 didn't cost you anything today.

3 ROBINSON: Well, yeah. You know, the first time I
4 have a question, I need to look to someone real fast,
5 he's right there.

6 BLOOM: Absolutely.

7 ROBINSON: So--also, I want to point out to the
8 counsel members that, the police officers are also
9 941 employees, so in that margin you're talking
10 about--we're matching their taxes. We're picking up
11 their taxes, 941, we're responsible for the--the
12 taxes, and we're also picking up, you know, the
13 insurance. So, that margin of profit is very slim,
14 thanks to some negotiations on your side.

15 IRVING: That's our Mr. Brown, and we love him.

16 ROBINSON: But, I also want to point out that it is a
17 non-exclusive agreement.

18 BROWN: Uh-huh (affirmative).

19 ROBINSON: So, any time Mr. Brown, you know, deems it
20 necessary that he has to bring in other officers to
21 do things, or whatever, it's not like it's ironclad
22 and I have all the business, and if we don't get this
23 right he can make a change at any time. That's why
24 it was written as a non-exclusive agreement.

25 PETERS: You know, Mr. Robinson, let me just say
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1 this, the real credible thing about this entire
2 presentation is, you look like a security guy.

3 ROBINSON: Thank you, sir. Yes.

4 BLOOM: Well, what do you think I was saying when he
5 walked in, I feel safer.

6 IRVING: But, when we walked in the board meetings,
7 was there--at the Memorial Coliseum, was there any
8 doubt who he represents?

9 PETERS: No.

10 IRVING: Although, we do have a few sheriffs that
11 look as good as you.

12 ROBINSON: Oh--well, thank you.

13 IRVING: If there's no more questions I'll entertain
14 a motion.

15 BLOOM: I'll make a motion to accept the agreement
16 between Allen County and ESG Security, Inc. for
17 security at the Coliseum.

18 PETERS: I'll second that.

19 IRVING: It's been first and seconded, are there any

20 more questions or discussion? Hearing none, I'll
21 enter--all in favor say "aye."
22 BLOOM: Aye,
23 PETERS: Aye.
24 IRVING: Aye. Any nays? It looks like it passed
25 unanimously. Congratulations--

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1 ROBINSON: Thank you very much.
2 IRVING: --looking forward to working with you.
3 ROBINSON: Appreciate it.
4 BROWN: Thank you folks.
5 IRVING: Appointment to the Common Wage Committee for
6 the 2006 Road and Bridge Projects.
7 ELSER: The names before you today are Ben Johnston,
8 a representative of industry, appointed by the owner;
9 Nelson Peters, a taxpayer, appointed by the
10 legislative body of the County; and Brian Dumford,
11 taxpayer, appointed by the owner.
12 BLOOM: So moved.
13 PETERS: I'll second it.
14 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."
15 PETERS: Aye.
16 BLOOM: Aye.
17 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Appointment to the
18 Common Wage Committee for the Installation of the
19 Fire Alarm System in the City-County Building.
20 ELSER: That would actually be Ben Johnston, as a
21 representative of industry; Nelson Peters, a taxpayer
22 appointed by the legislative body; and Brian Dumford,
23 a taxpayer, appointed by the owner.
24 BLOOM: So moved.
25 PETERS: I'll second it.

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1 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."
2 BLOOM: Aye.
3 PETERS: Aye.
4 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Approval of iMap
5 License Agreement for provisions of digital imaging
6 services and Terms of Use Agreements for Subscription
7 Accesses to the iMap Website.
8 BLOOM: Good morning, Alex.
9 WERNHER: Good morning, Commissioners.
10 IRVING: Good morning.

11 BLOOM: You did a great job last night.
12 WERNHER: Oh, great. Thank you.
13 IRVING: And I'll second that. It was very
14 interesting. I think you held the audience in the
15 palm of your hand.
16 WERNHER: Thanks. Before you today are the--some
17 usual license agreements for digital data,
18 orthophotography, and parcels and contours from
19 Design Collaborative, Lohmann Golf Designs,
20 Engineering Resources, D.A. Brown, American
21 Consulting, A&Z Engineering, Fort Wayne Fire
22 Department, and Butler, Fairman and Seufert. And,
23 then below that list is a new list for us, it's our
24 subscription access licenses to companies in the area
25 that would like access to the website. So, they are
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1 Three Rivers Federal Credit Union, Insurit, Sauer
2 Land Surveying, Hoch Insurance Agency, Recht &
3 Recht, Mr. Gary Wells is an appraiser, BND
4 Commercial, ReMax, Shepherd Group, SourceOne
5 Insurance, Sperry Van Ness, and Hudson Group,
6 Absolute Appraisals, the Zacker Company, and Wise
7 Appraisal Services.

8 BLOOM: Interested in us huh?

9 WERNHER: Yep.

10 BLOOM: Way to go. I'll make a motion that we accept
11 the new agreements with the iMap license agreements
12 for the provision of GIS in Allen County.

13 PETERS: I'll second it.

14 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."

15 PETERS: Aye.

16 BLOOM: Aye.

17 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried.

18 WERNHER: Great.

19 BLOOM: Thank you.

20 IRVING: Thank you, Alex.

21 WERNHER: You bet.

22 IRVING: Additional Appropriations for E911. Well,
23 good morning.

24 BLOOM: Good morning.

25 HECK: Good morning. Judy Heck, Financial

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1 Coordination, Allen County Commissioners' Office.

2 DeROSE: Jim DeRose, Director of Communications for
3 Allen County.

4 HECK: We also have with us Steve Smith, from the
5 City Communications, and Mike Reichard, from the
6 Radio Shop, for the City. I am here to ask for
7 additional appropriations out of the 911 fund, for
8 schools and seminars, to send some of our radio
9 technicians from the City and County for some
10 additional schooling, and that is in the amount of
11 \$36,000.00. And, in order to pay for them to go
12 there, their per diems, I need \$8,868.00 for the
13 travel.

14 BLOOM: Where are they going, Judy?

15 HECK: Most of them are going to Schaumburg,
16 Illinois, and we do have one seminar here in Fort
17 Wayne.

18 BLOOM: This is another joint effort with the City
19 and County with our 911 System for training, because
20 as I asked questions prior to this, the City helps
21 the County, the County helps the City. I'd like to
22 make a motion to approve these expenditures for the
23 joint training for the 911 staff.

24 PETERS: I'll second it. But, I'd like to ask Mr.
25 DeRose a question. What, basically, will this

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1 training do?

2 DeROSE: I believe each one of you should have a copy
3 of this.

4 BLOOM: Yeah. Yeah.

5 DeROSE: It's a comparison thing. And, Mike and I
6 have--have went over some of these figures.

7 Initially--of course, the system's going into it's
8 sixth year now. And, initially, the cost for
9 maintenance for emergency radio service, and
10 Motorola, with tech support, cost \$306,955.92. And,
11 of course, I used that figure, figuring from--that
12 started in 2002, because '01 obviously was the
13 warranty. I haven't added any costs over the years
14 as the system started to age, so I just kept that
15 same figure there, that's what I utilized. That
16 total would have been \$1,534,779.00 to date. When
17 the technicians from Fort Wayne decided that, hey, we
18 want to start working on the system, instead of the

19 outside vendor, well, the second year that's what we
20 started doing. And, the savings between the original
21 306,000 [\$306,000.00], through like the second year
22 of 2003, of 226,000 [\$226,000.00], I noted those
23 differences down below, which come up to \$463,204.92.
24 Now, if you take that from the total, of \$1 million,
25 and I didn't go with the--the fact that it was from
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1 306,000 [\$306,000.00] for all five years. I utilized
2 the figures up above. Just in that, \$608,000.00,
3 over \$608,000.00 these technicians have saved us,
4 which is substantial. And, they're very career--
5 career oriented, they're young, and they do a super
6 job, and that's what this school would provide.

7 PETERS: And, as we discussed, just the fact that
8 there's been depreciation to that equipment, and it
9 is becoming probably more obsolete, and more in need
10 of maintenance--

11 DeROSE: Correct.

12 PETERS: --really says more for it. So, what you're
13 telling me, with all of that, is it's really a radio
14 system repair, radio system maintenance--

15 DeROSE: Yes, sir.

16 PETERS: --type--

17 DeROSE: Yes, sir.

18 PETERS: --teaching.

19 DeROSE: And--and, as of--as of right now, they were
20 doing all of the maintenance on the system

21 PETERS: Uh-huh (affirmative).

22 DeROSE: The only thing that we (sic) provide, I
23 think is through technical support, and I think parts
24 that we might need, that's the only outside--and,
25 you'll note that, this coming year, when we go for
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1 our maintenance agreement with them, a substantial
2 savings.

3 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

4 BLOOM: Oh, yeah.

5 DeROSE: They've done a super job.

6 REICHARD: Some of that cost, Mr. Peters, there--if
7 you look at like this year, January, 2006, that
8 \$159,000.00 does provide us backup support from
9 Motorola, phone support 24/7. But, most of that

10 actually incurs if we have parts that are bad,
11 damaged, need to be repaired.
12 DeROSE: Uh-huh (affirmative).
13 REICHARD: Motorola actually gives us a stock, that
14 we have on hand at the tower sites, at the dispatch
15 center, so we have those on hand. We also then
16 return the bad part for replacement or repair. So,
17 all that cost is--is added up into that. And,
18 believe me, I think as you folks well know, is we
19 spent, as a joint effort, over \$17 million to build
20 this system. A small thunderstorm can cause us tens
21 of thousands of dollars in damage. So, really, since
22 we have narrowed this down, since the City Radio Shop
23 does the maintenance, the true labor maintenance on
24 it, a lot of this does cover parts and replacements,
25 that type of thing, is really what we use the meat of
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1 that money for.
2 DeROSE: Uh-huh (affirmative).
3 REICHARD: And, as you can--asked Mr. DeRose earlier,
4 most of the training is in Schaumburg, Illinois,
5 which is at Motorola's corporate headquarters. Since
6 we have this Motorola Astro System, it is a very
7 proprietary system, most of the training is directly
8 related to the radio system itself. The course we
9 have coming here to Fort Wayne is more of a general,
10 to cover some of our microwave, general
11 troubleshooting techniques, things of that nature.
12 But, most of it is very system specific.

13 DeROSE: Yes.

14 PETERS: Thank you.

15 BLOOM: It's Schaumburg, not Schamburg?

16 REICHARD: Correct.

17 IRVING: And, isn't it nice having people that are on
18 call 24/7 right here--

19 BLOOM: Oh, yeah.

20 IRVING: --versus having to wait 24 hours, 48, three
21 weeks.

22 DeROSE: Oh, absolutely.

23 REICHARD: And, that's--one of the things all of our
24 City departments have always praised us on. The City
25 Radio Shops been in existence, I think, 40 years-

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1 exactly 40 years right now, and, you know, we're--
2 we're here for our radio system. Again, you're not
3 put in line, you're not put in a cue. Especially
4 when a thunderstorm rolls through the state, your
5 outside agencies, you know, they might have three
6 people to cover several different 911 centers.

7 DeROSE: Right.

8 REICHARD: So, we're dedicated solely to ours and
9 yours.

10 IRVING: Well, it's been a very good cooperative
11 effort, and we appreciate all your hard work.

12 DeROSE: Yes, it is.

13 REICHARD: Thank you.

14 DeROSE: Very good.

15 IRVING: I'll entertain a motion.

16 PETERS: You've got one, and a second, and I'll call
17 for the question.

18 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."

19 PETERS: Aye.

20 BLOOM: Aye.

21 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Thank you.

22 DeROSE: Thank you very much.

23 BLOOM: Thank you.

24 IRVING: Approval of Right of Way Services Agreement
25 between DLZ Indiana and Allen County for the Aboite
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1 Center Road, from Coventry Lane to West Jefferson,
2 Project STP-9902. Total agreement is \$266,000.00.
3 The State's 80% is \$212,800.00; the County's share of
4 20% is \$53,200.00.

5 BLOOM: Good morning.

6 PRANGER: Good morning, Commissioners.

7 PETERS: Good morning.

8 IRVING: Good morning.

9 PRANGER: Mike--Mike Pranger, Allen County Highway
10 Department. This agreement is for--between DLZ and
11 Allen County. It's a State/County project, where the
12 State's paying 80% of the project--or the cost, which
13 was \$212,000.00; and the County's share--share of
14 this agreement, is only \$53,200.00. This is for 55
15 parcels, and it covers the right of way management,
16 and supervision by DLZ, along with the appraisal
17 services, the review appraisers, the

18 buying/relocation agents. All this will be handled
19 through DLZ, instead of our department. And, like I
20 said, it's a federal aid project, and the State's
21 paying 80%.

22 BLOOM: This--this is the project that when INDOT
23 came in and did the Aboite Center Road, the County
24 negotiated and got 80/20 money for the road. And,
25 even though that area has been annexed, the County
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1 will complete that project, and this is just for the
2 right of way services here. We've had right of way
3 services before, this is just one part of it, right?

4 PRANGER: We've had right of way services, you know,
5 to--

6 BLOOM: Yes.

7 PRANGER: --to determine the extent of the--what the
8 right of way's going to be required out there.

9 BLOOM: I'll make a motion that we accept the
10 agreement between DLZ and Allen County for Aboite
11 Center Road.

12 PETERS: I'll second that.

13 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."

14 PETERS: Aye.

15 BLOOM: Aye.

16 IRVING: Motion carried. Change Order #1 for Zubrick
17 Road Reconstruction, Phase I, Project #05-279, Bid
18 Reference #27-05, between Primco and Allen County.
19 Total change order is a decrease of \$401,227.88.

20 PETERS: Before somebody changes their mind, I'll
21 make a motion on that.

22 BLOOM: And, I'll second it, even though I know that
23 Commissioner Irving has made an adjustment here, and
24 we will see these dollars appear at a later time.

25 But, right now, she is decreasing, so, of course,

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1 I'll second it.

2 IRVING: Oh, good. Well, let's get it voted on
3 before somebody does change their mind. It's been
4 first and seconded, all in favor say "aye."

5 BLOOM: Aye.

6 PETERS: Aye.

7 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Thank you very much.

8 Approve Warranty Deeds requirement for additional

9 right of way acquisition on Bass and Hadley
10 intersection, Project #02-22, from--Parcel 6 and
11 Parcel 7, Mr. and Mrs. Bauer, and Larry Clifford--
12 BLOOM: Gifford.
13 IRVING: --Gifford.
14 BLOOM: So moved.
15 PETERS: I'll second it.
16 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."
17 PETERS: Aye.
18 BLOOM: Aye.
19 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Approve Warranty Deed
20 and Quitclaim Deed required for the right of way
21 dedication and acquisition on Meijer Drive, Project
22 B01-04, from TT Fort Wayne, LLC, and from Sherwin and
23 Williams Company.
24 BLOOM: So moved.
25 PETERS: I'll second that.

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1 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."
2 BLOOM: Aye.
3 PETERS: Aye.
4 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Under "Other
5 Business," the Highway Department has something.
6 Approve traffic postings change for Juniper Lane and
7 Amstutz Knolls, post a STOP sign. Is that true?
8 PRANGER: That's--that is true.
9 IRVING: You had a questioned look on your face, I
10 thought, well--
11 PRANGER: I always do.
12 BLOOM: Was this because of the Highway Department
13 going out into the subdivisions, or have the
14 residents asked for this?
15 PRANGER: This was requested by the Highway
16 Department. Currently--currently, this Juniper Lane
17 is--is not posted, and the Amstutz Knolls is a--a
18 primary street going into the addition. And, it was
19 requested by our Traffic Department to have this
20 posted.
21 BLOOM: Thank you. Then, I'll make a motion that we
22 accept the STOP sign.
23 PETERS: I'll second it.
24 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."
25 PETERS: Aye.

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- 1 BLOOM: Aye.
- 2 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried.
- 3 PRANGER: Thank you.
- 4 IRVING: Do you have any other business?
- 5 PRANGER: No.
- 6 IRVING: You have a wonderful week now. Do we have
- 7 any other business--
- 8 BLOOM: Thank you, Mike.
- 9 IRVING: --to come before the commission?
- 10 ELSER: We do not.
- 11 IRVING: I'll entertain a motion to waive the second
- 12 reading.
- 13 PETERS: I'll make a motion to approve the 2nd
- 14 reading of any matter approved today and for which it
- 15 may be deemed necessary for the Legislative Session
- 16 of January 25, 2006.
- 17 BLOOM: Second.
- 18 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."
- 19 BLOOM: Aye.
- 20 PETERS: Aye.
- 21 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Comments from the
- 22 public? Do we have any comments from the public?
- 23 Hearing none, have a wonderful week, and we'll see
- 24 you next Wednesday.
- 25 (Adjourned 10:38 a.m.)

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- 1 STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS:
- 2 COUNTY OF ALLEN)
- 3 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE
- 4 I, Rhonda M. Mullholand, a Notary Public in
- 5 and for the State of Indiana, County of Allen, do
- 6 hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true
- 7 and accurate transcript of the Board of
- 8 Commissioners' of the County of Allen, Legislative
- 9 Session, held before me on January 25, 2006, in the
- 10 Allen County Commissioners' Courtroom, Room 200,
- 11 City-County Building, 1 East Main Street, Fort Wayne,
- 12 Allen County, Indiana; that I am not related to,
- 13 employed by or interested in any of the parties to
- 14 this cause of action.
- 15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed my

16 hand and seal this 27th day of January, 2006.

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Rhonda M. Mullholand, Notary Public

19 Residing in Allen County, Indiana

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My Commission Expires:

21 June 21, 2009

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