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19 Commissioners Courtroom
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Linda K. Bloom Allen County Commissioner

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Susan Elser Commissioners Office

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Mary Hitchens Allen County Public
Information Office

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8 John McGauley Allen County Public
Information Office

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Lisa Blosser Allen County Auditor

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Planning Services

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13 Tera Klutz Chief Deputy, Allen County
Auditor's Officer

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15 Bill Hartman Allen County Highway
Department

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Garnett Mills Allen County War Memorial
Coliseum

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18 Gene Langwell Allen County War Memorial
Coliseum

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James A. Herman Allen County Sheriff

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W.G. Smallwood

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Gail Balliet

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Stan Scheumann Global Systems, Inc.

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Anita Mather Allen County Recorder's
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25 Kimberlee M. Adams Rolf Reporting, Inc.

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1 ALSO PRESENT:

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Cindy Larson News Sentinel

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Ben Lanka Journal Gazette

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1 IRVING: Good morning, and welcome to the May 10th
2 Commissioners Legislative Session. We'll start by
3 having the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of
4 silence.

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

8 IRVING: Thank you very much. We'll start out this
9 morning with the Approval for the Minutes from the
10 May 3rd meeting.

11 BLOOM: So moved.

12 PETERS: Second.

13 IRVING: All in favor, say, "Aye."

14 PETERS: Aye.

15 BLOOM: Aye.

16 IRVING: Motion carried. Rezoning Petition 1571/06:
17 Petition to rezone property and approve a primary
18 plat and development plan to allow for the
19 construction of a 196-lot single-family subdivision.
20 The 102.48 acre site is located on the east side
21 between the 3100 and 3800 blocks of Flaugh Road.
22 Present zoning is S-1/Suburban Residential. Proposed
23 zoning is RSP-1/Suburban Residential.

24 WOOD: Thank you. Good morning, I'm Michelle Wood
25 with the Allen County Planning Department.

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1 BLOOM: Good morning.

2 PETERS: Good morning.

3 IRVING: Good morning. How are you?

4 WOOD: Just fine, thank you. It feels weird to sit
5 on this side. The first plat on your Agenda is for
6 Buckner's Crossing. It's a primary plat and
7 development plan. And this is on the east side of
8 Flaugh Road north of Bass Road. You will recognize
9 on the aerial, the green-shaded area is Buckner Farm.
10 That's a new city park.

11 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

12 WOOD: It's currently under development. They have

13 some trails right now. That's about it. But--and it
14 is planned to be a passive park, but it--it will--it
15 will serve that entire area. So this subdivision is
16 just on the north side of that. It is ad--is
17 adjacent on the north property line of the park, and
18 the--the single main entrance comes off of Flaugh
19 Road. Now the plat for this has not been approved by
20 the Planning Commission. It was deferred at the
21 April business meeting. It is on our Agenda next
22 week on the 18th. There were some questions that the
23 neighbors had, and the Planning Commission wanted the
24 applicant to meet with the neighbors. They have
25 concerns about safety with the amount of homes near.

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1 They're large wooded lots. Some of them have ponds.
2 There's also a horse farm adjacent to this property--
3 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).
4 WOOD: --both across the street on Flaugh Road and to
5 the north all owned by one owner. It is fenced, but
6 the--the gentleman who owns the farm still did have
7 some concerns with safety. So we're giving the
8 applicant time to meet with the neighbors and see
9 what they come up with. I think the Planning
10 Commission didn't necessarily suggest they should do
11 any of the things that the neighbors were requesting,
12 since it is residential--adjacent to residential.
13 But--so we're waiting to find out the results of
14 that. We do know that the applicant worked on the
15 entrance moving--there were some questions about the
16 location of the main entrance off of Flaugh and that
17 it might be better to move it south adjacent--or
18 excuse me--at the intersection of Arcola and Flaugh,
19 which we do have a revised plan that shows that--that
20 change.
21 IRVING: Michelle--
22 WOOD: Yes.
23 IRVING: --wasn't this a--originally, the entrance
24 was lined up with Arcola Road and then--
25 WOOD: Actu--

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1 IRVING: --it got changed?
2 WOOD: --actually, it wasn't. It was just north of
3 Arcola. So it--

4 IRVING: Okay.

5 WOOD: --it's--it was not far enough north that it
6 was spaced properly--

7 IRVING: Okay.

8 WOOD: --according to the Access Standards Manual, so
9 Highway Department and Staff met with the applicant
10 in between the Hear--well, actually before the
11 Hearing and--

12 IRVING: Okay.

13 WOOD: --discussed options, one of which was to move
14 the road fur--farther enough--further enough north to
15 get it separated from Arcola or to line it up with
16 Arcola. And they chose to move it north.

17 IRVING: Okay.

18 WOOD: Then after discussion with the Planning
19 Commission, they moved it back south.

20 IRVING: Okay.

21 WOOD: So, it's just--you know--

22 IRVING: I knew there was a little--

23 WOOD: --you go through that--yeah, it's a little
24 flip-flopping around, but you go through that to get
25 the best alignment. Now as far as the zoning, the
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1 Planning Commission did recommend approval of the
2 zoning.

3 IRVING: Okay.

4 WOOD: If you look at the next page, the zoning map,
5 you'll see that this area is currently zoned
6 residential.

7 PETERS: Uh-huh (affirmative).

8 WOOD: And it's zoned RS-1 which is the old,
9 original, residential zoning, su--suburban
10 residential. The--the reasons for going to RSP-1--
11 there are many. Typically, Staff encourages a large
12 development like this to go to RSP-1. It brings it
13 up to the current, newer zoning. It's not new now,
14 but it gives protection on both sides. It gives
15 flexibility for the applicant and the Planning
16 Commission to grant waivers. As you know, there are
17 certain situations where the ordinance minimums or
18 maximums aren't necessarily--don't necessarily fit to
19 your project. And the Planned District means it's a
20 development plan, it goes to the Planning Commission,

21 they have flexibility and the ability to make
22 changes. Where with RS-1, the original zoning, you
23 pretty much stop with what the ordinance gives you.
24 Some protection for the neighbors is that in the
25 Planned District, there's also density assigned. In
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1 RS-1, if it was--if it stayed the way it--it is now,
2 it would still go to the Planning Commission, but
3 they don't have to assign a density, and the
4 developer could, basically, develop as many houses as
5 would fit if--as long as they meet the ordinance with
6 side yard setbacks, the minimum lot size, recreation
7 space. As long as those are met, the minimums, they
8 can develop up to whatever density fits. With RSP-1,
9 the Planning Commission sets the density. And I will
10 say that this is 1.91 and it is less than all the new
11 developments on Bass Road--developments since 2006.

12 PETERS: Michelle, it's my understanding that the
13 Department of Planning Services as well as the
14 Planning Commission has been encouraging the RSP-1 as
15 opposed to the RS-1--

16 WOOD: That--that's correct.

17 PETERS: --in anything that's been coming before it.

18 WOOD: That's correct. Thirty [30] years down the
19 road, we'd like to see them all in the same--you
20 know, the Planned District, it--it's consistent.

21 BLOOM: Right.

22 WOOD: It's up to date. It's--it wouldn't be the end
23 of the world if it was RS-1, but I think it gives a
24 lot of protection and it gives flexibility, which is
25 what we want. We want to be able to get the best

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1 project possible, not just the minimums and maximums
2 that the ordinance allows.

3 IRVING: Another question, I know that there was
4 some--I had some phone calls about the horse farm
5 and--

6 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

7 IRVING: --and there's--is--is that not true that
8 this horse--I know it's got like show horses, or rare
9 horses, or special horses--let's just leave it at
10 special horses--expensive special horses--

11 WOOD: Expensive horses.

12 IRVING: --that they do not have an electrified fence
13 that also goes around that? I think that's what the
14 owner had told me?

15 WOOD: He said that it was not electric?

16 IRVING: Oh, it's not?

17 WOOD: Well, no, I'm sorry, I'm asking. I was under
18 the impression that it was an electric fence.

19 IRVING: Yeah. That--

20 WOOD: Yeah.

21 IRVING: --not only does--does he have it fenced, but
22 he's also got an electrified--

23 WOOD: Yeah.

24 IRVING: Okay.

25 WOOD: Yes. I--I--to my knowledge, it is electric.

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1 IRVING: Okay.

2 WOOD: Electric--electrified.

3 IRVING: That was mine too. Which adds a little bit
4 more protection.

5 WOOD: Protection.

6 IRVING: You know, we have another subdivision,
7 La Cabreah--

8 WOOD: Uh-huh (affirmative).

9 IRVING: --that also--and I don't think they've had--

10 WOOD: That was planned that way with--

11 IRVING: I know.

12 WOOD: --the two together, so--you know, I--Mr.
13 Yarnelle, I do absolutely understand his concerns.

14 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

15 WOOD: His--part of his horse farm is in residential
16 zoning. Of course, the zoning was there.

17 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

18 WOOD: It was laid out when the ordinance was laid
19 out, so--and this area hasn't developed--at least,
20 north of Bass Road hasn't developed in platted
21 subdivision, so it is a change for the neighbors.

22 IRVING: Right.

23 WOOD: He does have the protection of the fence. We
24 see this a lot. Any new development is--

25 IRVING: Right.

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1 WOOD: --is usually going from A-1 to residential, so
2 you're going to have--

3 IRVING: Right.

4 WOOD: --I don't want to say a conflict, but you're
5 going to have the challenges of agricultural versus
6 residential.

7 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative). Well, I can guarantee
8 you from being a farm girl, you bump that fence one
9 time and you'll never--

10 WOOD: You are--

11 IRVING: --do it again.

12 WOOD: I think I was about six and an older brother
13 was involved, but I learned.

14 IRVING: It's like you don't climb over barbed wire.

15 BLOOM: Did you hit it?

16 IRVING: You learn that in a real--

17 BLOOM: But your brother was involved?

18 IRVING: --hurry.

19 WOOD: My brother was involved. I was--I was
20 coerced, but anyway you learn. I never touched one
21 again. But--

22 IRVING: That's right.

23 PETERS: Michelle--

24 BLOOM: I also--go on.

25 PETERS: Well, I was going to ask, my Agenda says,
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1 "Petition to rezone property and approve a primary
2 plat and development plan." Now it's my
3 understanding that if we approve, we're just
4 approving the rezoning, correct?

5 WOOD: That's correct. The--the overall request to--

6 IRVING: Right.

7 WOOD: --the Planning Commission was for both. At--
8 today, we do not have a plat that has a
9 recommendation on it--

10 PETERS: Right.

11 WOOD: --or an approval.

12 PETERS: Okay, I just wanted to make sure.

13 IRVING: Okay.

14 WOOD: That's correct. You would only be--

15 BLOOM: So why would we not--

16 WOOD: You--

17 BLOOM: --wait then?

18 WOOD: --you can wait. You absolutely can wait.

19 There are 90 days for you to make your decision. You

20 can wait until--for--for the rezoning.

21 PETERS: The idea, I think, behind the rezoning was
22 to allow the developer to begin to grease his wheels
23 and get--and get things moving while he awaited the
24 approval on the primary plat plan. And I think we've
25 done that on more than one occasion, so I'm not--I'm
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1 not adverse to doing that again.

2 WOOD: Okay. And I guess I could say whether you
3 decide to defer it or vote today, it is already
4 residentially zoned, so by zoning it to RSP-1, if for
5 some reason the plat did not get approved and it
6 wasn't developed by this developer, you would now
7 have it at RSP-1.

8 PETERS: Which is--

9 WOOD: You would be--

10 PETERS: --where you want it anyway?

11 WOOD: --which is--

12 BLOOM: RS-1 is what it would be.

13 WOOD: Well, it would go to--if you approved it, it
14 would go to RSP-1.

15 PETERS: Go to RSP.

16 BLOOM: No, I mean, it is RS-1--

17 WOOD: That's correct.

18 BLOOM: --now.

19 WOOD: That's correct. So you would have--you would
20 have set the density if someone--other developer
21 wanted to come in later and develop it, they--if they
22 wanted more homes, they would have to rezone to get--

23 PETERS: Uh-huh (affirmative).

24 IRVING: Right.

25 WOOD: --a higher density. So you would set that
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1 maximum density--

2 IRVING: So we could--

3 WOOD: --of 1.91.

4 IRVING: --we could go ahead and vote on it today? I
5 mean, I don't understand why we would be waiting on
6 it. I mean, if--

7 BLOOM: Because usually, we do a rezoning and a plat.

8 WOOD: If--I guess I would say that if it were more
9 controversial in nature--let's say, it was going
10 commercial, or something like that--

11 IRVING: Right.
12 BLOOM: Right.
13 WOOD: --and--and that plan was tied to it, you
14 wanted to know that this particular plan is the one
15 that gets approved with this zoning, that would be a
16 good reason to defer. The fact that it's already
17 residential, you're going to zone it to a lower
18 density--
19 IRVING: Right.
20 BLOOM: Right.
21 WOOD: --which is better for the neighbors who are--
22 have more rural--
23 IRVING: Right.
24 WOOD: --type residences. I--I think it would--you
25 know, Staff would--would recommend that you could
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1 approve it today.
2 IRVING: Okay.
3 PETERS: I make a motion to approve the Rezoning
4 Petition for rezoning only of Petition 1571/06.
5 BLOOM: I'll second the motion.
6 IRVING: Any discussion? Now why are we voting on
7 just the rezoning? Why--
8 WOOD: Well, you would--
9 BLOOM: Because the--
10 WOOD: --only be voting on the--
11 IRVING: Yeah.
12 WOOD: Right.
13 IRVING: Okay.
14 WOOD: Right.
15 IRVING: That's what I thought. It's been moved and
16 seconded. All in favor, say, "Aye."
17 BLOOM: Aye.
18 PETERS: Aye.
19 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Thank you. I think
20 you have another one--
21 WOOD: I do.
22 IRVING: --Rezoning Petition--
23 BLOOM: No, Nelson, you didn't sign it.
24 IRVING: Oh, I didn't either. Send it back. I
25 apologize. Rezoning Petition 1572/06: Petition to
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1 rezone property to allow for the construction of a

2 single-family home. The 1.13 acre site is located on
3 the west side of the 16--1,660--16600 block--it seems
4 like that's a lot of numbers there--with the town
5 limits of Huntertown. Present zoning is I-1/Light
6 Industrial. Proposed zoning is RS-1/Suburban
7 Residential.

8 WOOD: And it actually is--that was a mistake in the
9 original notebook. It is not within, it's just north
10 of the town limits, so that's why it's coming to you,
11 not to Huntertown. Otherwise, we wouldn't be here.
12 But that was in the lealet so we had to leave that
13 in there, but--

14 IRVING: Okay.

15 WOOD: --now I'm going to give you the opposite of--
16 of what I just gave you for the RSP-1--

17 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

18 WOOD: --because we're going to RS-1--

19 IRVING: One.

20 WOOD: --not Planned District. This is currently I-1
21 Light Industrial. If you turn to the aerial, this is
22 on the north side of--of the Huntertown area. It's a
23 very mixed use area. Actually, it's probably best if
24 you go to the next page to the rezoning--or to the
25 zoning map. First of all, you'll see a lot of A-1 in
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1 the area. On the south end of--of the page, you'll
2 see some RS-1. That's the original zoning. And then
3 as you move north, you'll see some I-1 Light
4 Industrial, some I-1P Planned Light Industrial,
5 some--some commercial, this C-2A is the--what was
6 going to be the Huntertown Shoppes. It hasn't
7 developed but that was to be a Dollar General and
8 Subway. And then you have a little block of RSP-2
9 which was zoned a few years back for duplexes. This
10 particular site, it's outlined in the white--the
11 white box, just on the north side of the RSP-2, it's
12 the same owner, Messman, there is a single-family
13 home on that house. It's a--it's a very old home. I
14 believe an 1800--late 1800's it was built.

15 IRVING: Yes, it is.

16 WOOD: And that's still being used residentially.

17 IRVING: Yes, it is.

18 WOOD: This particular area, he does not wish to

19 develop it industrially. It's only an acre. It's--
20 well, it's about an acre, 1.13. The plan is to split
21 that property in half and sell off the back to a
22 family member to build another home.
23 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).
24 WOOD: So they--and they own all that ground there.
25 To go to RSP-1--and we--we did talk about this before
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1 they brought in their application--for them to build
2 a single-family house, it would require them to come
3 to the Planning Commission and do a development plan
4 or--or to get a waiver of development plan
5 requirements from the Zoning Administrator.

6 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).
7 WOOD: Talked to my director, Ms. Bowman, and for
8 such a small property that isn't really big enough to
9 develop with industrial uses, it's not big enough to
10 plat, it didn't seem--it seemed excessive to make
11 them go through all of the Planning Commission--
12 IRVING: Right.

13 WOOD: --processes just to build a single-family
14 home. So we actually did recommend to go to RS-1 in
15 this case. We--we do look at it on a case-by-case
16 basis, and that seemed to make the most sense here.
17 So there's no development plan. If this is approved,
18 it will--they will be able to build a single-family
19 home. They will need to grant a driveway easement to
20 get to the back of the property which is typical. We
21 can all handle--we can handle all that in Department
22 of Planning Services.

23 PETERS: Michelle, why couldn't this develop under
24 the tenets of "other metes and bounds" type
25 developments?

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1 WOOD: Good--that's a very good question, because
2 there is a home on it now. The I-1 does not allow a
3 single-family home. The home that's there was there
4 long before the zoning was--

5 IRVING: The zoning was.

6 WOOD: --laid out, so they're grandfathered, if you
7 will. In order to build another home on the
8 property, they do need to go to a residential
9 district.

10 PETERS: Okay.
11 WOOD: It was a good question.
12 PETERS: Thank you.
13 WOOD: Uh-huh (affirmative).
14 IRVING: Okay.
15 PETERS: I'd make a motion to approve Rezoning
16 Petition 1572/06.
17 BLOOM: Second.
18 IRVING: All in favor, say, "Aye."
19 BLOOM: Aye.
20 PETERS: Aye.
21 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried.
22 WOOD: Thank you very much, Commissioners.
23 IRVING: Thank you.
24 BLOOM: Thank you.
25 IRVING: Do we have any plats for signature today?
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1 WOOD: Not today, thanks.
2 IRVING: Okay, thank you. We'll take care of that
3 item already. Okay, award of the Expo Center Truss
4 Coating Bid, Allen County War Memorial Coliseum.
5 BLOOM: Good morning.
6 IRVING: Well, good morning.
7 LANGUELL: Good morning.
8 PETERS: Good morning.
9 LANGUELL: Good morning, Commissioners. My name is
10 Gene Langwell. I'm a Facilities Manager with the
11 Coliseum, and with me today is Garnett Mills, our
12 Assistant Director of the building.
13 IRVING: And what is your title today?
14 LANGUELL: I don't know.
15 MILLS: Whatever. This is Gene's first time at it.
16 LANGUELL: First--yeah.
17 IRVING: Oh, you're on TV.
18 LANGUELL: So I have no idea what to expect.
19 IRVING: How exciting. Would you like to explain
20 just what the quote is and--and what it's for? I
21 think we already know, but--
22 LANGUELL: The beams that surround the outside of the
23 building and help support the building along the
24 Expo, the front and the rear sides, we're going to
25 have those repainted and recoated this year. That's
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1 what we're looking for.

2 BLOOM: I went to the last Coliseum meeting, and the
3 thought of the day at that meeting was the color.

4 And the Board was quite amused that we couldn't find
5 samples of the paint color, and I said, "Give me a
6 break, paint it."

7 LANGUELL: Randy and the--Randy and the Trustees are
8 working on it.

9 PETERS: Was that--

10 BLOOM: Still?

11 LANGUELL: Yes.

12 PETERS: --was that not done when the roof was
13 raised?

14 LANGUELL: No, it was not.

15 IRVING: No, it wasn't.

16 BLOOM: No.

17 LANGUELL: It's never been done since--

18 PETERS: Never been done.

19 LANGUELL: --1989 when the building was--was erected.

20 BLOOM: And the cost on this?

21 LANGUELL: Sixty-two [62]--

22 BLOOM: Have you taken bids?

23 LANGUELL: --yes, actually we have--for the lowest
24 and most responsive bid, the cost is running about
25 \$62,725.00.

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1 PETERS: There's a lot of truss there.

2 LANGUELL: Oh, yeah.

3 PETERS: It really has a potential to define the
4 character--

5 LANGUELL: Yeah.

6 PETERS: --of that building.

7 BLOOM: And we did have a lot of local companies bid
8 on this, right?

9 LANGUELL: We had quite a price range--

10 BLOOM: Yeah.

11 LANGUELL: --put on this. Yeah, there's over 10,000
12 square feet of surface to be redone--to be painted.

13 PETERS: Now that's--

14 BLOOM: It will look a lot nicer.

15 PETERS: --that's paid through what?

16 MILLS: It's going to be paid through, I believe,
17 Professional Sports and Development.

18 IRVING: Yeah.
19 PETERS: Okay.
20 IRVING: It is.
21 BLOOM: I make a motion that we accept the award of
22 the truss coating bid for the Coliseum.
23 PETERS: I'll second it.
24 IRVING: All in favor, say, "Aye."
25 BLOOM: Aye.

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1 PETERS: Aye.
2 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried.
3 LANGUELL: Thank you.
4 MILLS: Thank you very much.
5 IRVING: And have fun painting.
6 BLOOM: Good job.
7 LANGUELL: That was easy.
8 IRVING: Well, we can get harder.
9 MILLS: We told him it would be easy.
10 BLOOM: Only because you brought Garnett.
11 LANGUELL: Thank you.
12 IRVING: Addition to the Allen County Code:
13 Title 1 (General Provision) Article 20, the Allen
14 County Sheriff's Department Early Retirement
15 Incentive Plan, and Article 21, the Early Retirement
16 Incentive Plan for Eligible Employees of Allen
17 County.
18 PETERS: I don't know what further explanation this
19 needs at this point. We've been through several
20 iterations. But this is actually the ordinances that
21 establish the Allen County Sheriff's Early Retirement
22 Incentive Plan and the Early Retirement Incentive
23 Plan for the rest of County Employees. Having said
24 that, I would move to add to the Allen County Code
25 Title 1, Article 20, Allen County Sheriff's

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1 Department Early Retirement Incentive Plan, and
2 Article 21, Early Retirement Incentive Plan for
3 Eligible Employees of Allen County.
4 BLOOM: And I'm proud to second that motion.
5 IRVING: Is there any discussion?
6 BLOOM: Good job, Nelson. Nelson has worked on this
7 for a really long time, and I think it's finally to a
8 point where the three of us--

9 PETERS: It's done.

10 BLOOM: --yep, it's done, and the three of us are all
11 in favor of this, not only for the deputies but all
12 the civilians also, and it's a good situation for all
13 of us.

14 PETERS: Well, thanks, but it's really been Gail
15 Balliet, it's been the Sheriff's Department, and it's
16 been the Auditor's Department who have done a yeoman
17 and a yeowoman's job in putting this thing together.

18 BLOOM: Yeah, I was giving you credit.

19 PETERS: Thank you.

20 BLOOM: You're welcome.

21 IRVING: When is the effective date of this?

22 PETERS: May 1st.

23 IRVING: It was May 1st when we first voted on it.

24 Okay.

25 BLOOM: Has anyone retired yet?

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1 HERMAN: There's a lot of people with pen in hand.

2 IRVING: Pen in hand. Okay, it's been moved and
3 seconded. Anymore discussion? Hearing none, all in
4 favor, say, "Aye."

5 BLOOM: Aye.

6 PETERS: Aye.

7 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. No, those are mine.

8 BLOOM: Oh.

9 HERMAN: Thank you.

10 IRVING: Is there anything sent--

11 ELSER: I have some official ones here.

12 HERMAN: Thank you very much. Appreciate it.

13 IRVING: Okay.

14 BLOOM: You brought this--

15 IRVING: Thank you.

16 BLOOM: --whole entourage and--

17 HERMAN: I'd like to thank--

18 BLOOM: --we didn't even let you talk.

19 HERMAN: --I'd like to thank all of the Commissioners

20 and the Auditor's Office for the--for the help that

21 they've given us in this. Thank you. This is--this

22 is going to help us a whole bunch.

23 IRVING: Would you like to introduce yourself for the

24 audience in case nobody knows who you are?

25 HERMAN: I'm Sheriff Jim Herman and I'm very

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1 appreciative. Thank you.

2 IRVING: Great, great.

3 BLOOM: You're welcome.

4 PETERS: Who did you say you were?

5 IRVING: Consideration of an Agreement between Allen

6 County, on behalf of the Allen County Recorder's

7 Office, and Global Systems Inc. for Data Extraction,

8 Transformation and Organization Service, Phase II.

9 Cost - \$193,312.00. Funding is from the Perpetuation

10 Fund.

11 BLOOM: Good morning.

12 MATHER: Good morning. I'm representing Pat Crick.

13 I'm Anita Mather from the Recorder's Office. This is

14 just Phase II--

15 IRVING: Right.

16 MATHER: --of imaging and indexing our documents from

17 1970 to 1985.

18 IRVING: Global Systems has--

19 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

20 IRVING: --done such a wonderful--

21 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

22 MATHER: Wonderful.

23 IRVING: --wonderful job. We are--

24 MATHER: We are very with them.

25 IRVING: --so fortunate that--this has been--they

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1 started doing this--was it two or three years ago?

2 MATHER: At least two years ago. They started with

3 the plats.

4 IRVING: Right.

5 BLOOM: Right.

6 MATHER: And everybody loves that system very, very

7 much.

8 IRVING: Right, right.

9 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

10 MATHER: So--

11 IRVING: Yeah, we're lucky that--

12 BLOOM: We have that--

13 IRVING: --we sure are.

14 BLOOM: --resource, right. I'll make a motion that

15 we sign the agreement between Allen County and Global

16 Systems, Inc. for data extraction, \$193,312.00.

17 PETERS: Let me thank Anita for spending the time
18 explaining this all to me this week. And with that,
19 I'll second it.
20 IRVING: All in favor, say, "Aye."
21 BLOOM: Aye.
22 PETERS: Aye.
23 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Thank you very much.
24 MATHER: Thank you.
25 BLOOM: Thank you.

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1 IRVING: And tell Global how proud we are of them.
2 Oh, I see.
3 SCHEUMANN: Thank you.
4 MATHER: He's right there.
5 IRVING: Request by the Allen County--I didn't see
6 you hiding back there.
7 SCHEUMANN: (indiscernible).
8 IRVING: Request by the Allen County Clerk's Office
9 for approval of a lease agreement for a copy machine.
10 BLOOM: Good morning, Therese.
11 BROWN: Good morning.
12 PETERS: Good morning.
13 BROWN: I'm Therese Brown, Clerk in the Allen Circuit
14 and Superior Court. I believe about three months ago
15 I came forward to you for a similar request for a
16 copy machine lease. This is the same situation.
17 This particular piece of equipment will be placed in
18 the Small Claims Division.
19 IRVING: Right.
20 PETERS: I make a motion to approve the request by
21 the Allen County Clerk's Office for lease agreement
22 for a copy machine.
23 BLOOM: And the cost, Therese?
24 BROWN: \$251.00 on an annually basis.
25 IRVING: For 48 months.

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1 BROWN: On a monthly basis, I'm sorry. About
2 \$1700.00 for the remainder of this year, so around
3 four grand [\$4,000.00].
4 BLOOM: Second.
5 IRVING: All in favor, say, "Aye."
6 BLOOM: Aye.
7 PETERS: Aye.

8 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried.

9 BROWN: Thank you very much.

10 IRVING: Thank you, Therese. Appointment to the
11 Workforce Investment Board.

12 ELSER: The name before you today is Keith Davis, and
13 he would serve--this appointment would be effective
14 immediately through June 30th of 2008.

15 IRVING: And he was recommended to us.

16 ELSER: He was recommended and he has served on this
17 Board before.

18 IRVING: Right.

19 PETERS: I make a motion to approve the appointment
20 of Keith Davis to the Workforce Investment Board.

21 BLOOM: Second.

22 IRVING: All in favor, say, "Aye."

23 BLOOM: Aye.

24 PETERS: Aye.

25 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried.

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1 ELSER: Commissioner Irving, I might add that,
2 actually, I believe the official name is now the
3 Northeast Indiana Regional Workforce Board.

4 IRVING: Right, right. You're right, but I read what
5 you had here.

6 ELSER: I know. After I--after I put the Agenda out,
7 he told me what it really was.

8 IRVING: Approval of the 2005 Annual Highway
9 Operational Report.

10 BLOOM: Good morning.

11 HARTMAN: Good morning. I'm Bill Hartman.

12 IRVING: Good morning, Bill. How are you?

13 HARTMAN: Real good, thanks. This is just--

14 BLOOM: Identify.

15 HARTMAN: I'm Bill Hartman, Allen County Highway
16 Department. Do you want serial number too? No, just
17 kidding.

18 BLOOM: Whatever.

19 HARTMAN: Anyhow--

20 IRVING: Address.

21 HARTMAN: Address, phone number. This is an
22 Interlocal Agreement between us and the town of
23 Zanesville for just some various maintenance--

24 IRVING: No, no, no--

25 HARTMAN: --items, traffic control--

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1 IRVING: --no, wait. You jumped right ahead. We're
2 at the Approval of the 2005 Annual Highway
3 Operational Report.

4 HARTMAN: Okay. Excuse me. We're going to defer
5 this at this time.

6 IRVING: Okay.

7 HARTMAN: We had some questions last time. The
8 further we looked into it, we came up with some more
9 questions. So--

10 IRVING: Okay.

11 HARTMAN: --it's being revised and we'll approach it
12 again next week.

13 PETERS: I would make a motion to defer the 2005
14 Annual Highway Operational Report until next week.

15 BLOOM: Second. This has been because of the GASB
16 System. I know that because it's a different way of
17 accounting on these reports and they're very
18 difficult to read. Even though we are in compliance
19 with what the State wanted us to do, it's very
20 difficult to understand. And that's why we've
21 deferred it again.

22 IRVING: Is there any further discu--discussion.
23 It's been moved and seconded. All in favor, say,
24 "Aye."

25 BLOOM: Aye.

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1 PETERS: Aye.

2 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Okay, now we'll have
3 the Approval--

4 HARTMAN: Okay.

5 IRVING: --of the Interlocal Agreement between Allen
6 County and the Town of Zanesville for miscellaneous
7 services and materials to be furnished by Allen
8 County Highway Department.

9 HARTMAN: And this is, you know, just equipment,
10 materials, labor--

11 BLOOM: Yearly.

12 HARTMAN: --you know, just for various maintenance
13 items that the Town might require of us.

14 PETERS: And there's no cost to Allen County, no
15 additional cost to Allen County in doing this?

16 HARTMAN: No, we'd be reimbursed by the--by
17 Zanesville. That's what--that's what--that's the
18 purpose of the agreement. It's a reimbursement
19 agreement, essentially.
20 PETERS: Right.
21 BLOOM: We do this with--yeah--other locations within
22 the County to--they don't have the manpower or the
23 materials--
24 HARTMAN: For everything--
25 BLOOM: --and--right.

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1 HARTMAN: --that they might need to do. So, we're--
2 BLOOM: Right.
3 HARTMAN: --we're--we can be available.
4 IRVING: Can I have a motion, please?
5 BLOOM: I'll make a motion that we accept the
6 contract--the agreement between Allen County and the
7 Town of Zanesville for services and materials.
8 PETERS: Seconded.
9 IRVING: All in favor, say, "Aye."
10 BLOOM: Aye.
11 PETERS: Aye.
12 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Approval of Quit
13 Claim Deeds for the additional right of way for
14 Carroll Road and Bethel Road, Carroll High School at
15 Northwest Allen County Building Corp. and Northwest
16 Allen County Schools.
17 BLOOM: So moved.
18 PETERS: I'll second it.
19 IRVING: All in favor, say, "Aye."
20 BLOOM: Aye.
21 PETERS: Aye.
22 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Under "Other
23 Business," Highway right of way documents for the
24 Paul Shaffer Drive at Coliseum project.
25 ELSER: These were added.

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1 IRVING: I know. Just read them exactly the way they
2 are. Parcel 1 is a Board of Commissioners to the
3 State of Indiana Warranty Deed; Parcel 2, the Board
4 of Commissioners and the State of Indiana--
5 BLOOM: Warranty--
6 IRVING: --Warranty Deed--

7 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

8 IRVING: --partial--do you want to do it?

9 BLOOM: No, it's just--

10 IRVING: Oh.

11 BLOOM: --some of them--

12 IRVING: Partial limitation--

13 BLOOM: --yeah.

14 IRVING: --of access control line; Parcel 3, Board of

15 Commissioners to the State of Indiana Quit--Quit

16 Claim Deed for existing limited access right of way;

17 Parcel 4 is Board of Commissioners, State of Indiana

18 Warranty Deed with limit--limitation of access; and

19 finally, dedication of a new street by Allen County

20 to be known as "Paul Shaffer Drive" to the public for

21 use as a public street and highway.

22 FISHERING: This is--

23 IRVING: Oh.

24 FISHERING: --that's okay. Bill Fishering, the

25 County Attorney. This is the transfer from the

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1 Commissioners to the State of Indiana for the change

2 over from the tunnel system to an intersection system

3 at the Coliseum. The Highway Department working with

4 the consultants has assisted the Coliseum in

5 coordinating that effort. These documents were

6 drafted by Rocky Finlayson who typically does the

7 right of way grants. Typically, they're coming the

8 other way versus going--

9 IRVING: Right, right.

10 FISHERING: --to the State. However, this process is

11 similar to the one that you all followed with Ardmore

12 Road where you granted some of the right of way so

13 that the City could extend Ardmore.

14 BLOOM: I make a motion that we approve the right of

15 way documents for the new Coliseum project.

16 PETERS: I'll second it.

17 IRVING: All in favor, say, "Aye."

18 BLOOM: Aye.

19 PETERS: Aye.

20 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried.

21 BLOOM: Thank you.

22 FISHERING: Thank you.

23 HARTMAN: Thank you very much.

24 IRVING: Thank you. I'm going to wait. This is too
25 confusing.

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1 PETERS: I understand.

2 IRVING: Okay. Is there any other business?

3 ELSER: I have no other business.

4 IRVING: Okay. I have something this morning. After
5 watching the City Council Meeting last night and the
6 passing of the Resolution, I thought maybe it would
7 be appropriate under "Other Business" that we, at
8 least, acknowledge what is going on and--and maybe
9 have some type of a--a little bit of a discussion
10 about, you know, when we're going to look at it and--
11 and how we want to have open discussions on this.

12 And since this is our open meeting, does anybody have
13 any discussion about what happened last night and the
14 forwarding of the Resolution and--

15 BLOOM: To my knowledge, we don't have a copy yet, do
16 we? No.

17 PETERS: Nuh-uh (negative).

18 IRVING: Well, I--I, personally, after--I know,
19 Nelson, you were there. And Linda, I don't know if
20 you were there or not?

21 BLOOM: No, I was not.

22 IRVING: I suggest that we need to set up some type
23 of weekly meetings that will be standard that we
24 discuss and figure out how we're going to--my
25 suggestion would be to maybe bring in the different

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1 Town Council presidents and maybe the mayors of the
2 small cities and towns, and then to proceed with some
3 type of general public meetings. And maybe instead
4 of having to be bogged down with having to do a 48
5 hour notice, maybe we ought to think about maybe
6 after our Legislative Session, from maybe 12 [12:00]
7 to noon or before from nine [9:00] to 10 [10:00]
8 every Wednesday--there's 37 municipalities out there,
9 and I'm not sure that they have been heard from at
10 all, or very limited as of general discussion last
11 night. But I think it would be fair to have an open
12 discussion on, you know, where are we going with this
13 and how do we want to proceed with getting input from
14 the constituents that live in the unincorporated

15 areas and the incorporated areas, it doesn't make any
16 difference, just--
17 PETERS: I think one of the things I'd be interested
18 in seeing at this point is that now there is
19 something down on paper now that the City Council has
20 formulated how they want to see this move forward--

21 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

22 PETERS: --I think we, perhaps, need to have yet
23 another public hearing that says, "This is what
24 we've been presented by the City Council at this
25 point. What do you think?" And I think we need to

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1 receive that input. And then, perhaps, as
2 Commissioner Irving has suggested, then plot a course
3 to get to where we need to be in the allowable time
4 pursuant to 1362--sorry I said that word.

5 BLOOM: Yeah, you did.

6 PETERS: --to--

7 BLOOM: Yeah, you did.

8 PETERS: --to--

9 BLOOM: You knew immediately, though. I was glad
10 to--

11 PETERS: The House Bill--

12 BLOOM: Yeah.

13 PETERS: --1362.

14 BLOOM: No, that isn't the word.

15 IRVING: Well, I--and I agree with you, Commissioner
16 Peters, that, you know, we--we need to have open
17 meetings. But I think that also right now, as we've
18 been following this, only one township has really
19 been represented, which is Wayne Township, because it
20 is strictly the corporated areas. We've got 19

21 townships that are either incorporated, in
22 corporated, or strictly unincorporated areas, and you
23 know, I--as I was out in Huntertown last week--was it
24 last week or two weeks ago--why would it not be worth
25 our time to open it up to, you know, township boards

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1 one week, basically, that they have a--a platform--
2 the mayors of the small cities and towns, general
3 citizens--to make sure that--you know, it's a lot
4 different if you have 50 people sitting here or if we
5 could have roundtable discussions with the localized

6 people and see how they--they feel and--and get their
7 input. You know, there can be some very tentative
8 people out there that hate to speak in big groups,
9 and if they know they had a specialized time--maybe
10 we could even do them in the evenings--and bring in
11 the different groups and say, "Okay, what do you
12 think? Here's the Resolution. This is what we're
13 talking about." And make sure that we have an open
14 process here.

15 BLOOM: I know that Commissioner Peters and
16 Councilwoman Hughes have been going out in the
17 unincorporated area to explain, as best they could,
18 House Bill 1362. As soon as we are able to see the
19 Resolution and see what the perimeter of this
20 Resolution is, I think it's a really good idea to
21 start holding--I don't know how it will all fit into
22 our schedules, but weekly or bi-monthly, or
23 something, and have them in here or out in the
24 community to see what their concerns and needs are.
25 The one that we went to in Grabill--of course, that
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1 was the 11 townships forming their own Resolution--
2 but I definitely think that they should all be
3 included in our discussions also. And we could set
4 these up. There's no reason we couldn't go back out
5 in the unincorporated areas to do this. But I agree
6 with Commissioner Irving. I think all of them at
7 once could be a bit overwhelming maybe.

8 PETERS: Let me ask Mr. Fishing, I don't know
9 whether you recall any time constraints, but I know
10 there are some time constraints that we need to
11 adhere to based on the date--

12 BLOOM: Of the--

13 PETERS: --in which the City Council adopts--

14 IRVING: No, there isn't.

15 BLOOM: No.

16 PETERS: --are there or not?

17 BLOOM: No.

18 FISHERING: I don't remember one--

19 BLOOM: After the Board meets, then there's--

20 FISHERING: Yeah.

21 BLOOM: --and they give us a decision, then there's a
22 30 day.

23 FISHERING: But--
24 PETERS: Okay.
25 FISHERING: --and also, they've got--and I'm not sure
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1 if the City Council is following its regular
2 procedure of introduction and passage--Stafford was
3 of the opinion that the Mayor has to sign it for it
4 to be effective--
5 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).
6 BLOOM: Okay.
7 FISHERING: --which I probably would agree with,
8 though I'm not a City attorney.
9 PETERS: Okay.
10 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).
11 FISHERING: So there's sometime at a minimum before
12 any clock would start to run.
13 IRVING: The clock--
14 PETERS: But you don't--
15 IRVING: --doesn't start until the two groups, the
16 two legislative groups--
17 FISHERING: Agree on a format.
18 IRVING: --agree on the Resolution.
19 PETERS: Okay.
20 IRVING: And then there's a year's length of time.
21 PETERS: Okay.
22 FISHERING: That's the only one I remember--
23 BLOOM: And then the Board--
24 PETERS: Right.
25 BLOOM: --then the Board--

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1 FISHERING: --but I'm not--
2 PETERS: I--I just--
3 BLOOM: --the Board is formed--
4 PETERS: --I was recalling some period of time in
5 which we had to act after City Council had acted.
6 But I--
7 BLOOM: I don't think so.
8 FISHERING: I don't recall that.
9 PETERS: Okay, all right.
10 BLOOM: I don't think so either.
11 FISHERING: I have not studied that particular aspect
12 of it.
13 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

14 IRVING: Well, I--I feel very strongly that--that we
15 need to--to establish a time and put it out weekly
16 that this is a timeframe that the Commissioners are
17 going to be--anybody is welcome, but we--
18 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).
19 IRVING: --particularly want to--to meet with a
20 group. I know Kurt Kimmish has been very vocal at
21 being invited to a closed meeting to do a
22 presentation, and I know that has caused stirring the
23 community, "Why are certain people being invited to
24 come in and have closed door discussions?" I would
25 like to see the Commissioners be very up front, very
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1 proactive. I think we are probably more in tune to
2 what the 37 municipalities that are out there--I
3 mean, I--I personally have not talked to Tori
4 Richardson or the Airport Board. Are they interested
5 in this? I think that the four superintendents. I
6 mean, definitely schools are involved in this and,
7 you know, have--have we given an invitation to the
8 school systems to come in and--and know whether they
9 want to see--Dr. Crawford, as being President of the
10 City Council, you know, made the statement that, you
11 know, "The more people, the better. We want to make
12 sure that--that the Resolution that--that is passed
13 has all the right people there." And I think in
14 order to have the right people here that--that the
15 Commissioners need to make sure that in the
16 unincorporated areas that we have had open-door,
17 frank discussions with the townships, with the cities
18 and towns, with the other amenities that were listed
19 in House Bill 1362.

20 PETERS: It makes--

21 IRVING: No more discussion?

22 PETERS: --makes sense.

23 IRVING: Okay.

24 PETERS: I mean--

25 IRVING: Well, can you versus--how do you two want to
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1 proceed with these meetings? Should we--should we
2 try to block out, let's say, 8:30 to 10:00 every
3 Wednesday? And we can make some of them night
4 meetings, but that way we can give our public notice.

5 And we, at least, know we can give a--we could start
6 with--let's just start with--let's pull somebody out
7 of the air here--

8 PETERS: We don't want to do--

9 IRVING: --let's start with the town council
10 presidents next Wednesday.

11 PETERS: --you don't want to do a public hearing
12 first?

13 IRVING: Well, that's up to you. I think in order to
14 gather information that is needed from all bodies,
15 maybe it would be--be nice to be able to have them
16 have--this is their day, this is their platform.
17 They'll have the Resolution by then. Give them their
18 day in court, let's say, and then have a series of
19 general meetings. Type A personalities, you need to
20 be organized, and you know, I'm the first one that
21 says I do--I'm a--I'm a very organized person. You
22 know, I--I, personally, would feel more comfortable
23 if we invited different--the different groups in, let
24 them--give them a copy of the Resolution, have them
25 have a chance to discuss it, and they can either send

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1 representatives, however they want to, but give them
2 their day in court with us to discuss the Resolution
3 and what they see out of House Bill 1362.

4 BLOOM: I think we're going to need more than a week.
5 I'm not sure that--

6 IRVING: Well, I think--

7 BLOOM: --we can start next week with--

8 IRVING: No?

9 BLOOM: --these meetings.

10 PETERS: We may not have a Resolution next week.

11 BLOOM: But--exactly. But when we get the
12 Resolution, to set up regular meetings, we could even
13 advertise them.

14 IRVING: On a weekly basis, and have our PIO staff
15 determine how to work with the 37 municipalities and,
16 you know, juggle the schedule. But I think we need
17 to set a time every week that we can have open
18 discussions, the three Commissioners--

19 BLOOM: Okay.

20 IRVING: --can and the different groups can come in,
21 the media, other advisor--I mean, other people can

22 come too. But this ought to be their day to ask
23 questions and give us their input.
24 PETERS: My only thought is that besides the
25 municipalities and the other people who are subject
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1 to House Bill 1362, the effect is going to be a lot
2 more far-reaching than just those groups.

3 IRVING: Right.

4 PETERS: Farmers, bus drivers, you know, people going
5 to school, just a whole variety of people out there.
6 And I'm just wondering whether or not if we start
7 with them and have them help define for us all of the
8 groups that we should be talking to, whether that
9 makes sense? You know, I mean, we can--we can do it
10 afterwards. I think you've hit on a key, and the key
11 is to be as inclusive as we--

12 BLOOM: Exactly.

13 PETERS: --possibly can.

14 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

15 PETERS: And I am--and my only thought is, we--we
16 need the people in the community to help us
17 determine--

18 IRVING: Right.

19 PETERS: --how to create that inclusiveness.

20 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative). Well, if you--if you
21 look closely at the bill--you talk about the buses
22 and the bus drivers--Citilink is a municipality--

23 PETERS: That's true.

24 IRVING: --the airport is. The reason that--that I
25 had suggested that starting out maybe with the town
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1 councils for whatever, these are elected officials
2 that were elected to represent the people. And
3 that's why I thought if--if we started with different
4 defined groups of people and got their input and got
5 their heartbeat of the community that they are
6 elected to represent, and then open it up to everyone
7 in the corporated, unincorporated areas, at least we
8 kind of have a handle on why a person--and I'm just
9 going to pull one out--Monroeville--let's say,
10 Monroeville--that a person from Monroeville would
11 come and maybe have a particular issue that--that
12 they are very concerned about with House Bill 1362

13 because we will have already heard from their board
14 and hopefully that they would relay the heartbeat of
15 their community. I don't know. I--I definitely
16 think that even though we don't have a resolution in
17 hand that we all knew that this was coming, you know.
18 I--they wanted to give us a--a resolution--I think
19 there was a group on Council that wanted to give us a
20 resolution much earlier than what they did last
21 night. And I think we would be not acting in a very
22 progressive manner if we did not start our own
23 discussions. And I--they--they need to be in public.
24 We need to decide this in public.
25 BLOOM: Absolutely. I'd--do you agree, Nelson?

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1 PETERS: Oh, certainly.
2 BLOOM: Absolutely.
3 IRVING: I mean, there's--there's too much already
4 out there of mistrust, and that--that was the defeat
5 two years ago, and it's going to be the defeat of
6 this. And, you know, we need to be open and we need
7 to set times for open discussion--
8 BLOOM: But I don't think now is the time to do it
9 yet.
10 IRVING: No, but I think we need to start--John,
11 maybe we could get our PIO office to start--I'm just
12 going to--I don't even have a calendar in front of
13 me. I--I--
14 BLOOM: Well, we need the Resolution.
15 IRVING: --would like to start it by--by, let's say,
16 June 1st.
17 BLOOM: All right.
18 IRVING: I don't know what June 1st is. Let's say,
19 the first Wednesday of June. I--I don't know. I
20 don't know what the first Wednesday of June is--and
21 start every Wednesday from--I'm pulling out
22 Wednesday. We're--we're all three here. Usually, we
23 don't have appointments.
24 BLOOM: That would be May 31st.
25 IRVING: Well, okay, May 31st. And maybe our PIO

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1 staff can work in the next week on getting of--and
2 let's start plugging through--
3 BLOOM: Okay.

4 IRVING: --all the municipalities--and general
5 meetings--and whether they are--Citi--ask Citilink as
6 you mentioned--the bus drivers.

7 BLOOM: Right, right.

8 IRVING: Get Citilink in here, get the airport in
9 here, get the trustees in here, get the town councils
10 in here, get the mayors in here, get all the
11 different groups in here, and let's--let's start this
12 so people feel like they have a part in it because it
13 is their future.

14 BLOOM: I agree with everything you've said except
15 the time schedule.

16 IRVING: Okay. Well, that's why we need to have this
17 open discussion. What--what type of time schedule
18 would you like--

19 BLOOM: I--

20 IRVING: --to see?

21 BLOOM: --I would like to see the Resolution. I
22 would hope that all these taxing units would have
23 copies of the Resolution--

24 IRVING: Well--

25 BLOOM: --before we--

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1 IRVING: Right.

2 BLOOM: --form a board--before we pick the board,
3 because in the Resolution, there's some kind of a
4 board that City and County are supposed to pick.

5 IRVING: Right. Well, that's what the Resolution is
6 all about.

7 BLOOM: I know, except I'd feel far more comfortable
8 if--I mean, we don't know when we're going to get the
9 Resolution.

10 IRVING: Well, I wouldn't be surprised if it's in our
11 mailbox right now. Okay, can--can we have a--

12 BLOOM: Can we discuss this next Wednesday--

13 IRVING: Yes.

14 BLOOM: --to maybe come up--do you think it's
15 premature or are you ready to start meetings?

16 PETERS: No, I'm ready to start meetings. But I--you
17 know, I'm still concerned with--with how we ensure
18 that we get the input from the people we need. I
19 mean, when I hear about the 37 taxing units in Allen
20 County, the--the Resolution coming from City Council

21 does not include 35 of them. That is a Resolution
22 simply to--
23 IRVING: That's right.
24 PETERS: --consolidate City and County government.
25 IRVING: Right.

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1 PETERS: Now I guess I'm a little bit confused. Are
2 we bringing these people to the table for the purpose
3 of consolidating with them, or are we bringing them
4 to the table for purposes of getting a better
5 understanding of their needs and of their concerns?
6 And back to my original point, if that's--if that's
7 the case, if the latter is the case, then we've got a
8 whole lot more people out there that we need to
9 ensure that we hear the--the needs and concerns from.
10 BLOOM: But don't you think we need some kind of a
11 criteria? I mean, we don't even know what our
12 criteria is yet. I mean, you're mentioning different
13 possibilities here.
14 PETERS: Uh-huh (affirmative).
15 BLOOM: Well, how are we going to start meetings if
16 we don't have some kind of a criteria to do this?
17 IRVING: Well, the criteria was--the Resolution last
18 night--I--I'm--I don't remember exactly--it's 20
19 people--John, do you remember?
20 PETERS: Well, it's 20 people who are going to be
21 making the appointments.
22 IRVING: Right.
23 PETERS: The 20 people would consist of, I think as
24 they formulated it: the Republican Caucus, which
25 would include all City Council people; Commissioners;

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1 I think, County Council people.
2 IRVING: Yep.
3 PETERS: The Democrat Caucus would include the three
4 Democrats on City Council--
5 IRVING: Right.
6 PETERS: --the Mayor; Pat Love's name was brought
7 into it on again, off again. I--
8 IRVING: Right.
9 PETERS: --I think she was excluded when all was said
10 and done. And they will be making appointments of an
11 equal number of Republicans and Democrats to be voted

12 upon by a super-majority of, I think, 75% of that
13 group. So the whole--

14 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

15 PETERS: --the whole ticket would be voted upon by
16 that group. Now, they also elected no threshold, as
17 I recall, and they said that the third tenant was
18 that there would be one vote across the County. And
19 I think that's what we can expect to see coming from
20 them.

21 IRVING: Well, it was also then discussed that that
22 was their negotiation point was the threshold, if
23 there was going to be a rejection thresh--threshold.
24 And I think Tim Pape, and John Shoaff, and--who was
25 the other one?

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1 BLOOM: Tom Hughes?

2 IRVING: No.

3 PETERS: Glen Hines?

4 IRVING: Glen Hines.

5 BLOOM: Glen.

6 IRVING: You know, they--they discussed the 60%. I--
7 I think that we need to have input. Right now, the
8 Resolution has nothing to do with consolidation of
9 government, it has to do with who needs to come to
10 the table and who is going to be at the table for
11 this committee. That's what the Resolution is all
12 about. There's 20 townships out there.

13 BLOOM: Yep.

14 IRVING: I think we need to hear from the 20 township
15 boards, trustees, whoever, you know, invite them in
16 and say, you know, "How many appointments do you
17 want?" How many appointments being one of the
18 townships, which is Wayne Township--only one township
19 is the City of Fort Wayne. Nineteen [19] townships
20 are either a combined City and County township or
21 strictly an unincorporated township. I think we need
22 to hear from them. Are they going to be happy if we
23 send a resolution back and say, "Okay, the 20
24 townships, you get one representative on the Board"?
25 Or are they going to turn around--I--I mean, I don't

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1 know what they're going to say. Without bringing
2 them in and asking them if they want to be a part of

3 this and how do they want to be a part. I don't
4 know, maybe 20 townships, maybe they want to pick one
5 that is strictly and unincorporated township, or it
6 may be a combined, or strictly the City of Fort Wayne
7 township. I mean--or if we want to do a combined and
8 an unincorporated township, then maybe the City of
9 Fort Wayne might turn around and say, "Well, you know
10 what, maybe we should have a representative from
11 Wayne Township since it's the only township that is
12 strictly in the City of Fort Wayne"? Or do we turn
13 around and say, "Okay, here are all of the townships.
14 Does your president of your group want to represent
15 at all?" I--I don't know how we come to a number of
16 how to respond back to City Council. I mean, we may
17 look at the Resolution, from what I understood last
18 night, and--and we may say, "Hey, this is great.
19 This is wonderful." But how do we know who, from the
20 Commissioners, needs to be at the table on this
21 committee unless we have talked to all the different
22 groups and had public meetings to determine what our
23 reply should be back to City Council?

24 BLOOM: Do we have to make this decision today?

25 IRVING: I--I'm not sure that we have to make it

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1 today. I think that it should be an ongoing
2 discussion after the meeting every Wednesday--

3 BLOOM: Okay.

4 IRVING: --under "Other Business."

5 BLOOM: I'm not disagreeing with that.

6 IRVING: And maybe--maybe--

7 BLOOM: But--

8 IRVING: --we could guide our PIO Department to come
9 up with a list to present us next Wednesday of

10 different groups that--that--

11 BLOOM: Interest, really.

12 IRVING: --have shown an interest in it--

13 BLOOM: That's--

14 IRVING: --and--or--according to the Bill. I mean,

15 I--I just don't think that--that we can just drag our

16 feet. We are going to get the Resolution. And I--I

17 would be very surprised if we did not get it in the

18 next--either today or tomorrow. And we do not meet

19 again until next Wednesday, and I think that the last

20 thing that--that I know I want and--and I would--
21 would hope that my two partners would agree with
22 this, is to appear, number one, like we're dragging
23 our feet, or number two, that our discussions are
24 done in secret--
25 BLOOM: I agree.

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1 IRVING: --and that--and this is our--our opportunity
2 to be able to have these open discussions.
3 PETERS: I'm just trying to understand the philosophy
4 of who comes to the table and if, indeed, those 37
5 taxing units are--are representative of the community
6 as a whole, then--then that's fine. Then those are
7 the people that we talk to first. My concern is that
8 we don't--we don't want to talk to them at the
9 exclusion of others who may exist in the community.
10 IRVING: Right.
11 PETERS: And that's why--
12 IRVING: Right.
13 PETERS: --that's why it makes sense if, you know,
14 John can come up with a list of other groups that
15 ought to be brought in and maybe that can be brought
16 in corresponding with one of those taxing units,
17 then--then we make sure that we cover--
18 BLOOM: And that makes it--
19 FISHERING: For instance, Farm Bureau.
20 PETERS: Exactly.
21 IRVING: Yeah, the Farm Bureau. But Bill, let me ask
22 you something, just clarification. This is an
23 attorney question.
24 FISHERING: Oh, good.
25 IRVING: Yeah. If we have a weekly open meeting--and

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1 I think we would probably have to put a limit on it--
2 you know, a time limit on it--approximate time limit
3 on it--even though we invite--let's assume we invite
4 the Farm Bureau in--
5 PETERS: Uh-huh (affirmative).
6 IRVING: --to talk to all the farmers and see, you
7 know, if they want to be a representative and--and--
8 and see if they want to come to the table, or who
9 they think would be an appropriate person to
10 represent, all of the above, whatever. If a group of

11 people come from 4-H that day, or something else,
12 there's nothing that would say that they cannot
13 speak.

14 FISHERING: No.

15 IRVING: But basically, the meeting would be to make
16 sure that all the groups are called in for a
17 discussion--

18 PETERS: Uh-huh (affirmative).

19 IRVING: --but open comment as long as we publish
20 that we are doing this every week--

21 FISHERING: It's not a problem.

22 IRVING: --there is no problem at all? Is that right
23 or wrong?

24 FISHERING: That's right.

25 BLOOM: Exactly, It's--that's right.

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1 IRVING: Right. So why wouldn't--I mean, I--I'm just
2 trying to play Devil's Advocate. Why would the
3 public not feel like they're a part of it then if
4 they have--if--if everybody knows that we're going to
5 have the meeting, and if we could publish, you know,
6 the--the certain groups that--that we're--

7 BLOOM: We're not--

8 IRVING: --asking--

9 BLOOM: --disagreeing with you.

10 IRVING: Okay. Well, I'm--

11 BLOOM: I mean, you're--

12 IRVING: --just trying to figure out where we should
13 go because I do not want--I mean, we've got three
14 media people sitting right here. I don't want them
15 coming out and saying, well, "We don't want public
16 comment." We do want public comment.

17 BLOOM: Well, I don't think that we've said that.

18 IRVING: Okay.

19 BLOOM: We're--

20 IRVING: So they--

21 BLOOM: --in agreement.

22 IRVING: --could be added at any time--

23 FISHERING: Sure.

24 IRVING: --they could speak up, it's just that we're
25 trying to get some type of a format--

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1 BLOOM: Input, from everybody.

2 IRVING: Okay.
3 BLOOM: Exactly.
4 IRVING: So should we then--
5 BLOOM: John's going to--
6 IRVING: --are we directing--
7 BLOOM: --come up with a list.
8 IRVING: --John to come up with a list--
9 PETERS: Uh-huh (affirmative).
10 IRVING: --sit down and look at our calendar--Susan,
11 maybe you can help with that too--and figure out
12 where the meetings are and--
13 FISHERING: Bring it in next week on Wednesday for
14 your review?
15 IRVING: I'm sorry?
16 FISHERING: Bring it in next Wednesday--
17 IRVING: Yeah.
18 FISHERING: --for your--
19 IRVING: To be presented--
20 PETERS: For review, right.
21 BLOOM: Exactly.
22 IRVING: --to the Commissioners next Wednesday--
23 BLOOM: Good.
24 IRVING: --to be discussed.
25 BLOOM: Great.

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1 PETERS: Let me--let me ask one other question more
2 pointed towards Commissioner Bloom's concerns, do we
3 want to now, or even in the future, pick a date at
4 which we hope to have accomplished everything we want
5 to accomplish? Again, the fear being, if we don't do
6 that, the thing drags on and on and on and on. At
7 least, if we've got a target date, we've got
8 something to--to shoot at.
9 BLOOM: But then will the paper hold us to our target
10 date? That was just a little sentence I wanted to
11 add in.
12 PETERS: Well, we could establish a target date with
13 a caveat that the newspaper doesn't hold us to a
14 target date.
15 BLOOM: Well, do we have to do that today too?
16 PETERS: No.
17 FISHERING: Well, I think until you see your list
18 it's pretty--

19 IRVING: Well--
20 FISHERING: --tough to pick a--
21 IRVING: Yeah.
22 PETERS: No, you're right, you're right.
23 IRVING: Yeah, that's what I--that's what I--
24 FISHERING: Yeah.
25 IRVING: --was just going to say. Until we actually
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1 see the list and--and we figure out how many public
2 meetings, and I--and I do agree, I think that--that
3 they should not be just here. I think that they
4 should be out in the community. You know, maybe we
5 ought to also get a list of when all of the town
6 councils meet and the three Commissioners go out to
7 their town council meetings. And I think that that's
8 another option that we could do.

9 BLOOM: We have schedules of those.

10 IRVING: Yeah.

11 PETERS: Well, my--

12 IRVING: So--

13 PETERS: --my question was just, "Do we want"--and
14 not today, not even next week--but is it appropriate
15 to establish a target date? And I'm not asking for a
16 date. But I mean, philosophically, does that need to
17 be part of how we move forward?

18 BLOOM: I don't think it's a rush situation. And if
19 there are no time restraints on it, we need to review
20 all of that.

21 PETERS: All right.

22 IRVING: Okay. So to summarize this to make sure we
23 all know what we're doing, John is going to come up
24 with--

25 BLOOM: Right.

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1 IRVING: --a tentative list to be presented next
2 Wednesday. Susan, you're going to come up with--I
3 know we've got a couple of other things to do here--
4 you're going to come up with maybe some ideas of some
5 timeframes that we could. John, you might even want
6 to discuss with Larry or Norm and see if we could
7 have some extra TV time, and we could also do them on
8 TV, and--before the meetings, I don't know--and--and
9 look at--and let's--let's start a game plan in a

10 proper progression of events to make sure that the
11 community is heard, and our reply to City Council is
12 going to have the proper public input that it needs.

13 Is that--

14 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

15 IRVING: Okay. Okay, we don't need a motion on that.

16 I do need a motion to approve to waive the second
17 reading.

18 PETERS: I make a motion to approve to waive the
19 second reading on any matter approved today and for
20 which it may be deemed necessary for the Legislative
21 Session of May 10th, 2006.

22 BLOOM: Second.

23 IRVING: All in favor, say, "Aye."

24 BLOOM: Aye.

25 PETERS: Aye.

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1 IRVING: Aye. Okay, comments from the public?

2 Hearing none, please have a wonderful week.

3 (Adjourned at 11:07 a.m.)

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