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7 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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RE: LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF
June 14, 2006

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DATE: June 14, 2006

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TIME: 10:06 a.m.

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

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REPORTER: Kimberlee M. Adams

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1 PRESENT:
2 Marla J. Irving Allen County Commissioner
3 Nelson Peters Allen County Commissioner
4 Linda K. Bloom Allen County Commissioner
5 Susan Elser Commissioners Office
6 Mary Hitchens Allen County Public
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1 IRVING: Good morning, and welcome to the June 14th,
2 2006 Legislative Session. Before we begin, we'd like
3 to say the Pledge of Allegiance and a have 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. Approval of the
9 Minutes of the June 7th meeting.

10 PETERS: So moved.

11 BLOOM: Second.

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

13 BLOOM: Aye.

14 PETERS: Aye.

15 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Request from Youth
16 Services to construct an office addition to the
17 Kryder House Group Home. Good morning, Mr. Dunn.

18 DUNN: Good morning.

19 BLOOM: Hello, Chris.

20 DUNN: Hello. We--the Youth Services Center requests
21 your approval for the addition of an office for the
22 Director of the Kryder House Group Home. We have
23 collected four quotes for you to review. We
24 currently have the funds set up in our 737 Placement
25 Fund. There's roughly over \$50,000.00 in that fund.

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1 We had been using that fund to offset cuts in our

2 budget, and we just purchased a new vehicle this
3 year--

4 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

5 DUNN: --to replace a vehicle that had about 180,000
6 miles on it. The quote from Bob Buescher who built
7 the original home--

8 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

9 DUNN: --has come in with the lowest--at the lowest.
10 They--they'll be able to stick with the original
11 structure appearance and do a good job. So, hoping
12 that you could approve that for us.

13 IRVING: The Kryder House was the first of the two
14 houses that--two new houses that were built. And--by
15 the foundation, the Schenkel Foundation. And from--
16 as always, when you have a chance to do something
17 first, then you have a chance to review the good
18 points and the bad points. One thing that was
19 noticed at the Kryder House is that there is not a
20 privacy office. And there are times that parents
21 come, social workers come, they need to have
22 one-on-one conferences with the girls there. And it
23 becomes very, very difficult where the medicine is,
24 everything is in just one room, and that's really
25 your--basically, your only privacy room. I've been
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1 there and witnessed the experience of having to need
2 an office. And with that, I would open it up to any
3 questions.

4 BLOOM: What is this 737 Placement Fund?

5 DUNN: When we take out-of-County placements, part of
6 the money that we collect from those counties goes
7 back in this fund and then part of it goes into the
8 County General Fund.

9 BLOOM: And that's to be used as you see fit? Do you
10 have to have that appropriated?

11 DUNN: Yes.

12 BLOOM: Okay, okay.

13 DUNN: And again, we've always used that money to
14 offset the cuts in our budget and--

15 BLOOM: Okay.

16 DUNN: --for other items that are necessary.

17 Usually, it's related to what we need for the kids.

18 BLOOM: Okay.

19 DUNN: And Commissioner Irving is very correct about
20 the--we learned a lot from building Yoder House,
21 Kryder House. Kryder House does not have a basement,
22 Yoder House does.

23 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

24 DUNN: I would say girls need the more--more indoor
25 space than the boys, myself. The boys are always

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1 outside doing stuff.

2 IRVING: Is that a sexist comment?

3 DUNN: No, it's not. It's just--

4 IRVING: I wanted to clarify that one.

5 DUNN: --preference in activities.

6 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

7 BLOOM: Yeah.

8 DUNN: The--

9 BLOOM: Girls tend to knit and do things like--

10 DUNN: No, I wasn't going to go there. They like to
11 get away from the staff and have their own place to
12 go do stuff, and there's no place in the Yoder House.

13 BLOOM: We're teasing you, Chris.

14 DUNN: I know you are. I'm trying to--the Yoder
15 House also has a private office for the Director--

16 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

17 DUNN: --and the Kryder House does not.

18 IRVING: Yeah.

19 DUNN: So the--just square footage. The Kryder House
20 is a lot smaller. We didn't want to go overboard
21 with this office, but we feel that it will meet the
22 needs of the Director and also offer some extra space
23 for a lot--

24 BLOOM: Twelve by 15 [12x15].

25 DUNN: --of the stuff that they currently have.

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1 IRVING: And my understanding is that you are willing
2 to sign in blood, along with our HR Department, that
3 this will be ADA compliant?

4 DUNN: Yes.

5 IRVING: Thank you.

6 BLOOM: Good.

7 PETERS: Chris, is there a chance of going back to--I
8 presume, we're going to use Buescher for this
9 project?

10 DUNN: That's who I'm requesting. They're--they have
11 the--the best price, and also they built the original
12 home, so they will make it--

13 IRVING: Right.

14 DUNN: --I want--I'm very concerned about--the homes
15 are beautiful homes.

16 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

17 DUNN: I don't want to take--distract from them at
18 all.

19 PETERS: Right. Well, I'm wondering if there's a
20 chance of going back to Mr. Buescher and--and
21 squeezing him just a little bit more. When I ran the
22 numbers, it looks like that cost still--even though
23 it's the--the least of four that you got, it's still
24 at about \$82.00--

25 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative). \$82.00.

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1 PETERS: --a square foot. And when I inquired as to
2 residential cost, even in compliance with ADA, the
3 response that I got was, "It's in the ballpark, but
4 that still may be on the high side"--

5 BLOOM: Yeah.

6 PETERS: --"of the ballpark."

7 IRVING: Do you want to explain why the cost is a
8 little higher on it?

9 DUNN: Well--

10 IRVING: I--I can or you can.

11 DUNN: --part of the issue is--we've been discussing
12 this at our Board--or at our Childcare Board meetings
13 for a couple of years now. And Commissioner Irving
14 has not wanted me to move forward with this in the
15 past until we get a better idea of what we needed and
16 the cost and all that. But I had or--originally
17 requested, about two or three years ago, that we look
18 into it. And we've been slowly doing that.

19 IRVING: Right.

20 DUNN: I think some of the added costs are going to
21 be in the heating and air conditioning.

22 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

23 DUNN: The--

24 IRVING: And the roof line.

25 DUNN: Yes--

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1 IRVING: The roof is big.
2 DUNN: --added cost because of those--maintaining the
3 original roof line of the home.
4 BLOOM: Sure.
5 DUNN: They really felt like it was going to be
6 difficult to tie into the current heating and air
7 conditioning, so this quote has a small unit similar
8 to what you might find in a hotel room.
9 PETERS: Uh-huh (affirmative).
10 DUNN: It's a very small unit. It's a very small
11 space. That may increase the cost a little bit more
12 than normal.
13 PETERS: Okay.
14 IRVING: And that's--
15 BLOOM: And that's--
16 IRVING: --one of the problems that we ran into by
17 having this one done on a slab because it's--it's
18 really--the house was not built for any type of a
19 permanent expansion, the way the roof line was done
20 on it, with it being a slab.
21 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).
22 IRVING: That's one of the problems that we're having
23 with the--with ADA compliancy on this house is that
24 it's--it's constructed pretty tight, if that makes
25 sense.

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1 BLOOM: Is that unit included in this?
2 IRVING: Yes--
3 DUNN: Yes--
4 IRVING: --it is.
5 DUNN: --it was supposed to be included in this.
6 BLOOM: Which one?
7 DUNN: It should be in Bob Buescher's quote. That
8 was what they were telling us they were going to add
9 in.
10 BLOOM: Well, I'm looking. Am I not seeing it?
11 Because I do see that the lawn and the landscape is
12 our responsibility, but where does it say anything
13 about the units being--
14 IRVING: It was in the specs.
15 BLOOM: Yeah, but I'm just saying I don't see it
16 here.
17 DUNN: I would agree with you. I do not see it on

18 here either. It was in our discussions. It was in
19 our request.
20 IRVING: Will you call Bob and make sure to clarify
21 it?
22 DUNN: Yes.
23 IRVING: We could probably go ahead and award it
24 and--at the number including the--the heat--the--
25 that--the individual heating unit that's going to go
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1 in, but that was in the specs on it.
2 DUNN: And we would not move forward with this
3 without that being in here.
4 BLOOM: Actually, I don't see it--
5 DUNN: One of the quotes--
6 BLOOM: --in any of them. Oh, here it is. Yeah,
7 here it is on some of the other quotes, but not on
8 this one.
9 DUNN: It was in our request.
10 BLOOM: Okay.
11 DUNN: And they wrote up a quick one here for us.
12 BLOOM: With that, I'll approve this subject to your
13 checking on it and making sure that that is also
14 included?
15 DUNN: Yes.
16 BLOOM: I'll make a motion that we accept Bob
17 Buescher Homes for the addition to the Kryder House,
18 \$14,800.00.
19 PETERS: I'll second it.
20 IRVING: All in favor, say, "Aye."
21 BLOOM: Aye.
22 PETERS: Aye.
23 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried.
24 DUNN: Thank you.
25 BLOOM: Thank you.

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1 IRVING: Thank you. Plats for signature. We have
2 two plats that are ready: The Villas of Stratford,
3 Section 2 and The Villas of Grey Oaks, Section 1.
4 And I need to have a motion to defer the Prairie
5 Meadals--Prairie Meadows, Section 1.
6 BLOOM: I'll make a motion that we accept Villas of
7 Stratford, Section 2; Villas of Grey Oaks, Section 1,
8 and defer Prairie Meadows, Section 1.

9 PETERS: I'll second it.
10 IRVING: All in favor, say, "Aye."
11 BLOOM: Aye.
12 PETERS: Aye.
13 IRVING: Aye.
14 WOOD: You didn't really need me, did you?
15 BLOOM: Hi, Michelle.
16 WOOD: Hi.
17 IRVING: Hello, Michelle.
18 FISHERING: You were brilliant.
19 IRVING: Can we sign those after the meeting?
20 WOOD: That's great. Thank you.
21 IRVING: Thank you so much. Approve traffic posting
22 change for Silverado Drive at Zubrick Road, post a
23 STOP sign. Good morning, Mr. Hartman.
24 HARTMAN: Good morning.
25 BLOOM: Good morning, Bill.

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1 HARTMAN: Bill Hartman, Allen County Highway
2 Department. This marks the opening of Zubrick Road,
3 south of Lafayette Center, so. It's sti--we still
4 have some incidental construction out there but it is
5 open to traffic, so.
6 IRVING: We do have a little minor drainage problem
7 that we are addressing. I just talked to the
8 homeowner--I think it was early yesterday morning.
9 He's in Wisconsin. And I think we've gotten that all
10 straightened out.
11 HARTMAN: That will be resolved shortly.
12 IRVING: Yeah.
13 HARTMAN: Yeah.
14 BLOOM: I'll make a motion that we approve the
15 traffic posting change, Silverado Drive at Zubrick
16 with a STOP sign.
17 PETERS: I'll second it.
18 IRVING: All in favor, say, "Aye."
19 BLOOM: Aye.
20 PETERS: Aye.
21 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. I want to just add a
22 two cents about Brad that has run the job for the
23 Highway Department out there. He has--
24 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).
25 IRVING: --done a very, very excellent job. I--I

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1 personally have not been involved in that many road
2 projects, but I have never seen a project run as
3 smooth as what that project did. My hat off to your
4 leadership and--

5 BLOOM: And also yours.

6 IRVING: --Brad's. No, I was just--had the whip.

7 BLOOM: Yeah, but it worked. It was very expedient
8 and very well done.

9 IRVING: It was a great job.

10 HARTMAN: Thank you. I'll pass that on to Brad.

11 IRVING: Thank you. And yourself. Approve and
12 accept colesh--completion of the rehabilitation and
13 widening of two bridges by Primco, Inc., Bridge #9
14 and Bridge #10. The original Contract Amount was
15 \$609,860.01, and the final Contract Amount is
16 \$575,969.85. And one of them is located over the
17 Scipio Road and over the Wann--

18 BLOOM: Wann.

19 IRVING: --Wann Ditch and over the Hamm Ditch.

20 PETERS: I think before we let that \$34,000.00 get
21 away, I'll make a motion to approve and accept
22 completion and rehabilitation and widening of the two
23 bridges.

24 BLOOM: And I'll second that.

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

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1 BLOOM: Aye.

2 PETERS: Aye.

3 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried.

4 BLOOM: We really like the ones that come in under.

5 IRVING: Do you have anything else today?

6 HARTMAN: Well, we may, under "Other Business."
7 We're going to confer with Mr. Fishing here for a
8 second on what we want.

9 IRVING: Uh-oh. Well, that makes me nervous.

10 FISHERING: It makes me nervous.

11 IRVING: Is there any other business to come before
12 us today?

13 ELSER: I believe we have out Public Information
14 Officer John McGauley.

15 IRVING: Yes, under "Other Business." Good morning,
16 John.

17 McGAULEY: Good morning, Commissioners.
18 PETERS: Good morning.
19 BLOOM: Good morning, John.
20 McGAULEY: For the record, I'm John McGauley, the
21 Public Information Officer. As you're all well
22 aware, several weeks ago you received a Resolution
23 from the Fort Wayne City Council suggesting proposing
24 the formation of a reorganization committee to study
25 different ways to organize local government. And as
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1 a result of that Resolution, you asked us, a few
2 weeks back, to set up a series of public meetings to
3 investigate really one pretty simple question, does
4 the committee as proposed by the Fort Wayne City
5 Council provide enough representation that all of
6 those various constituencies throughout the County
7 are adequately represented in the proposed structure?
8 So what we have done, and we're submitting for your
9 okay to proceed with today, is we've gone out and set
10 up a series of four meetings, the first of those
11 being on Thursday, July the 6th. All of these will
12 be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 6th at the Gloria
13 Goeglein Nature Center at Mattea County Park.
14 Monday, July the 17th, here, in the Commissioners
15 Courtroom. One, again, the next night, on July the
16 18th. Both of those meetings being primarily set up
17 for Township governments, Township Boards, Township
18 Trustees, Assessors, users of Township services. So
19 we would do those on subsequent nights, July 17th and
20 18th. And then our final meeting would be on
21 Tuesday, August the 1st to give a chance for
22 municipal governments outside the City of Fort Wayne
23 to come in and address their thoughts. That meeting
24 would be in the New Haven City Hall police training
25 room--

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1 BLOOM: Okay.
2 McGAULEY: --which is--all of these are--are
3 wonderful venues. We placed two of these meetings,
4 here, in the Commissioners Courtroom with the hope of
5 being able to--to televise at least one of those.
6 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).
7 McGAULEY: So we can show folks a little bit more--

8 PETERS: I think one--

9 McGAULEY: --in depth what we're doing.

10 PETERS: --one point ought to be made in that
11 although we focused these meetings on specific
12 constituencies--

13 McGAULEY: Correct.

14 PETERS: --that others who may want to attend won't
15 be precluded--

16 McGAULEY: Absolutely.

17 PETERS: --from coming.

18 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

19 McGAULEY: Absolutely.

20 BLOOM: Right.

21 IRVING: Right.

22 McGAULEY: And we have also gone out to--what we will
23 do, subsequently, pending your approval of the--this
24 schedule is get letters in the mail to everyone we
25 can think of that might be interested in doing this

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1 including with that letter a copy of the City Council
2 Resolution. We have already gone out and updated the
3 government restructuring page--

4 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

5 McGAULEY: --on the County website. That can be
6 found under the Services and Elected Officials
7 pulldown menu to include copies of House Bill 1362 as
8 passed, the City Council Resolution. We will, yet
9 today, post the schedule under the Meeting Dates
10 section of that page--

11 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

12 McGAULEY: --and proceed from there.

13 IRVING: Have--

14 BLOOM: Good job, John.

15 McGAULEY: Thank you.

16 IRVING: You've done a great job. Have you, by any
17 chance, talked to the City of Fort Wayne about having
18 these meeting dates posted on their website too?

19 McGAULEY: No. You get first chance to approve here
20 and we'll--we'll do that subsequently.

21 IRVING: Okay. And also I know that some of the
22 surrounding areas that we're talking about, have--

23 McGAULEY: Correct.

24 IRVING: --their own websites. And I'm not sure--we

25 did discuss, but some of the smaller papers, like,
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1 you know, the northwest papers, some of these papers
2 might, as a public service, publicize these meetings
3 too.

4 McGAULEY: Absolutely.

5 IRVING: Great, great. The question I had was on the
6 Thursday, July 6th meeting, there is a pay to go into
7 Mattea Park. I assume that for this meeting, this
8 will be waived?

9 McGAULEY: I assume so too. That is--

10 IRVING: Okay.

11 McGAULEY: --after, I believe, the--

12 IRVING: It is after the hours.

13 McGAULEY: --the usual operating hours.

14 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative). Will we make sure
15 to--

16 McGAULEY: We will--we will ask that question.

17 IRVING: Okay. Thank you very much.

18 BLOOM: Oh, yeah. With that, I'll make a motion that
19 we accept the four dates and four locations for our
20 interaction with the County and City residents on the
21 Resolution.

22 PETERS: I'll second it.

23 IRVING: Is there anymore discussion? Hearing none,
24 it's been moved and seconded. All in favor, say,
25 "Aye."

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1 BLOOM: Aye.

2 PETERS: Aye.

3 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. And after we're done,
4 we'll be available for the media--

5 McGAULEY: That's correct.

6 IRVING: --to ask any questions, and you do have
7 packets for them? Is that correct?

8 McGAULEY: Absolutely. They've already received
9 them.

10 IRVING: Great, great. We appreciate it.

11 McGAULEY: Thank you.

12 IRVING: Thank you very much.

13 PETERS: Thank you.

14 IRVING: Could I have a motion to approve the--to
15 waive the second reading?

16 PETERS: I make a motion to approve to waive the 2nd
17 reading on any matter approved today and for which it
18 may be deemed necessary for the Legislative Session
19 of June 14th, 2006.

20 BLOOM: Second.

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

22 BLOOM: Aye.

23 PETERS: Aye.

24 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Comments from the
25 public?

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1 FISHERING: We do have--the Highway is going to--

2 HARTMAN: Approach you with Other Business?

3 IRVING: Well, you have more business?

4 HARTMAN: If I could.

5 IRVING: Well, now that the two of you conferred.

6 You can be Comments under the Public. No, we'll put
7 it under "Other Business." Thank you very much, Mr.

8 Hartman.

9 HARTMAN: What I have is--this is a previously

10 approved right of way for the entrance across the

11 road for the Coliseum for the new development plan.

12 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative). Uh-huh (affirmative).

13 HARTMAN: INDOT has requested that we make this--two

14 of the lines, J and K, limited access. So this is

15 just an amendment to the description to designate

16 those as--as limited access. We've already approved,

17 you know, granting the right of way, and this is just

18 a minor adjustment to that. But it--it requires your

19 signature.

20 BLOOM: But INDOT has requested this?

21 HARTMAN: Yes.

22 BLOOM: Okay.

23 HARTMAN: Yes.

24 SAMAAN: This would give them a chance--

25 IRVING: No, wait a minute.

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1 BLOOM: Would you identify yourself, please?

2 SAMAAN: Yeah, sure. Eli Samaan, working with the

3 Coliseum and IPFW on this project. And basically,

4 INDOT said the reason they like to have those so

5 eventually they can work on future lighting or

6 changing in the traffic signal with these

7 modifications. They have, you know, that--you know,
8 they'd be able to get to those two corners, so
9 that's--that's the only requested.

10 BLOOM: With that, I'll make a motion to amend the
11 Coliseum--

12 HARTMAN: Right of way.

13 BLOOM: --project--

14 HARTMAN: Yeah.

15 BLOOM: --with the right of way--

16 HARTMAN: Yeah, to be limited access.

17 BLOOM: --to be limited access.

18 IRVING: Would you like to make the motion, Bill?

19 HARTMAN: No, I'm just trying to help.

20 IRVING: No, I'm just kidding.

21 HARTMAN: I apologize. Just trying to help.

22 IRVING: Just kidding, just kidding.

23 BLOOM: I just did.

24 PETERS: I'll second it.

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

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1 BLOOM: Aye.

2 PETERS: Aye.

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

4 HARTMAN: Thank you very much.

5 IRVING: Do you need this back? Or you'll have
6 signature pages for us?

7 HARTMAN: Well, when--when we get the signatures.

8 IRVING: Okay.

9 HARTMAN: Thank you so much.

10 SAMAN: Thank you very much.

11 IRVING: Do we have any other comment from the
12 public?

13 SABLIC: You all know--

14 IRVING: Come right up.

15 BLOOM: Good morning, Joe.

16 SABLIC: --you all know me.

17 IRVING: Hi, Joe, how are you?

18 SABLIC: Good. Joe Sablic, I'm a Fort Wayne,
19 Indiana--I'm two things, retired serviceman from my
20 corporation 25 year, and also a veteran. But my main
21 concern is I know there's nothing that can be said
22 about it with you, but it's Highway 69, the wall
23 barriers--sound wall barriers. I've been to the

24 Indianapolis on this, they just don't want to talk to
25 me. I more or less got, I don't know how many,
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1 complaints on these sound walls right now. Nine
2 million dollars [\$9,000,000.00] is being wasted on
3 these sound wall barriers the way they're proposing
4 now. I don't know if you knew this. They're putting
5 sound wall warriors--barriers, basically, along Leo--
6 Leo Road to Clinton, which is a couple hundred yards
7 of 69 [I-69]. They want to put them up by the Dupont
8 Hospital, north of Dupont Road, which I don't
9 understand. I'm a realtor too. I have a lot of
10 people that I've been talking with as far as real
11 estate, and they said there's no improvements at all,
12 the walls that are already put up, except for a few
13 areas. They've already spent \$18,000,000.00 on these
14 walls. But I just want to let it be known I'm going
15 to do what I can--I--warned them in Indianapolis. I
16 said, "I will protest this thing. I'll picket it.
17 I'll do anything I can to stop wasting \$9,000,000.00
18 from these union contractors from Illinois."
19 Illinois contractors, I know, I've had complaints
20 about this company before. And you know me pretty
21 well how much I'm involved in this stuff. Any
22 other--any questions you have for me?
23 BLOOM: Well, I--I'm just going to make a statement
24 that, of course, that is INDOT. That is--
25 SABLIC: I know.

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1 BLOOM: --State. But I'm sure the regional office
2 had something to do with these requests. And I also
3 believe that there's been citizen input on this, and
4 meetings were held, I think. And of course, we enjoy
5 hearing your--
6 SABLIC: Yeah.
7 BLOOM: --concerns because they are legitimate, but
8 you're really not talking to the right people--
9 SABLIC: I know that.
10 BLOOM: --about this. You just want to make us
11 aware.
12 SABLIC: Well, sure. You're supposed to be helping
13 us, but--and you're not--for the downtown--I'm
14 talking with somebody about the downtown

15 redevelopment thing too. I know you're not involved
16 in that either, right?

17 IRVING: Well--

18 BLOOM: Well--

19 IRVING: --I wouldn't say that.

20 SABLIC: What I have--

21 IRVING: I spent a lot of my time on downtown
22 revitalization and re--redevelopment. In fact, I
23 think Councilman Smith is here today that's going to
24 say something too. So--

25 SABLIC: What I have--the old railroad tracks south
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1 of Meli--of--the railroad tracks on Harrison and
2 Melita?

3 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

4 SABLIC: The mayor has been trying to get that
5 through, the veterans have been trying to get that.

6 A lot of people has been trying to get that. I just
7 got notice from the railroad. They'll let the
8 Disabled American Veterans, which I'm the group of,
9 and also the National Veterans Service Officers, the
10 VA, they'll let us use part of that building. So
11 with down--downtown redevelopment, I would have to
12 ask would they be willing to cover the \$2,000,000.00
13 insurance needed for us just to occupy that building.
14 I don't want to buy it, don't want to own it. We
15 just want to use it. I got--contribution money would
16 come in and help refurbish that building. That
17 building--some of that building can be saved.

18 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

19 SABLIC: And to me, downtown redevelopment can move a
20 couple of blocks south of the railroad tracks.

21 IRVING: I will tell you what, there--as I said,
22 Councilman Smith is in the back.

23 SABLIC: Okay. I know.

24 IRVING: And I sit on a lot of these committees, he's
25 probably got more of the expertise to go through the
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1 City Redevelopment Commission or something that could
2 help him. So why don't we wait until after the
3 meeting and--

4 SABLIC: Okay.

5 IRVING: --I'll introduce you to Councilman Smith

6 and--and maybe we can come up with something.

7 SABLIC: We'll do that.

8 IRVING: That's a good idea.

9 SABLIC: I'm just out here trying to save budget
10 money, you know, on different things--

11 BLOOM: We appreciate it.

12 SABLIC: --and build the City up.

13 IRVING: That's right.

14 SABLIC: I just don't know how to stop--like, you
15 know, my one doctor, Haver, says I should stop these
16 things, but I don't know--I don't know the word
17 "Stop." As bad as my health is, I just keep going.

18 I just keep going.

19 IRVING: Well, we appreciate your interest, you know
20 that.

21 SABLIC: And the VA Hospital, you know it is
22 guaranteed to be open until 2012.

23 BLOOM: This is good.

24 SABLIC: Yeah. And the Director of the--

25 BLOOM: No, no, this is very good.

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1 SABLIC: I know.

2 BLOOM: It wasn't going to be re--

3 SABLIC: No. The new director of--Cathi Spivey-Paul,
4 at the VA, already said these, she has approved for
5 me to be involved in them for like an advertiser--an
6 advisor on the construction and real estate and also
7 in the physical parts.

8 BLOOM: Great.

9 SABLIC: With some of my people I'm working with.

10 IRVING: Okay.

11 BLOOM: Great.

12 IRVING: Okay.

13 SABLIC: The VA, I'm strong on.

14 BLOOM: Thank you for sharing. What?

15 SABLIC: The VA, I'm very strong on. I'm going to
16 national convention and doing some things nationwide
17 on this.

18 IRVING: Good.

19 SABLIC: Okay?

20 IRVING: Good.

21 SABLIC: Thanks a lot.

22 IRVING: Well, great. Come see us anytime.

23 SABLIC: Okay.

24 IRVING: Councilman Smith.

25 SABLIC: You sit up here--have to sit with you?

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1 SMITH: Yeah, thank you, Joe, I--

2 BLOOM: Good morning.

3 SMITH: --have to talk to the Commissioners a minute.

4 Good morning. Tom Smith, Fort Wayne City Councilman

5 in the First District. I just want to say, first of

6 all, thank you for establishing these meeting dates

7 for you to go out in the County and start talking

8 about the Resolution and what people want to say

9 about that Resolution. And I want you to know that

10 I, or probably other City Council members, will try

11 to attend these meetings if we can.

12 BLOOM: Great.

13 SMITH: And, you know, we'll try to assign somebody

14 or maybe we'll show up as a gang. I don't know.

15 We'll see.

16 BLOOM: A gang?

17 SMITH: A gang, yeah.

18 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

19 SMITH: Yeah, a gang of councilmen. But anyway, I'm

20 really glad you're doing this because I look forward

21 to hearing what people have to say too. I've pretty

22 much gotten a lot from the City side, and I'm picking

23 up more and more from people who are outside the

24 City, and I need to learn more about that. And I

25 look upon this as a great opportunity to do so.

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1 BLOOM: And a lot of the City people that were not

2 able--are coming to this too. That's why I included

3 that--the City and County because I think we're going

4 to have a lot of City residents also.

5 SMITH: I hope you're right.

6 BLOOM: I--I hope we're right too.

7 SMITH: Yeah. Because you have, you know, the number

8 of dates here, and--even though a couple of them are

9 on our City Council nights, we'll manage to get

10 there.

11 BLOOM: They are? Are they--

12 IRVING: Yeah, Tuesday nights.

13 BLOOM: --Tuesdays?

14 SMITH: Tuesday nights. Well, that's--we'll work it
15 out. I see they start at 6:30, and depending on what
16 time we get out of our meeting, we can be there or
17 we'll assign--

18 IRVING: Right.

19 SMITH: --somebody to go, hopefully. The other thing
20 I just want to make a comment on is that--and Marla
21 mentioned--some of the downtown issues that have been
22 going on. And you know, we talk a lot about how the
23 City and the County are working together on a
24 comprehensive plan. Well, one of the things I don't
25 think gets stated enough is that how the County is

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1 just as much a part of the downtown City
2 revitalization planning process as is the City
3 itself, and mainly through you, Marla. And I--I just
4 want to thank you for that because that gets
5 overlooked sometimes and we take that for granted.

6 BLOOM: Very definitely.

7 SMITH: We know you're there. And I really
8 appreciate that. It's not just the City looking at
9 the downtown, it's the City and the County. And it's
10 another example of the cooperation and things that
11 just go on automatically. And so I want to thank you
12 very much for doing that. And that's really all I
13 have to say--

14 IRVING: Well, thank you, Tom.

15 SMITH: --unless you have any thoughts for me.

16 IRVING: It's a pleasure.

17 SMITH: All right? Thank you very much.

18 IRVING: Thank you.

19 PETERS: Thank you.

20 BLOOM: Thank you.

21 IRVING: Come see us anytime.

22 SMITH: All right.

23 IRVING: Do we have anymore comments from the public?

24 Hearing none, I'll take a motion to adjourn.

25 PETERS: So moved.

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1 BLOOM: Second.

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

3 BLOOM: Aye.

4 PETERS: Aye.

5 IRVING: Aye. Have a wonderful week. Thank you very
6 much.

7 (Adjourned at 10:34 a.m.)

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