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OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEN

RE: LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF
DECEMBER 20, 2006

DATE: December 20, 2006

TIME: 10:15 a.m.

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Commissioners Courtroom
City-County Building
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Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

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1 IRVING: Good morning and welcome to the Legislative
2 Meeting this morning, on Wednesday, December 20th of
3 2006, five days before Christmas. Before we start,
4 would everyone like to rise and we'll do the Pledge
5 of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

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

8 IRVING: Thank you very much. First on our agenda

9 this morning is the approval of the minutes of the
10 December 13th meeting.
11 BLOOM: So moved.
12 PETERS: I'll second it.
13 IRVING: It's been moved and seconded. All in favor
14 say "aye."
15 BLOOM: Aye.
16 PETERS: Aye.
17 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Two year renewal
18 agreement with Motorola for systems maintenance.
19 BLOOM: Good morning.
20 IRVING: Good morning, gentlemen.
21 DEROSE: Good morning.
22 FEIGHNER: Good morning, Commissioners. Merry
23 Christmas to everybody.
24 BLOOM: Merry Christmas.
25 IRVING: Merry Christmas to you. Where is your
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1 Christmas tie today.
2 FEIGHNER: I wore it to the office--the party on
3 Monday, and it has a spot on it--
4 BLOOM: And destroyed it.
5 FEIGHNER: --so I can't wear it.
6 BLOOM: And destroyed it.
7 IRVING: Is it right over Grinch, or who?
8 BLOOM: You need the Tide spot thing.
9 FEIGHNER: Thank you.
10 BLOOM: The Tide spot towel.
11 FEIGHNER: I've got one in the office--
12 BLOOM: Okay.
13 FEIGHNER: --but it was too big a spot. Sorry. Jim
14 DeRose and I are here, and, of course, Sheriff
15 Herman, and Sheriff Elect Fries, are also here.
16 Yesterday, the MACP Board, which consists, as you
17 know, of the City representatives, and the County
18 representatives, approved the renewal of the Motorola
19 contract for the maintenance of our Joint
20 Communication System, and Motorola has signed it.
21 It's basically the same terms and conditions as
22 before, it's subject to annual appropriation. It
23 would be for a two-year renewal; we've been doing it
24 on a one-year, but it's a two-year, which makes--
25 makes perfect sense.

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1 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

2 FEIGHNER: And, with your approval, then I'll take it
3 upstairs to the Mayor's office, and we anticipate
4 they'll sign it today and get it to Motorola so we're
5 good to go.

6 PETERS: And, those costs are being borne equally at
7 about 79,300 [\$79,300.00]--

8 FEIGHNER: Yes, sir.

9 PETERS: --per side?

10 DEROSE: Yes.

11 FEIGHNER: Yes, sir.

12 PETERS: Okay. I'd make a motion that we approve the
13 two-year renewal agreement with Motorola for system
14 maintenance.

15 BLOOM: Second.

16 IRVING: It's been moved and seconded. All in favor
17 say "aye."

18 PETERS: Aye.

19 BLOOM: Aye.

20 IRVING: Motion carried.

21 DEROSE: Thank you.

22 FEIGHNER: Thank you very much.

23 BLOOM: Thank you.

24 IRVING: Thank you very much.

25 PETERS: Thanks.

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1 IRVING: Appointment to the Common Con--appointment
2 to the Common Construction Wage Committee for the
3 East Allen School Roofing and Asphalt Project in
4 2007.

5 ELSER: The name before you today is Michael Lamont,
6 to serve as a taxpayer representative.

7 PETERS: I'll move the appointment of Michael Lamont.

8 BLOOM: Second.

9 IRVING: It's been moved and seconded. All in favor
10 say "aye."

11 BLOOM: Aye.

12 PETERS: Aye.

13 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Before we continue,
14 did Sheriff Herman, or Sheriff-Elect Fries, have
15 anything that they would--would like to say?

16 HERMAN: I would just like to say--

17 IRVING: Well, come up--come up here.

18 BLOOM: Bossy.

19 IRVING: And--and I do apologize, until you stood up
20 over there I thought maybe you did have something to
21 say.

22 HERMAN: Well, this is going to be my last
23 Legislative Session, so I just wanted to say, thank
24 you for doing the things that you do for this county,
25 and I appreciate all the people that I got to work

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1 with over the last 35 years, and I'm looking forward
2 to retirement. So, Merry Christmas and a Happy New
3 Year to all of you. Appreciate you.

4 BLOOM: Merry Christmas.

5 IRVING: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you
6 too.

7 PETERS: Sheriff, thank you for everything you've
8 done to forward public safety--

9 IRVING: That's right.

10 PETERS: --in this community, as well.

11 BLOOM: I will miss you.

12 HERMAN: Well, I'm gonna miss all the people, I
13 really am. I don't think I'm gonna miss some of the
14 stress, but I think that's gonna--I am gonna miss
15 the--the good folks that I got to work with over the
16 last 35 years. I'm--I would do it all over again if
17 I had--if I was 25 years old, so--thank you very
18 much.

19 IRVING: I will--

20 BLOOM: I hear that.

21 IRVING: --Sheriff, I want to know if you're giving
22 the same speech tomorrow to County Council?

23 HERMAN: Probably.

24 IRVING: You must be on the agenda then.

25 HERMAN: No, I--I'm not gonna be at the County

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1 Council meeting because my--my retirement party is
2 going on during that time, so--

3 IRVING: Oh, that's right.

4 HERMAN: --I--I won't be here, but--

5 IRVING: Which we'll all be at.

6 HERMAN: --the sentiments are kind of the same. I--I
7 really had a good time. I really appreciate

8 everything that has ever been done for me, and I--I
9 can't imagine anything that I would have done
10 differently in--in the last 36 years. It's--it's
11 been a good run. So--thank you.
12 IRVING: We love you, Jim. You've done a great job.
13 PETERS: Thank you.

14 IRVING: Thank you so much.

15 (At this time, there is a round of
16 applause for Sheriff Herman.)

17 IRVING: Okay--

18 BLOOM: Merry Christmas.

19 IRVING: --Merry Christmas. Okay, don't cry. Award
20 Grant to the Allen County Parks Department for
21 200,000 [\$200,000.00] to repay a loan to the Allen
22 County Cum Gap Fund. Roger, do you want to come up
23 as a representative of the Board. You don't really
24 have to say anything, but why don't you introduce
25 yourself, and we can give a little background of

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1 this.

2 BLOOM: Good morning.

3 IRVING: Good morning.

4 MOLL: Good morning. I'm Roger Moll. I am a
5 member appointed by the Council, the County
6 Council, to the Allen County Park Board, and I
7 serve as Vice President for that organization at this
8 time.

9 IRVING: Three or four years ago the Allen County
10 Parks Board came to the Commissioners and they asked
11 two things, first of all if we could loan them an
12 amount of money for a grant payback, which we did,
13 and we also--they asked us for a \$200,000.00 loan for
14 the kickoff of their fundraising of the new pavilion
15 --Nature Center, in Matea Park. And, for those of
16 you who have not been out there to visit it--

17 BLOOM: It's beautiful.

18 IRVING: --it is gorgeous.

19 BLOOM: It is.

20 IRVING: It is gorgeous.

21 BLOOM: It is.

22 IRVING: The fundraising has been excellent. We
23 didn't have enough money to finish the basement,
24 which is primarily going to be an area that will

25 facilitate all of the youth in Allen County and
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1 surrounding areas--

2 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

3 IRVING: --that come and want to use it.

4 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

5 IRVING: So, the Park Board, again, has come to us,

6 and in order for them to further some of the

7 endeavors that they need to, for the continuing

8 education, they have asked us to award a--a grant to

9 them of the \$200,000.00. And, with that, I'll answer

10 any questions, or, Roger, if I didn't say it quite

11 right--

12 MOLL: Just, on behalf of the Park Board, the support

13 the Commissioners have provided has made the facility

14 at Matea possible. And, to be able to serve the

15 northern part of the county the way that Fox Island's

16 county park has been able to serve the southern part

17 of the county--

18 BLOOM: Right.

19 MOLL: --is certainly--

20 BLOOM: Right.

21 MOLL: --an appropriate en--energy for the

22 Commissioners to be involved in, and considerate of,

23 and--and, so on behalf of the Park Board, we're

24 deeply appreciative of--of this effort today.

25 BLOOM: And, with that, I'll make the motion to award

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1 the grant to the Parks Department to repay the loan.

2 PETERS: I'll second it.

3 IRVING: It's been moved and seconded, and all in

4 favor say "aye."

5 BLOOM: Aye.

6 PETERS: Aye.

7 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Congratulations.

8 MOLL: Thank you very much.

9 IRVING: Thank you.

10 BLOOM: Merry Christmas.

11 IRVING: And, Merry Christmas.

12 MOLL: I hope it's a happy holiday for all of you.

13 IRVING: Thank you.

14 BLOOM: Thank you.

15 IRVING: Thank you very much. New Haven Avenue

16 Design-Build Resolution.

17 PETERS: In proceeding forward with the Sheriff's
18 Building on New Haven Avenue, you had--it is required
19 that we put together a resolution that names, in
20 part, a Technical Review Committee. That Technical
21 Review Committee--it's being recommended that Mike
22 Trevino, Dave Fuller, and Matt Kelty be the
23 architects--as the architect, be the Design Technical
24 Review Committee for the Design-Build project moving
25 forward. Having said that, I would make a motion

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1 that we approve those names, and the adoption of the
2 ordinance for Design-Build at the New Haven Avenue
3 location.

4 BLOOM: Second.

5 IRVING: It's been moved and seconded. Should we
6 read the names again for--

7 PETERS: Yeah, the names are Mike Trevino, Dave
8 Fuller, and Matt Kelty.

9 IRVING: Okay. It's been moved and seconded. All in
10 favor say "aye."

11 BLOOM: Aye.

12 PETERS: Aye.

13 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Approve Interlocal
14 Agreement between Allen County and Leo-Cedarville for
15 furnishing miscellaneous services and materials to
16 the Leo-Cedarville during 2007.

17 BLOOM: Good morning, Bill.

18 HARTMAN: Good morning.

19 IRVING: Good morning. How are you, Mr. Hartman?

20 HARTMAN: Good morning. I'm quite good, and you?

21 IRVING: Wonderful.

22 HARTMAN: Um--

23 IRVING: I like your Purdue colors, too.

24 HARTMAN: Thank you.

25 IRVING: They won, what was it, 90 something, to 57

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1 last night?

2 HARTMAN: Yeah.

3 IRVING: Great.

4 HARTMAN: Off to a good start. This is just a--a
5 standard agreement between us, that we renew every
6 year, in the town of Leo-Cedarville, for services

7 that we have the materials and equipment to supply
8 much more easily.

9 PETERS: I make a motion to approve the Interlocal
10 Agreement between Allen County and Leo-Cedarville for
11 furnishing miscellaneous services and materials
12 during 2007.

13 BLOOM: Second.

14 IRVING: It's been moved and seconded. All in favor
15 say "aye."

16 PETERS: Aye.

17 BLOOM: Aye.

18 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Approve Change Order
19 #2, which is the final, between API Construction
20 Corp. and Allen County for the construction of Scott
21 Road Hillcut, Project #05-316, Bid Reference #12-06.
22 The total Changeover--Change Order #2 is \$8,466.92
23 increase.

24 HARTMAN: This is due to additional excavation that
25 was required for this hillcut on this project. And-
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1 and this is the--this will be the final--final pay
2 for this project. And, it will help a small amount,
3 of development there on Scott Road, and a safety
4 issue there with that hill.

5 IRVING: That's right.

6 BLOOM: I'll make a motion to approve Change Order #2
7 between API Construction and Allen County for Hill
8 Road--Hill Road--Scott Road Hillcut--Hill Road--

9 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

10 BLOOM: --new word.

11 IRVING: I'll second the motion. All in favor say
12 "aye."

13 PETERS: Aye.

14 BLOOM: Aye.

15 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Thank you so much for
16 getting this project completed in a timely manner.

17 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

18 IRVING: This is an economic development, and--

19 BLOOM: Right.

20 IRVING: --I--it went on for much too long, trying to
21 get--get everything in--in order to do this. And, I
22 congratulate Commissioner Bloom and the Highway
23 Department for expediting this process once we got

24 all our "I's" dotted, and our "T's" crossed.

25 HARTMAN: Thank you.

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1 BLOOM: Thank you.

2 IRVING: Approve and award Bid Reference #50-06,
3 Construction of a new bridge on the Landin Road over
4 the Bullerman Ditch, Bridge #114, Project #04-168,
5 and the bids were opened yesterday.

6 HARTMAN: Yeah, this--the--the low bid was actually
7 quite a bit over the engineer's estimate. But, when
8 we did an analysis of that estimate, we found that
9 item number 50 seemed to be about half of what it
10 should have been estimated, and that was confirmed by
11 our consultant in a phone conversation. And, when--
12 when you average out the rest of the bids between all
13 the competitors and this, that--that comes to light.
14 And, so we are recommending that, even though it's
15 considerably over the estimate, that we--that we go
16 ahead and award the bid to Pioneer Associates.

17 IRVING: If the--if--I see the engineer estimate is
18 549,727.61 [\$549,727.61]. If 50 had been increased,
19 the percentage, do you know what the engineer's
20 estimate would have been then?

21 HARTMAN: Um--

22 BLOOM: Had not been, you mean.

23 HARTMAN: --it would have--it would have been another
24 60 [\$60,000.00] to \$65,000.00 above what it is now.

25 So, it would have been--

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1 IRVING: So, really, the bids are only--

2 HARTMAN: --a little over 600,000 [\$600,000.00]. So,
3 we would have been within the--

4 IRVING: Okay. The--the leeway then of the--

5 HARTMAN: --the allowable general 5%, yeah--

6 IRVING: Okay.

7 HARTMAN: --over the estimate. We can change--

8 BLOOM: Because, we don't usually do this, but if--

9 HARTMAN: Right. Right.

10 BLOOM: Right.

11 HARTMAN: --if we rebid, I--on--I assure you, this,
12 you know, we'll--we'll get the same result. It's
13 just--you know, it was just a one item mistake, but
14 it happened to be a rather high dollar item.

15 BLOOM: I'll make a motion that we accept Bid
16 Reference #50-06, to Pioneer Associates, \$623,596.00.

17 PETERS: I'll second it.

18 IRVING: It's been moved and seconded. All in favor
19 say "aye."

20 PETERS: Aye.

21 BLOOM: Aye.

22 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Approve and award Bid
23 Reference #50-06, construction of Amber Road, from
24 U.S. 24 to Liberty Mills Road, Project #01-339, and
25 the bids were opened yesterday. I don't know if

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1 we've had a chance to review them or not.

2 HARTMAN: No. This went the other direction. This,
3 the estimate--my engineer's estimate was nearly \$1.5
4 million, and the bids came in about \$1.1 million.

5 So, there's a--\$400,000.00 under--under the
6 engineer's estimate, so we're in a lot better
7 situation on this.

8 BLOOM: Absolutely. Hopefully there won't be a bunch
9 of change orders on this, and the figures are right,
10 because we do need savings in our projects. And,
11 this--

12 IRVING: Okay--oh, I'm sorry, don't--don't make your
13 motion yet, if you can. Go ahead, if you have
14 something else to say, but don't make your motion.

15 BLOOM: No. Okay.

16 IRVING: We've had a mistake on the bid reference
17 number, just to clarify this. The Bid Reference
18 number on this project is #49-06, construction of
19 Amber Road, from U.S. 24 to Liberty Mills Road,
20 Aboite Section 28 and 29, Project #01-339. So, it's
21 --it was the bid reference number--

22 BLOOM: And, the low bidder in this was Wayne
23 Asphalt, \$1,072,416.35. And, like Bill Hartman said,
24 it's below the engineer's estimate. This is good.

25 And, the people of Aboite Township and the trails

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1 people will be very, very happy about this because
2 this all connects with the trails system that the
3 City is doing also, and the schools. So, with that,
4 I'll make a motion to acc--

5 PETERS: I'll second it.

6 IRVING: It's been moved and seconded. All in favor
7 say "aye."

8 BLOOM: Aye.

9 PETERS: Aye.

10 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Anything else, Mr.
11 Hartman, you'd like to say?

12 HARTMAN: Um--thank you very much. I appreciate--

13 IRVING: Happy holidays and you have a Merry
14 Christmas.

15 HARTMAN: Yes.

16 BLOOM: Merry Christmas.

17 HARTMAN: Yes.

18 LITTLE: Okay, we can keep him here for the next one.

19 BLOOM: Okay.

20 LITTLE: The diesel fuel.

21 BLOOM: All right.

22 IRVING: Where--what is it with all you guys? Nobody
23 has Christmas ties on today.

24 LITTLE: It's not Christmas yet.

25 IRVING: Well, it's--

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1 FISHERING: I have Christmas socks.

2 IRVING: --Mr. Fishering, before we get off the air,
3 we will make sure that we show your Christmas socks.

4 FISHERING: Yeah--

5 IRVING: Every attorney will be the--

6 FISHERING: Envious.

7 IRVING: --envy of your socks.

8 FISHERING: Yes.

9 IRVING: Okay.

10 BLOOM: I can't stand it.

11 IRVING: Approve and award Bid Reference #42-06, for
12 the Biodiesel Fuel for the year of 2007. These bids
13 were also opened yesterday. Good morning.

14 LITTLE: Good morning, Commissioners. I'm Bruce
15 Little--

16 BLOOM: Good morning.

17 LITTLE: --Allen County Purchasing Director. The
18 Commissioners received bids yesterday for biodiesel
19 fuel for the year of 2007. We asked for prices on
20 two different bases, both on a firm price for the
21 entire year, and on a day-to-day market price--

22 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

23 LITTLE: --which is free to float up and down with
24 the market. We don't have a lot of buying experience
25 with the diesel we asked for. The Highway Department
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1 has just recently moved over to the biodiesel fuel,
2 away from the--the straight premium diesel fuel.
3 They're gonna be looking at buying B-20. I can tell
4 you that the City and the schools have been buying B-
5 20 for a little bit of time, and they currently have
6 a contract. Again, it's a floating price contract.
7 But, for comparison's sake, I can tell you that the
8 one firm price that was offered to us yesterday, for
9 transport loads of B-20, and this price would be
10 including the--the taxes, their price is \$2.87.7 a
11 gallon.

12 BLOOM: Wow!

13 LITTLE: And, I checked with the City Purchasing
14 Department this morning and saw that the most recent
15 transport of B-20 that they've ordered came in at
16 just over \$2.26 a gallon. That's a difference of
17 over 60 cents a gallon that we would be locking in at
18 over today's current price.

19 PETERS: So, I think probably what needs to happen,
20 if indeed there's that big a spread, is we probably
21 need to reject that bid. I mean, is that where I
22 hear you going?

23 LITTLE: That's correct.

24 BLOOM: Yeah. Is that a motion, Nelson?

25 PETERS: Yeah, I'll make a motion to reject the bid
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1 for the diesel fuel.

2 BLOOM: The biodiesel.

3 PETERS: The biodiesel fuel.

4 BLOOM: Okay. And, I'll second that.

5 IRVING: It's been moved and seconded. Is there any
6 more discussion? The only discussion item that I
7 have on this is to note that the letter is being sent
8 from our Purchasing Department, from the County
9 Commissioners, too, rejecting the existing contracts
10 between the City of Fort Wayne and their fuel
11 supplier, Lassus, and--

12 LITTLE: Well, no--

13 IRVING: --I believe that--

14 LITTLE: --no.
15 BLOOM: No.
16 IRVING: --wait--let me read this, "After reviewing
17 the open market price favors--factors offered by the
18 three bidders of gasoline, and the two bidders of
19 biodiesel--oh, this--this handles both of them then?
20 LITTLE: That's right.
21 PETERS: Right.
22 IRVING: So, it has to be two different motions then?
23 LITTLE: Right. I--
24 IRVING: Well, before we sign this--
25 LITTLE: --we haven't gotten to the next one then.

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1 IRVING: --we should probably have--
2 BLOOM: Okay.
3 IRVING: --yeah.
4 BLOOM: The next one is for--
5 IRVING: We should probably have--
6 BLOOM: --the octane.
7 IRVING: --well, we have--it's been moved and
8 seconded. All in favor say "aye."
9 PETERS: Aye.
10 BLOOM: Aye.
11 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried.
12 PETERS: Now, that allows us, as I understand, to
13 piggyback with Fort Wayne Community Schools--
14 IRVING: Right.
15 BLOOM: And the City.
16 PETERS: --and the City of Fort Wayne--
17 LITTLE: That is correct.
18 PETERS: --with their respective market rates.
19 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).
20 IRVING: Okay. So, the next one we're addressing is
21 the award and the approval of Bid Reference #43-06,
22 for the 87 Octane gasoline for 2007 that was opened
23 yesterday?
24 LITTLE: That is correct.
25 IRVING: Okay. Then we'll--

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1 LITTLE: And, again, for comparative sake, I can tell
2 you we did receive one offer, for a firm price,
3 transport delivery, including taxes, at roughly \$2.19
4 a gallon--

5 BLOOM: Okay.

6 LITTLE: --firm, for next year. Again, I checked
7 with the--the City today, and their most current
8 price is just shy of \$1.89, that's a difference of
9 about 30 cents a gallon. I looked at this year's
10 market prices--

11 BLOOM: Wow! Wow!

12 LITTLE: --from January through December, if we were
13 to plug in this newly offered price--

14 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

15 LITTLE: --we would be losing money next year, if the
16 market performed identically next year as it did this
17 year. Therefore, I would, again, recommend that we
18 piggyback on existing contracts and reject the bids
19 that were offered.

20 PETERS: Which is sort of an interesting tact, given
21 the fact that last year we decided to lock in. Any
22 idea what we saved throughout 2006, by locking in?

23 LITTLE: I would say--again, projecting through the
24 end of December, with our firm price versus the
25 market price, I would say we're probably in the area

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1 of around \$20,000.00 savings--

2 PETERS: Right.

3 LITTLE: --by having locked in.

4 PETERS: Fantastic.

5 LITTLE: But, again, that price was between 13 [13
6 cents], 15 cents a gallon less--

7 PETERS: Right.

8 LITTLE: --than what's being offered for next year.

9 PETERS: Right. Now, part of the idea, I would think
10 is--is that the volatility of the market, the
11 petroleum market, isn't quite what it used to be, at
12 least a year ago, and consequently we're not--we're
13 not hitting quite, or we're not forced to hit quite
14 as big a moving target. And, so consequently by
15 staying with the market rates, we actually can take
16 advantages that we might not have been able to take
17 last year.

18 LITTLE: That's right. I don't think the market was
19 able to sustain some of those prices we were seeing
20 in the summer for very long--

21 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

22 PETERS: Right.

23 LITTLE: --before use pulls back, driving down the
24 price. So, last year was the--the worst we've seen
25 to date, as far as prices. And, like I say, if we
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1 have another one--

2 BLOOM: Okay.

3 LITTLE: --another year identical to that, we would
4 be losing money by locking in at the price that was
5 offered. It would have to be considerably worse than
6 last year to make it worth our while to lock in.

7 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative). I'm--is--do you have a
8 motion, Nelson?

9 PETERS: No, but I'd be happy to make one, and that
10 would be that we reject the bid for the--what is it,
11 87 grade gasoline?

12 BLOOM: Right. The 87 Octane, right. Be--and I'll
13 second that. But, before we vote, we're signing a
14 letter stating that, "After reviewing the open market
15 pricing factors offered by the three bidders for
16 gasoline, and the two bidders for biodiesel, I
17 believe it's in the County's best interests to reject
18 all bids received, gasoline and biodiesel, and
19 purchase from existing contracts between the City of
20 Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne Community Schools, and their
21 fuel suppliers, Lassus and AG Plus." Okay.

22 IRVING: It's been moved and seconded. All in favor
23 say "aye."

24 BLOOM: Aye.

25 IRVING: Aye.

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1 PETERS: Aye.

2 IRVING: Motion carried.

3 LITTLE: Thank you.

4 BLOOM: Thank you.

5 IRVING: The one thing we ought to mention is that we
6 are not locked into just bidding once a year either,
7 we can--

8 LITTLE: That's correct.

9 IRVING: --if we see that it would be a--to our
10 advantage--

11 BLOOM: Beneficially, yeah.

12 IRVING: --we can always go out for another bid.

13 BLOOM: Right.
14 IRVING: Correct.
15 LITTLE: Yeah, as long as we haven't locked in a
16 contract, you're right.
17 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).
18 BLOOM: Right.
19 IRVING: Thank you very much.
20 LITTLE: Thank you.
21 PETERS: Thanks.
22 LITTLE: Thank you.
23 IRVING: Merry Christmas.
24 BLOOM: Merry Christmas.
25 LITTLE: Merry Christmas.

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1 IRVING: Do we have any plats for signature?
2 ELSER: We have none today.
3 IRVING: Do we have any other business?
4 ELSER: We do not.
5 PETERS: I make a motion to approve to waive the 2nd
6 reading on any matter approved today and for which it
7 may be deemed necessary for the Legislative Session
8 of December 20th, 2006.
9 BLOOM: Second.
10 IRVING: It's been moved and seconded. All in favor
11 say "aye."
12 PETERS: Aye.
13 BLOOM: Aye.
14 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Do we have any
15 comments from the public. (No response.) Jeff? No?
16 NEUMEYER: I'm just getting ready to leave.
17 IRVING: Oh, okay. Hearing none, have a wonderful
18 holiday season and we'll see you next Wednesday.

(Adjourned 10:39 a.m.)

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1 STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS:
2 COUNTY OF ALLEN)

3 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

4 I, Rhonda M. Mullholand, a Notary Public in
5 and for the State of Indiana, County of Allen, do
6 hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true
7 and accurate transcript of the Board of
8 Commissioners' of the County of Allen, Legislative
9 Session, held before me on December 20, 2006, in the
10 Allen County Commissioners' Courtroom, Room 200,
11 City-County Building, 1 East Main Street, Fort Wayne,
12 Allen County, Indiana; that I am not related to,
13 employed by or interested in any of the parties to
14 this cause of action.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed my
16 hand and seal this 29th day of December, 2006.

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Rhonda M. Mullholand, Notary Public
Residing in Allen County, Indiana

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My Commission Expires:

21 June 21, 2009

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