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7 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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10 JANUARY 8, 2003
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15 DATE: January 8, 2003

16 TIME: 10:04 a.m.

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Commissioners Courtroom
City-County Building
18 1 East Main Street
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

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1 PRESENT:
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4 Edwin J. Rousseau Allen County Commissioner
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6 Susan Elser Allen County Board of
Commissioners' Office
7 Mary Hitchens Allen County Public
Information Department
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9 Donald Reitz Allen County Department
of Planning Services
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11 Sheriff James Herman Allen County Sheriff
12 Michael Fitch Allen County Highway
Department
13 John McGauley Allen County Public
Information Department
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15 Capt. William Smallwood Allen County Sheriff's
Department
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17 Therese Brown Allen County Clerk
Renee Rousseau Allen County Clerk's Office

18 Robert Lee Allen County Treasurer
 19 Miguel Trevino
 20 Richard Krebs ACS
 21 Lin Wilson Allen County Auditor's
 22 Office
 23 Ed LaRocque Allen County Department
 of Emergency Management

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 2 Larry Banks Allen County Public Library
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 4 Kevin Leininger News-Sentinel

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1 IRVING: Good morning. Thank you for attending our
2 Wednesday, January 8th, Legislation Session. Item of
3 business number one is approval of the minutes of
4 12/31/02.
5 ROUSSEAU: So moved.
6 BLOOM: Second.
7 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."
8 BLOOM: Aye.
9 ROUSSEAU: Aye.
10 IRVING: Passed. Resolution 2003-01 regarding
11 Commissioners' 2003 Legislative Session and stating
12 the Board shall be in continuous session while
13 offices are open to the public.
14 ROUSSEAU: So moved.
15 BLOOM: Second.
16 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."
17 BLOOM: Aye.
18 ROUSSEAU: Aye.
19 IRVING: Aye. Passed. Item number three, Rezoning
20 Petition 1472/02, request to rezone property and
21 approve a 43-lot, single-family residential
22 subdivision. The 13.135-acre site is located on the
23 south side of the 1400 through 1600 blocks of West
24 Cedar Canyon Road. Present zoning is RS-1/Suburban
25 Residential. Proposed zoning is RSP-1/Planned

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1 Suburban Residential. Good morning, Don.
2 REITZ: Good morning.
3 BLOOM: Good morning.
4 REITZ: Don Reitz, Department of Planning Services.
5 The applicant is proposing to develop this site with
6 43 villa lots, within a single-family subdivision.
7 The site is surrounded on three sides by agricultural
8 land and a single family residential development,
9 Classic Heights, the single-family residential
10 subdivision, located to the east. This was seen by
11 the Plan Commission as a classic form of infill in an
12 adjacent development, it's simply a continuation of
13 the current single-family residential development
14 seen in this area. There was no remonstrance at the
15 public hearing, none in the file, and the Plan
16 Commission is recommending "do pass" on this
17 proposal.
18 IRVING: And, this was a unanimous vote, if I
19 remember correctly--
20 REITZ: Yes, ma'am.
21 IRVING: --is that correct?

22 BLOOM: I'll make a motion that we accept Rezoning
23 Petition 1472/02.
24 ROUSSEAU: Second.
25 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."

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1 BLOOM: Aye.
2 ROUSSEAU: Aye.
3 IRVING: Aye. Motion passed. Item number four,
4 Rezoning Petition 1473/02, petition to rezone
5 property and approve a primary development plan to
6 allow the construction of a Bob Evans Restaurant.
7 The 1.64 acre site is located on the west side of the
8 10200 through 10300 blocks of Maysville Road.
9 Present zoning is A-1/Agricultural. Proposed zoning
10 is C-1(P)/Planned Limited Commercial. And, this area
11 is located out by the Meijer's, and the Kohl, and
12 the--the new addition out that way.
13 REITZ: The Meijer, Menard's shopping center, yes.
14 IRVING: Right.
15 REITZ: And, within this development there's two
16 similar restaurants having been approved, and more
17 than likely across the street at the Chapel Ridge
18 development there will be a number of restaurants,
19 similar uses, as well. At the hearing there was a
20 slight amount of remonstrance concerning things like
21 noise, and additional traffic, from Mr. and Mrs.
22 Niccum, who have been at these hearings for as long
23 as I can remember. They've lived in the area ever
24 since the Meijer's was put in, and they've seen quite
25 a substantial change in the land use in the area.

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1 BLOOM: Of course.
2 REITZ: However, the proposal is certainly consistent
3 with the types of uses that have been permitted in
4 that area over the last eight years or so, and the
5 Plan Commission recommends "do pass" on this
6 proposal.
7 ROUSSEAU: So moved.
8 BLOOM: Second.
9 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."
10 ROUSSEAU: Aye.
11 BLOOM: Aye.
12 IRVING: Aye. Motion passed. Number five--you've
13 got a lot of them today, Don. Number five--
14 REITZ: We're going right through these.
15 IRVING: --Rezoning Petition 1474/02, request to
16 rezone 1.0 acre by Venture Leasing, LLC. Site is
17 located on the north side of 5300 block of Washington
18 Center road. Present zoning is A-1/Agricultural.
19 Proposed zoning is C-1A(P) Planned Professional
20 Services.
21 REITZ: The applicant is proposing to use this
22 property--use the existing residence for additional
23 office space for its business immediately to the--the
24 west. There is no development for this site, since
25 there's no construction being done on the property.

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1 This is almost a housekeeping piece of work before
2 you. There was absolutely no opposition, there's no
3 construction to be done on the site, no improvements
4 to be made, other than a walkway between the two

5 properties. The C-1A(P) zoning designation is
6 consistent with other similar designations in the
7 area, and industrial uses in the area as well. No
8 opposition at the public hearing, and the Plan
9 Commission is recommending "do pass" on this
10 proposal.
11 BLOOM: So moved.
12 ROUSSEAU: Second.
13 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."
14 ROUSSEAU: Aye.
15 BLOOM: Aye.
16 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried.
17 REITZ: That's it. Thank you very much.
18 IRVING: Well, thank you very much, Don. No plats
19 for us to sign, or anything?
20 REITZ: Not this week.
21 IRVING: Okay. Well, have a happy new year.
22 REITZ: Thank you.
23 ROUSSEAU: Did you want permission to leave the room,
24 Sheriff, or what--what--
25 HERMAN: No, no, no. I was going to go find--see if

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1 I could find an agenda quick, but if we're up, we're
2 up, I'm ready to go.
3 ROUSSEAU: Oh--well, here.
4 ELSER: He's next.
5 IRVING: Well, would you--would you like to be last?
6 HERMAN: No, it's fine. I--
7 IRVING: Okay. Item number six on our agenda is
8 approval of the patrol contract between the Allen
9 County Sheriff's Department and the Town of Grabill
10 for the year 2002. No, I think that should be 2003?
11 ELSER: Yes, it should.
12 IRVING: Okay--
13 ELSER: I'm sorry.
14 IRVING: --can we have a correction, of 2003, for
15 \$18,330.00. Good morning, Sheriff.
16 HERMAN: Good morning.
17 ROUSSEAU: Actually--actually, the request mentions
18 2003, it was just a typo.
19 IRVING: Okay. The contract is correct then.
20 HERMAN: Yes.
21 IRVING: Would you like to tell us if there's been an
22 increase, or what this involves?
23 HERMAN: Now, actually, this is pretty much the same
24 contract we had with them last year, it's just an
25 extension of that. We do have a contract with

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1 Huntertown, that they are in the process of changing
2 right now to add time to their contract, so there's
3 going to be an increase in theirs. And, of course,
4 we--we do not have the Woodburn contract this year,
5 so we've got the time to move some of that time to
6 the Huntertown area. So, this is just a--everything
7 is going to be the same with Grabill.
8 IRVING: Okay. I will entertain a motion.
9 ROUSSEAU: So moved.
10 BLOOM: Second.
11 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."
12 ROUSSEAU: Aye.
13 BLOOM: Aye.

14 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried.
15 HERMAN: Thank you.
16 IRVING: Thank you very much. Is there anything else
17 with you?
18 HERMAN: I don't think so.
19 IRVING: Oh.
20 HERMAN: Happy as a clam.
21 IRVING: Well, Happy New Year.
22 HERMAN: Thank you.
23 ROUSSEAU: Well, whatever the--
24 IRVING: Thank you.
25 ROUSSEAU: --whatever the Sheriff--

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1 HERMAN: Well, it is my birthday, you can say "Happy
2 Birthday," Ed.
3 ROUSSEAU: Happy Birthday, yeah.
4 HERMAN: Elvis and--
5 BLOOM: Today's your birthday?
6 IRVING: Today is your birthday?
7 HERMAN: --Elvis and--
8 ROUSSEAU: How old are you, Jim?
9 HERMAN: Fifty-eight [58].
10 ROUSSEAU: Huh?
11 HERMAN: Fifty-eight [58].
12 ROUSSEAU: Fifty-eight [58].
13 IRVING: Well, would you like us--
14 ROUSSEAU: I tell you, it's all--you know--
15 HERMAN: I'm catching--I'm catching Elvis, he's not
16 having them anymore, so--
17 IRVING: Sheriff Herman--Sheriff Herman--
18 BLOOM: I can't--
19 IRVING: --what is it worth to you for the
20 Commissioners not to sing to you?
21 HERMAN: Let's see what I've got here--thank you.
22 IRVING: Okay. Happy Birthday.
23 BLOOM: Happy Birthday.
24 HERMAN: Thank you.
25 IRVING: You asked his age on TV?

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1 ROUSSEAU: I wanted to get it, too.
2 IRVING: Wait till your birthday comes, Big Boy.
3 BLOOM: You know--you know what, Ed, it's always okay
4 to ask when they're younger.
5 ROUSSEAU: Younger than I am.
6 BLOOM: Younger than I am.
7 ROUSSEAU: Yeah.
8 BLOOM: Yeah.
9 ROUSSEAU: Yeah, he's younger than you are.
10 IRVING: I guess that's why I don't ask too many
11 people.
12 BLOOM: Everybody is, Ed.
13 ROUSSEAU: For what--for what it's worth, I'm getting
14 Social Security.
15 IRVING: Okay, item number seven, Approval of
16 Hillegas Road in Allen County, Phase 2; Project No.
17 STP-F024(003), Designation No. 9986521, proposed
18 reconstruction of the Hostetter Legal Drain from
19 Hillegas Road to Lindenwood Avenue; authorization of
20 preliminary engineering expenses of the railroad.
21 The cost not to exceed \$5,000.00. Good morning.
22 FITCH: Good morning.

23 BLOOM: Good morning.
24 FITCH: Mike Fitch, Allen County Highway Department.
25 This is part of the Hillegas Road Project. We are
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1 improving the Hostetter Drain. This is a legal drain
2 that needs to be upgraded. This is in coordination
3 with the Surveyor's Office. This cost is the cost
4 that the railroad will--it will incur for their
5 oversight. We are placing part of this drain in the
6 railroad right-of-way. Therefore, the railroad has
7 to have their people make sure that the--when we're--
8 our contractor's out there working, that they have to
9 have somebody, a flagman, or somebody out there. So,
10 this is their cost. It's--it's an "as needed" cost,
11 up to--not to exceed 5,000 [\$5,000.00,], so it could
12 be less than this.
13 IRVING: Great. Fantastic.
14 ROUSSEAU: So moved.
15 BLOOM: Second.
16 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."
17 ROUSSEAU: Aye.
18 BLOOM: Aye.
19 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Number eight, Approve
20 Change Order #1 on the McNabb Road over the Metcalf
21 Drain, Bridge #1506, Project #00-320, Bid Reference
22 #38-02, between Primco, Incorporated and Allen County
23 due to the changed field conditions and scope
24 changes, for a decrease of \$1,255.86. Would you like
25 to--Commissioner Bloom--

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1 BLOOM: Isn't this amazing, "changed field
2 conditions." No, I want to make--
3 IRVING: Yeah, but its a decrease.
4 BLOOM: --I know. I'll make a motion that we accept
5 Change Order #1.
6 ROUSSEAU: Second.
7 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."
8 BLOOM: Aye.
9 ROUSSEAU: Aye.
10 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Okay, Approve Change
11 Order #1 on Bishop Road over N.D. #5 Drain, Bridge
12 #1507, Project #00-321, Bid Reference #39-02, between
13 Primco, Incorporated and Allen County due to changed
14 field conditions, scope changes, and contract dollar
15 amount balance. Another decrease, of \$6,318.85.
16 FITCH: Okay, these are just re--
17 BLOOM: Again, "changed field conditions."
18 FITCH: --this is a reduction in var--various pay
19 items. This project is near completion, so we're
20 balancing out all of the--
21 IRVING: Fantastic.
22 BLOOM: Yeah.
23 FITCH: --unit, and the quantities that were used to
24 build the project, so--
25 BLOOM: I'll make a motion we accept Change Order #1

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1 on Bishop Road over the N.D. #5 Drain.
2 ROUSSEAU: Second.
3 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."
4 ROUSSEAU: Aye.
5 BLOOM: Aye.

6 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. You're a real star
7 today, Mike, two decreases in a row.
8 BLOOM: No--well, here we come.
9 FITCH: I'm going to start the year off right.
10 IRVING: Number 10--you might, you know, bathe in
11 your glory for two seconds here--Item Number 10,
12 Approve and accept completion of contract on Bishop
13 Road over N.D. #5 Drain, Bridge #1507, Project #00-
14 321, Project #00-321, Bid Reference #39-02 between
15 Primco, Incorporated and Allen County. Why is that
16 on there twice?
17 FITCH: This is just the final--acceptance of final
18 project.
19 IRVING: Oh, okay.
20 BLOOM: I'll approve this.
21 ROUSSEAU: This--now, this is an increase, isn't it?
22 IRVING: No.
23 ELSER: No, no, no, this is--
24 IRVING: We're just accepting it.
25 ELSER: --this is separate.

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1 BLOOM: I'll approve this.
2 ROUSSEAU: Oh, we're at 10. Okay. Yeah, I second
3 it.
4 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."
5 ROUSSEAU: Aye.
6 BLOOM: Aye.
7 IRVING: Aye. The bridge is accepted. Number 11,
8 Approve Contract Modification #1 for furnishing and
9 installing traffic pavement markings on various
10 county roads in Allen County, Project #02-167, Bid
11 Reference #23-02 between Three Rivers Barricade,
12 Incorporated, due to scope change. And, it's an
13 increase of \$7,948.97.
14 FITCH: This increase was due to adding 10 additional
15 roads to the striping contract. We had some
16 additional funds in that line item. We added
17 striping on Fritz Road, Coverdale, Flaugh Road,
18 California, Bull Rapids, Antwerp, Notestine, Doty,
19 Roemke, and Doehrman Road, Shoaff/Johnson Road, and
20 Dupont. These are--what we've done this last summer
21 was, we've added--at least increased our mileage for
22 center line striping, and edge line striping, by at
23 least a--over a third more miles. So, this is
24 something that we are doing to improve safety on
25 County roads.

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1 BLOOM: And this can happen for \$7,948.97?
2 FITCH: Yes.
3 ROUSSEAU: I so move.
4 BLOOM: I'll make a second.
5 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."
6 ROUSSEAU: Aye.
7 BLOOM: Aye.
8 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Now, Item Number 12,
9 Accept proposed Phase I of the Salt Storage Building
10 Environmental Site Assessment on vacant land adjacent
11 to the Fort Wayne International Airport, Fort Wayne,
12 Indiana, \$2,500.00. And, we need that salt barn.
13 FITCH: Yes. This was--
14 IRVING: So, hopefully, this will proceed, that we

15 can get going on this.
16 FITCH: --yeah, this was a--something that just came
17 up recently here. The attorney for the Airport
18 Authority said that the FAA required a Site-1
19 assessment on their parcels that they're--that we're
20 swapping. So, this is on their parcel. It's a
21 Phase--Phase I site assessment to make sure that
22 there's no unknown environmental hazards on that
23 land.
24 BLOOM: We had to do a Phase I on that property that
25 we traded them?

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1 FITCH: No, this is on their property that they're
2 trading to us, coming to us.
3 BLOOM: So, we don't have to do a Phase I on the
4 property--
5 FITCH: No.
6 BLOOM: --we're trading them?
7 FITCH: The one--the one we--
8 BLOOM: Why are we paying?
9 FITCH: --the one we had was--the environmental was
10 done as part of the Airport Expressway Project.
11 BLOOM: Okay.
12 FITCH: So, we didn't have to do it.
13 BLOOM: Well, why would we, as an even trade here,
14 have to pay for the Phase I on their property?
15 FITCH: In--in our agreement there was an even trade,
16 and we were still a little short on this even trade.
17 The value of their property was greater than ours, so
18 we're--we're picking up this cost to make it an even
19 --
20 BLOOM: Okay.
21 FITCH: --even trade.
22 BLOOM: I'll make a motion we accept this 2500
23 [\$2,500.00].
24 ROUSSEAU: Seconded.
25 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."

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1 ROUSSEAU: Aye.
2 BLOOM: Aye.
3 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. On Item Number--do
4 you have something else, Mike?
5 FITCH: No, that's all I have. Thank you very much.
6 IRVING: That's--
7 BLOOM: Thanks.
8 IRVING: --all you have? Well, thank you very much.
9 I think even with the changes, and the decreases, and
10 the increases, you're still about even, aren't you,
11 Mike?
12 FITCH: Well, even?
13 IRVING: Yeah, about even.
14 FITCH: Yeah, we always come out even.
15 IRVING: Oh, okay. Okay. Thank you very much, Mike.
16 Item Number 13, which was held over from last week,
17 is--we have our Public Information Officer, John
18 McGauley, that is going to kind of give a year end
19 review on our infamous web site.
20 BLOOM: Good morning, John.
21 MCGAULEY: Good morning. And, for the record, John
22 McGauley, Public Information Officer. We have, about
23 a year ago, embarked on a project to redesign and

24 upgrade our Allen County Web Site to--to really move
25 it forward and try to bring government to the people

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1 wherever possible.

2 We signed a contract with Crowe-Chizek and
3 Company back on Halloween of 2001, and last May, the
4 20th, 2002, the site launched live to the public, and
5 we thought we'd come back here, at the end of a year,
6 to report on what we did with your money and a lot of
7 time.

8 During the course of the--2002, even though
9 we--we really only had it up for--for a little over
10 half the year, we recorded almost 300,000 visits to
11 the site, 297,000 visits. And, that's different from
12 hits. You hear "hits"--you know, one person can go
13 to the web site and generate 10, 12 hits. This is
14 individual people going to the web site to apply for
15 jobs, find out about an upcoming meeting, et cetera,
16 et cetera. We recorded--

17 IRVING: View jobs, too.

18 McGAULEY: New jobs, correct.

19 IRVING: Yeah, view them. Right.

20 McGAULEY: That works out to an average, monthly, of
21 over 37,000 people a month visiting the County web
22 site. And, the numbers just went up, up, up during
23 the year. We ranged from a--a low in May, when we
24 were only up for 10 days in May, of a little short of
25 18,000 visits, to 44,000 in August. So--and we have

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1 ranged in the high 30,000 visits, to the low
2 40,000ths a month, consistently, all year long.

3 The site, believe it or not, has gotten
4 somewhat intercontinental. During the course of the
5 year, we--we regularly get visits from five of the
6 seven continents. And, in September, we got--we
7 recorded visits from six of the seven. Apparently
8 the web service in Antarctica is a little bit spotty,
9 so we don't--don't see any hits from them. We see
10 people from North America, South America, Europe,
11 Asia, Australia, and Africa, very regularly. The--
12 the numbers are low, but they're there, and they're
13 consistent.

14 BLOOM: What portion of this web site are they
15 interested?

16 McGAULEY: You know, I--I asked our--our web site
17 designers that, the folks at Crowe-Chizek, and they
18 said it could be anything from U.S. Nationals abroad,
19 people just randomly scanning web site addresses,
20 because, we--we record, you know, a dozen hits from
21 Asia, not--you know, not the kind of traffic that you
22 would really think of as high, but it's--it's unique.
23 And, you know, we--we get hits from a lot of nations
24 in the news. We--we've actually recorded hits from
25 North Korea, Iran, Pakistan--

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1 ROUSSEAU: They probably--

2 IRVING: Well, John, I--

3 ROUSSEAU: --they probably heard that--they probably
4 hear there's going to be a County Council job open in
5 the--

6 IRVING: That--that could be.

7 BLOOM: You think?
8 IRVING: John, it would be interesting to see if some
9 of our servicemen from this area, which is one thing
10 that I had heard, that this is their way of staying
11 up with what's going on locally, and it will be
12 interesting to see if the hits increase--
13 BLOOM: Oh, wouldn't that be great--
14 IRVING: --from our overseas--
15 BLOOM: --if they could--
16 McGAULEY: Yeah. There is a component that we record
17 from U.S. Military--
18 IRVING: Soldiers here. Uh-huh (affirmative).
19 McGAULEY: --and we do regularly get, you know, a few
20 dozen hits from U.S. Military.
21 IRVING: That's great.
22 BLOOM: Oh, I--I love that, Marla.
23 McGAULEY: We regularly get hits from all 50 states,
24 and, ironically, Indiana is fourth, among the 50
25 states, in people who visit the Allen County Web

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1 Site. And, that's--that's a little bit--little bit
2 misleading, because all of the people who use AOL,
3 all of their hits come in from Virginia. Virginia is
4 the number one place in the country where we get hits
5 from on the web site.

6 Our 2002 success stories are--are pretty
7 interesting, too. We chose, back in February of
8 2002, to use the--an online application for--for
9 jobs, as our first interactive function on the web
10 site. During the course of the year, and, again,
11 this is--this is remarkable, since we were barely up
12 for half the year, we received 3700 on-line
13 applications for jobs.

14 IRVING: That is so good.

15 McGAULEY: During the course of the entire year we
16 doubled that, we've got about 7,000 people apply for
17 County jobs. Now, that gets even more interesting
18 when you think of the fact that in 2001, a total of
19 2500 people applied for jobs. We beat 2001 just on
20 the web site. And, that really--

21 IRVING: Isn't that great.

22 McGAULEY: --that's a tremendous tool for us, because
23 it diversifies our applicant pool, and it cuts foot
24 traffic into the Human Resources Department.

25 BLOOM: Absolutely.

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1 McGAULEY: Also, before the year was out--

2 IRVING: Well, add--can I add one thing--

3 McGAULEY: Oh--sure.

4 IRVING: --and I know this is your presentation, but
5 I want to add one other thing, too. The whole idea
6 of putting the job applications on-line was so that
7 people did not have to take vacation time--

8 McGAULEY: Right.

9 IRVING: --and they did not have to pay to park, and
10 do all that, to come down here to apply for jobs,
11 that you can presently be in a job, looking to better
12 yourself, looking for find another, and you could do
13 it at the leisure of your home, versus having to take
14 off from your job to come out here just to look for
15 the applications.

16 McGAULEY: Sure.
17 IRVING: I'm sorry, go on.
18 McGAULEY: Correct. And, one of the things we're
19 going to do also is--Human Resources is working on a
20 project to try to get a little bit closer to a
21 paperless application process, by putting some public
22 access terminals in the Human Resources Department.
23 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).
24 McGAULEY: So, people who still do come down will be
25 able to apply on-line as well. It cuts paper, makes

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1 it--makes the process a little bit easier for H.R.

2 Before the end of the year, several of our
3 departments also started expanding their content.
4 The Highway Department, for example, started posting
5 construction schedules, bid schedules, road closings,
6 a lot of very important information. The Surveyor's
7 Office started putting Drainage Board calendars and
8 minutes--

9 IRVING: Yeah.

10 McGAULEY: --a very popular content. And, the Clerk
11 of the Courts has also started doing things, like
12 posting protective order forms, and lots of other
13 information to help make it easier to navigate the
14 court system.

15 IRVING: Good.

16 McGAULEY: Our 2003 development plans, we've already
17 got a project that's ready to deploy. Our first big
18 build out on the web site is going to be a searchable
19 tool for the Election Board. One of the big sources
20 of phone calls for the Election Board is "Where do I
21 vote?" We've got a tool that's--

22 BLOOM: Exactly.

23 McGAULEY: --already developed, and ready to put up,
24 that all you have to do is type in your address and
25 it will tell you where you vote, and other

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1 information as well. All we're waiting on right now
2 is to develop some very clear and concise
3 instructions and update that data base, because, you
4 know, we're re-precincting in 2003. So, we're
5 waiting for the approvals on new precincts before we
6 put that up.

7 We will always be investigating new ways to
8 get on-line payments up and running, that's one of
9 our tools--one of our projects for 2003, payment of
10 taxes, application fees, things like that, and new
11 ways to be able to--new applications on line, new
12 applications for permits, other things of that sort.
13 And, that's--that will, I think, keep us busy in
14 2003, with the web site.

15 IRVING: And, I'd like to add one thing before my two
16 partners here have any questions for John. John and
17 his department was "Johnny on the spot," the new
18 office holders are all in place now, and so when you
19 pull up, and we have our 2003 office holders, because
20 we just did have an election, and we had some
21 changes, which I'm very proud, and our calendar is,
22 what, probably three quarters of the way done,
23 updated?

24 McGAULEY: We are deep into the year.

25 IRVING: So--and, that was one of the things that
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1 was--that I wanted to make sure that if we put the
2 money towards the web site and--that we would keep it
3 current. And, I think that we've done a real good
4 job. Our departments have done a real good job, and
5 so have the other elected officials. Thank you.
6 McGAULEY: We got well over a year's worth of
7 Commissioners' minutes on line now. I believe we've
8 got well over a year of Council minutes on line, as
9 well, at this point. So, we're on track, on budget,
10 and excited about the things to come.
11 IRVING: Do either one of you two have any questions
12 or comments?
13 ROUSSEAU: Nice--nice job.
14 IRVING: Keep an idea on the servicemen, that would
15 be really--as they get deployed into the Middle East,
16 if we see an increase in--because we might be able to
17 do some nice things on our web site if we see that
18 they are looking at it.
19 McGAULEY: Sure. Easily tracked.
20 IRVING: Thank you, John, for the report--
21 McGAULEY: Thanks.
22 IRVING: --and thank you for your hard work. Okay.
23 Is there any other business?
24 BLOOM: I have a couple of changes at the Allen
25 County Jail. The first one, \$5,789.00 to connect an

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1 additional tamper flow with the fire pump, and the
2 second item, \$3,130.00 to provide additional
3 electrical work for exhaust fans.
4 ROUSSEAU: I make a motion we pass both items.
5 IRVING: I'll second the motion. All in favor say
6 "aye."
7 ROUSSEAU: Aye.
8 BLOOM: Aye.
9 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. I also have a few
10 things here under change orders, for my Juvenile
11 Justice. I just came back from their meeting--that
12 goes to you, I'm sorry, that's yours, correct--
13 BLOOM: Correct.
14 IRVING: --okay--
15 BLOOM: Thank you.
16 IRVING: --and all four--or five of the items that I
17 have are all related to the changing of some metal
18 studs, and some recreation of the walls, which are
19 coming along very well. The five I have are Change
20 Order #007, with Strahm, for a decrease of \$586.00;
21 Change Order #008, for Strahm, Incorporated, for an
22 addition of \$3,836.00; Change Order #009, which is
23 Strahm, for \$1,215.00; then we had two L-A Electric
24 change orders, which have to do with the elevator and
25 the changing of panels that need to be done, for L-A

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1 Electric, Change Order #011 is \$5,348.00, and Change
2 Order #0012, which is \$3,638.00.
3 ROUSSEAU: I make a motion we pass the five changes.
4 BLOOM: Second.
5 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."
6 ROUSSEAU: Aye.
7 BLOOM: Aye.

