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7 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEN

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9 RE: LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF
10 FEBRUARY 12, 2003
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15 DATE: February 12, 2003

16 TIME: 10:00 a.m.

17 LOCATION: Room 200
18 Commissioners Courtroom
19 City-County Building
20 1 East Main Street
21 Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

22 REPORTER: Alan R. Bunn
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1 PRESENT:
2 Linda K. Bloom Allen County Commissioner
3 Edwin J. Rousseau Allen County Commissioner
4 Susan Elser Allen County Board of
 Commissioners' Office
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6 Mary Hitchens Allen County Public
 Information Department
7 Kevin Leininger News Sentinel
8 Andy Gammill Journal Gazette
9 Mike Fitch Allen County Highway
 Department
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11 Lin Wilson Allen County Auditor's
 Office
12 Sheila Hudson Allen County Community
 Corrections
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14 James Herman Allen County Sheriff's
 Department
15 Bruce Little Allen County Purchasing
16 Larry Banks Allen County Public Library
17 Alan Bunn Rolf Reporting, Inc.
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1 ROUSSEAU: Good morning. We will now have the
2 Commissioners' Legislative Session. And first on the
3 agenda is Approval of the Minutes of the February 5th
4 meeting.

5 BLOOM: So moved.

6 ROUSSEAU: Second. All in favor signify by saying,
7 "Aye."

8 BLOOM: Aye.

9 ROUSSEAU: Aye.

10 ROUSSEAU: We have a bid award for the purchase of 13
11 pursuit vehicles. We're going to wait for just a
12 little bit to see if the Sheriff shows up and wants
13 to address this. So we'll hold that just a little
14 bit. Change orders for Allen County Juvenile Justice
15 Center.

16 BLOOM: In Marla's absence, she's out of town at a
17 conference, there are four change orders here.
18 Strahm, \$288.00, Sheets, 167 [\$167.00], Fort Wayne
19 Structural Products, 350 [\$350.00], and Hagerman
20 Construction, 1,287 [\$1,287.00]. Marla has reviewed
21 these before she left, and has signed off, so I'd
22 like to make a motion that we accept these changes.

23 ROUSSEAU: And I second it. All in favor signify by
24 saying, "Aye."

25 BLOOM: Aye.

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1 ROUSSEAU: Aye. Declare it passed. We will now
2 consider the bid award for the police cars.

3 HERMAN: Good morning.

4 BLOOM: Good morning, Sheriff.

5 ROUSSEAU: Good morning.

6 ROUSSEAU: I understand we have 13 vehicles here.

7 HERMAN: That's correct. We had originally thought
8 that we would have 12, however, with the savings from
9 buying the Chevrolets, we were able to buy one more
10 vehicle with the same money.

11 BLOOM: Outstanding. I'll make a motion that we

12 purchase 13 Chevy Impalas for a total of 255,683.50
13 [\$255,683.50].
14 ROUSSEAU: Is that the correct--
15 HERMAN: That's correct.
16 ROUSSEAU: --number? I will second that. All in
17 favor signify by saying, "Aye."
18 BLOOM: Aye.
19 ROUSSEAU: Aye. Declare it passed. Anything--
20 BLOOM: Great.
21 ROUSSEAU: --you'd like to add, sir?
22 HERMAN: Thank you very much. Well, I think we're
23 going to also see some savings in gas mileage, as
24 well, with the six cylinder vehicles, so--
25 BLOOM: We are hoping.

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1 HERMAN: --we'll see how this works out. But, it--it
2 is cheaper per car and should save us money on gas.
3 ROUSSEAU: We understand that--
4 BLOOM: Great.
5 ROUSSEAU: --some of the officers might be more
6 comfortable maybe with the vehicle they've been
7 driving for a period of time, and--but we know that
8 the City of Fort Wayne has purchased a pretty vast
9 number of these things, and it's been working for
10 them, and we appreciate the sheriff's department
11 cooperating with the government by keeping the price
12 down and getting good gas mileage. So we'll give it
13 a shot.
14 HERMAN: That's right. But--we'll find out whether
15 it's a good deal or not, and I think we're--you know,
16 we're in the process of trying to save what we can
17 for the taxpayers, so--
18 ROUSSEAU: Thank you very much.
19 HERMAN: --thank you.
20 BLOOM: Thank you.
21 ROUSSEAU: Appreciate it.
22 ROUSSEAU: Approval for submission of the Bi-Annum
23 grant application for Juvenile and Adult Community
24 Corrections program.
25 HUDSON: Good morning, Commissioners.

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1 BLOOM: Good morning, Sheila.
2 HUDSON: This is the 18th year Community Corrections
3 has submitted a grant to the--really it's the 19th
4 year, to the Indiana Department of Correction for
5 Community Correction's funds.
6 BLOOM: And this is the same grant that we do every
7 year, like--
8 HUDSON: Yes.
9 BLOOM: --you said, for the--
10 HUDSON: It's for--it would be for the Adult and the
11 Juvenile, Commissioner.
12 BLOOM: I don't think this is--
13 ROUSSEAU: Well, how much is this for?
14 HUDSON: I'm not really sure, exactly, the number--
15 it's around a million dollars for State money for the
16 adult, and a quarter million dollars for the
17 juvenile.
18 BLOOM: And the dates on here are probably not right,
19 July 1st of 2003--
20 HUDSON: It begins--

21 BLOOM: --through June 30th--
22 ROUSSEAU: Yeah, they're--
23 BLOOM: --of 2005?
24 HUDSON: Excuse me. Yes, it's a--it's a two year
25 grant.

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1 BLOOM: Okay.
2 HUDSON: So the numbers I just gave you are for only
3 one year. So, it's double that.
4 ROUSSEAU: Yeah.
5 BLOOM: So we're signing a two year grant here?
6 HUDSON: Yes, two--
7 BLOOM: Okay.
8 HUDSON: --yes.
9 ROUSSEAU: And her year runs the--the year runs from
10 July 1st always, so--
11 HUDSON: Yes.
12 BLOOM: That I knew, but I didn't--
13 ROUSSEAU: --yeah.
14 BLOOM: --know it was a two year grant. So, I'll
15 make a motion we accept the grant.
16 ROUSSEAU: And I second it. All in favor signify by
17 saying, "Aye."
18 BLOOM: Aye.
19 ROUSSEAU: Aye.
20 HUDSON: Thank you.
21 BLOOM: Thank you.
22 HUDSON: I believe I have one more thing on the
23 agenda.
24 ROUSSEAU: All right, what might that be?
25 HUDSON: It's to establish a--

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1 BLOOM: A petty cash--
2 HUDSON: --Petty Cash Fund of \$500.00.
3 BLOOM: --Five hundred [\$500.00].
4 ROUSSEAU: Oh, right there it is, yeah.
5 BLOOM: Medical expenses?
6 HUDSON: Many times when people come out of prison
7 they have a thirty day supply, or less, of medicine
8 that they're supposed to take. Depending on when
9 their release date hits, it could be just two weeks.
10 And when you have a mental illness, and you have to
11 be evaluated again by a local psychiatrist, or Park
12 Center, which we work very well with, it takes longer
13 than a two week period of time to get an appointment
14 and get going. And what has been happening since re-
15 entry has begun--or the Transition's Program has
16 begun, is that a number of my staff have been footing
17 the bill up front for their medications. And if you
18 have medications that are psychotropic drugs, it's
19 very expensive. And then it's reimbursed by the
20 Transition's Fund. But, sometimes they may not get
21 their money back for 60 days. And--so I'm--we're
22 asking so we can just purchase it through a drug
23 store, and then the State Board of Accounts will
24 monitor it after that.
25 BLOOM: So moved.

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1 ROUSSEAU: Second. All in favor signify by saying,
2 "Aye."

3 BLOOM: Aye.
4 ROUSSEAU: Aye. Anything else, Sheila?
5 HUDSON: That's all, thank you.
6 ROUSSEAU: Thanks a lot for your services.
7 BLOOM: Thanks.
8 ROUSSEAU: Approval of the 2002 Highway Department's
9 Mileage Certification for Road Inventory.
10 BLOOM: Good morning, Mike.
11 FITCH: Good morning.
12 BLOOM: I'm anxious to hear this number.
13 FITCH: Mike Fitch, Allen County Highway Department.
14 This year our mileage certification that will be sent
15 to the State is a total of 1408 miles--.61 miles
16 [1408.61] This is a reduction of--
17 BLOOM: Yeah, it is.
18 FITCH: --55.93 miles, due to--
19 BLOOM: Annexation.
20 FITCH: --Fort Wayne annexation in 2002. This,
21 however, does not include--we have three or four
22 subdivisions that are currently--had requested
23 approval for county acceptance. And as soon as those
24 projects are accepted for road mileage, then we will
25 amend this mileage to show the increased mileage.

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1 ROUSSEAU: Occasionally--
2 BLOOM: When can--
3 ROUSSEAU: --occasionally the state shoves some miles
4 over to us too once in a while, so--
5 FITCH: Yeah, when they relinquish--
6 ROUSSEAU: But I would still--
7 FITCH: --state routes.
8 ROUSSEAU: --assume, though, even the fact that it
9 decreased somewhat, we probably still have more miles
10 of roads than any other County in the State of
11 Indiana. I'm certain about that.
12 FITCH: Yes.
13 BLOOM: What--we're allowed to amend this during the
14 year as we get additional certifications?
15 FITCH: Yes.
16 BLOOM: We are?
17 FITCH: It's required that we submit--update once a
18 year, but as they're amended--
19 BLOOM: Okay.
20 FITCH: --as they come in, we can--we can amend that.
21 BLOOM: Huh.
22 FITCH: This year, this is--this mileage is an
23 estimate because Fort Wayne annexed two large areas
24 December 31st. And, we typically--we coordinate--we
25 measure the center lines, and the City measures the

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1 center lines, then we get together and agree upon
2 the--what the final number is. The City has not done
3 any field work because of the weather conditions. A
4 lot of the new annexations are January 1, so it gives
5 them all year to do the actual measurements. It's
6 just--these are kind of unique that they were
7 accepted in January--or December 31st, so it gives
8 us, technically, no--no time to go out and do the
9 work, unless we would do the work, let's say, last
10 summer sometime, but--
11 BLOOM: So what you're saying is these aren't really

12 the actual--
13 FITCH: This is an estimate.
14 BLOOM: Yeah.
15 FITCH: This was based on just taking measurements
16 off of the--
17 BLOOM: Right.
18 FITCH: --plats--
19 BLOOM: All right.
20 FITCH: --which we think are fairly accurate, but
21 there may be a small change in it.
22 BLOOM: I'll make a motion we accept the mileage
23 certification.
24 ROUSSEAU: I second it. All in favor signify by
25 saying, "Aye."

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1 BLOOM: Aye.
2 ROUSSEAU: Aye. If I remember correctly, you can get
3 to Florida with--from here with 1400 miles.
4 FITCH: Yeah. Well, this is the first year--
5 ROUSSEAU: That might be a good place to go.
6 FITCH: Yeah. Well this is the first year, just--
7 BLOOM: I'll go.
8 FITCH: --just a note, this is the first year that
9 we've actually had a decrease. Last year we had a--
10 BLOOM: Because we had--
11 FITCH: --I think a--
12 BLOOM: --enough new--
13 FITCH: We always had enough--
14 BLOOM: --development--
15 FITCH: --new subdivisions--
16 BLOOM: --yeah.
17 FITCH: --to offset any annexations. So, this is the
18 first year we've had any--essentially any negatives,
19 so--
20 ROUSSEAU: Okay, then--
21 BLOOM: So County--
22 ROUSSEAU: --you have--let's have a motion I guess
23 then.
24 BLOOM: We already voted on that.
25 ROUSSEAU: Did we?

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1 FITCH: Okay.
2 BLOOM: Yeah.
3 ROUSSEAU: Oh, I'm sorry, I didn't mark it off.
4 Approval of the 2002 Highway Department's Annual
5 Report.
6 FITCH: Each year as part of the highway funding, the
7 MVH funds, we are required through the State Board of
8 Accounts to submit a report on our highway
9 expenditures, that has to be approved and submitted
10 to the State Board of Accounts by February the 15th
11 here. So, we've been busily, the last month, putting
12 all of these records together and we're ready to have
13 it signed and sent to the Board of Accounts. And--
14 BLOOM: I'll make a motion that we accept the Annual
15 Report for 2002.
16 ROUSSEAU: I second it, and all in favor signify by
17 saying, "Aye."
18 BLOOM: Aye.
19 ROUSSEAU: Aye. Declare it passed.

20 FITCH: This report--this is just the original copy.
21 We will make multiple copies of that and distribute
22 to all the appropriate County officials.

23 BLOOM: Okay, great.

24 ROUSSEAU: Now, we have an Approval and award
25 Quotation Bid project for 2003 Concrete Pavement

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1 Repair Package #1.
2 BLOOM: Newell Construction for the total of 46,780
3 [\$46,780.00]. And I'll make a motion we approve
4 that.
5 ROUSSEAU: I second. All in favor signify by saying,
6 "Aye."

7 BLOOM: Aye.

8 ROUSSEAU: Aye. We've got Approval for Weight Limit
9 posting on Rorick Road Bridge over Lomont Ditch,
10 Bridge 6005, post nine ton weight limit.

11 BLOOM: So moved.

12 ROUSSEAU: Second. All in favor signify by saying,
13 "Aye."

14 BLOOM: Aye.

15 ROUSSEAU: Aye. Approval agreement between
16 Midwestern Park Association, Jefferson Park
17 Association and Allen County for installation of a
18 traffic signal on Engle Road, and Midwestern Office
19 Park and Jefferson Plaza, at the park entrance.

20 BLOOM: How far off Jefferson is this?

21 ROUSSEAU: Well it's that south entrance into the
22 office park, which is probably at least a quarter of
23 a mile south of 24, I would think, wouldn't it?

24 FITCH: It's about, I think four [400] or 500 feet
25 south of the intersection. Existing entrance-

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1 actually, the signal will serve two shopping centers,
2 or business parks, the Jefferson Park Association and
3 the Midwestern Park Association. This signal
4 agreement, they are paying 100% of the cost of the
5 engineering and the construction of the signal. The
6 County will take over maintenance responsibility once
7 the signal has been approved by the highway
8 department.

9 BLOOM: I'll make a motion to approve this.

10 ROUSSEAU: I second it. All in favor signify by
11 saying, "Aye."

12 BLOOM: Aye.

13 ROUSSEAU: Aye. When we made the deal for the
14 expansion of the Waterfield Financial thing with--
15 they hired hundreds--several hundreds of people
16 there. I can't remember how many it was, but--

17 FITCH: I think they have currently around 11 [1100]
18 or 1200 employees.

19 ROUSSEAU: Yeah. And when that happened it was--
20 they found it to be difficult for them to exit the
21 property entrance, so we've accommodated that
22 problem, and they're paying for the developer's,
23 paying for the signal. All right. Approval of
24 Engineering Services Agreement between Allen County
25 and USI Consultants for improvement to the Columbia

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1 Avenue Bridge over Delta Lake.
2 BLOOM: So moved.

3 ROUSSEAU: I second it. All in favor signify by
4 saying, "Aye."

5 BLOOM: Aye.

6 ROUSSEAU: Aye. Approval of Engineering Services
7 Agreement between Allen County and USI Consultants
8 for improvement to the Cuba Road Bridge over
9 Oberholtzer Drain.

10 BLOOM: \$38,610.00. So moved.

11 ROUSSEAU: Second. All in favor signify by saying,
12 "Aye."

13 BLOOM: Aye.

14 ROUSSEAU: Aye. Approval of Engineering Services--
15 I'm sorry, I'm reading the same thing. Approval of
16 Engineering Services Agreement between Allen County
17 and Butler Fairman and Seufert--

18 BLOOM: Seufert.

19 ROUSSEAU: --for improvement to Berthaud Road Bridge
20 over Gar Creek.

21 BLOOM: Total of 38,950 [\$38,950.00] and I'll make a
22 motion to approve that.

23 ROUSSEAU: I second it. All in favor signify by
24 saying, "Aye."

25 BLOOM: Aye.

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1 ROUSSEAU: Aye. We have--

2 BLOOM: Do you have anything else, Mike?

3 FITCH: That's all I have.

4 BLOOM: Thank you.

5 FITCH: Thank you very much. Have a good day.

6 ROUSSEAU: Thanks Mike. We have other business, is
7 that what this is here.

8 ELSER: No, we have one other item under "Other
9 Business." Placed before you is a nomination for
10 Mike Mowery to serve as the taxpayers representative
11 to a Common Wage Committee for the following
12 construction projects for the City of New Haven; New
13 Haven Water Distribution System improvements, land
14 and road North River Road Signalization Project, land
15 and road Sanitary Sewer Extension, Broadway Water
16 Main Replacement Project, and the Downtown
17 Revitalization Project.

18 BLOOM: And the person is, who?

19 ELSER: Mike Mowery.

20 BLOOM: I'll make a motion we accept that.

21 ROUSSEAU: I second it. All in favor signify by
22 saying, "Aye."

23 BLOOM: Aye.

24 ROUSSEAU: Aye.

25 ELSER: And I have no other business.

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1 BLOOM: I'll make an approval to waive the second
2 reading on any matter approved today for which it may
3 be deemed necessary for the Legislative Session of
4 February 12th.

5 ROUSSEAU: I second it. All in favor signify by
6 saying, "Aye."

7 BLOOM: Aye.

8 ROUSSEAU: Aye. Do you have any other business.

9 ELSER: No, I do not.

10 ROUSSEAU: Any comments from the public? (No

11 response.) I guess I would like to say something,
12 to kind of respond to something that the Mayor said
13 in the Sunday paper. And, he mentioned the fact that
14 he was uncomfortable with having three County
15 Commissioners. And, I just need to point out that
16 there are 91 other counties--or 91 counties,
17 including Allen County, that have our form of
18 government. We do happen to work full-time, as to
19 where most of them work part-time, because we have
20 the largest unincorporated population in the State of
21 Indiana, and it's somewhere around 100,000 people out
22 there, and we have more miles of roads than anybody
23 else, and we're tied--or have more bridges even than
24 Marion County. It's a complex problem and I
25 apologize to the Mayor for the fact that he is

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1 uncomfortable with having County government, but
2 we'll probably be here for a while, yet. So, any one
3 else like to make any comments? (No response.)
4 All right, thank you very much. The meeting's over.
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7 (Adjourned at 10:20 a.m.)
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1 1 STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS:
2 2 COUNTY OF ALLEN)
3 3 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE
4 4 I, Alan R. Bunn, a Notary Public in and for
5 5 the State of Indiana, County of Allen, do hereby
6 6 certify that the above and foregoing is a true and
7 7 accurate transcript of the Board of Commissioners of
8 8 the County of Allen, Legislative Session, held before
9 9 me on February 12, 2003 in the Allen County
10 10 Commissioners' Courtroom, Room 200, City-County
11 11 Building, 1 East Main Street, Fort Wayne, Allen
12 12 County, Indiana; that I am not related to, employed
13 13 by or interested in any of the parties to this cause
14 14 of action.
15 15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed my
16 16 hand and seal this 17th day of February, 2003.
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Alan R. Bunn, Notary Public
Residing in Wells County, Indiana

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My Commission Expires:

21 21 October 23, 2010

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