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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
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RE: LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF

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DATE: March 19, 2003

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

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REPORTER: Alan R. Bunn

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- 2 Linda K. Bloom Allen County Commissioner
- 3 Marla J. Irving Allen County Commissioner
- 4 Edwin J. Rousseau Allen County Commissioner
- 5 Mary Hitchens Allen County Board of  
Commissioners' Office
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- 7 Susan Elser Allen County Board of  
Commissioners' Office
- 8 John McGauley Allen County Public  
Information Department
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- 10 Paula Hughes Allen County Council
- 11 G. William Fishering Allen County Counsel
- 12 Thom Hathaway Allen County Sheriff's  
Department
- 13 Tony Burrus Allen County Department of  
Safety & Environmental
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- 15 Ed LaRocque Allen County Emergency  
Management and Homeland  
Security
- 16
- 17 Mike Fitch Allen County Highway

17 Department  
 18 Lin Wilson Allen County Auditor's  
 Office  
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 20 Larry Banks Allen County Public Library  
 21 Alex Wernher iMap  
 22 Kevin Leininger News Sentinel  
 23 Andy Gammill Journal Gazette  
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1 IRVING: Good morning. Welcome to the Wednesday,  
2 March 19, 2003, Legislative Session. Today, before

3 we continue with our agenda, Commissioner Ed  
4 Rousseau, which is a Korean War Veteran, would like  
5 to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment  
6 of silence. Commissioner Rousseau?  
7 ROUSSEAU: If you all stand, please. First, we'll do  
8 the Pledge of Allegiance.

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10 (At this time, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited  
11 in unison.)

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13 ROUSSEAU: And now let's have a moment of silence,  
14 please, for our veterans and soldiers.

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16 (At this time, a moment of silence was recognized.)

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18 ROUSSEAU: Thank you, so much.  
19 IRVING: Thank you. You're going to make me cry.  
20 Okay, item number one on our agenda. Approval of the  
21 Minutes of the March 12, Legislation Session.

22 BLOOM: So moved.

23 ROUSSEAU: Second.

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

25 ROUSSEAU: Aye.

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1 BLOOM: Aye.  
2 IRVING: Aye. Motion passed. Agenda item number  
3 two. Contract Award to Kucera International for  
4 aerial photography for the Allen County iMap System.

5 BLOOM: Good morning, Alex.

6 WERNHER: Good morning--

7 IRVING: Good morning, Alex.

8 WERNHER: --Commissioners. I'd like to, for the  
9 record--first, my name is Alex Wernher and I'm the  
10 director for iMap. And I'd like to bring to your  
11 attention this contract, which has been passed by the  
12 iMap Board for the reflight of our county aerials  
13 which were flown in 1999, with color aerial  
14 photography by Kucera. It was the low bid of all the  
15 bidders we saw, but we were also very pleased with  
16 the technical innovations that they've shown and  
17 their willingness to work with the county, so. That  
18 contract amount was for \$150,400.00. And it will be  
19 paid through the highway department with the existing  
20 appropriated funds.

21 BLOOM: Also tell another reason why we were so  
22 pleased with the bid from this company interacting  
23 with the city--

24 WERNHER: Oh, yes, that's--

25 BLOOM: --please.

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1 WERNHER: --I'm sorry. That is one of the highlights  
2 of this project. We will be working with Fort Wayne  
3 and New Haven on this reflight. And they will be  
4 contributing funds to it's--to it's completion.

5 BLOOM: Because the company is also supplying black  
6 and white copies--

7 WERNHER: Uh-huh (affirmative).

8 BLOOM: --for the city to accommodate their space  
9 problem up there, I guess, they need black and white  
10 prints in--

11 WERNHER: Yes, that's correct, Commissioner Bloom.  
12 Their network is a little bit older than ours and  
13 they're--  
14 BLOOM: Right.  
15 WERNHER: --this company is working by giving us a  
16 free set of black and white photography from--  
17 generated from the color photography--  
18 BLOOM: Do you hear this?  
19 WERNHER: --to assist--  
20 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
21 WERNHER: --them as well.  
22 BLOOM: I'll make a motion that we accept the  
23 contract with Kucera.  
24 ROUSSEAU: Second it.  
25 IRVING: All in favor say, "Aye."

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1 BLOOM: Aye.  
2 ROUSSEAU: Aye.  
3 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried.  
4 WERNHER: Thank you.  
5 IRVING: Commissioner--  
6 BLOOM: Thank you.  
7 IRVING: --Bloom, this morning Alex gave a wonderful  
8 update to the Data Board. And I think they were very  
9 supportive and excited after his report.  
10 WERNHER: Good. Thank you.  
11 IRVING: Thank you, Alex.  
12 BLOOM: Thank you.  
13 WERNHER: Thank you.  
14 IRVING: Okay, agenda item number three. Acceptance  
15 of Community Emergency Response Team Agreement,  
16 \$2,798.60. And a Local Emergency Planning Sub-Grant  
17 Agreement for 26,282.26 [\$26,282.26] between Allen  
18 County and the State Emergency Management Agency to  
19 support Terrorism Planning and Citizen Corp training.  
20 Good morning, Ed.  
21 BLOOM: Good morning.  
22 LAROCQUE: Good morning, ladies and gentleman. My  
23 name is Ed LaRocque. I'm the director for Allen  
24 County Emergency Management and Office of Homeland  
25 Security. The reason I'm here today is, first of

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1 all, I need to apologize because this has been such a  
2 short, short notice. I realize the normal grant  
3 processes that--we usually have a lot more time.  
4 Unfortunately, the state hasn't given us much time on  
5 this. We were just notified of this opportunity  
6 March 11th, and we only have until April 10th--  
7 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
8 LAROCQUE: --to have all of the paperwork done with  
9 you, as well as make the presentation and get the  
10 support and acceptance of County Council as well.  
11 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
12 LAROCQUE: Which we're doing County Council,  
13 unfortunately, tomorrow. So, please accept--please  
14 accept our apology for doing it this late.  
15 IRVING: Okay.  
16 LAROCQUE: We have two supplemental grant funding  
17 opportunities. The smaller of two for \$2,798.00 will  
18 be to help support the development and training of  
19 the Citizens Emergency Response Teams, as part of the

20 Citizens Corp. This money can be used to purchase  
21 training supplies and equipment for the--for the  
22 C.E.R.T. program. Do you have any questions on that?  
23 LAROCQUE: This--  
24 IRVING: I've reviewed it and it was brought before  
25 Emergency Management Agency meeting that--

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1 LAROCQUE: Yes.  
2 IRVING: --we had on Monday afternoon.  
3 LAROCQUE: Yes, ma'am.  
4 IRVING: I'll entertain a motion, please.  
5 BLOOM: So moved.  
6 ROUSSEAU: Second.  
7 IRVING: All in favor say, "Aye."  
8 ROUSSEAU: Aye.  
9 IRVING: Aye.  
10 BLOOM: Aye.  
11 IRVING: Motion carried. Ed, before you jump right  
12 back to your seat, would you like to tell a little  
13 bit about some of the changes that are coming up with  
14 the Emergency Management Agency meetings.  
15 LAROCQUE: We've--we are very fortunate that--that  
16 Mrs. Irving, Commissioner Irving has gotten so  
17 involved in the Emergency Management Advisory Council  
18 this year as president of County Commissioners. And  
19 we are looking for some really neat changes that--  
20 that you have suggested and I really think that it's  
21 going to be a benefit to people in the community.  
22 That they're going to be able to see what's going on  
23 and maybe get a little more direct information. In  
24 the past, we've had quarterly meetings of the  
25 Advisory Council, which consists of the chief elected

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1 officials of all the political subunits in Allen  
2 County, as well as some other emergency first  
3 responders.  
4 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
5 LAROCQUE: We're going to--because of everything  
6 that's going on with homeland security and just  
7 disaster preparedness in general. We're going to  
8 increase our meetings to six times a year.  
9 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
10 LAROCQUE: And we're going to move them to this room.  
11 And they'll be broadcast on public access TV.  
12 BLOOM: Great.  
13 LAROCQUE: So I think that is really going to be a  
14 benefit to the community, to see what's going on  
15 behind the scenes and as another avenue--  
16 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
17 LAROCQUE: --to get them some public information on  
18 what's going on.  
19 IRVING: Ed, I'm going to prod you just for one more  
20 sentence.  
21 LAROCQUE: Sure.  
22 IRVING: Our meeting is going to be, I think it's May  
23 19th, is that correct?  
24 LAROCQUE: May 19th.  
25 IRVING: And what other major changes are going to

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1 be?

2 LAROCQUE: We're going to, most of the time, have  
3 some guest speakers come in. That will have either  
4 state officials, federal officials, sometime possibly  
5 even private industry officials that will have new  
6 information on--

7 IRVING: Right.

8 LAROCQUE: --current topics of interest.

9 IRVING: And our first speaker--we're not going to  
10 tell who it is quite yet, but it is a federal  
11 appointed--

12 LAROCQUE: A federal--federal homeland security  
13 official.

14 IRVING: Yes. So--

15 BLOOM: Fantastic.

16 IRVING: --we're real excited about that.

17 BLOOM: Yeah.

18 IRVING: Well, thank you, Ed, for all you're--

19 BLOOM: Good job.

20 LAROCQUE: Thank you for your support, appreciate it.

21 IRVING: No, thank you for your work--

22 ROUSSEAU: I have a question. Is there anymore--I  
23 have quite frequently--people ask me about the city  
24 and the county's homeland security situation. Do we  
25 have anymore definitive clarification on that or is

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1 that something we wish to address at a later date?

2 LAROCQUE: On funding or on--

3 ROUSSEAU: Yeah.

4 LAROCQUE: --just collaboration or--

5 ROUSSEAU: Yeah, funding and collaboration.

6 LAROCQUE: Collaboration-wise, we--Mr. Byer and I  
7 were in a meeting--just--that we just came from with  
8 the home--with the School Safety Committee, talking  
9 about some terrorism related issues, with all of the  
10 school corporations, so. We have regular phone  
11 conversations, if not face-to-face meetings, but we  
12 did have a face-to-face collaborative meeting this  
13 morning. From a funding standpoint for homeland  
14 security with the 2003 grants that will be coming,  
15 the state is in the process of putting their  
16 application together to the federal government. That  
17 will--is not due until April 22nd.

18 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

19 LAROCQUE: We don't know then what kind of  
20 restrictions and requirements that the state will be  
21 putting on the county. But that--the monies and  
22 services and equipment that maybe come available  
23 through that, will be administered by the state to  
24 the counties. And then, you know, we'll make sure  
25 that every--every subunit then gets their--gets their

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1 fair share.

2 IRVING: I think it's real important that we all need  
3 to realize--when we were in Washington D.C., that one  
4 thing that Congressman Souder kept emphasizing to the  
5 sheriff and I, that 95% of the cost of homeland  
6 security will have to be absorbed by local  
7 governments--agencies.

8 LAROCQUE: Right.

9 IRVING: And only 5% can they expect for any help  
10 from the federal government and the state.

11 LAROCQUE: And that's--that brings--ties us right  
12 back to the reason why I'm sitting here in the first  
13 place. The two grants that you've just accepted  
14 aren't a lot of money--  
15 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
16 LAROCQUE: --\$2,700.00, \$26,000.00 in the big of  
17 scheme of things, but that's \$2,700.00 and \$26,000.00  
18 that we didn't have--  
19 IRVING: That's right.  
20 LAROCQUE: --before, so--and, you know, for terrorism  
21 planning and--  
22 ROUSSEAU: Well, there isn't--  
23 LAROCQUE: --operation.  
24 ROUSSEAU: --a big pot of gold as to where we--  
25 LAROCQUE: No, unfortunately.

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1 ROUSSEAU: --can get it--get all this money and run  
2 our entire county police force or something like  
3 that.  
4 LAROCQUE: Unfortunately not at this time, sir.  
5 ROUSSEAU: Well, I think that some of us elected  
6 officials have kind of anticipated maybe that would  
7 be some type of a budget release situation and it  
8 appears that they're going to deal with--  
9 LAROCQUE: No.  
10 ROUSSEAU: --the things probably as they ought be  
11 done--dealt with.  
12 LAROCQUE: Yes.  
13 IRVING: Even the \$11.3 million, if the state does  
14 get that, 20% automatically goes to the state. And  
15 we have back order on some of the kits--I mean, there  
16 isn't even any type of an inclining that we have seen  
17 so far that any of the money--actual money will be  
18 coming from that \$11.3 million.  
19 LAROCQUE: We don't know yet, no, it doesn't--  
20 IRVING: So--  
21 LAROCQUE: --we've gotten no direct guideline.  
22 IRVING: Well, Ed, you are always welcome.  
23 LAROCQUE: Thank you.  
24 IRVING: And keep us up-to-date and keep a watchful  
25 eye.

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1 LAROCQUE: Appreciate your support.  
2 IRVING: Thank you, Ed.  
3 BLOOM: Thank you.  
4 IRVING: Okay, Service Agreement Renewal Q3016,  
5 Integrator.com, Incorporated. And it's for the  
6 touch--touch screens. That's hard to say, touch  
7 screens, at the jail. Good morning.  
8 HATHAWAY: Good morning. My name is Thom Hathaway,  
9 Allen County Jail Commander. This contract is, as  
10 you stated, for the touch screens and central  
11 control, all electronic doors. It's a service  
12 contract. It requires this company come in twice a  
13 year and maintain, do checkups and then they are also  
14 on-call 24 hours a day. While that may be a little  
15 extra in the contract, they have--they'd have to come  
16 when we call them.  
17 BLOOM: Is this a continuance of a service we have?  
18 HATHAWAY: Uh-huh (affirmative), yes, it is.



19 BLOOM: And what's the dollar amount on this?  
20 HATHAWAY: The total dollar amount per year, I think  
21 is \$5,220.00. It's \$435.00 a month.  
22 ROUSSEAU: Sounds like \$435.00 a month.  
23 HATHAWAY: Right.  
24 BLOOM: So moved.  
25 ROUSSEAU: Second.

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1 IRVING: Has this been an increase?  
2 HATHAWAY: No.  
3 IRVING: Okay.  
4 HATHAWAY: Same as it was last year, although the  
5 year before they did go up \$10.00.  
6 IRVING: Okay.  
7 HATHAWAY: We would expect--we asked for an estimate  
8 for them when we--  
9 IRVING: Open the new jail.  
10 HATHAWAY: --open the new building. Their estimate  
11 is that it will go up, considerably.  
12 IRVING: All in favor say, "Aye."  
13 ROUSSEAU: Aye.  
14 BLOOM: Aye.  
15 IRVING: Aye. Opposed? (No response.) Motion  
16 carried.  
17 HATHAWAY: Thank you.  
18 BLOOM: Thank you.  
19 IRVING: Anything else--  
20 HATHAWAY: Have a good--  
21 IRVING: --Mr. Hathaway?  
22 HATHAWAY: Not right now, got a full jail.  
23 IRVING: Thank you very much. We have a few change  
24 orders. In the Juvenile Justice we have \$9,790.00 to  
25 Strahm. And this is for the removal and the addition

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1 of some interior stud walls. It's change order  
2 number 12. May I have a motion?  
3 BLOOM: And it's okay?  
4 IRVING: It is.  
5 BLOOM: I'll make a motion that we accept this.  
6 ROUSSEAU: I second it.  
7 IRVING: All in favor say, "Aye."  
8 ROUSSEAU: Aye.  
9 BLOOM: Aye.  
10 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. We also have one with  
11 the Justice Center with Hall Aluminum. Change order  
12 number three for \$2,350.00.  
13 BLOOM: And this is for glass and tempered glass.  
14 I'll make a motion we accept this for 2,350  
15 [\$2,350.00].  
16 ROUSSEAU: Second.  
17 IRVING: All in favor say, "Aye."  
18 ROUSSEAU: Aye.  
19 BLOOM: Aye.  
20 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Number six, approve  
21 traffic posting on Diamond Creek Run at Bass Road.  
22 Post "STOP" sign. Good morning, Mike.  
23 FITCH: Good morning. Mike Fitch, Allen County  
24 Highway Department.  
25 BLOOM: Good morning.

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1 FITCH: This is a new "STOP" sign for the Diamond

2 Creek Run at Bass Road.

3 BLOOM: I'll make a motion we accept this.

4 ROUSSEAU: Second it.

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

6 ROUSSEAU: Aye.

7 BLOOM: Aye.

8 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Do you have anything  
9 else, Mr. Fitch?

10 FITCH: Just an update on the Aboite Center Road  
11 bridge.

12 BLOOM: Oh, good.

13 FITCH: I was told this morning that the contractor  
14 may be ready to close the road on Saturday or Sunday.

15 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

16 FITCH: All the signals are being put up, but they--

17 BLOOM: Yeah.

18 FITCH: --cannot close it until the signals have been  
19 completed.

20 BLOOM: They're being installed.

21 FITCH: I guess for those folks who are listening to  
22 this channel. This is an INDOT project and we're  
23 asking people to direct all their calls to INDOT,  
24 because they're the coordinators of the project. We  
25 will assist INDOT when various traffic issues come

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1 up, but it would be--it's going to save them a lot of  
2 time if they call INDOT direct and get the issues  
3 resolved early on. Because it's going to take--I see  
4 this project as going smoothly, but I do anticipate  
5 some snags. Once you close a road like this, people  
6 are going to find other routes. We are working with  
7 some of the associations right now, trying to stop  
8 through traffic cutting through associations. At  
9 this point, we don't know how--you know, what kind of  
10 problems we're going to come up against. But we're  
11 asking people to please go through INDOT, it's an  
12 INDOT project.

13 IRVING: Do we have a phone number, Mike?

14 FITCH: I--INDOT is 484-9541.

15 IRVING: Can you make sure we have that in our  
16 office?

17 BLOOM: You're bad.

18 FITCH: Yes, that's your--

19 BLOOM: You're bad.

20 FITCH: --that's your--

21 IRVING: Is that also on the highway website, the  
22 INDOT phone number?

23 FITCH: We are--to my knowledge, they do not  
24 currently have a website, but we are going to be  
25 contacting--

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1 IRVING: On our website? Do we have INDOT's phone  
2 number?

3 FITCH: Yes, I believe we do.

4 IRVING: Okay--

5 FITCH: I'll check that.

6 IRVING: --maybe you and John can check that after  
7 the meeting--

8 FITCH: Right.

9 IRVING: --and we can just put a little--

10 FITCH: Yeah.  
11 IRVING: --blurb in there and that way--  
12 FITCH: INDOT will be responsible to get news  
13 releases out.  
14 IRVING: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
15 FITCH: We've informed them that they must let John  
16 know so we are all on the same page when things--  
17 IRVING: Okay.  
18 FITCH: --this thing happens, so.  
19 IRVING: Okay.  
20 BLOOM: I remember seeing an article in the paper a  
21 week or so ago from the INDOT spokesperson, Jim  
22 Keefer.  
23 FITCH: Yeah.  
24 BLOOM: And--suggesting that this was not going to be  
25 a happy time project for people until it was

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1 completed. And how grand it would be--and I only  
2 think of the Columbia Street bridge with the  
3 inconvenience of that, and what a beautiful final  
4 product we have. I cussed myself out everyday.  
5 Everything I did was across the Columbia Street  
6 bridge, so I feel their anger. This will be a  
7 wonderful addition to, not only the state, but the  
8 County also. With the four lane bridge and the four  
9 lanes down--from Jefferson down to Coventry Lane--  
10 FITCH: Yeah, yeah.  
11 BLOOM: --inconvenience brings--there's really no  
12 other--  
13 FITCH: Right.  
14 BLOOM: --way to do it.  
15 IRVING: On the radio, yesterday morning, INDOT was  
16 saying that I-69 is going to be closed, both lanes--I  
17 mean, both sides between 10:00 on Sunday night's to  
18 5:00 on like Monday mornings for several weeks. And  
19 they're going to have to reroute on--course on 469  
20 and then local traffic, but they feel so--this is  
21 going to be a real adventure.  
22 FITCH: Yeah.  
23 IRVING: And we're so glad that you have INDOT's  
24 phone numbers and we will make sure all phone calls  
25 are directed to INDOT.

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1 FITCH: We're going to try to--you know, any  
2 complaints received, we're going to try to address  
3 those and--  
4 ROUSSEAU: Any complaints you  
5 FITCH: --and we have to--  
6 ROUSSEAU: --will receive.  
7 FITCH: --address them through INDOT because--  
8 IRVING: Right.  
9 FITCH: --it's an INDOT project. So I want the  
10 public to know that if they're--  
11 IRVING: We have the media here.  
12 FITCH: --frustrated it's--don't dump on the county.  
13 IRVING: I'm sure that Kevin and Andy, both would  
14 like to put their phone number--and in bold, please.  
15 ROUSSEAU: Linda's our road person and any telephone  
16 calls that come in they'll be directed to our road  
17 person.  
18 IRVING: Okay, anything else, Mike?

19 FITCH: Thank you.  
20 IRVING: Thank you--  
21 FITCH: No, that's all I have.  
22 IRVING: --very much.  
23 FITCH: Thank you.  
24 BLOOM: Thank you ever so much, Ed.  
25 IRVING: Make sure that the media has that phone

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1 number again. Thanks, Mike.  
2 BLOOM: Thanks.  
3 IRVING: Do we have any other business.  
4 ELSER: We have no other business.  
5 IRVING: Okay, before we--let's approve the waiving  
6 of the 2nd Reading on any matters on today's  
7 Legislative--  
8 BLOOM: I so move.  
9 ROUSSEAU: Second.  
10 IRVING: All in favor say, "Aye."  
11 ROUSSEAU: Aye.  
12 BLOOM: Aye.  
13 IRVING: Aye. Before we adjourn, Commissioner  
14 Rousseau is going to take a minute or two and maybe  
15 tell our constituents a little bit about our Veterans  
16 Affairs Office.  
17 ROUSSEAU: Yeah, I tell you what--just kind of an  
18 update. I know that we have circumstances that are  
19 changed. I was watching television this very morning  
20 and talking to--that we still have people leaving  
21 Fort Wayne to go to war. And so we have a Veterans  
22 Department here, located in our Human Resources  
23 office on the second floor of the City/County  
24 Building. George Jarboe. George is a formal--  
25 formally a naval officer and--Chief Petty Officer, I

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1 guess it was. And George is recognized as being one  
2 of the finest in his type of work in the whole state  
3 of Indiana. And he'll be ready and waiting to give  
4 advise to veterans and veterans' families and  
5 soldiers and so forth. Anything that has to do with  
6 your concerns, he will be standing ready to help out.  
7 So it's George Jarboe in the Human Resources  
8 Department, second floor of the City/County Building.  
9 Then I have something else that I would just  
10 like to comment on of my fellow Commissioners. At  
11 the City--County Council meeting the other day, which  
12 I thought was really great and I think that they need  
13 to have more of those meetings. I'm one of the--I  
14 guess I am the only elected official at this point  
15 that has had privilege of serving in both City  
16 Council and County Council over the years. And there  
17 is a lot more to be understood about each others  
18 government. One of the proposals that was made as a  
19 suggestion only, by Don Schmidt, discussed maybe--  
20 say, as an example, combining the Parks Departments  
21 and have the city of Fort Wayne take the county Parks  
22 Department. And then have, like for instance, Allen  
23 County take communications to their--we have had a  
24 lot of work done on communications. We will have  
25 more information coming on that shortly, but I will

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1 tell you that for the--so far the county has taken  
2 the Board of Health, which is a \$4 million expense to  
3 our General Fund. And we've never had any additional  
4 funds granted to us by property taxes for doing that.  
5 We've got other items, Bureau of Identification, the  
6 lock-up and--let's see what else--

7 IRVING: Building department.

8 ROUSSEAU: --some other things, anyhow, it's total  
9 right now is 5.6 million [\$5.6 million]. Five point  
10 six million [\$5.6 million] of consolidation that's  
11 gone to the County of Allen. And--so now we have a  
12 suggestion, for instance, and it was just a  
13 suggestion on Mr. Schmidt's part, but--suggest them  
14 taking a--county park board. So that is a total for  
15 this year of \$376,316.00. Now, for us to take the  
16 communications, for instance--this is just  
17 information here. But if you subtract the Records  
18 Department out of the Communications Department,  
19 which is \$2,951,338.00. Subtract records, which is a  
20 1,433,000 [\$1,433,000.00], we'd have \$1,517,369.00.  
21 If the county was to do that and take over that  
22 communications--we have a slight difference in  
23 exchange and, of course, when we're millions of  
24 dollars down in the first place that we need and  
25 don't have the money, that will give our County

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1 Council a real opportunity for leadership to make up  
2 a, you know, a million two and so forth, when we're  
3 already short. So I just thought--they'll be--every  
4 meeting I will have little tidbits--

5 IRVING: Okay.

6 ROUSSEAU: --of information for you all.

7 IRVING: Is this considered new math on the city's  
8 part?

9 ROUSSEAU: I don't know. When it comes to elected  
10 officials, we're good at new math, fuzzy math, any--  
11 how ever you want to look at it, but--

12 BLOOM: Speak for yourself.

13 ROUSSEAU: --nevertheless, it's going to be a really  
14 irritating thing on my behalf because I'm fed up with  
15 the financial situation as given to us by our state  
16 government. When you were down there yesterday and  
17 you talked to them--and this is not the first time.

18 IRVING: I had a news conference. I had a news  
19 conference and--

20 ROUSSEAU: Yeah. Well, this is the first time they  
21 have not done--this is the third or fourth time that  
22 they've done this. You cannot run local government--  
23 you cannot run local government with varying by as  
24 much \$5,000,000.00 in one year. And I'm fed up with  
25 it and if we can sue them, sue them.

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1 IRVING: Well, can I just tell you what--  
2 ROUSSEAU: Please.

3 IRVING: --I called it? I called it, "voodoo  
4 auditing," at the State House yesterday at the  
5 Capital Building in the rotunda. And I felt so proud  
6 and we have the conference call today, but, you know,  
7 I agree. I think that an audit should be called.  
8 And I was very vocal about that and--

9 ROUSSEAU: It's the third or fourth time. You folks

10 forget that. I don't forget it. It's a third or  
11 fourth time that they've either shorted us or given  
12 us more money than we're supposed to get, according  
13 to what they've said.  
14 BLOOM: And want it back--  
15 ROUSSEAU: Now, who's running the ship--  
16 BLOOM: --and want it back--  
17 ROUSSEAU: --down there, anyhow?  
18 BLOOM: --yeah.  
19 IRVING: Well, obviously it's not somebody that's  
20 very creditable.  
21 ROUSSEAU: Even Linda's checkbook is done better than  
22 this, I'll tell you that.  
23 IRVING: I thank you all for joining us--  
24 BLOOM: Thank you so much.  
25 IRVING: --today and it was very, very nice of ex

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1 veteran, Rousseau to lead us in--  
2 BLOOM: Prayer this morning.  
3 IRVING: --the prayer, moment of silence and the  
4 Pledge of Allegiance. And I think as long as our  
5 troops are overseas, maybe this is something we need  
6 to do every week.  
7 ROUSSEAU: Agreed.  
8 IRVING: Thank you very much, you have a nice week  
9 and be safe.

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11 (Adjourned at 10:30 a.m.)  
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4 3 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE  
5 4 I, Alan R. Bunn, a Notary Public in and for  
6 5 the State of Indiana, County of Allen, do hereby  
7 6 certify that the above and foregoing is a true and  
8 7 accurate transcript of the Board of Commissioners of  
9 8 the County of Allen, Legislative Session, held before  
10 9 me on March 19, 2003 in the Allen County  
11 10 Commissioners' Courtroom, Room 200, City-County  
12 11 Building, 1 East Main Street, Fort Wayne, Allen  
13 12 County, Indiana; that I am not related to, employed  
14 13 by or interested in any of the parties to this cause  
15 14 of action.  
16 15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed my  
17 16 hand and seal this 24th day of March, 2003.

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Alan R. Bunn, Notary Public  
Residing in Wells County, Indiana

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