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7 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEN

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10 MAY 21, 2003  
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17 LOCATION: Room 200  
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City-County Building  
18 1 East Main Street  
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802  
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20 REPORTER: M. Joshua Osbun  
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1 PRESENT:  
2 Marla J. Irving Allen County Commissioner  
3 Linda K. Bloom Allen County Commissioner  
4 Edwin J. Rousseau Allen County Commissioner  
5 John Stafford Sagamore Associates  
6 Tony Burrus Director of Allen County  
Safety and Environmental  
7 Affairs  
8 Matthew Grashoff Verizon  
9 Pat Love Allen County Assessor  
10 Stacey Lopshire Chief Deputy Allen County  
Assessor  
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12 Michael Fitch Director, Allen County  
Highway Department  
13 Lin Wilson Allen County Auditor's  
Office  
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15 G. William Fishing Allen County Counsel  
16 Paula Hughes Allen County Council  
17 Miguel Trevino DLZ, Inc.  
18 Susan Elser Allen County Board of  
Commissioner's Office

19 Mary Hitchens Allen County Public  
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23 Kevin Leininger News Sentinel  
24 Jeff Neumeyer WPTA-TV  
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19		Compaq 27GB PC Mobile Intel(R) Celeron(R)	
20		Microsoft Windows XP, Vision 2002,	
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22		Total. . . . \$1,121.19	
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2		PROJECT	
3		#03-134, BLUFFTON ROAD,	
4		Pleasant Ctr. Rd. to Ferguson Rd.	
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14		#03-152, COACH LANE,	
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19		North End to Eby Rd.	
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21		Total. . . . \$678.00	
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23 it may be deemed necessary for the 37  
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25 13. Comments from the Public --

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1 IRVING: Good morning, and thank you for joining our  
2 May 21st legislative session. Commissioner Rousseau,  
3 would you like to lead us in the Pledge and a moment  
4 of silence, please?

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

7 ROUSSEAU: Thank you.

8 IRVING: Thank you, Commissioner. Approval of  
9 minutes of the May 14th legislation session.

10 BLOOM: So moved.

11 ROUSSEAU: Second.

12 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."

13 BLOOM: Aye.

14 ROUSSEAU: Aye.

15 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. The Memorandum of  
16 Understanding between Allen County and the City of  
17 Fort Wayne Redevelopment Commission and the Fort  
18 Wayne/Allen County Convention and Tourism Authority  
19 regarding the Grand Wayne. I think we have a guest  
20 with us to speak, too.

21 STAFFORD: Thank you.

22 BLOOM: Good morning, John.

23 STAFFORD: Good morning. John Stafford, Sagamore  
24 Associates. This is, as I described it the other  
25 night to the Redevelopment Commission, the long--long

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1 awaited, much revised, and, in many cases, much  
2 despa--despaired Memorandum of Understanding, but we  
3 are in the final stages. The document does four  
4 things. It clearly indicates that upon the  
5 retirement of the debt for the renovation and  
6 expansion of the Grand Wayne Center, the building and  
7 the land thereon go back to the Convention and  
8 Tourism Authority. They would be held by the  
9 Redevelopment Authority for the life of the bonds as  
10 a requirement of the bonds. Secondly, it outlines  
11 the various pledges of the entities and the time  
12 frame in which those pledges will come in on a  
13 semiannual basis to the Redevelopment Commission.  
14 Thirdly, it makes the commitment of the Redevelopment  
15 Commission to use the tax increment from the Civic  
16 Center Urban Renewal area as one of the primary  
17 sources of revenue for the project. And fourthly,  
18 and should we be in the fortunate state where the  
19 various revenue sources bring in more than it needed  
20 to: one, make the lease payments from the  
21 Redevelopment Commission to the Redevelopment  
22 Authority; two, to have an adequate reserve fund to  
23 make the next three payments; and thirdly, to allow  
24 the Commission to make a determination, which they  
25 must do each August, that there is no property tax

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1 rate necessary to meet their obligations. And if  
2 there's still money left over, then there is in item  
3 16 in the memorandum a order of release of the

4 pledges or a portion thereof, and the first to be  
5 released would be the seeded pledges from the county  
6 and from the city on an equally percentage basis.  
7 Second would be the city's light lease revenue.  
8 Third, and it's pretty inconceivable that we would  
9 ever get into the third tier, would be the tax  
10 increment revenue from the Redevelopment Commission.  
11 Two situations could arise where we--we could have  
12 that. One, the bonds at sale sold for an interest  
13 rate of 4.7%. That was great. That allows us--  
14 BLOOM: That's really great.  
15 STAFFORD: --to maintain a 1.25% coverage rate--ratio  
16 during the entire 25 years of the bond, which is--is  
17 great. So if all the pledges come in--  
18 ROUSSEAU: Okay, now how--  
19 STAFFORD: --that 125%--that's 25% more than is  
20 needed.  
21 ROUSSEAU: How does that reflect on our obligation?  
22 What was the interest rate that we were dealing with,  
23 and do we get a--do we pay somewhat less?  
24 STAFFORD: Those--those were figured at 6%, so that--  
25 yes, that's a good point. That would allow that to

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1 be reduced slightly.  
2 ROUSSEAU: Okay, obviously you don't have the--  
3 STAFFORD: I can't calculate it--  
4 ROUSSEAU: What do we get--  
5 STAFFORD: --in my head, but--  
6 BLOOM: Because we did dedicate a dollar amount.  
7 STAFFORD: You dedicated a amount not to exceed--a  
8 dollar amount in 2003 of \$450,000.00.  
9 BLOOM: Correct.  
10 IRVING: Right.  
11 STAFFORD: And then a dollar amount not to exceed in  
12 '04, '05, '06, and '07 that did include a base of  
13 \$450,000.00, and then a amount for interest thereon,  
14 and you're right, that was calculated about 6%, so  
15 at--at an effective rate over the life of the bond  
16 at--  
17 BLOOM: Good question, Ed.  
18 STAFFORD: --about 4.7%, there is--there is a  
19 marginal difference there, and I will--the procedure  
20 would be that the Redevelopment Commission would send  
21 you a semiannual notice of the amount of the pledge  
22 that they would need, and then a month later payment  
23 on a semiannual basis.  
24 BLOOM: That works.  
25 STAFFORD: That's the document.

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1 BLOOM: Great.  
2 STAFFORD: It's about 11 pages to describe all of  
3 that, and it's been approved by the Redevelopment  
4 Commission, the Redevelopment Authority, the  
5 Convention and Tourism Authority has given their  
6 president the authority to execute the document, and  
7 the City Council has given the mayor the authority to  
8 execute the document on the behalf of the city, and  
9 that's my next stop.  
10 IRVING: Great.  
11 BLOOM: And I would like to make a motion that we  
12 accept the Memorandum of Understanding between Allen

13 County and the City of Fort Wayne, the Fort Wayne  
14 Redevelopment Commission, and the Fort Wayne/Allen  
15 County Convention and Tourism Authority on the Grand  
16 Wayne.

17 ROUSSEAU: Second it.

18 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."

19 BLOOM: Aye.

20 ROUSSEAU: Aye.

21 IRVING: Aye. Motion carries.

22 STAFFORD: Thank you very much.

23 IRVING: Thank you, John.

24 BLOOM: Thanks.

25 STAFFORD: Thank you for your entire support for

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1 this. Obviously we've started--

2 BLOOM: Many years.

3 STAFFORD: --construction. The bonds were sold on  
4 the 7th. They'll be closed tomorrow morning--knock  
5 on wood--and we're under way. We were able to accept  
6 the interest rate, all seven of the ultimates that we  
7 really wanted for the project, so--

8 IRVING: Great.

9 BLOOM: Really? Life is good.

10 STAFFORD: Life is good. I'm sure there will be a  
11 bump or two along the two years of construction but--

12 BLOOM: Well, maybe--

13 STAFFORD: --it all came--

14 BLOOM: --you can have as--

15 STAFFORD: --through very well.

16 BLOOM: --safe a trip on this as we did with the  
17 Coliseum.

18 STAFFORD: Yes, thank you. That would be great.

19 BLOOM: And that would be wonderful.

20 STAFFORD: Thank you all.

21 IRVING: Thank you, John. Come back and see us  
22 again.

23 BLOOM: But not for money every time.

24 STAFFORD: Okay.

25 IRVING: Next agenda item, approval of the Drug-Free

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1 Community Funds grant by the Drug and Alcohol

2 Consortium of Allen County.

3 ELSER: Commissioner Bloom, I do not see Barry Humble  
4 here, who is Executive Director of the Drug and  
5 Alcohol Consortium. I believe he's been delayed. I  
6 do have those amounts, or we can wait on that.

7 BLOOM: We received a list earlier this week of  
8 dollar amounts that were going to those certain  
9 funds. I don't know if we need to read that off or  
10 not.

11 ELSER: I can give--

12 BLOOM: I was really--

13 ELSER: --you have the--

14 BLOOM: --hoping--

15 ELSER: --whole amount there.

16 ROUSSEAU: Well--yeah, the grand total is \$230,810.00  
17 with the--on the Justice part that's requested,  
18 \$76,937.00 which includes the Superior Court, Fort  
19 Wayne Police, Indiana State Excise Police, Indiana  
20 State Police, New Haven Police Department, one

21 church, one offender, and DAC, and then you've got  
22 76,937 [\$76,937.00] under the category of Prevention,  
23 which includes Life Unlimited Youth Center, Mental  
24 Health Power House Youth Center, Inc., Youth  
25 Resources, United Hispanic-American, Inc., and DAC-  
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1 what's DAC? Dumb question, huh?  
2 IRVING: I think it's Drug--  
3 BLOOM: Well, it's the Drug--  
4 IRVING: --and Alcohol Consortium.  
5 BLOOM: --and Alcohol Consortium.  
6 ROUSSEAU: Thank you. I knew you would know that  
7 one. And then there's a \$76,936.00 for the  
8 Intervention Committee, Superior Court Consortium,  
9 and the DAC. So the DAC gets money from all of them.  
10 BLOOM: Is that their operating budget by any chance?  
11 ROUSSEAU: The Drug-Free Community Fund, these--from  
12 the 34 submitted proposal requesting \$940,520.00, the  
13 following applicants are recommended for funding.  
14 BLOOM: But they also include their own budget in  
15 that? That's what that is?  
16 ROUSSEAU: Yeah.  
17 BLOOM: Okay, I'll make a motion that we accept the--  
18 ELSER: Grants.  
19 BLOOM: --Drug-Free Community Funds Grants.  
20 ROUSSEAU: Second.  
21 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."  
22 BLOOM: Aye.  
23 ROUSSEAU: Aye.  
24 IRVING: Aye. Motion carries. Just wait for the  
25 next Alzheimer's Grant that comes through, Ed. Just  
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1 wait. Just kidding.  
2 BLOOM: Aren't you glad you're back?  
3 IRVING: Next agen--yeah, I really am. I've missed  
4 his humor for the last four days.  
5 ROUSSEAU: I have dementia, not Alzheimer's.  
6 IRVING: Oh, okay, okay. No you don't. Your--memory  
7 like an elephant. Approval of the IJ Recycling  
8 Covenants.  
9 BLOOM: Hi, Ton [Tony].  
10 BURRUS: Good morning, Commissioners. How are you?  
11 IRVING: Well, good morning, Tony. It was good to  
12 see you there last night.  
13 BURRUS: Well thank you.  
14 BLOOM: Where were you?  
15 BURRUS: We were at the--  
16 IRVING: We were in New Haven for the Mercury  
17 meeting. Commissioner Rousseau was there. Tony was  
18 there. Was there anybody else from the county there?  
19 I don't remember.  
20 BURRUS: I don't think there was anybody else from  
21 the county, but many--  
22 IRVING: Senator Meeks was there.  
23 BLOOM: --Meeks was there. Pond--  
24 IRVING: Phyllis Pond--Representative Phyllis Pond  
25 was there.

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1 BLOOM: That's her area, yeah.  
2 IRVING: Mark Souder's representative Mark Wickersham  
3 was there. IDEM--

4 BURRUS: IDEM was there.  
5 IRVING: --was there. We had a great group that  
6 spoke against--  
7 BLOOM: Against--absolutely.  
8 IRVING: --but thank you for your participation, too,  
9 Tony.

10 BURRUS: No problem.  
11 IRVING: What have you got for us today?  
12 BURRUS: Well, they are moving forward, getting very  
13 close to receiving our clean closure letter for IJ  
14 Recycling. What we have for you today are the  
15 restrictive covenants that must be attached to the  
16 deed of the property. Once those are signed and the  
17 affidavit executed, we will then forward those back  
18 to IDEM so that they can review them, and hopefully  
19 within a matter of weeks or days we will receive our  
20 clean closure letter, and that will enable us to--to  
21 sell the property. As you know--

22 BLOOM: Yes.  
23 BURRUS: --as you know, IJ is currently listed as a  
24 treatment and storage facility from--basically for  
25 the late 80s through 90s, and we've been working to

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1 get that closed out--  
2 BLOOM: Forever.  
3 BURRUS: --forever--  
4 BLOOM: Forever.  
5 BURRUS: --it appears to be forever, or the  
6 perception is forever. This will enable us to place  
7 this property back on the tax rolls, and doing so,  
8 like I said, we--we need to meet the requirements of  
9 IDEM--

10 BLOOM: How many more?  
11 BURRUS: I think we're probably in the last steps of  
12 that. I truly feel--  
13 BLOOM: And then will there be--even when it's clean  
14 and we have all of this documentation, will we still  
15 have restrictions on the property--  
16 BURRUS: The restrictions--  
17 BLOOM: --when it's sold?  
18 BURRUS: --restrictions on the property is that it  
19 cannot be used--and then basically there are three--  
20 but you cannot either engage or allow a drinking well  
21 to be placed on the site--

22 BLOOM: Okay.  
23 BURRUS: --residential or commercial purposes, or  
24 that the material or the soil be transported off-site  
25 without being properly sampled. Those the three

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1 conditions of the covenants.  
2 BLOOM: It can't be residential or commercial?  
3 BURRUS: It cannot be residential or recreational. I  
4 apologize.

5 BLOOM: Recreational?  
6 BURRUS: Right.  
7 BLOOM: Okay, I was going to say, what--  
8 BURRUS: No, commercial--  
9 BLOOM: --can go there?  
10 BURRUS: --it is--yes--  
11 BLOOM: Okay.



12 BURRUS: --recreational and--  
13 BLOOM: I gotcha.  
14 BURRUS: --residential.  
15 BLOOM: Okay, thanks. So, okay, we're going to--  
16 BURRUS: And I have copies--  
17 BLOOM: --have--we're going to make an approval of  
18 the IJ Recycling Covenants. I'll make--  
19 BURRUS: Right, restricted--  
20 BLOOM: --that motion.  
21 ROUSSEAU: I second it. If I--it seems like it was  
22 about 10 years ago--it might have been even more than  
23 that--when did this whole thing--when did we start on  
24 this? When did this become a super--like, a super  
25 fund site or whatever we call it.

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1 BLOOM: Fifteen [15]?  
2 BURRUS: I think 1987 or so that it became an--  
3 BLOOM: So, 16 years. I just--  
4 ROUSSEAU: Someplace in there--  
5 BLOOM: --I don't have dementia.  
6 ROUSSEAU: --I was interested in what--in what all  
7 this meant, and I went to Washington to an  
8 educational process for about a week to try to find  
9 out even what they were talking about, and it never  
10 got any better after that.  
11 BURRUS: Let me tell you, some environmental issues  
12 do take considerable amount of time, and there are  
13 many im--persons providing input, and that's why it  
14 does not always get better.  
15 ROUSSEAU: Well, we've only spent--this is one of our  
16 more productive jobs. I think we've only spent,  
17 what, nine million?  
18 BURRUS: We're close to a million-two, if I'm not  
19 mistaken.  
20 BLOOM: Our money.  
21 BURRUS: Of the hazardous--we've utilized the--  
22 BLOOM: Right.  
23 BURRUS: --County's hazardous tax fund.  
24 BLOOM: Exactly. The rest was a super cleanup thing,  
25 right?

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1 BURRUS: Right. Correct. The feds put in another--  
2 IRVING: Commissioner--  
3 BURRUS: --million or two.  
4 IRVING: --Commissioner Rousseau, since you are a  
5 real estate agent, I would hope that since we can put  
6 this on the market that you will remember the price  
7 that has been paid for this property and be able to  
8 act accordingly.  
9 ROUSSEAU: It's not irrelevant.  
10 IRVING: Oh, okay.  
11 BURRUS: I do want to point out that was the  
12 hazardous waste tax fund dollars that we utilized,  
13 and not the local property tax.  
14 BLOOM: And what are you suggesting, that the sale of  
15 this property comes back to that fund?  
16 BURRUS: I would--  
17 BLOOM: I don't think so.  
18 BURRUS: --we may have to address that, but--  
19 BLOOM: I think--  
20 BURRUS: --but it was not property tax dollars. We

21 want to make that clear.  
22 BLOOM: Well, true, but it's property that the county  
23 owns. We'll talk--  
24 IRVING: Well, Tony--  
25 BLOOM: --about this--

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1 IRVING: --are you going--  
2 BLOOM: --later.  
3 IRVING: --to remind her--you're going to remind her  
4 it takes two votes?  
5 BLOOM: I have--I have grand plans about the sale of  
6 land and properties to be put into county general to  
7 help the council with our budget problems.  
8 IRVING: It takes two votes, Ed.  
9 BURRUS: And we--we certainly want to help the  
10 council--  
11 BLOOM: Bloom Park.  
12 BURRUS: --help the council with their budget  
13 problems wherever possible.  
14 IRVING: Bloom?  
15 BLOOM: Jack and Ed named that place Bloom Park years  
16 and years ago because I was going to go over and  
17 plant some pretty--  
18 ROUSSEAU: No--  
19 BLOOM: --flowers or something.  
20 ROUSSEAU: --no, it was because you ate quite  
21 frequently across the street, and--  
22 BLOOM: So?  
23 ROUSSEAU: --stared out the window at it.  
24 BLOOM: So? So?  
25 BURRUS: All we know is that--

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1 IRVING: I--  
2 BURRUS: --that the--  
3 IRVING: --I have a motion--  
4 BURRUS: --Commissioner has--  
5 IRVING: --on the floor.  
6 BURRUS: --monitored it for some time.  
7 IRVING: I have a motion and it has been seconded.  
8 BLOOM: Well, take the vote.  
9 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."  
10 BLOOM: Aye.  
11 ROUSSEAU: Aye.  
12 IRVING: Aye. Motion carries. Geez, I wanted out--  
13 BURRUS: Thank you.  
14 IRVING: --of that one. Okay, agenda item number--  
15 BLOOM: Ed?  
16 IRVING: --five--  
17 BLOOM: Ed?  
18 IRVING: --approval of re--what--approval of request  
19 by the Allen County Treasurer's Office to extend  
20 office hours on Monday, June 16 and Monday, November  
21 10. That's when our tax bills are due.  
22 BLOOM: And this is a good thing because a lot of  
23 people--because the tax bills are going out so late  
24 this year, and we want to collect that money as  
25 quickly as possible. I'll make a motion to approve

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1 this.  
2 ROUSSEAU: Second.

3 IRVING: Before I accept it I'd like to say that in  
4 the motion that it is 7:30 in the morning? Is that  
5 correct?

6 ROUSSEAU: Yeah, it says seven--no.

7 ELSER: No, extended until 7:30 in the evening.

8 ROUSSEAU: Extended until seven--so it'd be eight  
9 [8:00] through 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 16th and  
10 Monday, November 10th.

11 BLOOM: To better accommodate the tax payers.

12 IRVING: Right, so maybe we could get our media to  
13 put those hours in for them, and it also will be on  
14 our website. All in favor say "aye."

15 BLOOM: Aye.

16 ROUSSEAU: Aye.

17 IRVING: Aye. Opposed? (No response.) Motion  
18 carried. Next we have the approval of agreement  
19 between Allen County and Verizon for wiring in the  
20 Allen County Justice Center. Commissioner Bloom?  
21 This is not--this is IJ Recycling.

22 BLOOM: I need--

23 ELSER: Here, this--Commissioner Rousseau--

24 BLOOM: --the paper.

25 ELSER: --has it. Commissioner Rousseau has it right

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1 here.

2 BLOOM: Because additional wires are being pulled  
3 through the boxes at the Justice Center, Verizon is  
4 now going to do the wire pulling, Great Oaks is going  
5 to do the conduits, and the total of this project is  
6 not on my paper. If my memory is correct, it's  
7 \$7,710.00--

8 IRVING: We have a repre--

9 BLOOM: --for the--

10 IRVING: --representative from Verizon.

11 BLOOM: We do?

12 IRVING: Would you like to come up?

13 BLOOM: Oh, boy. Save.

14 IRVING: Oh, we could be here a long time.

15 BLOOM: Hi.

16 GRASHOFF: How are you doing Commissioner Bloom,  
17 Commissioner Irving?

18 IRVING: You need to introduce yourself. Good  
19 morning.

20 GRASHOFF: My name is Matthew Gashoff. I'm the  
21 Account Manager for--

22 BLOOM: Oh, this is Matt.

23 GRASHOFF: --for Verizon. I'm serving Allen County.  
24 That's one of my accounts.

25 BLOOM: Right.

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1 GRASHOFF: The big that we have placed in front of  
2 the county is actually to save the county some  
3 additional funding for the wiring. We do wiring on a  
4 daily basis--

5 BLOOM: Exactly.

6 GRASHOFF: --and we understood that there was an  
7 issue at hand, so we were able to partner with the  
8 county and provide the wiring bid at 40--it's around  
9 forty-four thou--\$44,000.00. Is it--

10 BLOOM: 43,878.40 [\$43,878.40]. That amount I have,  
11 thank you.

12 GRASHOFF: Yeah, as opposed to--  
13 IRVING: I thought you didn't have that?  
14 BLOOM: Well, I didn't have the other amount.  
15 IRVING: Oh, okay.  
16 GRASHOFF: --as opposed to the other amount, I  
17 believe, from the--from the people that were going to  
18 do the wiring that had made the mistake which was  
19 around 77--or--  
20 BLOOM: That's correct.  
21 GRASHOFF: --something like 77,000.  
22 BLOOM: That's correct.  
23 GRASHOFF: We've been working closely with the county  
24 to partner up on more projects, and therefore we want  
25 to help you guys out.

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1 IRVING: Great.  
2 BLOOM: And so we're coming in with a big of  
3 43,878.40 [\$43,878.40], and I would like to make a  
4 motion to accept this.  
5 ROUSSEAU: Second it.  
6 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."  
7 BLOOM: Aye.  
8 ROUSSEAU: Aye.  
9 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried.  
10 BLOOM: Thank you very much.  
11 IRVING: Thank you.  
12 GRASHOFF: Thank you.  
13 BLOOM: Thank you for coming, too, Matt. I'm glad to  
14 see the face with the name now.  
15 GRASHOFF: Thanks.  
16 BLOOM: Thank you.  
17 IRVING: We have a hardware and software request from  
18 the Assessor's Office, and I think that we have Mrs.  
19 Love here and Stacey. Come join us.  
20 BLOOM: Good morning.  
21 LOVE: Good morning.  
22 IRVING: Good morning.  
23 LOVE: I'm Pat Love, County Assessor, and I have with  
24 me my Chief Deputy Stacey Lopshire.  
25 BLOOM: Good morning.

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1 LOPSHIRE: Good morning.  
2 LOVE: We're basically here to answer any questions  
3 you might have.  
4 IRVING: Okay, they are requesting a Compaq 27  
5 gigabyte, Mobile Intel, Microsoft Windows, Vision  
6 2002, Service Pack laptop. Is that correct?  
7 LOPSHIRE: Yes.  
8 LOVE: Yes.  
9 IRVING: For \$1,121.19 to be paid out of your  
10 reassessment fund, please?  
11 LOPSHIRE: Yes, but the price is actually--there's a  
12 rebate on it, so it's only \$906.19.  
13 IRVING: \$906.15?  
14 LOPSHIRE: And 19 cents--  
15 BLOOM: Because there--  
16 LOPSHIRE: --is the--  
17 BLOOM: --was a rebate.  
18 LOPSHIRE: --bottom amount because we had a rebate  
19 along with it.

20 IRVING: Are you purchasing it through the state bid  
21 on this, or are you purchasing this from Compaq  
22 director?  
23 LOVE: We did check the bid, and this was lower.  
24 IRVING: That's why I'm asking. It's a nice low  
25 price. Did you get it--

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1 LOVE: Oh, it is low.  
2 IRVING: Where did you get the price from?  
3 LOPSHIRE: Best Buy.  
4 IRVING: Pardon? Best Buy?  
5 BLOOM: Best Buy.  
6 LOPSHIRE: I think--I believe it was Best Buy.  
7 IRVING: Boy, that's--that's a great, great price on  
8 that.  
9 LOPSHIRE: Yeah.  
10 BLOOM: It surely is.  
11 IRVING: I'll accept a motion.  
12 BLOOM: I'll make a motion to accept the County  
13 Assessor's request for 1,121.19 [\$1,121.19].  
14 IRVING: It's--can you rephrase your motion? It's  
15 for \$906.19 cents.  
16 BLOOM: \$906.18?  
17 IRVING: Nineteen [19].  
18 LOPSHIRE: Nineteen [19].  
19 BLOOM: Nineteen [cents]. All right.  
20 ROUSSEAU: I'll second it.  
21 IRVING: Okay, all in favor say "aye."  
22 BLOOM: Aye.  
23 ROUSSEAU: Aye.  
24 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Thank you very much  
25 LOVE: Thank you.

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1 LOPSHIRE: Thank you.  
2 BLOOM: Thanks.  
3 IRVING: Great price. Approval of the 2004 Allen  
4 County employee holiday schedule. Would you like me  
5 to read it to the record?  
6 BLOOM: Yes.  
7 IRVING: January 1st is New Year's Day; January 19th,  
8 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; May 31st, Memorial Day--  
9 boy is that late next year--July 5th, day after  
10 Independence Day; September 6th, Labor Day; November  
11 11th, Veterans' Day; November 25th, Thanksgiving Day;  
12 November 26th, day after Thanksgiving; December 24th,  
13 Christmas Eve; and December 31st, New Year's Eve.  
14 "December 31st will not nec--necessarily be a  
15 designated legal holiday every year. However, three  
16 county offices will open on Friday, December 31st,  
17 2004: the Auditor, the Recorder, and the Treasurer.  
18 Each full-time county employee who has successfully  
19 completed his or her probationary period will be  
20 eligible for three floating holidays during 2004.  
21 The dates that the floating holidays are taken are to  
22 the discretion of the department head or elected  
23 official. Floating holidays may not carry over from  
24 any other year. Primary election day and general  
25 election day are not official county holidays." Gee,

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1 is there an election next year? Okay. "Any full-  
2 time county employee who works at the polls either

3 primary election day or general election day will  
4 receive their regular wages. Written proof of  
5 working at the polls must be supplied to the  
6 employee's supervisor." I'll accept a motion.  
7 BLOOM: I might add that there will be the same  
8 amount of days as we've had in the past, but they  
9 have altered a little because Christmas and New  
10 Year's, if you can tell here, fall on the weekend,  
11 and so there will be 10 paid holidays, and three  
12 floating days, and I'll make a motion to accept this.  
13 ROUSSEAU: Second it.  
14 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."  
15 BLOOM: Aye.  
16 ROUSSEAU: Aye.  
17 IRVING: Aye.  
18 ROUSSEAU: I can't even--I can't even make a--she's  
19 made all the motions.  
20 IRVING: Ed is feeling--motion carried--Ed's feeling  
21 a little bit abused over here. Could you let him  
22 make a motion?  
23 BLOOM: I'm not gonna say another word. Go baby.  
24 IRVING: Okay, approval of the bid award reference  
25 for number 20-03 to Brooks Construction at the cost

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1 of--yeah. She wants to give you the one that's  
2 \$842,960.90--  
3 BLOOM: Go for it, Ed.  
4 IRVING: --for the construction of the 2003 HMA  
5 resurfacing package number 2 in Allen County,  
6 Indiana, at the following locations. And if I read  
7 these into the record that we can vote on them--  
8 BLOOM: You could just do--  
9 IRVING: --at once.  
10 BLOOM: --the projects.  
11 IRVING: Okay. Project 134, Bluffton Road; 136,  
12 Nodestine Road; 137, Dupont Road; 138, Flaugh Road;  
13 and then we have the Cinderella Village addition,  
14 which is project number 151, Cinderella Lane; 152,  
15 Coach Lane; 153, Pumpkin Lane; and 154, Prince Court,  
16 and I have no idea where this is at.  
17 BLOOM: So appropriate, isn't it?  
18 IRVING: Where is Cinderella addition?  
19 FITCH: It's out northeast, out off of St. Joe Center  
20 Road.  
21 IRVING: Cute names.  
22 BLOOM: Did you identify yourself?  
23 FITCH: Mike Fitch, Allen County Highway Department.  
24 BLOOM: Thank you. Ed, do you want to do anything  
25 now?

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1 ROUSSEAU: Well, have--have--  
2 IRVING: For \$842,960.90?  
3 BLOOM: It's our resurface package number 2. Go.  
4 ROUSSEAU: Is there anything else you'd like to tell  
5 us about this project that might better inform the  
6 voting public?  
7 FITCH: Okay, this--  
8 ROUSSEAU: The rest of them might--  
9 FITCH: --yeah, this is the second of three  
10 resurfacing packages this year. We had three

11 contractors bid on the project: Brooks Construction,  
12 Indy Paving, and Wayne Asphalt, and Brooks was the  
13 low bidder at \$842,960.90. The engineer's estimate  
14 was \$1,314,688.00, so we received very good bids.  
15 BLOOM: Yeah we did.  
16 FITCH: All of the bids were under our estimate, and  
17 the Highway Department recommends awarding it to  
18 Brooks Construction.  
19 ROUSSEAU: So moved.  
20 BLOOM: Second.  
21 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."  
22 BLOOM: Aye.  
23 ROUSSEAU: Aye.  
24 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Do you feel a little  
25 bit like you got sucker-punched on that one?

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1 BLOOM: What else do we have here?  
2 IRVING: Agenda item number 10, approve request for  
3 new MicroQuest 41700 CBS Pentium 4 computer to  
4 replace existing Gateway computer in the Highway  
5 Department for \$678.00.  
6 FITCH: This is the replacement computer, part of our  
7 refreshment program.  
8 BLOOM: So moved.  
9 IRVING: Second.  
10 ROUSSEAU: Second.  
11 IRVING: I forgot. Sorry about that. All in favor  
12 say "aye."  
13 BLOOM: Aye.  
14 ROUSSEAU: Aye.  
15 IRVING: Aye. Motion carries. Do we have--  
16 FITCH: I have one--  
17 IRVING: --anything else from the--  
18 FITCH: --thing on the--  
19 IRVING: --Highway Department?  
20 FITCH: --agenda on other business. Last--two weeks  
21 ago at the iMAP meeting, there was a request for  
22 flat-panel monitors and video cards for the GIS  
23 stations that will be using Ark Info software.  
24 There's--be eight--eight stations. The Highway  
25 Department will have two stations, the Surveyor's

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1 Office, I think the Auditor's Office, and I don't--  
2 BLOOM: It was Auditor, Surveyor, Highway, Sheriff--  
3 no. I can't remember. I know we needed eight total.  
4 FITCH: Eight total, so--  
5 BLOOM: Yes.  
6 FITCH: --this is for our GIS system. It was  
7 approved be the G--the iMAP's board.  
8 BLOOM: Exactly.  
9 IRVING: We have 16, 1800 flat-panel monitor at  
10 \$426.00 each, which is a total of \$6,828.64.  
11 BLOOM: Right.  
12 IRVING: We have eight video cards at \$178.00 for  
13 \$1,424.00 with a total cost of \$8,252.64.  
14 BLOOM: And I'll make a motion that we accept this.  
15 It's already gone through the GIS Board.  
16 ROUSSEAU: Well, there--you made a statement here,  
17 and it sounded like we were buying 1800--  
18 IRVING: No. That's the--Dell--  
19 ROUSSEAU: --yeah, I just wanted to clarify that.

20 IRVING: --okay, it's the Dell UltraSharp 1800--  
21 ROUSSEAU: Model.  
22 IRVING: --flat panel monitors.  
23 BLOOM: Right.  
24 ROUSSEAU: Yeah.  
25 BLOOM: We're not buying--

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1 IRVING: No.  
2 BLOOM: --1800.  
3 IRVING: Sixteen [16] at \$426.79.  
4 ROUSSEAU: Oh, I second that.  
5 IRVING: But if you could get 1800 for them at that  
6 cost, feel free to--  
7 FITCH: Yes, and that was the reason--there was only  
8 a couple de--  
9 IRVING: You never crack a smile, do you?  
10 FITCH: --yeah, there's a couple departments that--  
11 BLOOM: Well, you scare him.  
12 IRVING: Yeah.  
13 FITCH: --were--needed these monitors now, because  
14 the other departments were coming onboard with GIS  
15 that we could get a special rate, because the Highway  
16 Department was going to initially buy these, and our  
17 cost was about 700-some dollars.  
18 BLOOM: A piece?  
19 FITCH: A piece, so by buying these eight--  
20 BLOOM: See?  
21 FITCH: --18 monitors, we were able to get--  
22 BLOOM: 426 [426.00].  
23 FITCH: --a reduced price, because the other--  
24 BLOOM: That's great.  
25 FITCH: --departments will be coming onboard here

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1 within the next three, four months.  
2 BLOOM: Exactly. Good job.  
3 ROUSSEAU: Why are we buying flat panel units?  
4 FITCH: The--  
5 BLOOM: Let's see if he can explain it.  
6 FITCH: --Ark Info software, it works on two screens.  
7 It has the file screen or the information on one  
8 side, and the aerial photo or the map on the other,  
9 and there's constant--because you're constantly  
10 moving between the menu system and the map, if you  
11 work on a single screen you'd be paging back and  
12 forth, so it's a lot more efficient and faster to  
13 have dual monitors. And the reason we're using flat  
14 screens is because if you got two huge monitors on  
15 the desk, we'd be buying bigger desks so the people  
16 could, you know, work. Typically if you've seen the,  
17 you know, normal computer monitor--and now the flat  
18 screens are within a hundred dollars of the large  
19 screen monitors, so flat screens are the--are  
20 basically taking over from the regular screens.  
21 ROUSSEAU: Like we have one over here, but the  
22 purpose was that we didn't have enough--really enough  
23 room to put the larger set.  
24 BLOOM: Well that's the purpose.  
25 FITCH: When they first came out, they were, you

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1 know, a thousand dollars or more--



2 BLOOM: Right.  
3 FITCH: --and now they're down to \$400.00 and--  
4 BLOOM: Well, your price was seven-something--  
5 FITCH: Right.  
6 BLOOM: --originally--right--  
7 FITCH: Right.  
8 BLOOM: --so this is great.  
9 ROUSSEAU: Did we vote yet?  
10 FITCH: So I think--  
11 IRVING: No.  
12 FITCH: --you're gonna--  
13 ROUSSEAU: I can't remember what we--  
14 IRVING: We did not vote on that yet.  
15 ROUSSEAU: Did we make a motion?  
16 BLOOM: I did make a motion that we accept this--  
17 ROUSSEAU: Was it seconded?  
18 IRVING: No.  
19 BLOOM: --\$8,252.64.  
20 ROUSSEAU: I second it.  
21 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."  
22 BLOOM: Aye.  
23 ROUSSEAU: Aye.  
24 IRVING: Aye. Motion carries. Thank you very much.  
25 FITCH: Thank you very much.

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1 BLOOM: Thanks Mike.  
2 IRVING: We have one other piece of other business,  
3 and for personal reasons, Miss Lena Odom is unable to  
4 fulfill her duties as a member of our appointment for  
5 the Board of Health, and her term ends at the end of  
6 the year, so I would like to have a motion that we  
7 accept her verbal--  
8 ROUSSEAU: So moved.  
9 IRVING: --resignation.  
10 BLOOM: Second.  
11 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."  
12 BLOOM: Aye.  
13 ROUSSEAU: Aye.  
14 IRVING: Aye. Thank you very much. Do we have any  
15 other business?  
16 ELSER: We have no other business.  
17 IRVING: Okay, could I have a motion to approve the  
18 second reading?  
19 ROUSSEAU: So moved.  
20 BLOOM: Second.  
21 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."  
22 BLOOM: Aye.  
23 ROUSSEAU: Aye.  
24 IRVING: Aye. Do we have any comments from the  
25 public? (No response.) Hearing none, I thank you

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1 all for joining us, and you have a safe weekend.  
2 We'll see you next Wednesday.  
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5 (Adjourned 10:32 a.m.)

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2 2 COUNTY OF ALLEN )

3 3 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

4 4 I, M. Joshua Osbun, a Notary Public in and  
5 5 for the State of Indiana, County of Allen, do hereby  
6 6 certify that the above and foregoing is a true and  
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8 8 the County of Allen, Legislative Session, held before  
9 9 me on May 21, 2003 in the Allen County Commissioners  
10 10 Courtroom, Room 200, City-County Building, 1 East  
11 11 Main Street, Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana; that  
12 12 I am not related to, employed by or interested in any  
13 13 of the parties to this cause of action.

14 14 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed my  
15 15 hand and seal this 23rd day of May, 2003.

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18 18 M. Joshua Osbun, Notary Public  
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