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9 OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEN

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11 JUNE 18, 2003  
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16 DATE: June 18, 2003  
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18 TIME: 10:00 a.m.  
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Commissioners Courtroom  
City-County Building  
21 1 East Main Street  
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802  
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23 REPORTER: Alan R. Bunn  
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7 Susan Elser Allen County Board of  
Commissioner's Office  
8 Mike Fitch Allen County Highway Dept.  
9 Lin Wilson Allen County Auditor's  
Office  
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11 Ed LaRocque Allen County Emergency  
Management and Homeland  
Security  
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13 Karen Alliha  
14 Capt. Patt Kite Allen County Police  
Department  
15 Mindy Waldron Department of Health  
16 Loren Robertson Department of Health  
17 Sandra Flum Legislative Liaison  
18 Andy Larson News-Sentinel  
19 Larry Banks Allen County Public Library

20 Andy Gammill Journal Gazette  
 21 LaDean B. Dick Allen County Resident  
 22 Alan Bunn Rolf Reporting, Inc.  
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1 IRVING: Good morning and welcome to our June 18th  
2 Legislative Session. Commissioner Rousseau, would  
3 you like to lead us in the pledge and a moment of  
4 silence.  
5 (At this time, the Pledge of Allegiance  
6 was recited in unison.)  
7 (At this time, a moment of silence was  
8 recognized by all.)  
9 ROUSSEAU: Thank you.  
10 IRVING: Thank you. Approval of minutes of the June

11 11th Legislative Session.  
12 BLOOM: So moved.  
13 ROUSSEAU: Second.  
14 IRVING: All in favor say, "Aye."  
15 ROUSSEAU: Aye.  
16 BLOOM: Aye.  
17 IRVING: Aye. Agreement between the Allen County and  
18 the BTG and its subsidiary, Research Planning  
19 Incorporated for the local Vulnerability Assessment.  
20 Good morning, Ed.  
21 LAROCQUE: Good morning ladies and gentlemen.  
22 BLOOM: Good morning.  
23 LAROCQUE: I'm Ed LaRocque. I'm the director of  
24 Emergency Management and Homeland Security for Allen  
25 County. And the reason that I'm before you today is  
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1 to have you folks sign one more piece of paper that  
2 goes back to an ordinance that you passed back on  
3 April 16.  
4 IRVING: Right.  
5 LAROCQUE: And a grant application for a total of  
6 \$26,282.26. We're ready to start going on this and  
7 for some reason the contractor wanted another  
8 signature page. I know that Commissioner Bloom had a  
9 question about the name of the company and how that  
10 related to Titan. And from the original documents  
11 that you have from back there, it does mention in  
12 there that--that Titan, also known as BTG and its  
13 subsidiary, Research Planning, so that--even though  
14 this document--  
15 BLOOM: Okay.  
16 LAROCQUE: --doesn't say Titan on it specifically--  
17 BLOOM: Okay.  
18 LAROCQUE: --it does refer back to the documents that  
19 we signed back in--back in April. The first meeting  
20 for this will start July the 10th, and we'll not only  
21 do a complete Risk and Vulnerability Assessment of  
22 Allen County and all of the political subunits  
23 therein, but then we will also be--included in this  
24 26,000 [\$26,282.26] then, is totally revamping the  
25 county's Emergency Response Plan to a format that is  
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1 consistent with the State Disaster Plan and the  
2 Federal Response Plan. Do you have questions?  
3 IRVING: No, I don't have any.  
4 LAROCQUE: All I'm asking then is--  
5 BLOOM: I'll make a motion--  
6 LAROCQUE: --so we can get going on that.  
7 BLOOM: --I'll make a motion to have the agreement  
8 between Allen County and BTG and its subsidiary,  
9 Research Planning Inc. for a study and the amount is  
10 \$26,000.00.  
11 ROUSSEAU: Second.  
12 IRVING: All in favor say, "Aye."  
13 ROUSSEAU: Aye.  
14 IRVING: Aye.  
15 BLOOM: Aye.  
16 IRVING: Motion carried. Thank you.  
17 LAROCQUE: Thank you.  
18 BLOOM: Thank you.

19 IRVING: Thank you, Ed. Agreement between Allen  
20 County and Barnes & Thornburg for Government Relation  
21 services. Commissioner Bloom?  
22 BLOOM: Earlier this year--could I have that, Ed,  
23 please. Earlier this year, we had started  
24 engineering studies with Maplecrest South from Lake  
25 Avenue down to Adams Center. Because we were trying  
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1 to obtain federal money, it was suggested to us that  
2 the Barnes & Thornburg in Indianapolis wanted  
3 lobbyists in Washington D.C. to be able to keep on  
4 top of this and we've hired them. I believe the  
5 cost--well, this is the contract, we had seen all  
6 this before and I don't see this on here, but I  
7 believe it's 5,000 [\$5,000.00] a month. And not for  
8 a designated period of time, but until this money can  
9 be obtained, hopefully. We will retain them and  
10 receive a monthly bill, and I'd like to make a motion  
11 to hire Barnes & Thornburg to do federal lobbying for  
12 Allen County.

13 ROUSSEAU: Second.

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

15 ROUSSEAU: Aye.

16 BLOOM: Aye.

17 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Agenda item number  
18 four, appointment to the Fort Wayne, Allen County  
19 Airport Authority.

20 ELSER: The name before the board for consideration  
21 is Cathy A. Zehr. This would be a four year  
22 appointment, effective July 1, 2003 through June 30  
23 of 2007.

24 BLOOM: I'll make a motion that Cathy Zehr be put on  
25 as the board member.

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1 ROUSSEAU: Second.

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

3 ROUSSEAU: Aye.

4 BLOOM: Aye.

5 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Agenda item number  
6 five. Renewal of agreement between Allen County  
7 Sheriff's Department and the Town of Leo-Cedarville  
8 for a cost of \$12,219.96.

9 CAPT. KITE: Good morning.

10 BLOOM: Good morning.

11 CAPT. KITE: I'm Captain Patt Kite. I'm representing  
12 the sheriff this morning and we are--

13 IRVING: And might I add, you're much prettier than  
14 the sheriff.

15 BLOOM: And we're surely glad you're here.

16 CAPT. KITE: I'm glad I'm here. What we're doing--

17 ROUSSEAU: No, I personally--I personally enjoy  
18 this--you're scared to death of what I'm going to  
19 say, aren't you?

20 IRVING: Yeah, I am.

21 ROUSSEAU: I'd much rather have you come here rather  
22 than the sheriff. The women always make a big thing  
23 about the guys. And I've sat up here and have said  
24 nothing all this time. Now, I just want to tell you,  
25 I think you're very, very nice. And I really

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1 appreciate--you're very intelligent and--

2 BLOOM: Come back more often.  
3 ROUSSEAU: --from now on--  
4 CAPT. KITE: I'm going to.  
5 ROUSSEAU: --if the sheriff would send you up every  
6 time, I would be very pleased.  
7 CAPT. KITE: Well, thank you.  
8 IRVING: Have you gotten a ticket or something.  
9 CAPT. KITE: He just asked me to do this at 4:30  
10 yesterday afternoon, so--  
11 ROUSSEAU: Let's just keep the deal--keep you--  
12 CAPT. KITE: Holy cow, I'm going to come back.  
13 ROUSSEAU: --they make over the sheriff and you know  
14 how wonderful he is and that kind of stuff. I think  
15 he's just another guy, personally.  
16 CAPT. KITE: He surrounds himself with good people.  
17 ROUSSEAU: Yeah, that--  
18 BLOOM: Oh.  
19 ROUSSEAU: --including you--including you.  
20 BLOOM: Okay, we have a renewal. Is the cost the  
21 same?  
22 CAPT. KITE: Yes, it is.  
23 BLOOM: I'll make a motion that we renew our  
24 agreement between the sheriff's department and  
25 Leo-Cedarville for one year, cost, \$12,219.96.

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1 ROUSSEAU: I second that.  
2 IRVING: All in favor say, "Aye."  
3 ROUSSEAU: Aye.  
4 BLOOM: Aye.  
5 IRVING: Aye.  
6 CAPT. KITE: Thank you.  
7 IRVING: Thank you very much.  
8 BLOOM: Geez, one--  
9 IRVING: The hardware and software request had been  
10 withdrawn. I think we have a Department of Health  
11 update. I see two representatives--  
12 ROUSSEAU: I want to hear about Monkeypox.  
13 IRVING: --have came in.  
14 BLOOM: Good morning, Loren.  
15 IRVING: It's because you raise prairie dogs, don't  
16 you?  
17 ROUSSEAU: My wife gives me that nickname, now.  
18 IRVING: Prairie dog?  
19 ROUSSEAU: Old Monkeypox.  
20 BLOOM: Oh, give me a break.  
21 ROUSSEAU: Well, I've been married 50 years, I mean,  
22 what--  
23 IRVING: That's not the same nicknames I give my  
24 husband. Go ahead Loren, introduce yourself--  
25 ROBERTSON: Good morning, Commissioners--

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1 IRVING: --and tell us.  
2 ROBERTSON: --Loren Robertson, administrator of the  
3 Allen County Department of Health. Thank you for  
4 inviting us today. I'd like to give you just a quick  
5 update on mosquito control. It's certainly into the  
6 mosquito control season and as you know, the rains  
7 that we had in the last month as promised always  
8 deliver mosquitoes and we're certainly seeing that  
9 now. We are--we've begun mosquito control in

10 mid-May. Throughout the month of May, we addressed  
11 over 770 site inspections of complaints of standing  
12 water area. Citizens complained--complaints for that  
13 month were over 300. The additional were part of our  
14 routine larva siting. We treated 250 of those sites  
15 with larvicide treatment of those sites, collection  
16 over 122 specimens of mosquitoes and have begun our  
17 adult mosquito pool testing. Looking for viral  
18 activity within the community. We post--those traps  
19 are run throughout the week. Analysis are made every  
20 Monday and what we're looking in the adult mosquitoes  
21 now, is the early detection of viral activity in the  
22 adult flying mosquitoes. So far through the last  
23 Monday--we're into the fourth week of that. All of  
24 those samples have been negative. We'll continue to  
25 be monitoring. That will be the early warning for

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1 the community that we do have viral activity in the  
2 flying mosquitoes. Marion County has identified  
3 initial pools of mosquitoes positive. They were the  
4 first in the state to do that. We are not collecting  
5 birds this year as the re--at the urging of the State  
6 Department of Health. They feel that is not  
7 necessary. It's considered that the bird  
8 population--the virus within the bird population is  
9 endemic. They are the reservoir and it's just a  
10 matter of mosquitoes transmitting--picking that up  
11 and then transmitting that on. So our early warning  
12 will be the viral monitoring that--the mosquito  
13 monitoring that we're doing. That's posted on our  
14 website every week. And once those tests are run,  
15 we'll post that on our website as well as a great  
16 deal of other information on vector control, as well  
17 as many other emerging health issues. And I'd like  
18 to say, I think in my career in public health which  
19 goes over many years, I don't think public health has  
20 ever been on the world or the state or the local  
21 agenda as it is right now. We are constantly dealing  
22 with emerging issues and certainly the traditional  
23 public health concerns that we've had for many years  
24 are still there and continuing to grow, but we're  
25 also finding this emerging issue of--whether it was

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1 West Nile or Monkeypox or certainly Smallpox and  
2 other issues from bio-terrorism that we're facing.  
3 So pleased to say that, you know, that the federal  
4 government is responding to that, making funds  
5 available through the State Department of Health and  
6 we're applying for all grants and opportunities of  
7 funding that we can to help build up the public  
8 health infrastructure in Allen County. We will  
9 continue the upgraded education efforts. Very happy  
10 that--I don't know if you noticed this, that last  
11 week over 108,000 of the Allen County Guide to Summer  
12 Safety, which is predominantly about--started out to  
13 be initially West Nile education, but it was expanded  
14 into other summer safety issues that--for concerns.  
15 And underwritten primarily by various sponsors  
16 including Fort Wayne Medical Society, Parkview  
17 Hospital, the--couple other foundation--Parkview  
18 Foundation, so that cost was underwritten by

19 community efforts and we're very happy with that, as  
20 well as other brochures that have been made  
21 available. We're in the process of increasing  
22 education activities throughout the community.  
23 Preparing education kits available for neighborhood  
24 associations. Looking at other--developing  
25 organizations that can go door-to-door, working

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1 within community for neighborhood cleanups. As we  
2 identified last year with West Nile breeding areas,  
3 many of those were artificial breeding areas. When I  
4 say "artificial" I'm talking about something in  
5 someone's property--backyard, that will hold water,  
6 such as a tire, a can, a neglected bucket or  
7 something that can hold water. And if he do--and  
8 we've seen many activities within communities and  
9 we're very happy with and thank those organizations  
10 that have been doing that. Our protocol for mosquito  
11 control is finalized and will be presented again to  
12 our board at the Monday--next Monday at their next  
13 routine meeting. And that again is--is--was built  
14 upon the protocol developed last year, following  
15 recommendations for the Center of Disease Control,  
16 State Department of Health and will again address how  
17 we will respond to viral activity and other mosquito  
18 concerns throughout this--this summer. And we've had  
19 a lot of involvement with citizens and community  
20 members and we think that it's a very good document  
21 and we're very hopeful that our board will follow  
22 through with that.

23 IRVING: It is next Monday at 5:30--

24 ROBERTSON: Yes.

25 IRVING: --in this room.

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1 ROBERTSON: It is?  
2 IRVING: It will be televised, but not live, correct?  
3 ROBERTSON: That's right.  
4 IRVING: And so our viewers might be able to have a  
5 chance to look at it--  
6 ROBERTSON: Sure.  
7 IRVING: --when is the Board of Health viewed then on  
8 channel 55--  
9 ROBERTSON: It seems--  
10 IRVING: --cable channel 55.  
11 ROBERTSON: --it seems to vary and I don't have an  
12 exact schedule of that. I--that may be available  
13 through the library. I don't have that--  
14 IRVING: Okay.  
15 ROBERTSON: --off the top of my head, but it does  
16 seem to vary time-wise. I know it's replayed many,  
17 many times.  
18 IRVING: Would you announce it at your Board of  
19 Health meeting--  
20 ROBERTSON: Sure.  
21 IRVING: --if we get you the schedule?  
22 ROBERTSON: Certainly.  
23 IRVING: Okay, I will make sure that you get that.  
24 ROBERTSON: Any other questions about West Nile,  
25 we'll continue to aggressively larvicide. We are

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1 very happy that we've had assistance through the city  
2 of Fort Wayne in catch-basin treatment. And they  
3 have funded that and our assisting in delivering of  
4 Altosid briquettes to catch basins around the  
5 community, as well as the assistance from various  
6 other communities, New Haven, Huntertown and other  
7 communities are also developing programs to assist  
8 our operation in controlling mosquitoes. You know,  
9 and I think the beauty of that is that we're really  
10 seeing that it is a community issue, that citizens  
11 need to take some ownership in mosquito prevention  
12 and we're particularly grateful to see that because  
13 it--in the past, I don't know that the community has  
14 really had to deal with mosquitoes as a disease  
15 carrying carrier or a vector of an issue. And so now  
16 we're seeing that through the efforts of our  
17 department and others, that the community is taking  
18 ownership in this and so we're--very gratifying to  
19 see that that message is getting out and that we  
20 can't do it all ourselves.

21 ROUSSEAU: I think--could I ask you a question?  
22 There is a difference, but how do you--how do we know  
23 that, at least--if I believe I remember this  
24 correctly, that there is a kind of pest-mosquito type  
25 situation and there's the ones that--

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1 ROBERTSON: Yeah.

2 ROUSSEAU: --cause the disease, but how do we--you  
3 know, how do we know which ones biting us?

4 ROBERTSON: Often that's depending on the time of the  
5 year and--you know, there were over sixty species of  
6 mosquitoes in Indiana. The early spring mosquitoes,  
7 traditionally, are the Aedes, the Triceritatus and  
8 some of the other species. And they tend to be more  
9 prevalent at certain times of the year. Early  
10 spring--flood mosquitoes as they're called, and those  
11 that breed in the woods--the low land areas, are  
12 usually the Aedes vexans and they're a very  
13 aggressive biter. Unfortunately, they--well, prior  
14 to this year they were not considered to be a vector  
15 and implicated in the transmission of West Nile, but  
16 there has been some preliminary data--scientific data  
17 that is showing that they may now also be carriers of  
18 West Nile in certain parts of the country. We  
19 haven't seen any evidence of that here.

20 Our light trap catching of those adult  
21 mosquitoes--and we're very particular--we--when we're  
22 monitoring throughout the community, throughout the  
23 weeks time, when we do catch--we catch many, many  
24 mosquitoes in an adult trap. We're very interested  
25 in those that have had blood meals and that's easily

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1 identified under a microscope because that's the  
2 female that has just taken a recent blood meal,  
3 maturing eggs and so they would be really the ones  
4 implicated in the transmission. So, but it's the  
5 Culex pipiens which were the primary vector of West  
6 Nile and traditional vector of West Nile are usually  
7 a later, summer mosquito. So--usually come out in  
8 the times of the year when there's not a great deal  
9 of water around, so they're very adept at finding

10 those small bodies of water to breed in--those  
11 containers.

12 And so at this time we're dealing primarily  
13 with those early spring, nuisance mosquitoes. That  
14 will change over as the summer progresses. We'll see  
15 more evidence of Culex pipien biting, but we have to  
16 now be very concerned in random sampling that we're--  
17 because we are seeing that early indication of other  
18 mosquitoes being vectors.

19 ROUSSEAU: Thank you.

20 IRVING: Also I want to remind, Susan, our  
21 Legislative Assistant, reminded me--the schedule is  
22 on the website. So anybody that wants to go to the  
23 website can find out when the Board of Health is and  
24 thank you for reminding us of that.

25 ROBERTSON: Good, good.

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1 ELSER: It will always be the day that's listed as  
2 the day after your--

3 IRVING: Okay.

4 ROBERTSON: Right.

5 ELSER: --Board meeting.

6 ROBERTSON: And one thing I would also like to point  
7 out as the Commissioners are very aware and the  
8 public again--we traditionally have had a mosquito  
9 control program in Allen County for 25 plus years.  
10 It has always been a disease prevention program,  
11 really looking at whether it be St. Louis  
12 Encephalitis or Western Encephalitis or some other  
13 the other encephalidities that we've dealt with in  
14 this community, we are not a nuisance prevention  
15 program. And so people are often very frustrated in  
16 that they're still being bitten. We're controlling  
17 mosquitoes but they're still being bitten. And  
18 again, we zero our program--our program zeroes on  
19 those type of mosquitoes that are disease prevention.  
20 While our larvicide is routine, we are not out  
21 randomly putting pesticides into this community nor  
22 do we intend to for a nuisance prevention role. And  
23 that's a difficult thing for people to understand  
24 that--and as Commissioner Rousseau pointed out, we  
25 are very concerned about the particular mosquitoes

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1 that we are--known to be vectors of West Nile. And  
2 that's what we zero in on. And that doesn't mean  
3 that you're not going to see mosquitoes in your  
4 backyard and--and that's an important issue. If this  
5 community were ever to get into a nuisance-type of  
6 prevention program, it would be very, very expensive  
7 and would require a much larger program than what we  
8 do. Many communities around the country do do that,  
9 and certainly that's their choice, but that has not  
10 been the choice of this department under this county.

11 IRVING: Great, okay.

12 ROBERTSON: Monkeypox, I think you asked for a little  
13 bit of information on Monkeypox. Two weeks ago we  
14 wouldn't have had to talk about it because we  
15 didn't--we hadn't seen it. Part of the emerging  
16 public health issues and certainly Monkeypox is  
17 something that has not been seen in the Western

18 Hemisphere until June of 2003. It is a rare viral  
19 disease. It was identified in Africa in 1958. It's  
20 called Monkeypox because it was first identified in  
21 monkey's in laboratory settings. It is very similar  
22 to Smallpox in it's one of the ortho--it's one of the  
23 particular viruses--Orthopox virus that is similar to  
24 Smallpox. We are--we have been working in district  
25 three, which is the 11 counties in Northeast Indiana.

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1 And if you'll remember, our department is the lead  
2 vaccinating agency for Smallpox and so--because of  
3 the State Department of Health uses the resources  
4 within that district. Statewide, there are 13  
5 probable cases of Monkeypox. Nine suspect and five  
6 confirmed. Some of those were confirmed within  
7 this--within this area, district three, the 11 county  
8 area. We've been very involved with animal control,  
9 the State Department of Health and disease  
10 investigators that are here from the Center for  
11 Disease Control. In doing some of the initial--while  
12 the cases have not been in Allen County, but we've  
13 been assisting them in other areas. And being the  
14 prime vaccinator for Smallpox, we were prepared to  
15 offer Smallpox vaccinations to contacts, healthcare  
16 workers, animal control workers that CDC did identify  
17 as--that is could be necessary. We have not given  
18 any, they have been offered. Various individuals  
19 have chosen for whatever reason not to accept that,  
20 but we were prepared to do that.

21 And again, it goes back to some of the  
22 preparation that we have done in the last six months  
23 in vaccinating and gearing up for the vac--the  
24 Smallpox Vaccination Program. Monkeypox is rare. It  
25 was introduced into the country, it's assumed by the

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1 Gambian importation of exotic animals. Gambian rats,  
2 apparently, were infected and they come from the  
3 western part of Africa. They were introduced to the  
4 country and sold at swap meets. And there are  
5 individuals that tour the country, selling exotic  
6 animals, prairie dogs, primarily. It's thought that  
7 the prairie dogs picked up the virus from the Gambian  
8 rats that were positive and the prairie dogs then  
9 transmitted to--when they sold and went into homes  
10 and transmitted that virus then to--introduced that  
11 virus into--certainly into the Midwest.

12 It is a, again, a rare disease. Between one  
13 and 10% of people who get it could die in Africa.  
14 Certainly, that would be lower in the United States  
15 it's thought because of health care and better  
16 nutrition and so on, that it would not be that high.  
17 For the most part, it's a concern of animal to human.  
18 Less of a concern human to human and there has--there  
19 is one case in Wisconsin we think, that's being  
20 investigated that would be evidence of the first  
21 human to human transmission. And but for the most  
22 part it's animal to human. That's a Monkeypox  
23 breakdown in a nutshell.

24 IRVING: And you may not know this Loren, but are  
25 exotic animals not kept for some type of a timeframe

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1 when they're brought in--you know, when they're  
2 imported into the United States?

3 ROBERTSON: I don't know the answer to that.

4 IRVING: And they're not tested or--

5 ROBERTSON: I don't know that there's a--

6 IRVING: --because--

7 ROBERTSON: --quarantine on some--

8 IRVING: Right.

9 ROBERTSON: --of these exotic animals. You'll know--  
10 there's much speculation that West Nile may have been  
11 introduced in this country from the importation of  
12 exotic birds from Central American and from other  
13 parts of the world. And, so I don't--I can't answer  
14 that. I know that the incubation is somewhat small  
15 on this, and so--

16 IRVING: Well, that's what kind of made me--

17 ROBERTSON: Yeah.

18 IRVING: --ask the question, was because when they  
19 were talking about it on one of the news reports, it  
20 is. It's a very short incubation period.

21 ROBERTSON: Sure.

22 IRVING: And I thought if you have to keep them in  
23 isolation or quarantine for 30 days. I can't  
24 remember how--what was like--

25 ROBERTSON: Yeah.

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1 IRVING: --only like a week length or less than a  
2 week--

3 ROBERTSON: Yeah, it's about--

4 IRVING: --incubation?

5 ROBERTSON: --14 days--

6 IRVING: 14 days was it?

7 ROBERTSON: --incubation period. So I think it just  
8 gives you--it's an indicator in while this is--this  
9 has given us all reason to pause and think that, you  
10 know, we have to be prepared. And this is what--we  
11 talk about the public health infrastructure. This  
12 why the public health infrastructure has to be  
13 prepared, because we don't know what we'll be faced  
14 with and certainly this--two weeks ago, we would have  
15 probably laughed at the thought that Monkeypox would  
16 have been an issue here. And it gives us pause--

17 IRVING: Yeah, your nickname.

18 ROBERTSON: --to think that of preparation--why  
19 preparation is so important.

20 IRVING: Anybody else have any questions?

21 BLOOM: Thank you, thank you.

22 ROUSSEAU: Thank you.

23 IRVING: Thank you very much, Loren.

24 ROBERTSON: Thank you.

25 IRVING: Appreciate the job you do.

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1 IRVING: Thank you.

2 BLOOM: I learn every time I listen to you.

3 ROBERTSON: Thank you.

4 IRVING: Next on the agenda is approval of traffic  
5 posting changes. We can take this as a group.

6 Rothman Road from Young Road to Hartzell--

7 BLOOM: Hazelett.

8 IRVING: --Hazelett, I'm sorry, post 45 miles per

9 hour. River Rapids Run from State Road 1 to Treetop  
10 Trail, post 30 mile an hour speed zone. Aboite Road  
11 from Little River Bridge to Powell, post 30 mile an  
12 hour. Aboite Road from Powell to Redding, post 45.  
13 Aboite Road from Ernst to Little River Bridge, 45  
14 miles per hour.  
15 BLOOM: So moved.  
16 IRVING: Second.  
17 ROUSSEAU: Second, oh--  
18 IRVING: I'm sorry. Go ahead, Ed.  
19 ROUSSEAU: Second.  
20 IRVING: All in favor say, "Aye."  
21 ROUSSEAU: Aye.  
22 IRVING: Aye.  
23 BLOOM: Aye.  
24 IRVING: I get so excited sometimes I just--  
25 BLOOM: Good morning, Mike.

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1 FITCH: Good morning.  
2 IRVING: Under Other--  
3 BLOOM: Wait a minute, he's going to introduce  
4 himself.  
5 FITCH: Mike Fitch, Allen County Highway Department.  
6 IRVING: Okay, under Other Business--I was going to  
7 say why he was here, it's Other Business.  
8 BLOOM: I see it.  
9 IRVING: Under Other Business, approve warranty deed  
10 from parcel 56, Robinson Chapel United Methodist  
11 Church of Allen County to Allen County for the  
12 additional right of way for Union Chapel Road.  
13 BLOOM: I'll make a motion that we accept this.  
14 ROUSSEAU: Second.  
15 IRVING: All in favor say, "Aye."  
16 ROUSSEAU: Aye.  
17 IRVING: Aye.  
18 BLOOM: Aye.  
19 IRVING: Motion carries.  
20 BLOOM: You want to explain briefly, what we're doing  
21 out there?  
22 FITCH: Yeah, this parcel is the last parcel to be  
23 acquired as part of the improvements to the  
24 intersection of Union Chapel and Tonkel Road  
25 intersection. The highway department is preparing

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1 final plans for that project. We're going to realign  
2 the intersection of Union Chapel in an east/west  
3 direction and cutting down the hills on Tonkel Road,  
4 north and south of the intersection to improve sight  
5 distances and then a traffic signal will be installed  
6 at the intersection to control traffic.  
7 IRVING: Great.  
8 FITCH: This project should be started this summer  
9 and hopefully com--substantially completed by fall,  
10 so people in that area, expect Tonkel Road to be  
11 closed probably 60 days--60 to 90 days because of the  
12 hill cuts, we're going to have to close Tonkel--  
13 IRVING: Right.  
14 FITCH: --so there's going to be some traffic--  
15 IRVING: Right.  
16 FITCH: --routing that will have to take place out  
17 there. And we will--

18 IRVING: Well, it's summertime and we got a short  
19 season to do it in and it's going to make that road  
20 so much safer.  
21 FITCH: Yes.  
22 IRVING: Thank you very much, Mike.  
23 FITCH: Okay, thank you.  
24 IRVING: Can I have an approval to waive the 2nd  
25 Reading on any matters today?

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1 ROUSSEAU: So moved.  
2 BLOOM: Second.  
3 IRVING: All in favor say, "Aye."  
4 ROUSSEAU: Aye.  
5 BLOOM: Aye.  
6 IRVING: Aye.  
7 IRVING: Comments from the public? (No response.)  
8 Do we have any comments from the public?  
9 DICK: Yes, we do.  
10 IRVING: Well, come right up and introduce yourself,  
11 sir.  
12 DICK: Kind of out of place and didn't expect to make  
13 a speech.  
14 IRVING: Well, that's okay. We love speeches.  
15 DICK: I'm here for the interest of Smith Field. I  
16 flew into Smith Field ago as young man, 19--  
17 IRVING: Sir, before you get going, could you please  
18 state your name and your address, please?  
19 DICK: Okay, I guess I do have a name. LaDean Dick.  
20 I live on 3706 Sherman Boulevard, Fort Wayne. I've  
21 lived in Fort Wayne 52 years or something. And I  
22 first flew into Smith--I'm speaking on behalf of the  
23 interest to save Smith Field and I'll give you my  
24 background first. Sixty [60] years ago I flew into  
25 Fort Wayne as a 19 year old boy. I took my exam in

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1 the control tower at Smith Field. I've watched Smith  
2 degrade through the years. I was a charter member of  
3 the Back Forty Club in 1953, which now is a big club  
4 at Baer Field. My boy and I started the High Flying  
5 Club in '74 at Smith Field, which is still active. I  
6 was 16 years--flight instructor at Smith Field and  
7 I've watched it degrade and being closed in on it--we  
8 have the feeling that the people on the air board  
9 should be more aviation oriented, that they would  
10 have more sympathy for. There's been so much money  
11 spent for surveys, \$400,000.00 and we feel that if  
12 this money was--been put on Smith Field, it might be  
13 a better field today. There are a lot of--I'm not--I  
14 cannot dictate who--who you appoint. I didn't  
15 realize that your even going to close the vote this  
16 morning, I just happened to get this letter, but we  
17 feel that the board should be people that's--have a  
18 lot of aviation background. And I would--you're  
19 giving me time, so I'll take a time. I was in  
20 Florida here a few years ago and--at Quincy Airport.  
21 A guy stood by the telephone pole and it's--my friend  
22 he's a retired G.E.--I retired from G.E. 33 years  
23 ago. I was an engineer. And he went up to this po--  
24 guy and he said, "What are you trying to do." And he  
25 says, "I want to go into Quincy." He says, "Well,

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1 I'll give you a ride," and we got--as he approached  
 2 Quincy he said--he said, "Turn into this Sam's Club  
 3 here. And if you'd like you can come in the store  
 4 with me." He got--he says, "I am"--what's his name  
 5 Sam--Sam Walton. He walked up to the counter and he  
 6 said to the girl, "What kind of watch goes--what kind  
 7 of battery goes in this watch." And he pointed to  
 8 the camera.

9 Sam Walton, started out of Arkansas with a  
 10 little 5 and 10 cent store and he had all his  
 11 airports in the south. He had a little 'ole two  
 12 place airplane that still hangs down there in north--  
 13 in the north part of Arkansas in the 5 and 10 cent  
 14 store. He visited all his stores by his airplane.  
 15 And if you'll notice that most Sam's Clubs and  
 16 Wal-Marts, initially were located near small  
 17 airports. Goshen, Fort Wayne, all of 'em. And Sam  
 18 see--well, Sam Walton's dead now, but Fort Wayne is  
 19 growing terrifically fast. I first come to Fort  
 20 Wayne in '52. I have a little airplane. I've had  
 21 four airplanes I've flown, like I say 60 years. All  
 22 of Fort Wayne lie--would lie to south out--where--in  
 23 the old park--there wasn't anything north of town.  
 24 Now, roads are opening up and this territory is  
 25 tremendously expanding out there. Indianapolis has

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1 10 airports--small airports around besides it--  
 2 besides we're at Cook. I think Fort Wayne could  
 3 stand one good airport where the industry is now  
 4 building up fast. It's 25 miles to Baer Field by  
 5 taxi cab, very few eating places, hotels. I believe  
 6 Fort Wayne deserves a good airport on the north side.  
 7 I thank you for your time. I hadn't prepared a  
 8 speech--

9 IRVING: Thank you, Mr. Dick.

10 BLOOM: Thank you.

11 DICK: --so, I happen to be a school teacher.

12 IRVING: Come join us anytime.

13 DICK: Yeah, it's been enjoyable. I enjoyed hearing  
 14 the other things you've talked about.

15 IRVING: Thank you. Well, we're here every  
 16 Wednesday--every Wednesday at 10:00 and please join  
 17 us.

18 DICK: I've retired from General Electric 18 years  
 19 ago and just had four bypass surgery, but I hope to  
 20 get my license back.

21 IRVING: Great.

22 DICK: The doctor's promised me I'd still have my own  
 23 airplane.

24 IRVING: Great.

25 DICK: Thank you very much.

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1 IRVING: Thank you.

2 BLOOM: Thank you.

3 IRVING: Do we have any other comments from the  
 4 public? (No response.) Hearing none, please have a  
 5 nice week. Thank you very much for joining us.

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 7 (Adjourned 10:40 a.m.)

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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 June 18, 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 23rd day of June, 2003.

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19 19 Alan R. Bunn, Notary Public  
20 20 Residing in Wells County, Indiana

21 21 My Commission Expires:  
22 22 October 23, 2010  
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