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11 JUNE 25, 2003
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18 TIME: 10:03 a.m.

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Commissioners Courtroom
20 City-County Building
21 1 East Main Street
22 Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

23 REPORTER: M. Joshua Osbun
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2 Marla J. Irving Allen County Commissioner
3 Linda K. Bloom Allen County Commissioner
4 Ed Rousseau Allen County Commissioner
5 Pat Crick Allen County Recorder
6 Michelle Wood Department of Planning
 Services
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 Ben Ridenour Allen County Highway
8 Department
9 Renee Rousseau Clerk's Office
10 Sheila Hudson Director, Allen County
 Community Corrections
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 Mary Hitchens Public Information Office
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 Susan Elser Allen County Board of
13 Commissioners Office
14 John McGauley Public Information Office
15 Mark Royce Deputy Director, Economic
 Development
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 Mike Fitch Allen County Highway
17 Department
18 Lin Wilson Allen County Auditor's
 Office

19 Ed Steenman Information Technology
 20 Bob Luckey
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1 IRVING: Good morning, and thank you for attending
2 our legislative session on June 25th. Commissioner
3 Rousseau, would you like to lead us in the pledge and
4 a moment of silence?

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. One of these weeks you keep
9 telling me you're going to sing. Have you decided
10 what week yet? Yeah, okay. Approval of minutes of
11 the June 18th legislative session.

12 BLOOM: So moved.

13 ROUSSEAU: Second it.

14 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."

15 BLOOM: Aye.

16 ROUSSEAU: Aye.

17 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Intergovernmental
18 agreement between the Fort Wayne Redevelopment
19 Commission and the Allen County Redevelopment
20 Commission. Well, good morning, Mark.

21 ROYCE: Good morning.

22 BLOOM: Good morning, Mark.

23 ROYCE: Mark Royce, Deputy Director, Economic
24 Development. The county owns the Eckrich building.
25 It's located within the city of Fort Wayne. Your

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1 attorney recommended that one of the ways of
2 disposing of that would be through the Redevelop--the
3 County Redevelopment Commission, and since it's now
4 in the City Redevelopment Commission's jurisdiction,
5 we need approval from the City Redevelopment
6 Commission in order to do that. They passed a
7 resolution in March saying that they wanted to go
8 ahead with that based on an intergovernmental
9 memorandum or an intergovernmental agreement. That
10 agreement is before you today. It's already been
11 signed off by the County Redevelopment Commission,
12 and that's where we're at.

13 ROUSSEAU: So the only thing the city really has to
14 do with--just--

15 ROYCE: The jurisdiction--
16 ROUSSEAU: --allows us to do--
17 ROYCE: It's a--
18 ROUSSEAU: --what we--
19 ROYCE: --jurisdictional--
20 ROUSSEAU: --want to--
21 ROYCE: --issue.
22 ROUSSEAU: --do there?
23 ROYCE: Yeah.
24 ROUSSEAU: So they're--they don't really have a hand
25 in it other than--

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1 ROYCE: No--
2 ROUSSEAU: --the approval process?
3 ROYCE: --it's just a jurisdiction thing.
4 ROUSSEAU: I make a motion we pass it.
5 BLOOM: Second.
6 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."
7 BLOOM: Aye.
8 ROUSSEAU: Aye.
9 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried.
10 ROYCE: Thank you.
11 IRVING: Thank you, Mark. I think we have some plats
12 for signature. We have Oak Glen, Section number IV;
13 Morgan Creek, Section III; Hawthorne Park, Section
14 VI; and Sorrento, Section II.
15 WOOD: That's correct.
16 BLOOM: Good morning.
17 IRVING: Would--
18 WOOD: Do you--
19 IRVING: --you like--
20 WOOD: --want to--
21 IRVING: --us to--
22 WOOD: --come here, or--
23 IRVING: --come--
24 WOOD: --I can come--
25 IRVING: --down--

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1 WOOD: --up there?
2 IRVING: --there? Great.
3 WOOD: It's up to you. It might be easier.
4 IRVING: Michelle, it's getting pretty scary. Some
5 of these additions are getting into sections, and I
6 remember when they were approved.
7 WOOD: Yeah, they're really moving along. We have
8 several more that are almost ready.
9 ROUSSEAU: Okay.
10 IRVING: And they're all on the same part of the
11 place, right?
12 WOOD: Yes. Actually, three of these are up north,
13 two off of Union Chapel, a couple off of Carroll, so
14 most of them are on the north side.
15 IRVING: Gee, we're going to run out of pens--ink of
16 the pen.
17 WOOD: That's it. Thank you.
18 IRVING: Go right ahead.
19 BLOOM: Left-handed pen, not--these things never do
20 write for me.
21 IRVING: Do we need--
22 WOOD: Good job.
23 IRVING: --do we need a writing class on how to

24 write--

25 BLOOM: Now, is it three or four?

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1 WOOD: Did you get all of them?

2 BLOOM: I didn't get all of them.

3 IRVING: --do we need to have a writing class on how
4 to write with felt markers?

5 BLOOM: No, I--

6 IRVING: Why do they--

7 BLOOM: --just want--

8 IRVING: --always use--

9 BLOOM: --left-handed markers.

10 IRVING: --why do they always bring such skinny ones?
11 Why don't you bring a little--

12 WOOD: Do you want the big, fat ones? I can bring
13 those next time.

14 IRVING: Well not--and I'm not into big and fat. I'm
15 just into--well that works perfect for me.

16 WOOD: Yeah, you've just got to push right. They're
17 waterproof. That's why--

18 IRVING: That's the--

19 WOOD: --we use those.

20 IRVING: --that's the school teacher in me. You know
21 how to write with magic markers.

22 WOOD: Great. Thank you so much.

23 IRVING: Thank you. Do you have any other business
24 for us?

25 WOOD: That's it for today.

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1 IRVING: Thank you, very much.

2 WOOD: Uh-huh (affirmative).

3 BLOOM: Thank you.

4 IRVING: That's always exciting. It means--because
5 there's a growth going on.

6 BLOOM: You bet.

7 IRVING: Next on the agenda is the Fathers and
8 Families grant agreement for Allen County Community
9 Corrections.

10 BLOOM: Good morning, Sheila.

11 HUDSON: Good morning, Commissioners.

12 IRVING: Good morning. Congratulations on being a
13 grandma again.

14 HUDSON: Thank you, very much.

15 BLOOM: You got another one?

16 HUDSON: I have another one.

17 BLOOM: What'd you get now?

18 HUDSON: I have a little girl.

19 BLOOM: You've got a little girl.

20 HUDSON: Yes, from my oldest son, so one May 24th and
21 one June 24th, so thank you very much.

22 BLOOM: Way to go, Sheila.

23 HUDSON: Yes, thank you. My name is Sheila Hudson.

24 I am the Director of Allen County Community
25 Corrections, and I'm here to ask your approval for an

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1 agreement between the Indiana Family and Social
2 Services Administration and the Community Corrections
3 to support a Families and Fathers grant initiative
4 for up to 50 fathers who are coming through Community
5 Corrections who have child support obligations.

6 Community Correct--this is a one-year, \$75,000.00
7 grant, and it will be for evaluation, case
8 management, transitional jobs experience, so it will
9 be a reimbursement to agencies and businesses who are
10 willing to work with us, provide at least six months
11 on-job-training and a certification, hopefully a
12 permanent job after the transitional job, so it'll be
13 a reimbursement to the business or agency that hire
14 these individuals, so everybody wins.

15 IRVING: Is this part of the entry program, Sheila?

16 HUDSON: Part of the reentry program, but many of the
17 individuals will come out of Allen Circuit Court's
18 Child Support Division.

19 IRVING: Are they recommended by the judge, or how--
20 how do these men--how do you decide which of these 50
21 men will--

22 HUDSON: They'll be legally responsible for a child
23 support obligation, so they'll--the judge will sign
24 that--that support obligation. They could--it could
25 be a continuation through prison, and they'll--it'll

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1 still be there when they get out, so that's why
2 you'll see them in the reentry program, but it could
3 be through Allen Circuit Court before they go to
4 prison, too, so it would be a court order.

5 IRVING: I'll accept a motion.

6 ROUSSEAU: So moved.

7 BLOOM: Second.

8 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."

9 BLOOM: Aye.

10 ROUSSEAU: Aye.

11 IRVING: Aye. Thank you, very much.

12 HUDSON: Thank you, very much.

13 IRVING: Agenda item number five, the bid award
14 reference on the personal computers has been
15 withdrawn. Hopefully that will be on next week.
16 Agenda item number six, approve the agreement for
17 remote access services between Allen County Recorder
18 and the Credit Bureau of Fort Wayne and Kings Title
19 Company.

20 CRICK: Good morning.

21 BLOOM: Good morning, Pat.

22 IRVING: Good morning, Pat.

23 BLOOM: Two more clients, huh?

24 CRICK: Two more. We're up to 10 now

25 IRVING: Great.

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1 BLOOM: I'll make a motion that we approve the two
2 new agreements.

3 ROUSSEAU: Second.

4 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."

5 BLOOM: Aye.

6 ROUSSEAU: Aye.

7 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried.

8 CRICK: Thank you, very much.

9 IRVING: Thank you. Good job. Approve Encroachment
10 Report for the Walnut Springs Development LLC to
11 place a "Walnut Springs" entrance sign in the median
12 located at Firethorne Path and West County Line Road.
13 Good morning, Mike.

14 FITCH: Good morning. Mike Fitch, Allen County

15 Highway. This is a Encroachment Agreement which
16 allows the association to place a entrance sign in
17 the median of the entrance to Walnut Springs.

18 BLOOM: So moved.

19 ROUSSEAU: Second.

20 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."

21 BLOOM: Aye.

22 ROUSSEAU: Aye.

23 IRVING: Aye. Motion Carried. Mike, what else do
24 you have for us today?

25 FITCH: That's all we have today. I just want to--we
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1 got a news release here on Monday for receiving a--an
2 honor from Arch for our Columbia Street bridge.

3 IRVING: Oh, great.

4 FITCH: And this is exciting news for us.

5 Construction projects typically don't get this type
6 of recognition, so--

7 BLOOM: Right.

8 FITCH: --this is something we've been trying to do
9 with our bridges, and I thank the commissioners for
10 allowing us to--to do this, because it takes a little
11 extra funding to do it, but in the overall context of
12 the aesthetics of downtown, I think it's well worth
13 the additional money.

14 BLOOM: Absolutely.

15 FITCH: I thank you, very much.

16 BLOOM: They usually give these awards to old
17 buildings and so forth, but--

18 FITCH: Yes.

19 BLOOM: --they have graced us with this award for a
20 project that we refurbished back to its original
21 look, and it's--it's a wonderful bridge.

22 FITCH: Yes, we've received a lot of good comments
23 from the public about it.

24 BLOOM: Can you give us an update on the Aboite
25 Center project?

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1 FITCH: Yes. This is an INDOT project, so we haven't
2 got final word, but our--we've been told that they're
3 planning on opening a structure before 4th of July.
4 The paving of the bridge deck and the--

5 ROUSSEAU: You're talking about the bridge over
6 Aboite--

7 FITCH: Yeah.

8 ROUSSEAU: --on the Aboite--

9 FITCH: Over 69.

10 ROUSSEAU: --Center Road?

11 IRVING: Over 69.

12 BLOOM: Yeah, but he's going to tell you what else
13 he's going to do to the road.

14 ROUSSEAU: Okay, but the INDOT part is only the
15 bridge, isn't it?

16 BLOOM: Correct.

17 FITCH: Yeah.

18 BLOOM: Well--

19 FITCH: So the--

20 BLOOM: --yeah.

21 FITCH: --the bridge is going to be opened very soon
22 here. We did some resurfacing on the road portion

23 because it was getting in pretty bad shape, pretty
24 rough riding, so we put a--just a surface coat on
25 that. The road project is a county project. It is

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1 currently going through the preliminary design phase.
2 We submitted grade review plans about a month ago.
3 We are currently waiting on the INDOT to give us
4 comments back. After that we will then go to the
5 public hearing stage. We will have plans which will
6 be--we'll hold a public meeting to invite the public
7 in to see our project. The--the scope of the project
8 it to widen it to four lanes--

9 BLOOM: Right.
10 FITCH: --all the way from West Jefferson to Coventry
11 Lane which is just west of the new bridge. The
12 bridge was built four lanes with eight-foot sidewalks
13 on both sides--

14 BLOOM: Yeah.
15 FITCH: --so we've had a lot of questions about
16 access and sidewalks, and we want to ensure everybody
17 that we are--

18 BLOOM: This is great.
19 FITCH: --providing pedestrian east-west traffic
20 across the bridge, and at this point we're--we're
21 planning on at least sidewalks on both sides, and
22 we're--again, we're in the preliminary design stage.
23 There's possibly a trail on one side or the other, an
24 eight-foot wide trail.

25 BLOOM: This is great.

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1 FITCH: That has not been confirmed yet, so the
2 project right now, schedule-wise, we're looking at
3 getting the design approval this year, and starting
4 right away acquisition, and bidding the project
5 probably in mid to late '04, and construction
6 completed in '05. So that's kind of the quick--quick
7 schedule. If things move very quickly--we have a lot
8 of right of way to acquire, but if--if things move
9 quickly, we could be into construction in mid '04,
10 but my guess is probably going to be late bid
11 letting, which will carry construction over into '05.

12 BLOOM: And the reason INDOT is involved in this for
13 my fellow commissioners here, and I think you already
14 know this, is even though the bridge was an INDOT
15 project, the road that--from Jefferson--Aboite Center
16 from Jefferson to Coventry Lane is also included in
17 this project, and it'll be an 80/20, so the tax
18 payers will only pay 20% of this project cost because
19 we were fortunate to get this--

20 FITCH: Right.
21 BLOOM: --in the INDOT--
22 FITCH: And we're--
23 BLOOM: --program here, so we can do it 80/20. I
24 don't have--
25 FITCH: Estimated--

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1 BLOOM: --any idea--
2 FITCH: --cost--
3 BLOOM: --what that costs.
4 FITCH: --right now is a little over three and a half
5 million dollars construction.

6 IRVING: Well, great. Well, keep us--

7 FITCH: Okay.

8 IRVING: --informed. Maybe--

9 FITCH: Thank you.

10 IRVING: --next Wednesday we'll have a definite on
11 the bridge.

12 FITCH: Okay. Thank you, very much.

13 BLOOM: Thanks.

14 IRVING: Thank you.

15 FITCH: Bye-bye.

16 IRVING: Other business. I think Eddy Steenman, our
17 IT Service Coordinator is going to give us a little
18 update here.

19 BLOOM: Good morning.

20 STEENMAN: Good morning, Commissioners.

21 IRVING: Good morning, Ed. Introduce yourself.

22 STEENMAN: I'm Ed Steenman, IT Services Coordinator
23 for the county, and I was advised by ACS, our
24 computer services company, that the proxy server that
25 is used by the county for county employees to gain

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1 access to the internet is at its end-of-life, and
2 they are prepared to replace that piece of equipment.
3 What it means to replace that piece of equipment is
4 that the internet has to be shut down during that
5 period. Nobody will be able to gain access. They
6 are prepared to do that on July 12th, which is a
7 Saturday--a Saturday morning, and they are also going
8 to be doing the city's proxy server. They have a
9 separate server. They are going to be doing their
10 server at the same time, so I--

11 BLOOM: Who's purchasing these?

12 STEENMAN: There is no cost to the county for this
13 replacement.

14 IRVING: ACS is--

15 STEENMAN: ACS is paying the cost of this new
16 hardware.

17 IRVING: Ed, just to inform the TV audience and my
18 fellow commissioners, what part does this play into
19 public safety on having this--this segment shut down?

20 STEENMAN: A very good question. The public safety
21 network does not go through this proxy server, so
22 public safety will not be affected during this
23 downtime. Downtime will last approximately two
24 hours, and then we'll be--

25 BLOOM: On a Saturday?

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1 STEENMAN: On a Saturday morning.
2 BLOOM: Great.

3 IRVING: Are you going to be sending a memo to--

4 STEENMAN: Yeah, I would like to send a memo to all
5 of the department heads, all of the elected officials
6 notifying them of this downtown.

7 IRVING: Okay, well thank you.

8 BLOOM: Thanks.

9 IRVING: And that's July 12th from, what, eight
10 [8:00] to 10 [10:00], or--

11 STEENMAN: From--

12 IRVING: --10 [10:00] to 12 [12:00] or something?

13 STEENMAN: Yeah, from approximately 8:00 until 10:00.

14 BLOOM: Thanks.
 15 IRVING: Great.
 16 STEENMAN: All right.
 17 IRVING: Well, we appreciate it.
 18 STEENMAN: You're welcome.
 19 IRVING: Come see us more often.
 20 STEENMAN: All right. Thank you.
 21 IRVING: Thank you. Do we have any other business to
 22 come before the commissioners?
 23 ELSER: We have no other business, Commissioner.
 24 ROUSSEAU: I move we approve the--and waive the
 25 second reading on any matter approved today for which

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 1 it may be deemed necessary for the legislative
 2 session of June 25th, 2003.
 3 BLOOM: Second.
 4 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."
 5 BLOOM: Aye.
 6 ROUSSEAU: Aye.
 7 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Do we have any
 8 comments from the public? Any comments from the
 9 public? (No response.) Not hearing any, have a nice
 10 week, and we'll see you next Wednesday.

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 13 (Adjourned 10:19 a.m.)
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 2 COUNTY OF ALLEN)
 3 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE
 4 I, M. Joshua Osbun, a Notary Public in and
 5 for the State of Indiana, County of Allen, do hereby
 6 certify that the above and foregoing is a true and
 7 accurate transcript of the Board of Commissioners of
 8 the County of Allen, Legislative Session, held before
 9 me on June 25, 2003 in the Allen County Commissioners
 10 Courtroom, Room 200, City-County Building, 1 East
 11 Main Street, Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana; that
 12 I am not related to, employed by or interested in any
 13 of the parties to this cause of action.
 14 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed my
 15 hand and seal this 27th day of June, 2003.

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 18 _____
 M. Joshua Osbun, Notary Public
 Residing in Allen County, Indiana

19 My Commission Expires:

20 May 14, 2010