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7 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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9 RE: LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF
10 JULY 23, 2003
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15 DATE: July 23, 2003

16 TIME: 10:04 a.m.

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City-County Building
18 1 East Main Street
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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 Barbara Krisher Aboite Township Trustee
6 Michael McAlexander Chief Deputy Prosecutor,
Allen County Prosecutor's
7 Office
8 Pat Love Allen County Assessor
9 Tom Fellrath Allen County Assessor's
Office
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11 Bob Thiele ACS
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13 Captain Kathryn Stevens Allen County Police
Department
14 Mike Fitch Director, Allen County
Highway Department
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16 Lin Wilson Allen County Auditor's
Office
17 Mary Hitchens Allen County Public
Information Office
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19 Susan Elser Allen County Commissioner's
Office

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1 any matter approved today and for which
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2 Legislative Session of July 23, 2003 31
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1 IRVING: Good morning, and thank you for joining us
2 on July 23rd for our Commissioner Legislative
3 Session. First on the agenda is the Pledge of
4 Allegiance with a moment of silence. Ed, would you
5 like to lead us?
6 ROUSSEAU: Please, thank you.
7 (At this time the Pledge of Allegiance is
8 recited, followed by a moment of silence.)
9 ROUSSEAU: Thank you very much.
10 IRVING: Thank you.
11 ROUSSEAU: I would say getting rid of a couple
12 tyrants out there was probably included in my prayers
13 today here.
14 IRVING: That's true, and I--as I was looking at the
15 flag I thought--I'm sure that there's a young lady
16 that just got home yesterday that her picture--
17 ROUSSEAU: Yeah.
18 IRVING: --was in the front of the--
19 ROUSSEAU: Yeah.
20 IRVING: --paper--
21 ROUSSEAU: Yeah.
22 IRVING: --Jessica, that I'm sure that the flag has a
23 whole new meaning to her and the town she's from.
24 You're going to make me cry.
25 ROUSSEAU: I make a motion that we approve the

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1 minutes of the 7/16/03 Legislative Session.
2 BLOOM: Second.
3 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."
4 BLOOM: Aye.
5 ROUSSEAU: Aye.

6 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Second on the agenda
7 today, we have a request by our Trustee Barbara
8 Krisher, the Aboite Township, and it's an appeal to
9 borrow money on a short-term basis to fund her poor
10 relief. Barb, come right on up.
11 BLOOM: Good morning--
12 IRVING: Her poor relief--
13 BLOOM: --Barbara--
14 IRVING: --services here--
15 KRISHER: Good morning.
16 IRVING: --in the township.
17 BLOOM: You look really pretty.
18 KRISHER: Yeah, well, I'm going to be on TV.
19 BLOOM: But you do.
20 IRVING: Well, make sure you smile pretty. Barb, why
21 don't you give us an idea of what's going on in
22 Aboite Township right now and what your request is.
23 KRISHER: I'm requesting a loan of \$60,000.00 for the
24 rest of the year of 2003, and the information that
25 I've given you on the front page there will compare

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1 2002 to 2003. Just very gen--generically or
2 generally, 2002 I had budgeted 30,000 [\$30,000.00]
3 and then I opted for an additional appropriation of
4 15,000 [\$15,000.00] in September, and I spent a total
5 of 36535 [\$36,525.00] in 2002. We do budgets, as you
6 know, in July, so last July I budgeted 41,000
7 [\$41,000.00] for this year. I've already spent 38-
8 something. I'm sorry, I just--I don't have that
9 figure, but what I have left in my cash balance is
10 this \$2700.00 figure and in my appropriation
11 \$4900.00, so it's the middle of the year and it's
12 obvious that I'm going to need more money. In 2002 I
13 processed 29 applications. I've already taken in 27
14 this year, and I have three on hold that are waiting
15 until I get back to the office, and heating season is
16 coming upon us, and so, you know, the needs will
17 increase even though we all--the trustees require the
18 applicants to apply for food stamps and to go to
19 Community Action of Northeast Indiana for help with
20 the Energy Assistance Program, and the other pages
21 that are stapled here together are my 2002 and 2003
22 figures that show the exact numbers that I'm looking
23 at.

24 IRVING: As you--
25 BLOOM: Barbara--oh--

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1 KRISHER: Yeah.
2 BLOOM: --pardon me.
3 IRVING: I'm sorry. Commissioner--
4 KRISHER: You can--
5 IRVING: --Bloom--
6 KRISHER: --see on the second white page at the
7 bottom there, the thirty--36535 [\$36,535.00] is what
8 I've spent so far this year of the 41 [\$41,000.00].
9 BLOOM: Did you, because I haven't reviewed this, it
10 in--in 2002 you had 30,000 [\$30,000.00] in your
11 budget, an additional 15 [\$15,000.00] for the total
12 of 45 [\$45,000.00], and then you spent--
13 KRISHER: Uh-huh (affirmative).
14 BLOOM: --36-five [\$36,500.00], did you have 8500

15 [\$8500.00] left to start 2003?
16 KRISHER: I started two--let's look and see here. It
17 will show you. I think it's the last two pages that
18 show you 2003. Yeah. The second to last page,
19 beginning balance of 31828 [\$31,828.00]. I received
20 in tax distributions the 6972 [\$6972.00]. I've spent
21 the 36724 [\$36,724.00]. I have this two-oh-seven-six
22 [\$2067.00] left in my cash, okay? This--the very
23 last page shows my appropriation, Linda. The bottom
24 of the very last page is my appropriation of--
25 BLOOM: Okay.

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1 KRISHER: --41,000 [\$41,000.00]. I've spent the 3623
2 [\$3623.00]. I have 49 [\$4900.00] left in my
3 appropriation. The cash is the page previous that we
4 just talked about. I started the year with the 31-
5 eight [\$31,800.00], but I've only received 6900
6 [\$6900.00].
7 BLOOM: I know.
8 KRISHER: You know--
9 BLOOM: No, I understand.
10 KRISHER: --and our advances, we've had excise and C-
11 VEC, which I really don't get, and not much in
12 property tax at this point. I have--I have--last
13 year when I applied for the additional appropriation
14 of \$15,000.00, I had that cash on hand, so it wasn't
15 a matter of borrowing money, so I used up a lot of my
16 cushion--
17 BLOOM: Okay.
18 KRISHER: --my operating balance cushion.
19 BLOOM: Okay.
20 KRISHER: Last year without--
21 BLOOM: That answered what--
22 KRISHER: --and I did that in September, and budget
23 was done in July--June and July.
24 BLOOM: So you were borrowing?
25 KRISHER: And--

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1 BLOOM: Yeah--
2 KRISHER: --last year I was--
3 BLOOM: Yeah.
4 KRISHER: --borrowing, and I felt that my 41
5 [\$41,000.00]--
6 BLOOM: Yeah.
7 KRISHER: --was going to be quite enough, and it
8 obviously isn't.
9 BLOOM: Well, not--no, not if you've--
10 KRISHER: And I think we're all--you know, all the--
11 BLOOM: --passed 36 [\$36,000.00]--
12 KRISHER: --trustees are seeing this, and it's just a
13 matter of how much of a cushion do you run, and I
14 just don't run a lot of operating balance in a lot of
15 my funds. I just never have done that.
16 BLOOM: Okay, I understand.
17 IRVING: Barbara, are you aware, and I'm sure that
18 you are and that's why you're here seeing us today,
19 that right now with our budget crunch that we really
20 do not have the \$60,000.00. I'm sure you're aware
21 of--that Wayne Township was here last week. Was it
22 Wayne that was here last week?

23 KRISHER: No.
24 BLOOM: No, Adams.
25 KRISHER: Adams.

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1 IRVING: Adams. I take it--
2 BLOOM: Adams Township.
3 IRVING: --back. Adams. And in order for you to
4 proceed if the Commissioners do not have that money
5 to allocate, then go before County Council--
6 KRISHER: Right.
7 IRVING: --and then that will give you the ability,
8 depending on what they're going to say, but we're
9 sure of where their cash balance is, then you can
10 proceed in the proper channels in order to borrow
11 this amount of money. Knowing that, do you feel as
12 if this is a trend that you're seeing in Aboite that
13 because of job loss or--I mean, is there anything
14 that you can pinpoint about why your poor relief
15 continues to rise at--at the rates--
16 KRISHER: I don't think so. I mean, I think it's
17 just generally the way things are throughout the
18 county, and what would I say, throughout Northeast
19 Indiana, throughout the United States, the state. I
20 don't know that I can pinpoint one particular thing.
21 Normally I've spent or offered or provided mostly
22 utilities assistance. I'm seeing a lot more rent
23 needed now. I just--I mean, I just think it's a sign
24 of the times. We've all seen it. It's in the paper
25 all the time, and I understand that you don't have

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1 the money. I knew that before I came. This is just
2 the process I have to go through, then--
3 BLOOM: The formality.
4 KRISHER: --to County Council, and then--we advertise
5 in the paper we have a Advisory Board meeting, and we
6 work--we go--I have to go to Indianapolis, then, for
7 the State Tax Board, and then finally can borrow from
8 banks, but it's about a two-month process. So, I
9 will be borrowing from another fund in order to fund
10 poor relief, and then when the money comes in I'll be
11 paying it back.
12 ROUSSEAU: Well, this is not an unusual thing. I
13 have said as a hearing officer for appeals cases to
14 the Commissioners Court for 15 years or something
15 then, and it's a fairly normal process in times when
16 you have some unemployment--
17 KRISHER: Oh, I--
18 ROUSSEAU: --we'll say--
19 KRISHER: --understand that.
20 ROUSSEAU: --for that to take place, so it--
21 KRISHER: Oh, I understand that.
22 ROUSSEAU: --it's very difficult to budget at a time
23 anticipating what unemployment might be and so forth,
24 so it's--it's no discredit on--actually, it's a
25 fairly small sum of money, really--

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1 KRISHER: I understand--
2 ROUSSEAU: --yeah.
3 KRISHER: --in relation to other--
4 ROUSSEAU: But if--
5 KRISHER: ---areas it--

6 ROUSSEAU: --you don't--
7 KRISHER: --might be.
8 ROUSSEAU: --have it, you don't have it.
9 KRISHER: But, there you--and--
10 ROUSSEAU: Yeah.
11 KRISHER: --there's no way to know when you're
12 looking at a \$30,000.00 budget in July and you think,
13 "Well, next year I'll go with the 41 and that surely
14 will be enough."
15 ROUSSEAU: Yeah.
16 KRISHER: There was no way to know--
17 BLOOM: No.
18 KRISHER: --the road--
19 BLOOM: No.
20 KRISHER: --that we were travelling, really.
21 BLOOM: You are not the first, and you won't be the
22 last.
23 KRISHER: I'm sure not.
24 BLOOM: Yeah.
25 IRVING: I will entertain a motion.

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1 ROUSSEAU: So moved. I make a motion that we not
2 allow her appeal to borrow the money from us, and
3 that she should proceed with the normal procedures
4 which will allow her to augment her money.
5 BLOOM: Second.
6 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."
7 BLOOM: Aye.
8 ROUSSEAU: Aye.
9 IRVING: Aye. Motion carries. Thank you very much.
10 KRISHER: Thank you very much.
11 IRVING: Good luck, Barbara.
12 KRISHER: Thank you. Do you want to give those back
13 to me?
14 IRVING: I think we have an appointment to the--
15 KRISHER: Do you want to keep it?
16 IRVING: --Wage Scale Committee for Fort Wayne--for
17 the Fort Wayne-Allen County Airport Authority for a
18 pavement improvement.
19 ELSER: Commissioners, the name before you for your
20 consideration is Alan Grinsfelder.
21 BLOOM: So moved.
22 ROUSSEAU: Second.
23 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."
24 BLOOM: Aye.
25 ROUSSEAU: Aye.

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1 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. I think we have
2 another Wage Scale Committee appointment for the HMA
3 Resurfacing in Sycamore Hills Addition.
4 ELSER: The names for your consideration this morning
5 are Gary Feasel, representing industry; Ed Rousseau,
6 the project owner representative; and Frank Sutter,
7 representing the tax payers.
8 BLOOM: So moved.
9 ROUSSEAU: Second.
10 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."
11 BLOOM: Aye.
12 ROUSSEAU: Aye.
13 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. New hardware request

14 from the Allen County Prosecutor's Office. They
15 would like one network printer for \$1,446.00 and one
16 anti-virus software for \$891.00, and that includes
17 the maintenance of \$125.00 a year?
18 McALEXANDER: Yes, your honor--your honor.
19 IRVING: Your honor?
20 McALEXANDER: Your honors. I'm so used to being in
21 court.
22 IRVING: I think you've been in court just a little
23 bit too much.
24 BLOOM: Your honor--
25 IRVING: Is it--

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1 BLOOM: --oh Michael--
2 IRVING: --the black suit?
3 BLOOM: --do you--
4 McALEXANDER: It must--
5 BLOOM: --know what--
6 McALEXANDER: --be that.
7 BLOOM: --you've done? Do you know what you've done
8 to us?
9 IRVING: I could have had my--
10 McALEXANDER: I include--
11 IRVING: --doily--
12 McALEXANDER: --all of you. How's that?
13 ROUSSEAU: She makes Linda and I call her that now.
14 IRVING: I would have, you know, worn my robe with
15 the doily, but, I mean--no. Go ahead, Mike.
16 Introduce yourself and tell us what you need here.
17 McALEXANDER: I'm Mike McAlexander, Chief Deputy
18 Prosecutor. What we're asking for is a printer to
19 replace one of our printers that just died on us, and
20 the other item is the anti-virus software. This is
21 just to protect everything. Apparently ACS has
22 bought some of it, but we have more computers than
23 what they had made allocation for, so this is to
24 bring the rest of our computers up to speed on that.
25 BLOOM: So moved.

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1 ROUSSEAU: Second.
2 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."
3 BLOOM: Aye.
4 ROUSSEAU: Aye.
5 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried.
6 McALEXANDER: Thank you, your honors.
7 IRVING: There's one thing, though--
8 McALEXANDER: Your honorables. How's that?
9 IRVING: Your honorables? There's one thing--
10 BLOOM: I prefer Linda.
11 IRVING: --that the Coroner's Office never says: that
12 they had anything that "died," so, I mean, I don't
13 know if that goes into the Prosecutor's Office or
14 not. So it's just not working anymore, is it?
15 McALEXANDER: It's dead.
16 IRVING: It's dead. Here we go again. Have a nice
17 day, Mike.
18 McALEXANDER: Thank you.
19 IRVING: Next on our agenda is the Allen County
20 Assessor, and they want additional licenses for
21 Proval for the re--and it's going to be paid for out
22 of the reassessment fund for approximately

23 \$20,000.00. Good morning.

24 LOVE: Correct.

25 IRVING: How are you--

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1 BLOOM: Good morning.

2 IRVING: --Tom and Pat?

3 LOVE: Good morning.

4 FELLRATH: Good morning.

5 LOVE: I'm Pat Love, Allen County Assessor.

6 FELLRATH: Tom Fellrath, Chief Deputy Assessor for
7 Administration.

8 LOVE: We're asking for \$20,000.00 for additional
9 licenses for Provol for Form 11s in the Reassessment.
10 We do have the money in our budget, and we just need
11 to appropriate this \$20,000.00. One of the real kind
12 of crunch parts of this is we're getting fairly close
13 to sending out the Form 11s, and we need these extra
14 licenses and equipment so that the people at their
15 computers can bring up the information. We expect a
16 lot of inquiries on the phone, in person--

17 BLOOM: Sure.

18 IRVING: Right.

19 LOVE: --and so on, and so it really behooves us to
20 have this equipment so that the people won't have to
21 wait in line but could have--each employee will be
22 able to bring this up?

23 IRVING: Is there an expiration on these licenses or
24 not?

25 FELLRATH: I do not believe there is, ma'am.

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1 IRVING: Okay, entertain a mot--this is coming out of
2 your reassessment fund, correct?

3 LOVE: Correct.

4 BLOOM: And we will not be appropriating. Only the
5 Council does that.

6 LOVE: Oh, okay.

7 BLOOM: We are simply granting your request--

8 LOVE: Okay.

9 BLOOM: --and I'll make that motion.

10 ROUSSEAU: Second.

11 LOVE: Okay, thank you.

12 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."

13 BLOOM: Aye.

14 ROUSSEAU: Aye.

15 IRVING: Aye. Thank you very much.

16 FELLRATH: Thank you.

17 BLOOM: Thank you.

18 IRVING: Tom, we've appreciated you. Friday is Tom's
19 last day and he's starting on a new venture.

20 FELLRATH: Yes, I am. Thank you so much,
21 Commissioner.

22 ROUSSEAU: Are you going to get paid now for your new
23 job instead--

24 FELLRATH: That's what--

25 ROUSSEAU: --of a contribution?

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1 FELLRATH: --they're telling me, sir.

2 BLOOM: Best of luck.

3 FELLRATH: Thank you so much, Commissioner.

4 IRVING: Come back and visit us.

5 FELLRATH: Oh, you bet.

6 IRVING: Thank you, Pat.

7 LOVE: Thanks.

8 IRVING: Next on the agenda is ACS. I think Bob's
9 with us. An allocation of 11 Microsoft Office Pro
10 licenses and eight disk drives. Good morning.

11 BLOOM: Good morning.

12 THIELE: Good morning. Bob Thiele, ACS. We would
13 like to go ahead and purchase 11 additional Microsoft
14 Office XP licenses at a cost of \$311.00 each. That
15 is on our current software bid and--for a total cost
16 of around 34--\$3,421.00.

17 BLOOM: So moved.

18 IRVING: Now--

19 ROUSSEAU: Second.

20 IRVING: --wait a minute, wait a minute. There's two
21 things. He also--

22 THIELE: And--

23 IRVING: --has eight disk drives.

24 THIELE: --eight disk drives are for backing up our
25 public safety system. We are in the middle of moving

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1 over to new boxes. If--from the current process that
2 we have it'll take about four to five hours to
3 backup. We feel that is too long. We would like to
4 get some additional disk drives so we can do it a
5 different way, and that'll cut down our backup time
6 to about a half hour which we think is a whole lot
7 better.

8 BLOOM: So moved--

9 ROUSSEAU: Second.

10 BLOOM: --on the total.

11 IRVING: For \$60,016.00? I mean, \$6,016.00?

12 BLOOM: Uh-huh (affirmative).

13 IRVING: Has it been seconded?

14 ROUSSEAU: Second it.

15 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."

16 BLOOM: Aye.

17 ROUSSEAU: Aye.

18 IRVING: Aye. Thank you, Bob.

19 THIELE: Thank you.

20 IRVING: One second, Bob, before you get up. This
21 is--we're winding down on having all of our software
22 for our computers. We're winding down on making sure
23 we have all our licenses, is that--

24 THIELE: Yes.

25 IRVING: --correct? Okay, and we're expecting that

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1 what, within three weeks, is that correct, that all
2 of our computers will either have the proper licenses
3 or be ordering them?

4 THIELE: Correct.

5 IRVING: Well, we'll look forward to seeing you.

6 THIELE: I believe most of the orders should have
7 been in or if not will be within about the next week
8 or so.

9 IRVING: Great.

10 THIELE: Thank you.

11 IRVING: Thank you very much, Bob. Next on the list
12 we have one laptop going to the Sheriff's Department,
13 and here comes the Officer of the Year.

14 BLOOM: Enforcement Officer of the Year.
15 IRVING: Enforcement Officer.
16 BLOOM: For the State of Indiana.
17 IRVING: For \$2,335.00.
18 STEVENS: Yes, ma'am.
19 IRVING: Do we--
20 STEVENS: I'm Captain--
21 IRVING: --have to--
22 STEVENS: --Kathryn--
23 IRVING: --call you--
24 STEVENS: --Stevens--
25 IRVING: --"your honor" now?

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1 STEVENS: --from the Sheriff's Department, and we are
2 requesting permission to purchase a laptop for our
3 new training officer that will be utilized in remote
4 locations with the Citizens Academy and so forth.
5 The Sheriff's going to be paying for that out of his
6 discretionary funds. Nothing that we're asking for
7 is, as far as dollars, from the Council, so--
8 BLOOM: Why is the cost so high on this when we get
9 laptops for a lot less? Did you go through
10 purchasing?
11 STEVENS: We interacted with ACS to review the
12 options that we had available to us. It does require
13 some additional functionality with the ability to
14 burn C.D.s and the larger hard drives and so forth.
15 IRVING: Officer Tavianno--
16 STEVENS: Yes.
17 IRVING: --this is for her?
18 STEVENS: Yes.
19 IRVING: And she is going to be doing a lot of Power
20 Point-type educational.
21 STEVENS: Yes.
22 IRVING: The other thing which I was not aware of
23 until Captain Stevens brought it to our attention, I
24 thought it was an exorbitant amount, too. We do not
25 bid out laptops on our bid like we do the other

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1 hardware that we need and P.C.s because they are
2 changing so rapidly that it was decided--what'd they
3 say, five years ago or something that we would
4 discontinue those bids?
5 STEVENS: Correct, because they're saying that every
6 six months that it's actually new hardware, new
7 software as far as the laptops are concerned.
8 BLOOM: But I've seen the cost go down. That's why I
9 wondered why this one--
10 STEVENS: For the standard--
11 BLOOM: --was so--
12 STEVENS: --for the standard laptop that's true. For
13 the ones that require the ability to transfer or burn
14 C.D.s or be incorporated with very very large files,
15 you do have to take some extraordinary measure to
16 make that appropriate for their use.
17 BLOOM: I'll make a motion that we accept the laptop
18 for the Sheriff's Department for \$2,335.00 to be paid
19 for by the Sheriff's Department.
20 ROUSSEAU: Second.
21 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."

22 BLOOM: Aye.
23 ROUSSEAU: Aye.
24 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried.
25 STEVENS: Thank you.

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1 IRVING: Congratulations, again.
2 BLOOM: Thanks.
3 STEVENS: Thank you.
4 IRVING: Approve Supplemental Agreement #7 for Union
5 Chapel Road with DLZ for an increase of \$33,200.00.
6 BLOOM: I'll make a motion that we accept this.
7 ROUSSEAU: Second.
8 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."
9 BLOOM: Aye.
10 ROUSSEAU: Aye.
11 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Do you have anything
12 else for us this morning, Mike?
13 FITCH: Mike Fitch, Allen County Highway Department.
14 Excuse me. We have a grant agreement on other
15 business here. This is a grant from the Grade
16 Crossing Fund which is administered by INDOT. If you
17 recall, this last spring we had a request to
18 illuminate the Tillman Road crossing, and at that
19 time INDOT representatives came up, and we went out
20 and surveyed four different crossings that we felt
21 should be illuminated. INDOT has come back with
22 their proposal as part of this grant to illuminate,
23 based on their criteria, only the Tillman Road
24 crossing, and they're going to add additional
25 pavement markings to the Tillman Road, Monroeville

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1 Road, Minnich Road, and Winters Road crossings.
2 BLOOM: And this is a decision by INDOT and not--
3 FITCH: Yes..
4 BLOOM: --locally?
5 FITCH: Based on their--
6 BLOOM: Really?
7 FITCH: --criteria. This--the funding--
8 BLOOM: Even on County Roads?
9 FITCH: All railroad crossings are controlled by the
10 Indiana Department of Transportation. And this
11 grant, the total amount is \$9,888.20
12 BLOOM: Okay.
13 FITCH: So they're covering the total cost of these
14 improvements.
15 BLOOM: I'll make a motion that we accept this grant
16 in the amount of nine thousand--
17 FITCH: \$888.20 [\$9,888.20].
18 BLOOM: Thank you.
19 ROUSSEAU: Second.
20 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."
21 BLOOM: Aye.
22 ROUSSEAU: Aye.
23 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried.
24 FITCH: And the grant only has to have Marla's
25 signature. It only has to have one signature per

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1 their--
2 IRVING: Okay, do we have the grant up here, Mike?
3 FITCH: Yeah, per their guidelines, and that's all I
4 have.

5 IRVING: I'll make sure.
6 FITCH: Thank you very much.
7 BLOOM: Thank you.
8 IRVING: Thank you, and you have a wonderful day.
9 FITCH: You, too.

10 IRVING: Under other business we have the
11 appointments to the Allen County Emergency Management
12 Advisory Board Council. As both of my partners are
13 aware, these are yearly appointments that will be
14 done at the end of each year. We've kind of been
15 reorganizing the Emergency Management Advisory
16 Council, and we had our meeting on Monday, and it was
17 voted that we are voting for the Advisory Council
18 positions, not the people, but the second vote, then,
19 was taken that for the remainder of this year,
20 through December 31st of 2003, that the people that
21 had been representing these different positions would
22 remain on the Advisory Council. I'm going to let our
23 secretary read these into the minutes.

24 ELSER: The statutory positions are Marla Irving,
25 President of the Allen County Commissioners; Mike

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1 Cunegin, President of the Allen County Council which
2 is the fiscal body; Terry McDonald, Mayor, City of
3 New Haven; Graham Richard, Mayor, City of Fort Wayne;
4 Clarence Reichart, Mayor, City of Woodburn; Paul
5 Steffens, Town Council, Town of Leo-Cedarville;
6 Glenda Whittern, Clerk/Treasurer, Town of Leo-
7 Cedarville; Don Gerardot, Town Council, Town of
8 Monroeville; John Hidy, Town Council, Town of
9 Huntertown; and Kerry D. Hall representing the Civil
10 Air Patrol. The other appointees are John Kowalczyk,
11 Legal Profession; Captain Marty Bender,
12 representative of the Fort Wayne Police Department;
13 Tony Burrus, representative of Safety & Environmental
14 Affairs; Sheriff James Herman, representative of the
15 Allen County Police Department; Deputy Chief Pete
16 Kelly, representative of the Fort Wayne Fire
17 Department; Chief Garry Marquardt, representative of
18 the Allen County Fire Chief's Association; Chief John
19 Bennett, representative of the New Haven Fire
20 Department; Jean Vrable, representative from the
21 American Red Cross; Dr. Deborah McMahon, representing
22 the Fort Wayne-Allen County Board of Health; and
23 Ralph Taylor, representing the Allen County Coroner's
24 Office.

25 IRVING: We are missing one appointee. As I know and
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1 my two partners know, Ralph Taylor which was with the
2 D.N.R. has since retired and has gone to work for the
3 Coroner's Office, and Dr. Brandenburger wanted to
4 have him as his appointment since he has been sitting
5 on this appointment. There has not as of today's
6 date been given another name--

7 ELSER: That is correct.

8 IRVING: --for his replacement with the Department of
9 Natural Resources, but that name will be forthcoming
10 as soon as someone is appointed, so can I have a
11 motion from my partners to accept the Statutory and
12 Advisory Council appointments?

13 ROUSSEAU: So moved.
14 BLOOM: Second.
15 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."
16 BLOOM: Aye.
17 ROUSSEAU: Aye.
18 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried, and the letters will
19 be sent out forthwith. Okay, can I have approval to
20 waive the second reading on any matters today?
21 BLOOM: So moved.
22 ROUSSEAU: Second.
23 IRVING: All in favor say "aye."
24 BLOOM: Aye.
25 ROUSSEAU: Aye.

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1 IRVING: Aye. Do we have any other business? I
2 should have asked you that first, Susan.
3 ELSER: I have no other business.
4 IRVING: Okay, do we have any comments from the
5 public?
6 STEVENS: I'd like to approach.
7 IRVING: Well, come right up, Captain Stevens.
8 BLOOM: Is this a--
9 ROUSSEAU: Approach--
10 BLOOM: --new hat--
11 ROUSSEAU: --your honor?
12 BLOOM: --new hat?
13 STEVENS: Yes, this is the public hat.
14 BLOOM: Okay, but--
15 IRVING: The public hat?
16 STEVENS: Yes. I wanted to say that as a result of
17 my activities becoming public with being chosen as
18 the Law Officer of the Year for the State of Indiana,
19 I wanted to share publically that everything that's
20 happened to me in my career has been so extraordinary
21 because Allen County has not only given me an
22 opportunity, but I've been able to take that
23 opportunity to Washington, to Indianapolis, to other
24 states across the country, and share with them some
25 of the inroads that we've been able to make because

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1 we do try to be progressive, we are very fiscally
2 responsible, and the people that are part of our
3 government and have been for my entire career have
4 made it a conscious choice to look at the options and
5 try to make the right choices so that we could move
6 forward in a comprehensive way for the best of all
7 the people who support us, so I wanted to say "thank
8 you" because you supported me, and thank the public
9 because I had an opportunity to serve them as well.
10 IRVING: That's great.
11 ROUSSEAU: Well, if I ever get arrested I hope it's
12 by you. I'll tell you that. That's just how I feel
13 about you in case you were wondering.
14 STEVENS: Thank you.
15 IRVING: Cookie, tell--I haven't had a chance. The
16 letter just came late last week. What are you and I
17 and the Sheriff going to do in a couple weeks?
18 STEVENS: We have been chosen by a national
19 organization to go to Alabama for some specific
20 training in reference to homeland security and
21 homeland defense, and the thing that we are going to

22 be required to perform as part of our duties, to
23 train people locally, so they're going to give us an
24 opportunity to see what kinds of opportunities are
25 going to be available for us and what kind of

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1 training would be provided and allow us to make those
2 decisions in a comprehensive way so that the public
3 can be served best.

4 IRVING: And who pays for this, Cookie?

5 STEVENS: The national group.

6 IRVING: That's right. It doesn't cost us a thing.
7 And when we come--

8 BLOOM: I think--

9 IRVING: --home, we're--

10 BLOOM: --you're a--

11 IRVING: --going to--

12 BLOOM: --school teacher.

13 IRVING: --all have a little pin, and why--how are we
14 going to get that little pin?

15 STEVENS: We are the only individuals other than our
16 Homeland Security Director that will have had an
17 opportunity to go through all of the poison gas
18 training made available to the higher level
19 management individuals, and the only way to get that
20 pin--it's called a Cobra Pin--is to participate in
21 this training which is quite extraordinary.

22 BLOOM: Is it a snake?

23 STEVENS: Yes, it is.

24 ROUSSEAU: Now, I need to ask a question, Madam
25 President. Is this poison gas training, is this how

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1 to protect yourself from it or how to do it?

2 IRVING: How to handle and what to do. And it's--I
3 guess it's really extraordinary, on the suits and
4 everything. We're going to bring back pictures
5 because you'll never believe it. They'll think that
6 they probably just gave us the pins because we're--
7 but we're--I'm really excited about it--

8 STEVENS: Yes.

9 IRVING: --about going. I think it's going to be--

10 STEVENS: I think this an extension, Commissioner
11 Rousseau, of what you participated in some time back.
12 You went out east, and they--they gave you--

13 ROUSSEAU: Mount Weather.

14 STEVENS: Pardon?

15 ROUSSEAU: It was at Mount Weather.

16 STEVENS: Yes--and you had the--you had the initial
17 phases of what we were trying to accomplish here in
18 Allen County. This is, like, the second phase, and
19 I'm sure they'll provide us more, and they always are
20 happy to see Allen County participate because we do
21 not only take part in the processes that are afforded
22 us, but we share it with the counties around us as
23 well, all that information. Our training personnel
24 are very open to sharing what we have had an
25 opportunity to partake in with all the agencies in

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1 our area. So, I'm very proud to be a part of Allen
2 County.

3 IRVING: I am, too.

4 BLOOM: And we're proud of you.
 5 STEVENS: Thank you.
 6 IRVING: Have a good time. Thank you, and--
 7 ROUSSEAU: Thank you.
 8 IRVING: --congratulations again. Do we have any
 9 other comments from the public? (No response.)
 10 Seeing none, have a wonderful week, and we'll see you
 11 next Wednesday.

(Adjourned 10:31 a.m.)

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) SS:
 2 COUNTY OF ALLEN)

REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

3 I, M. Joshua Osbun, a Notary Public in and
 4 for the State of Indiana, County of Allen, do hereby
 5 certify that the above and foregoing is a true and
 6 accurate transcript of the Board of Commissioners of
 7 the County of Allen, Legislative Session, held before
 8 me on July 23, 2003 in the Allen County Commissioners
 9 Courtroom, Room 200, City-County Building, 1 East
 10 Main Street, Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana; that
 11 I am not related to, employed by or interested in any
 12 of the parties to this cause of action.

13 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed my
 14 hand and seal this 24th day of July, 2003.

15 _____
 16 M. Joshua Osbun, Notary Public
 17 Residing in Allen County, Indiana

18 My Commission Expires:
 19 May 14, 2010