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7 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEN

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9 RE: LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF
10 NOVEMBER 26, 2003
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15 DATE: November 26, 2003
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17 TIME: 10:00 a.m.
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19 LOCATION: Room 200
Commissioners Courtroom
20 City-County Building
1 East Main Street
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802
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23 REPORTER: Alan R. Bunn
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1 PRESENT:
2 Edwin J. Rousseau Allen County Commissioner
3 Linda K. Bloom Allen County Commissioner
4 Susan Elser Allen County Commissioners'
 Office
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6 John McGauley Allen County Public
 Information Department
7 Mary Hitchens Allen County Public
 Information Department
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9 Bruce Little Allen County
 Purchasing Director
10 Al Frisinger Allen County Surveyor
11 Bill Hartman Allen County
 Highway Department
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13 Miguel Trevino DLZ
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15 Michael McAlexander Allen County
 Prosecutor's Office
16 G. William Fishing Allen County Counsel
 Dick Alfeld Allen County
 Coroner's Office
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18 Jon Brandenberger Allen County Coroner

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Loren Robertson Allen County Department
of Heath
Alan R. Bunn Rolf Reporting, Inc.
Kevin Leninger News Sentinel
Dan Stockman Journal Gazette

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Michael McAlexander

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Loren Robertson

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John McGauley

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Services Fund) Ordinance # 11-26-03-29

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3. Amendment to License Agreement between
St. Joseph Health System, LLC and the
Board of Commissioners of the County of
Allen, IN

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4. Bid Award to Adams Remco, Inc. for the
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year of 2004 for use by any Allen

12	County Department, includes Sections A through F	10
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14	5. Hardware/Software Request:	
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16	(2) Laptop Compac Presario	
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18	(1) All-In-One Printer, Fax,	
19	Scanner, Copier	\$698.94
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24 13. Comments from the Public --

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1 ROUSSEAU: Good morning. Welcome to the
2 Commissioner's Legislative Session. This is November
3 26th, and first on the agenda we'll have the approval
4 of the Minutes.
5 BLOOM: So move.
6 ROUSSEAU: I second that. All in favor signify by
7 saying, "Aye."
8 BLOOM: Aye.
9 ROUSSEAU: Aye. Amendment to the License Agreement
10 between St. Joe Health System and the Board of
11 Commissioners of the County of Allen. Would the
12 Coroner--this is about the St. Joe license situation
13 if I could interrupt your conversation.
14 ALFELD: I'm sorry.
15 BLOOM: Good morning. Did you skip this?
16 BRANDENBERGER: Sorry. Excuse us.
17 ALFELD: Excuse us for jabbering.
18 ELSER: This one--if you'll go back to that one. You
19 skipped it.
20 ROUSSEAU: Oh, I see. I did skip it. Yeah, we'll go
21 back.
22 ALFELD: Good morning.
23 BLOOM: Good morning.
24 BRANDENBERGER: Good morning.
25 ALFELD: Dick Alfeld. Dr. Brandenberger.

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1 ROUSSEAU: Describe to us what it is that you're
2 doing. We have some vague idea, but if you'd like to
3 speak to it, why feel free to do so.
4 ALFELD: This is a result of negotiations with St.
5 Joe Hospital. Rather than having a billing by--by
6 number, we're going to pay them on a monthly basis.
7 And then at the end of November we're going to review
8 the charges, and if we do not hit our projected
9 number, we will reduce the amount paid to them during
10 the following month or make it up in the following
11 year. We have reduced our cost by 20% at the--with
12 the help of St. Joe Hospital and their generosity to
13 lower our fees. And instead of \$200.00 we're paying
14 160 [\$160.00]--
15 BLOOM: Great.
16 ALFELD: --but we're going to base this on a yearly
17 stipend of \$40,000.00 as opposed to--we paid them
18 last year approximately \$62,000.00, and it helps us
19 out. And they have knowledge of how much money
20 they've got coming in every month. We're gonna pay
21 them \$40,000.00 a year based on--I don't know what
22 the exact figure is per month, but it's in the
23 contract.
24 ROUSSEAU: We have the contractual agreement, but
25 it's fairly wordy and so that's why we wanted you to

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1 you--
2 ALFELD: The bottom line is we're saving 20% on our
3 autopsies by going this way. We are also going to do
4 the same thing with the doctors, and that will be
5 forthcoming.

6 ROUSSEAU: Well, that was a timely adjustment given
7 our budget situation, so--

8 ALFELD: Yes. St. Joe--St. Joe Hospital and the
9 doctors at St. Joe stepped up to the plate, and
10 realized that the County was in pretty dire straits,
11 financially, and agreed to take a significant
12 decrease in their fees.

13 BLOOM: I'll make a motion that we approve the
14 amendment to the License Agreement between St. Joe
15 Health System and the Board of Commissioners.

16 ROUSSEAU: I second that. All in favor signify by
17 saying, "Aye." Aye.

18 BLOOM: Aye.

19 ROUSSEAU: Declare it passed. Do you have anything
20 else to come before us?

21 ALFELD: No, sir. I do not.

22 BLOOM: Good job.

23 ALFELD: We do not.

24 ROUSSEAU: All right. Thank you very much.

25 BRANDENBERGER: Thank you.

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1 ROUSSEAU: Good job. The addition to the Allen
2 County Code Title 12 (Financial) Article 89 (Adult
3 Protective Services Fund).

4 BLOOM: Good morning, Michael.

5 McALEXANDER: Good morning.

6 ROUSSEAU: When I looked down, I just picked up the
7 wrong number. So don't be offended by--

8 McALEXANDER: That's fine. I'm Mike McAlexander,
9 Chief Deputy Prosecutor here on the Adult Protective
10 Services Grant--and just a very brief history. This
11 is essentially a contract with the State of Indiana
12 and a subcontract that we have been involved with
13 since approximately 1985. The Legislature created
14 Adult Protective Services, and also created hub
15 counties so we are responsible for several of our
16 surrounding counties as well. In regards to that, we
17 receive monies from the State. A couple years ago
18 they raised this to approximately \$211,000.00. That
19 money has come in, then we subcontract with Mental
20 Health Association. Over the years I think this has
21 been treated differently. It was in the General Fund
22 for some time, and I think it skewed some of the
23 figures. It's actually been a "pass through" for the
24 last 15--17 years or so. And it was determined that
25 the best way to handle this was to put this in it's

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1 own fund--

2 BLOOM: Right.

3 McALEXANDER: --so that we could then do the
4 contracts--

5 BLOOM: Separate. Right.

6 McALEXANDER: --with the Mental Health Association as
7 well as with the State of Indiana.

8 BLOOM: I'll make a motion that we do an addition to
9 the Code, Title 12, Article 89 and approve this.

10 ROUSSEAU: I second that. All in favor signify by
11 saying, "Aye."

12 BLOOM: Aye.

13 ROUSSEAU: Aye. Declare it passed. Anything else?

14 McALEXANDER: I don't believe so.

15 BLOOM: Thank you.
16 ROUSSEAU: Thank you, Mr. McAlexander.
17 McALEXANDER: Thank you very much.
18 ROUSSEAU: We have a Bid Award to Adams Remco, Inc.
19 for the purchase of copy machines during the year
20 2004 for Allen County--
21 LITTLE: Good morning.
22 ROUSSEAU: --Departments.
23 BLOOM: Good morning, Bruce.
24 LITTLE: Last week we opened up sealed bids for the
25 purchase of copy machines for the year 2004. We
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1 received five bids that were--excuse me, four bids
2 that were valid and one invalid bid, that being it
3 had a State prescribed Bid Form 95 that was not
4 signed by the vendor, and it's been our practice to
5 consider that to be a non-valid bid. That left four
6 valid bids, and I'm recommending that these--that
7 these six classes of copying machines be awarded to
8 the low bidder, and that's Adams Remco, Incorporated
9 for--
10 BLOOM: And I'll make a motion that we accept the Bid
11 Award.
12 ROUSSEAU: I second that. All in favor signify by
13 saying, "Aye."
14 BLOOM: Aye.
15 ROUSSEAU: Aye. Declare it passed.
16 LITTLE: Okay. Thank you.
17 ROUSSEAU: Do you have any other business with us?
18 LITTLE: No. That's all.
19 ROUSSEAU: Thank you.
20 LITTLE: Thanks.
21 BLOOM: Thanks.
22 ROUSSEAU: We have a hardware/software request from
23 the Allen County Department of Health. We have two
24 laptop Compac Presario computers for \$1,982.90.
25 All-In-One-Printer, Fax, Scanner, and Copier,
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1 \$698.94.
2 BLOOM: Good morning.
3 ROBERTSON: Good morning, Commissioners. Loren
4 Robertson, Administrator of the Department of Health.
5 This particular hardware/software request is not for
6 the Department of Health, but for our immunization
7 partner, Super Shot. It's a State grant. The grant
8 has to go through a local government entity. It has
9 been approved by the State Department of Health for
10 Super Shot's use. We'll purchase the material and
11 transfer it to Super Shot, and the State will pay
12 for--will pay for it.
13 BLOOM: So move.
14 ROUSSEAU: Second. All in favor signify by saying,
15 "Aye."
16 BLOOM: Aye.
17 ROUSSEAU: Aye. Declare it passed.
18 BLOOM: Thank you.
19 ROBERTSON: Thank you.
20 ROUSSEAU: Appointments to the Wage Scale Committee
21 for the Inverness Drainage Improvement Project.
22 ELSER: The names before you this morning for

23 consideration are Ben Johnson to serve as the
24 industry representative, Ed Rousseau as the project
25 owner representative, and Frank Sutter as the

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1 taxpayer representative.
2 BLOOM: I'll make a motion that we accept these
3 appointments for the Inverness Drainage Improvement
4 Project, which will much improve--connected with the
5 INDOT project on 69--will much improve the Inverness
6 problem that they've had with all the flooding over
7 there. The FEDS and the State have been extremely
8 generous and given us money to work with for the
9 drainage problem that they've had. I forget--11
10 families had to leave their homes and this will
11 correct that problem. So this is a good project.

12 ROUSSEAU: Well, it really extended to Covington
13 Dells--is even part of this dilemma, too.

14 BLOOM: Well--

15 ROUSSEAU: They haven't got flooded, but they've--

16 BLOOM: --they're the ones that have caused a lot of
17 the problems over there because of the drainage
18 problems.

19 ROUSSEAU: Did you make a motion?

20 BLOOM: I did.

21 ROUSSEAU: I second--did I second it?

22 BLOOM: No.

23 ROUSSEAU: I second it. All in favor signify by
24 saying, "Aye."

25 BLOOM: Aye.

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1 ROUSSEAU: Aye.

2 BLOOM: That's enough.

3 ROUSSEAU: Yeah. Approval of an agreement between
4 Allen County and ACM for the asbestos survey at Wood
5 Youth Center.

6 ELSER: This--the project quote is not to exceed
7 \$3,760.00 for the agreement with ACM Environmental,
8 Inc. and this is for asbestos removal.

9 BLOOM: So move.

10 ROUSSEAU: I second it. All in favor signify by
11 saying, "Aye."

12 BLOOM: Aye.

13 ROUSSEAU: Aye. This has to do with the removal of
14 the old juvenile center, which may or may not have
15 asbestos. It could very well have and if so we need
16 to mediate it, and that's what this is all about.

17 Update on Allen County Election Board Website.

18 BLOOM: Hi, John.

19 MCGAULEY: Good morning. John McGauley, the Public
20 Information Officer for Allen County just with a
21 little bit of good news for you on your investments
22 we've made so far in the Allen County website. Back
23 in the spring we added a function to the website that
24 would allow voters to go in and type in their address
25 and find out where they vote, the districts that

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1 they're in, find a map to their polling place, and a
2 lot of other valid--very valuable information. And
3 before the primary election in May that site was used
4 almost 1,500 times. We just got the numbers from the
5 recently completed general election, and that--during

6 the weeks of the election preceding November the 4th,
7 that site got used 4,200 times.

8 BLOOM: Wow.

9 MCGAULEY: During the month of November it got used
10 4,400 times for a grand total, just preceding the--
11 the November election, of 5,630 times. The election
12 board folks--Pam Finlayson wanted to be here today,
13 but they're a little short-handed--told me that that
14 had an enormous impact on their ability to do
15 business in that office during the election not
16 having to handle 6,000--

17 BLOOM: Interruptions, right.

18 MCGAULEY: --"Where do I vote?" phone calls had a big
19 impact on them. Allowed them to spend a lot of time
20 with people who had more complicated questions or
21 more complicated voting problems. They are very
22 appreciative, pass along their thanks, and I thought
23 you'd enjoy hearing that.

24 BLOOM: Good job. Thanks.

25 MCGAULEY: More to come.

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1 ROUSSEAU: Thank you. Approval of Warranty Deeds
2 required for additional right of way acquisitions on
3 Springfield Center Road, Maple Lane School, which is
4 a new Amish school, from the following: Parcel 1,
5 Benjamin and Rosa Graber, and Parcel 2, Amos and
6 Susanne Graber.

7 BLOOM: So move.

8 ROUSSEAU: Second. All in favor signify by saying,
9 "Aye."

10 BLOOM: Aye.

11 ROUSSEAU: Aye. We have approval--approve traffic
12 postings on Witmer Road, from Page Road to Grabill
13 Town Limits. Post 45 mile an hour. That's
14 self-explanatory, I think.

15 BLOOM: So move.

16 ROUSSEAU: Second. All in favor signify by saying,
17 "Aye."

18 BLOOM: Aye.

19 ROUSSEAU: Aye.

20 HARTMAN: Good morning.

21 BLOOM: Good morning.

22 HARTMAN: I'm Bill Hartman with the County Highway
23 Department. Thank you for the approvals.

24 BLOOM: Do we have any other Highway business?

25 HARTMAN: (Shakes head no.)

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1 BLOOM: I do want to ask you a question though. I've
2 been reading a lot of press about the Old Maysville
3 Road Bridge over Pierson Ditch, and maybe you could
4 better explain than the newspaper did to the
5 taxpayers that this bridge isn't going to fall down
6 until we get it fixed, and give us a few statements.

7 HARTMAN: Well, collapse is kind of a testy word.
8 It's not going to collapse under it's own weight, of
9 course. I mean, any structure will collapse if it's
10 overloaded. We've posted a four ton limit, which is
11 safe for vehicular traffic, but of course school
12 buses and trucks should stay away from that. And we
13 have, you know, other structures and bridges in Allen

14 County that are posted in such a manner, and we've
15 been in touch with the school district and they know
16 not to send buses over the bridge. And it's going to
17 be bid for replacement in--on December 15th in two
18 weeks. So we're right on top of replacing this
19 structure.

20 ROUSSEAU: Will we have to wait until spring though
21 before it's--

22 HARTMAN: Depends on what the weather does to us. It
23 may take till spring to actually complete the work,
24 but we're fortunate in December and get some
25 reasonable weather--it's not a long project. It's a

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1 matter of removing the deck and placing a new deck,
2 and pouring new abutment walls on the--

3 ROUSSEAU: Was this picked up--

4 HARTMAN: --existing bridge.

5 ROUSSEAU: --during--I know we have bridge
6 inspections, and we hire a firm, generally, don't
7 we--

8 HARTMAN: Right, right.

9 ROUSSEAU: --to do a lot of that, and--

10 BLOOM: Yeah.

11 HARTMAN: We get a semi-annual report.

12 ROUSSEAU: --and this was just something that was
13 picked up then apparently recently--

14 HARTMAN: Right.

15 ROUSSEAU: --because I know that we evaluate all the
16 bridges and normally we have--are a little more
17 knowledgeable and this kind of slipped up on us I
18 think, didn't it?

19 HARTMAN: We were a little surprised by it.

20 ROUSSEAU: Yeah.

21 HARTMAN: There was more deterioration than what we'd
22 counted on, but it's--like I say, it's under design.
23 It's ready to be under contract in two weeks.

24 BLOOM: Thanks.

25 ROUSSEAU: Well, good. Thank you.

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1 HARTMAN: You're welcome.

2 ROUSSEAU: We have some change orders from the Allen
3 County Juvenile Justice Center.

4 ELSER: I have two change orders that Commissioner
5 Irving has reviewed and approved. The first one is a
6 deduction of \$718.21. This is through Strahm. This
7 is to deduct the cost to replace a hose station in a
8 day room that had been damaged. And the second one
9 is a \$5,879.00 increase that provides power to the
10 VAV boxes to connect a smoke damper, and to provide
11 additional cable tray and chases for the
12 communication systems.

13 BLOOM: If Commissioner Irving has reviewed these and
14 approved them, I will make a motion to accept this.

15 ROUSSEAU: I second it. All in favor signify by
16 saying, "Aye."

17 BLOOM: Aye.

18 ROUSSEAU: Aye. Appointment to the Allen County
19 Community Corrections Advisory Board.

20 ELSER: The name before the board for your
21 consideration is Paul Wilson. Mr. Wilson is the CEO
22 at Park Center. This will be a four year appointment

23 effective January 1st of 2004.

24 BLOOM: So move.

25 ROUSSEAU: Second. All in favor signify by saying,
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1 "Aye."

2 BLOOM: Aye.

3 ROUSSEAU: Aye. Declare it passed. Do we have any
4 other business?

5 ELSER: I do not have any other business, but I would
6 like to add the ordinance number from the beginning
7 of the Legislative Session for the Article 89 and
8 Title 12. That will be ordinance number 11-26-03-29.

9 BLOOM: Okay. And I'll do the approval to waive the
10 2nd Reading on any matter approved today for which it
11 may be deemed necessary for the Legislative Session--

12 ROUSSEAU: I second. All in favor signify by saying,
13 "Aye."

14 BLOOM: Aye.

15 ROUSSEAU: Aye. Are there any comments from the
16 public? (No response.) All right. That being the
17 case, meeting adjourned.

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19 (Adjourned 10:20 a.m.)

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4 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

5 I, Alan R. Bunn, a Notary Public in and for
6 the State of Indiana, County of Allen, do hereby
7 certify that the above and foregoing is a true and
8 accurate transcript of the Board of Commissioners of
9 the County of Allen, Legislative Session, held before
10 me on November 26, 2003 in the Allen County
11 Commissioner's Courtroom, Room 200, City-County
12 Building, 1 East Main Street, Fort Wayne, Allen
13 County, Indiana; that I am not related to, employed
14 by or interested in any of the parties to this cause
15 of action.

16 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed my
17 hand and seal this 3rd day of December, 2003.

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19 _____
20 Alan R. Bunn, Notary Public
21 Residing in Allen County, Indiana

22 My Commission Expires:
October 23, 2010