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1 BECK ...(UI).

2 LEVINE Uh, and um, uh, I, is everyone gonna be
3 there tomorrow?

4 BECK Uh, Bernie won't be there we'll have uh,
5 eight of us.

6 LEVINE They'll be eight of us uh, okay. Uh,
7 Jones' new person won't be there?

8 BECK Yes.

9 LEVINE Oh she will be.

10 BECK Yeah.

11 LEVINE And uh, well that's a, that's a, that's
12 good. You know uh, um, um, uh, the
13 Bolingbrook...

14 BECK Should take some heat off of Crystal
15 Lake.

16 LEVINE Yeah. Uh, but now, but see you um, you
17 just...I'll go over the shit. Just let
18 me know if there's something that you
19 wanna make in the argument. The only
20 thing that I've looked at needless to
21 say because I never look at anything.

22 BECK Yeah.

23 LEVINE Unless I need to is I read the
24 supplemental stuff because I had to get
25 it to you.

1 BECK Yeah.

2 LEVINE And so I'm familiar with that but if uh,
3 I suppose I'll just listen to uh, to
4 your lead and then I'll ask questions on
5 Bolingbrook.

6 BECK (UI) Bolingbrook uh, Bolingbrook has the
7 same negatives that Edwards has.

8 LEVINE Mm hm.

9 BECK Okay.

10 LEVINE Mm hm.

11 BECK But Bolingbrook has two things that
12 really sway it towards them.

13 LEVINE Mm hm.

14 BECK Uh, they have more than two they have a
15 lot of 'em. One, they already have a
16 medical office building.

17 LEVINE Aaahhh.

18 BECK Uh, two uh, that Hinsdale Hospital
19 wanted to build a hospital in
20 Bolingbrook back in, in the 80's.

21 LEVINE Mm hm.

22 BECK It was denied by the Board. They went
23 to court and they won in court.

24 LEVINE Mm hm.

25 BECK The court says, "Board you were wrong
26 they should be a hospital there." They
27 went back to the Board but the Board
28 would never increase the dollar amount
29 after four years of litigation.

30 LEVINE Hmm.

31 BECK And Hinsdale though says we can't build
32 it at those numbers.

1 LEVINE Mm hm.

2 BECK So they didn't build it.

3 LEVINE Mm hm.

4 BECK Uh, last year they were designated a
5 medically disadvantaged area by the
6 Federal government and the governor of
7 the State of Illinois.

8 LEVINE Mm hm.

9 BECK So I think, I'm gonna raise those (UI).

10 LEVINE Sure.

11 BECK Explain those things.

12 LEVINE Mm hm.

13 BECK And uh, we go with it.

14 LEVINE Yeah I, I, I, I would agr-, those things
15 that we can get done I think we should.

16 BECK Yeah.

17 LEVINE Um, who, who is, who's, who's um, uh,
18 uh, what hospital system that's in
19 Bolingbrook? Not Edwards but...

20 BECK Hinsdale.

21 LEVINE Hinsdale. Who represents them?

22 BECK Uh, Ladd.

23 LEVINE Oh good.

24 BECK And uh, and they got, they got, Edwards
25 Hospital had everybody against 'em
26 except Cross.

27 LEVINE Mm hm.

28 BECK They had Denny Hastert against 'em. Bob
29 Schillerstrom uh, couple other senators.

1 There isn't one politician against the
2 hospital in Bolingbrook.

3 LEVINE Well frankly I'd like to vote for
4 something for, for uh, for Jeff because
5 he and I sometimes over the years were
6 on opposite sides and I'd really like to
7 do something.

8 BECK Oh listen, we're all on different
9 places.

10 LEVINE Yeah here I ask him if he could get a
11 couple parking spaces uh, in, in
12 Naperville and then I voted against him.
13 But that was only 'cause I was supposed
14 to.

15 BECK Yeah.

16 LEVINE But I can't tell him that. (laughs)

17 BECK No, he knows. No he knew what...

18 LEVINE Oh...

19 BECK He knows what the problem is out there.

20 LEVINE And we're getting it solved for him?

21 BECK He's gotta make, they've gotta make the
22 first move somewhere and...

23 LEVINE Yeah.

24 BECK I don't know if they've done it yet.

25 LEVINE Yeah, yeah.

26 BECK Uh,...

27 LEVINE Uh, where does, the, who's gonna go
28 first Bolingbrook or, or Edwards?

29 BECK Edwards because they have the uh, they
30 (UI).

31 LEVINE You, you, you know remember when they

1 said that uh, she made it very clear
2 because, you know, how we maneuvered
3 her, that she would build the office
4 build, if they're not attached, she
5 would build one or the other.

6 BECK Yeah.

7 LEVINE You could give her the office building.
8 She can't build it without the hospital.
9 Right?

10 BECK I can, I don't know why she would.

11 LEVINE Yeah. You know (UI) give her the, give
12 her, give her the office building and
13 um, uh, then that, that, that's a,
14 that's a, that's, that's that. Uh,
15 what, what good would that do us, if
16 any?

17 BECK Nothin' really. I don't think it'd give
18 us any.

19 LEVINE I mean but, but, you know if we were
20 hard pressed to find a reason not to
21 give it to her we were just

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24 LEVINE One of, of the, of the uh, building
25 because they're not gonna build a
26 building without that.

27 BECK Yeah.

28 LEVINE And, and then otherwise what is our,
29 what, what, what reason do we use to
30 deny it.

31 BECK Uh, that it should have been a combined
32 uh, application...

33 LEVINE Oh, okay.

34 BECK In the first place.

35 LEVINE Oh, okay, that's fine.

1 BECK You know.

2 LEVINE You'll, you know best.

3 BECK We'll play that one by ear and see what
4 happens as the day goes on.

5 LEVINE I think that it's, it's uh, it's uh,
6 important uh, that uh, uh, you
7 communicate to the 5 uh, you know...

8 BECK Yeah.

9 LEVINE That we, you know that we're, that we're
10 doin' it.

11 BECK Mm hm.

12 LEVINE Uh,...

13 BECK I, I hope that uh, Jones and...

14 LEVINE I...

15 BECK I hope Danalynn gets, I hope someone
16 else gets on board.

17 LEVINE You mean on to, on our, what do you
18 mean?

19 BECK On our side.

20 LEVINE Uh, you know, I'll have to ask Fortunee
21 if she can talk to Ann Marie.

22 BECK Yeah.

23 LEVINE Do you think she'll be against it or for
24 it or she doesn't care?

25 BECK I don't, uh, you know I don't think we
26 should because then she may ask, uh,
27 Fortunee

28 LEVINE Oh you're, you're right, you're right,
29 you're right.

30 BECK (UI).

1 LEVINE You're right let's just see if, if, if
2 it goes with the flow.

3 BECK Let's see what happens with Jones' girl
4 uh, Pamela, err, I think that's her
5 name.

6 LEVINE Mm hm.

7 BECK So, and, or uh, Danalynn Rice and see if
8 maybe they get uh, they get on board.

9 LEVINE Mm hm.

10 BECK Uh,...

11 LEVINE Uh, is Mercy gonna be first or after
12 these other 2?

13 BECK They, Mercy would be after the other
14 2...

15 LEVINE Good.

16 BECK Because it was an intent to deny.

17 LEVINE Oh that's good.

18 BECK The others would be first.

19 LEVINE That's good.

20 BECK And uh,...

21 LEVINE You know, you know I gotta tell you a
22 cute story. Uh, T-, Tony says to me
23 once, you know I've got my term is
24 expiring on the, on the uh, Pension
25 Board and they wanna re-up me.

26 BECK Yeah.

27 LEVINE So, so Tony calls it one, one of the,
28 the minions, there are we, are we re-
29 appointing uh, you know we gotta get
30 that going. And the minion said, he
31 voted against the ethics ordinance.

1 BECK (laughs)

2 LEVINE And Tony said, well another thing to get
3 straightened out. Can you (laughs) they
4 was, they thought I was leading a,
5 leading a rebellion.

6 BECK Mm hm.

7 LEVINE (laughs)

8 BECK Oh they're, they are something.

9 LEVINE I think that's great fun.

10 BECK It is, but they, I don't know if this
11 new administ...if they didn't have Tony
12 and a couple others around in the
13 background.

14 LEVINE You know let, let me tell you that they
15 don't know what the fuck they're doing.

16 BECK No.

17 LEVINE And, and, and uh, they, you know if, you
18 can give instructions but if, if it gets
19 fucked up uh, it, it's, listen it takes
20 time.

21 BECK Mm hm.

22 LEVINE They're, they're uh, they're uh, they're
23 new.

24 BECK Yeah but their time is runnin' out
25 they've been there (UI).

26 LEVINE Uh, that's true.

27 BECK You know.

28 LEVINE Yeah.

29 BECK I just keep lookin' we can't get even
30 any employees in this place.

31 LEVINE You know I don't understand wh-, wh-,

1 uh, it, uh, we can't, the, the staff has
2 gotta, Jeff's gotta be able to, to, to,
3 to have people do what he needs.

4 BECK I know it. I know it. I, a long time
5 ago I moved up one. Billie Paige called
6 me and asked me if I could get one of
7 her's up, you know...

8 LEVINE Mm hm.

9 BECK On the, on this month instead of it
10 goin' to the next month.

11 LEVINE Mm hm.

12 BECK So I called staff and I said what do you
13 think and they said oh yeah we can do
14 it. I said fine do it. Oh, they were,
15 they raised hell to the administration.
16 (UI).

17 LEVINE You and I oughta both talk to Tony about
18 that and tell him that it's making life
19 difficult.

20 BECK Oh, he, Tony knows it is.

21 LEVINE Yeah but...

22 BECK I've been telling him.

23 LEVINE You know he's got, he's got so much...

24 BECK Yeah.

25 LEVINE That he can't, he doesn't sometimes know
26 which way to turn.

27 BECK You know I hate to go in with all
28 negative staff reports and then we're
29 gonna go and do it, you know.

30 LEVINE Mm hm. Yeah.

31 BECK That makes us...

32 LEVINE Well in this, these instances the

1 negative staff reports are a result
2 of,...

3 BECK Bad rules.

4 LEVINE Of, of, of rules that are ancient and we
5 all acknowledge that uh, and you know
6 it's like the Mercy thing they've got
7 uh, the statistics this and that and
8 they'll make the record.

9 BECK Mm hm.

10 LEVINE Uh, uh, but, but not being able to, to
11 work with staff in areas that they
12 should be able to do something is...or
13 at least communicate.

14 BECK Yeah. We've had, I've had one that I've
15 been trying to get out of staff.
16 Central DuPage Hospital.

17 LEVINE Mm hm.

18 BECK And they wanna do their financing
19 through Ali Ata, uh, the health finance.
20 Ali Ata is the Director of the Health
21 Finance Authority.

22 LEVINE Uh huh.

23 BECK And they've been calling me for months
24 and I keep sayin' I said I can't get
25 staff to move on it. And Ali's one of
26 uh, Tony's, Tony's guys.

27 LEVINE What about uh, uh, they're all working
28 for Barry Maram right?

29 (PAUSE)

30 LEVINE The staff.

31 BECK Um,...

32 LEVINE They work for Public Aid?

33 BECK No they're all with uh, Dr. Eric

1 Whitaker...Public Health.

2 LEVINE Ooohhh.

3 BECK And he's, he's almost useless as far as
4 I'm concerned.

5 LEVINE Almost useless is useless.

6 BECK I've been, I've been fighting with him
7 since the beginning 'cause they keep
8 taking our money using it for employees
9 that they're putting on and don't do
10 anything for it. And I keep tellin' 'em
11 that they're breakin' the law.

12 (PAUSE)

13 LEVINE Mmmm.

14 BECK And I said, you know and I finally told
15 I says if you're gonna do it tell me
16 you're gonna do that so I can, we can
17 raise the fees so that we have enough
18 money to pay for the people that we do
19 need.

20 LEVINE Mm hm.

21 BECK Oh no they won't be, there'll be enough
22 money.

23 (PAUSE)

24 BECK But that's, they're all amateurs so we
25 just do what, what we can until maybe
26 they'll all realize it.

27 LEVINE Mm hm. Or they need something real bad
28 and we can't move it for 'em.

29 BECK Yeah. Mm hm.

30 LEVINE That'll change quick then. (laughs)

31 BECK (laughs) Maybe it would. Alright but
32 you think, think.

1 LEVINE Absolutely I, I, I, I agree get 'em all
2 out of the way.

3 BECK And then we're down to, we got, then
4 we'll have two hot topics later which
5 was, will be uh, in June we'll have uh,
6 Advocate and St. Francis.

7 LEVINE Mm hm.

8 BECK And that'll be it. That'll be a bad
9 one. That's the one (UI).

10 LEVINE Yeah I know. Yeah but, but, but
11 that'll, one way or another the battle
12 will be not, not in front of us because
13 um, it's, it's either Emil gets the, the
14 governor to go along with him or
15 doesn't.

16 BECK Yeah. Mm hm.

17 LEVINE You know I mean you know I know Emil.
18 I, I, I said to him once can you
19 call...I, I said um, you know I said
20 I'm, the Gov-, Blagojevich appointed me.
21 That's that.

22 BECK Mm hm. That's all we can do.

23 LEVINE Yeah. Well enjoy, enjoy confirmation
24 tonight.

25 BECK (laughs) Yeah I can't wait to drive to
26 LaGrange now in the rain on the toll
27 road.

28 LEVINE (laughs)

29 BECK But it's things...you'll find out when
30 you have grand kids.

31 LEVINE Uh, uh, uh, uh, and it's fine with me
32 but I told my daughter uh, just not now.

33 BECK Yeah that's true.

34 LEVINE Get, just get married.

1 BECK Mm hm. My, my wife just yelled get
2 movin'. Alright we'll see you (UI).
3 LEVINE Alright Tom see you in the morning.
4 Okay. Bye.
5 BECK Bye.